

CALIFON CRIER

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Pancake Breakfast

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

Brush Pick Up

The curbside brush pick up will be May 11th.

[Click here](#) for more info and guidelines for the pick up.

Trout Fest 2025

The 2025 Trout Fest will be taking place on Saturday, May 16th from 12:00PM - 4:00PM at Califon Island Park.

[Click here](#) for more info

Traffic Study

The Washington Police Department conducted a traffic study.

[Click here](#) for more info.

Trout Fest 2026!

Come join the annual Trout Fest which sponsored by South Branch Outfitters on Saturday, May 16th from 12:00pm - 4:00pm at Califon Island Park.

Enjoy a day filled with kids' activities, a fly casting competition, fly-fishing demos, live music, a beer garden, delicious food, talented local vendors, and much more.

Thanks to the sponsors for helping make this event a success: Califon Lumber, Riamede Farm,, Staiano's Furniture, Califon Animal Hospital, Freeman Motors and Wild Hill Flowers. Als thanks to the Fox family for donating in memory of their loved one Anthony Assini.

Trout Fest is produced by South Branch Outfitters on Main Street, owned by Califon residents, Lindsey & Abraham Beates.



2026 Califon Trout Fest
May 16
12:00 - 4:00 Pm
Califon Island Park
Califon NJ

Fishing vendors
Casting lessons
Fly tying demonstrations

Family-friendly event
Craft vendors
Beer garden
Food trucks
Live music

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Califon Cruisers

Wednesday Night Cruise Night hosted by the Califon Cruisers is back from April 29th till October 21st.

[Click here](#) for more info

Memorial Day

The Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service will be held on Monday May 25th.

[Click here](#) for more info

Califon PARC

Want to help put on the amazing events that go on in town? The Califon PARC is need of volunteers.

[Click here](#) for more info

Traveling Wall

The Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall is coming to Califon for Memorial Day.

[Click here](#) for more info

Who Do You Call?

NJ Crisis Services provides info on who you should call in emergency situations.

[Click here](#) to see the list

April 2026 Meeting Dates

Borough Council

April 7th & April 21st

Environmental Commission

No April Meeting

PARC

April 28th

Historical Society

No Meeting

Planning and Zoning Board

April 29th

May 2026 Meeting Dates

Borough Council

May 5th & May 19th

Environmental Commission

May 13th

PARC

May 26th

Historical Society

May 19th

Planning and Zoning Board

May 20th

Historical Society

Stop by the Hoffman House and Cabin by the River on Sunday, May 3rd, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm for the Califon Historical Society's Annual Spring Open House & guided walking tour of downtown Califon.

The Cabin will feature information, photos & artifacts related to the town's early mills and the Hoffman House will display the artwork of Joyce Carlson, a local artist, known for her beautiful sketches of Califon's historic buildings. The walking tour will begin at 2:00 pm, leaving from the Cabin, with stops at approx. 10 historic sites.

Questions call, 908-832-2012 (ask for Don).

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 May 27th for the June/July issue.

CALIFON SCHOOL NEWS

Califon School has been bustling with activity this spring, offering students numerous opportunities to engage with literature, music, and the performing arts.

In March, the school commemorated Read Across America Week with a variety of reading-centered activities. Students welcomed special Guest Readers, including a memorable visit from the Cat in the Hat! The annual decorated door contest saw classrooms transformed with themes from beloved Dr. Seuss books, with students across all grade levels receiving recognition for their creativity and artistic expression.



On March 31, 2026, Califon students demonstrated their diverse talents at the annual Creative Arts Night & Talent Show. The event showcased impressive writing samples and artistic creations from students in Pre-K through 8th grade, with displays throughout the school for families and friends to admire. The Talent Show portion featured an array of performances, from dance and vocal acts to fascinating science experiments that captivated the audience.

One of the most anticipated highlights of the spring season was the Wax Museum, presented by students in grades 3 and 4. As part of their study of history and influential figures, students selected a notable historical figure, researched that person's life and contributions, and then brought their subject to life by dressing in character and presenting to the public. Visitors walked through the "museum," pressing imaginary buttons to "activate" each student, who then delivered an in-character presentation about their historical figure's impact on the world. The project gave students a creative and meaningful way to connect with history while building public speaking and research skills — and it was a tremendous hit with parents, family members, and staff alike.



May brings musical performances from the younger students, with Pre-K through 5th graders participating in the spring concert. Under the direction of Mrs. Ippolito, the school's music teacher, students will showcase their musical abilities for an appreciative audience of parents, family members, and staff.

The school community is eagerly anticipating the spring drama production of *Beauty and the Beast*, featuring students in grades 4–8. Performances are scheduled for June 2 for students only and June 3 for the public. Those interested in attending can contact the main office for ticket information and will undoubtedly be impressed by the talented Califon students as they bring this timeless tale of friendship, courage, and transformation to the stage.

Happy Spring!

Dr. Michele Cone, Chief School Administrator