

CALIFON CRIER

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December Events In Califon

Dog License

Dog licenses are due on January 31st.

For more info [click here](#)

Rabies Clinic

The Rabies Clinic will be held on January 10th at Califon Borough Hall located at 39 Academy Street. The free rabies clinic will take place from 1:00PM - 3:00PM.

Pancake Breakfast

The January breakfast will be on the 4th.

Menorah Lighting

The Third Annual Califon Menorah Lighting will be December 15h at 6:30PM.

[Click here](#) for more info

Snow Removal

Residents are reminded to not park on borough streets during a snow storm and keep your side walks clear of snow and ice.

[Click here](#) for more info

As we head into the Holiday Season, the Califon PARC and the Califon Historical Society have been holding events to get everyone into the Holiday Spirit. On Sunday, December 7th the Califon PARC held their Annual Tree Lighting at Califon Commons. This year the event drew a large crowd and included a visit from Santa as well as other activities for adults and kids.



Throughout the month of December the Califon Historical Society has also been hosting an open house at both the Nelly Hoffman House and the Cabin by The River. Both were beautifully decorated featuring vintage decorations, toys & Califon memorabilia.

Lastly, on Monday December 15th, Califon will be hosting its Annual Menorah Lighting at the Califon Commons. This free event will start at 6:30PM and will feature kids crafts, latkes and donuts, Hanukkah songs and even the Dreidel Man.

Califon Borough wants to wish everyone a healthy Holiday Season and a wonderful new year. Stay tuned in 2026 as the Califon PARC have many great events planned.

Toys For Tots

The Toys For Tots donation boxes are currently in various places throughout Califon.

[Click here](#) for more info

Historical Society

Looking for an awesome backdrop for your holiday photo? Stop by the Hoffman House & Cabin by the River for Califon Historical Society's Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 7th & 14th from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Both properties (located at 51 River Road, Califon) are beautifully decorated featuring vintage decorations, toys & Califon memorabilia. Take a family photo with Santa on an original D.K. Apgar "cutter" sleigh. Pets are welcome. Free admission and refreshments. Holiday gifts available for purchase. Questions, call 908-832-2012 (Don).

NHV Board Vacancy

Applications are currently being accepted for a vacancy on the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education.

For more info [click here](#)

December 2025 Meeting Dates

Borough Council

December 16th

Parks and Rec Committee

No Meeting

Historical Society

December 19th

Planning and Zoning Board

December 17th

BOE

December 17th

January 2026 Meeting Dates

Borough Council

January 2nd

Board of Health

January 7th

Environmental Commission

January 14th

Parks and Rec Committee

January 7th

Planning and Zoning Board

January 21st (Reorganization)

BOE

TBD

Code Blue

A "Code Blue" in New Jersey indicates freezing temperatures and conditions that may pose a threat to unsheltered individuals. This means that all County libraries, as well as the County Senior Center, serve as warming centers during their operating hours. Additionally, anyone needing shelter Monday through Friday is asked to call Hunterdon County Social Services at 908-788-1300 prior to 4:30pm. After 4:30 pm and on weekends, those needing shelter are asked to dial "2-1-1" on their phones or visit nj211.org.

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 no later than January 27th for the February/March issue.



Califon School students have been exploring new things in both their academic studies and extracurricular activities this school year. Students have been taking advantage of our local outdoor areas on the Columbia Trail as part of literacy this year. Students in the elementary grades and their teachers walked the trail with our poet in residence, Luray Gross, and created their own poetry inspired by our beautiful town of Califon. This integration of nature and creative expression showcases how Califon School nurtures the whole child.

Sports play a significant role in the school's extracurricular life, developing perseverance, teamwork, and resilience. Coaches Bruton and Downey led the Califon Cougars to victory in their soccer season. The students honed their skills and had a great season which ended with a win of the championship game this year. Basketball is up and running with Coach Bruton leading the boys basketball team and Coach Downey leading the girls basketball team. The school looks forward to the playoff season, where the community's true spirit shines brightest.



What truly distinguishes Califon School is our commitment to teaching students they are part of something larger than themselves. Califon School students show their generosity and commitment to community through a variety of community service projects. The Califon School Student Council led a household item collection for the United Way of Hunterdon County. Students throughout the school have also been involved with projects for the Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels. Students continue to collect soda tabs in support of Ronald McDonald House via the Methodist Church in Califon. Our students learn the value of community as they give back so generously and with great spirit, making our school unique.

The school's holiday traditions strengthen bonds between generations and create cherished memories. The Annual PTA Holiday Luncheon brings together students, staff, and local seniors for a special meal, complete with a visit from Santa and a performance by the Califon School Chorus. The PTA and parent volunteers are recognized for their incredible dedication in organizing this and other school activities. Another popular event is the Make It-Take It program, where parents accompany children to create holiday gifts and ornaments.



The mid-December holiday concert is another anticipated event, featuring performances by students from PK through 5th grade, including both chorus and band. These musical groups showcase selections they have been practicing throughout the marking period.

Califon School is the cornerstone of our community—a place where academic excellence meets character development, where individual achievement is celebrated alongside collective responsibility, and where every child is known, valued, and challenged to reach their full potential. Our small school setting ensures no student is anonymous, creating an environment where students thrive academically while developing essential social-emotional skills. As we prepare students for the future, we do so with confidence that our foundation of academic rigor, creative expression, athletic development, and community service will serve them well wherever life takes them.



Wishing the Califon Community a wonderful holiday season!

With gratitude,
Dr. Michele Cone