

# CALIFON CRIER

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## Leaf Pick Ups

There will be two leaf pick ups this year. The dates will be November 12th and December 3rd.

For more info [click here](#)

## Halloween

Trick or Treating will be from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.

The Califon Fire Company Parade will start at the intersection of Main and School Street, at 7:00 pm. Refreshments and costume judging will take place at the fire house directly following the parade on October 31st.

## Over 65+

Califon Borough and Califon School occasionally hold programs for residents over 65 years of age.

For more info [click here](#)

## Pancake Breakfast

The Califon Fire Company's Pancake Breakfast will be held November 2nd from 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM in Creamery Hall.

## A Letter From PARC on Street Fair

The following letter was posted to social on Saturday, October 11th.

We regret to inform you that the **Califon Street Fair scheduled for Sunday, October 12** has to be **canceled due to inclement weather**. The forecast calls for rain and high wind throughout the day, and a State of Emergency has been declared for the whole state. This difficult decision was arrived at through consultation with our area First Responders and government officials. Our top priority is ensuring the safety and comfort of our attendees, vendors, and volunteers.

We know how much this event means to our town, and we share in your disappointment. Thank you to our volunteers who helped plan, prepare, and support the fair — your enthusiasm and dedication never go unnoticed. We appreciate our excellent partnership with our vendors and community partners. Thank you to our amazing sponsors who made this event possible through their generous donations:

- **Platinum Sponsors:** Zadlock Garden Center, Groendyke Associates, Califon Dental Arts, Max's Market & Eatery
- **Gold Sponsors:** South Branch Outfitters, Envision Health and Fitness, Medea Landscape Studio, Pinto Bros Disposal, Sunken Silo
- **Silver Sponsors:** Califon Lumber, Califon Animal Hospital, Califon Eye Associates, Padik Auto Parts, Clinton Music Studio

Special thanks to our first responders who have helped us plan and prepare for this event; Califon O.E.M., Washington Township Police, Califon Fire Company, Califon First Aid Squad.

The Street Fair can not be rescheduled due to logistical reasons, but we are exploring other opportunities to celebrate our community. Please stay tuned for future Califon Parks & Rec events. We look forward to celebrating with you under sunnier skies next year!

Warm regards,

The Califon Street Fair Committee and Califon Parks & Recreation Committee

## Election Info

The General Election will be held on November 4th. The polls will be open from 6:00AM till 8:00PM at the Califon Municipal Building. Also, the deadline for voter registration is October 14th.

[Click here](#) for more voting info

## Anchor Program

The deadline to apply for the NJ Anchor program is October 31st.

[Click here](#) for more info

## Historical Society

The Hoffman House or Cabin by the River will be open Sunday, October 5 & 19 and November 2 & 16 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm for the last days of our Basket Factory and History of Baseball in Califon displays. Have questions about Califon's past or a specific property, stop by our booth at the Califon Street Fair!

## Ident-a-Shred

There will be a free Ident-a-shred event held on October 18th.

For more info [click here](#)

## Philhower Roadwork

Roadwork will continue on Philhower for the next few weeks. Be prepared for closures and delays.

## October 2025 Meeting Dates

### *Borough Council*

October 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

### *Parks and Rec Committee*

October 8<sup>th</sup>

### *Environmental Commission*

No Meeting

### *Historical Society*

October 21<sup>st</sup>

### *Planning and Zoning Board*

October 29<sup>th</sup>

### *BOE*

October 15<sup>th</sup>

## November 2025 Meeting Dates

### *Borough Council*

November 10<sup>th</sup>

### *Parks and Rec Committee*

November 12<sup>th</sup>

### *Environmental Commission*

November 18<sup>th</sup>

### *Historical Society*

November 16<sup>th</sup>

### *Planning and Zoning Board*

November 13<sup>th</sup>

### *BOE*

November 19<sup>th</sup>

## Boro Office Closed

November Borough Offices will be closed on November 11 in honor of Veterans Day, and on November 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Drought Watch

The State is still currently under a drought watch.

For more info [click here](#)

## Town Subscription

Califon Borough will no longer be sending out notifications in the mail. All residents should subscribe to the borough website to receive future related notifications as well as important alerts of events happening in Califon.

[Click here](#) to sign up

## Crier Submission

If you want to submit something for the next issue of The Crier please email your announcement to Jay Ruggiero at [jruggiero@califonboro.net](mailto:jruggiero@califonboro.net) no later than November 25th for the December/January issue.



## **A Season of Learning, Service, and Gratitude at Califon School**

The first marking period at Califon School has been filled with meaningful learning experiences, special events, and opportunities for our students to make a difference in their community. As we reflect on these busy weeks, we are especially thankful for our dedicated school personnel, supportive families, and the wonderful community that surrounds us.

### **Special Themed Weeks**

Beyond our daily learning activities, students participated in several important themed weeks that reinforced positive values. The Week of Respect, designated by the New Jersey Department of Education for anti-bullying awareness, helped students understand the importance of kindness and inclusion. Red Ribbon Week encouraged our students to commit to a drug-free lifestyle, while Fire Safety Week provided crucial lessons about staying safe. A highlight of Fire Safety Week was the visit from our own Califon Fire Department. Students and staff always look forward to seeing the firefighters arrive on the fire truck, making safety education both memorable and exciting.



### **Halloween Traditions**

October concluded with beloved Halloween traditions that brought joy to our entire school community. Students showcased their creativity in the annual poster contest and tested their estimation skills in the Guess the Pumpkin Weight contest. The day culminated in our traditional Halloween parade at school, followed by classroom celebrations before students headed out for trick-or-treating in the borough. We are grateful to the Califon School PTA for sponsoring these contests.

### **Athletics and Teamwork**

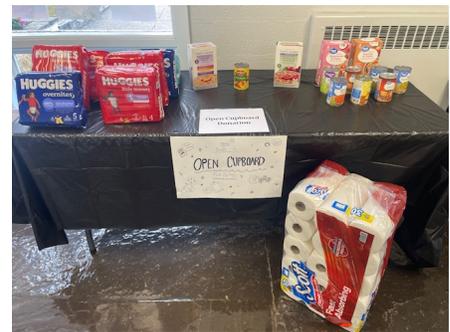
Our co-ed soccer team wrapped up a successful season in mid-October. Students in grades 5-8 enjoyed a robust season of teamwork, sportsmanship, and athletic development. The dedication shown by our young athletes throughout the season was inspiring. We appreciate the hard work of Coach Bruton and Coach Downey!



## **Service Learning: Making a Difference**

At Califon School, we are committed to fostering a spirit of service in our students, and we are incredibly proud of their eagerness to help others. Students have been actively involved in several meaningful projects, both locally and beyond. They are creating heartfelt cards for soldiers to send during the holiday season, expressing gratitude for their service. Additionally, students are organizing food drives to support our local food banks, ensuring that neighbors in need have access to nutritious meals.

These efforts are just the beginning. We eagerly anticipate our Day of Service project in the spring, which will provide even more opportunities for students to make a positive impact in our community.



## **A Community Built on Gratitude**

As we look back on this first marking period, we are filled with gratitude. We are thankful for our dedicated school personnel who work tirelessly to create enriching experiences for our students. We are grateful for our supportive families who partner with us in their children's education. And we are blessed to be part of a community that values and supports our school in countless ways.

The spirit of service, learning, and community that defines Califon School continues to thrive, and we look forward to all that the rest of the school year will bring.

With gratitude,  
Dr. Michele Cone