

CALIFON CRIER

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Solicitation In Town

School Registration

Registration for Califon School's Kindergarten is open until March 1st.

[Click here](#) for more info

Pancake Breakfast

The Califon Fire Company's Pancake Breakfast will be held on March 1st from 7:00AM-11:00AM in Creamery Hall.

Snow Reminders

Please remember per the Borough Ordinance there's no parking on the street when snow or ice is on the ground.

[Click here](#) for more info

Dog License

Reminder that dog license applications were due on January 31st. If you have not submitted your application please submit it ASAP.

[Click here](#) to view the application

Over the past few months, the Borough has received several reports of individuals going door-to-door without the required solicitation permit. Please remember that all solicitors must be licensed by the Borough and must display their permit. They should have their permit with them, not "in their car" or "back at their office".

As part of the licensing process, anyone who is issued a Califon Borough Solicitor's Permit has been fingerprinted and background checked and been found to have no criminal history. Applicants with a criminal record are not eligible for a permit, helping to ensure the safety and security of our community.

A valid solicitor's permit will include:

- A photo of the solicitor. Each person soliciting in the Borough must have their own license. We do not provide one license for multiple employees of a company or a sales team.
- The sealed signature of the Borough Administrator
- Dates that the permit is valid

If a solicitor comes to your door, ask to see their permit! If they can't show you a valid license, or if you have any concerns about suspicious activity, do not call the Municipal Building. Instead, contact the Washington Township Police Department directly at 908-876-3232 and press 0 for dispatch so that an officer can respond promptly. Calling the Police Department directly saves valuable time and increases the likelihood that officers will be able to locate and speak with the individuals while they are still in the area.

If you believe there is an immediate threat or criminal activity, dial 911. Your cooperation helps keep our community safe and ensures that all solicitors are properly vetted and operating within municipal regulations

Thank you for your help with this matter.

Trout Fest 2025

Trout Fest will be held on May 16th.

[Click here](#) for more info

Free Radon Test Kits

The Hunterdon County Health Department is giving away free Radon test kits.

[Click here](#) for more info on how to get a kit.

PARC Volunteers

The Califon PARC is need of volunteers for upcoming events this year.

[Click here](#) for more info

Califon Collaborative

The Califon Collaborative neurodiverse young adults social club is holding an Open Mic Night. Please note this event is for ages 17 and up and will be taking place every other Friday.

[Click here](#) for more info

Electronic Recycling

Hunterdon County is holding a electronics recycling event on Saturday, March 14th.

[Click here](#) for more info.

February 2026 Meeting Dates

Borough Council

February 3rd & 17th

Board of Health

No Meeting

Environmental Commission

February 11th

Parks and Rec Committee

February 24th

Historical Society

No Meeting

Planning and Zoning Board

February 18th

March 2026 Meeting Dates

Borough Council

March 3rd & March 17th

Board of Health

No Meeting

Environmental Commission

March 11th

Parks and Rec Committee

March 24th

Planning and Zoning Board

March 18th

Bingo Buddies

Califon School is hold a Bingo event for Grandparents of students on February 24th.

[Click here](#) for more info.

Crier Submission

Have important information that Califon Residents should be aware of?

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 March 24th for the April/May issue.

Town Notifications

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



Califon School's halls are buzzing with anticipation as students in grades 4-8 prepare for their upcoming production of "Beauty and the Beast, Jr." The spring musical showcases our students' theatrical talents while building community spirit. This is sure to be a fantastic production under the direction of Mrs. Ippolito, our drama club advisor.

The basketball season wraps up with both Cougar teams demonstrating remarkable sportsmanship and determination. Our boys and girls teams faced their challenges head-on, representing Califon School with pride at every game. We thank Coach Bruton and Coach Downey for a great season!

Our eighth-grade students visited Voorhees High School in January to tour the high school and select their freshman year classes. Students also had a presentation earlier in the year from the offered Academies which have expanded high school opportunities for our students.



As part of our community service initiative this year, students are being creative in their goal to engage the community and to give back. Our elementary students will be offering a Bingo event for the Seniors in the Califon community. Our upper grades are working on service projects that are selected by the students in a variety of categories. Students will be presenting their projects at the culminating "Day of Service" event in March.

Mark your calendars for Creative Arts Night taking place at the end of March. This cherished annual event celebrates student achievement across multiple disciplines, featuring original artwork, creative writing, and the popular Talent Show performances.

The social emotional learning goal continues to thrive at Califon School. Therapy dog, Remy, visited with our students in their classes. Students learned about the role of the therapy dog and benefitted from the visits.

The Califon School community looks forward to other exciting spring activities, concerts and events that highlight our students' diverse talents and achievements.

Warmly,

Dr. Michele Cone
Chief School Administrator