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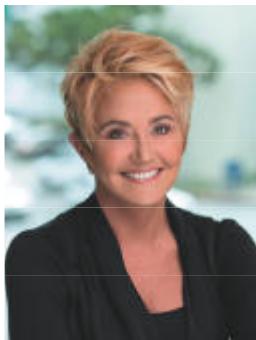
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# FROM THE MAYOR



JANICE  
KOVACH

Happy New Year! It feels as though things are already a little bit better than last year.

Here we are a year into COVID, and I can't tell you how much I appreciate the resilience of every resident, business and property owner. You have ALL stepped up. While we are not out of the fog yet there is a clear shining light within our reach!

This past year has brought many changes. For those of you who have lost family members and friends please know that we are truly sorry for your loss. For those of you who have welcomed new members - Congratulations!

This winter has also been a challenge with our snow storms. Yet watching the kids sledding and enjoying a winter wonderland makes dealing with the mess tolerable.

I know there are questions about the vaccine rollout and the number of "lists" that everyone is signing up for. Right now it is cumbersome and the amount of time spent trying to get an appointment is frustrating. We are seeing improvements in the process and more vaccine doses so that we can continue working towards vaccinating all who would like to receive it.

Many of us want to get back together with friends and family - socializing in person and not on zoom (although watching some family members still try and navigate it is entertaining), going out to dinner, attending town events, going on vacations, and resuming the activities that we missed last year. I ask for your patience just a little longer and look forward to the opportunity to once again connect at town events.

As always please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns 908-399-8921 or [jkovach@clintonnj.gov](mailto:jkovach@clintonnj.gov). Stay safe, stay warm and stay in touch. Look out for one another and look out for your neighbor. #clintontownstrong



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# TOWN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER 28, 2020

## COMPLIMENTS OF THE GOVERNOR

Governor Murphy reached out with compliments to Councilman Humphrey and Councilwoman Intrabartola for the Halloween CDC information provided on the Town website!

## NEW ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

Mayor Kovach presented a proposal from the owner of the Holiday Inn to convert the hotel into an assisted living facility. The owner asked for support from Mayor and Council.

NOVEMBER 12, 2020

## "MILK CAN" FOOTBALL GAME

North Hunterdon and Voorhees High School had their annual Milk Can Game Friday, November 6. There were 30 attendees and North Won!

## CHRISTMAS PARADE

The annual Christmas Parade will be a mobile parade with half the number of floats, no foot traffic, five professional floats and emergency service vehicles due to COVID-19.

## ANNUAL RABIES CLINIC

The Board of Health decided to have a drive through rabies clinic this year. Participants will remain in their cars for their pets' vaccinations. They will be able to pre-register on the Town website. This is a joint program with Clinton Township.

## CLINTON GUILD HELPING HAND

Clinton was one of three towns that raised funds and will be giving small value grants to the businesses. The Clinton Guild was named the highest fund raiser, raising over \$5000.

## CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Mayor Kovach will be sworn in as President of the NJ League of Municipalities

Mr. Richard Cushing, Town Attorney, was elected as President of the Institute of Local Government Attorneys, an esteemed group of municipal lawyers statewide.

NOVEMBER 25, 2020

## COVID-19 BRIEFING

Hunterdon County was very lucky during the first phase of COVID. The County is now averaging 40-60 new cases per day, but Hunterdon County is now in a high risk zone. Most of the cases are arising out of parties, sleepovers and sporting events.

## TWO NEW CROSSING GUARDS

Carina Reihl-Lubsen and Gloria Schreck were hired by the Town of Clinton Police Department to fulfill the crossing guard positions.

DECEMBER 9, 2020

## ENERGY CHOICE PROGRAM

Residents do not have to choose a new provider. Our consultants, Commercial Utility Consultants, Inc., have sought competitive bids from licensed New Jersey suppliers. Residents do not have to do anything unless they want to opt out of the program. Substantial savings have been recorded over the past few years.

## COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS

Christine Adornetto of the Environmental Commission, and Steve Feldman, long time Land Use Board Member, are stepping down from their positions. Both have been exceptional members and we thank them for their time and service.

## NEW SUB-CODE OFFICIAL

Dan Niro was hired as the Sub-Code Official after the resignation of the interim Building Sub-Code Official, Mike Krupsky.

JANUARY 13, 2021

## COVID-19 VACCINES

Mayor Kovach updated council and urged people to register on the COVID link, available under "News" on the Town website.

## ECONOMIC RECOVERY PACKAGE

Governor Murphy has signed the Economic Recovery Package allowing for \$56,000,000 for Main Street businesses.

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

JANUARY 27, 2021

## DOG PARK DISCUSSION

John Bohnel, long time resident of Center Street, gave a presentation on installing a dog park in Clinton. Mr. Bohnel reviewed past requests of interested parties that were denied for various reasons. He did extensive research on two specific locations, the Clinton Community Center and Hunts Mill Park, the area near the pond by the fitness trail. The matter will be addressed by Buildings and Grounds Committee and report back to Council.

## RABIES CLINIC A SUCCESS

Despite the extremely cold weather, the annual rabies clinic was a success. A total of 325 dogs and cats were vaccinated.

## PARKING LOT ORDINANCE

Town parking lots are 24 hours for non-commercial vehicle and 6 hours for commercial, except Lower Center lot which is a 3 hour limit during certain times, and the left side of the Clinton Fire Department lot has certain times as well. See Ordinance 21-06 for more details.

## SENIORS

### SENIOR RESOURCES DURING COVID

As you know, due to COVID restrictions many senior related programs and activities have been suspended until such time as is safe to reopen and resume offerings. In the meantime, it's

important to remember that the County's Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services is open for phone calls and e-mails only. The Senior Center building in Flemington is still closed; however, staff is available to take your calls and e-mails and any answer any questions you may have.

Please visit them via the website: [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/aging](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/aging) or by phone at 908 788-1361.

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# TOWN UPDATES

## SEWER DEPARTMENT RENNOVATIONS

After a year of design, in March 2020, the Town of Clinton began long overdue repairs/upgrades to the Filter and Residuals Building. The nearly \$4 million project will replace aged and outdated treatment equipment as well as replace the exterior of the building itself. The Town's Waste Water Treatment Plant is permitted to accept and treat 2 million gallons per day, and is a 24/7 operation. As you can imagine, equipment that runs all day and night for 20+ years, is required to be replaced from time to time. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the employees of the Town of Clinton Sewer Department, we have been able to extend the useful life of much of the equipment currently being replaced. However, the time had come to make the investment for the greater good of all sewer customers.

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING

If you know anyone who may be eligible to qualify for affordable housing, please visit the Clerk's Office to fill out an application, or download one directly from our website at [www.clintonnj.gov/forms.html](http://www.clintonnj.gov/forms.html).



## TOWN INFORMATION

There are many different ways to learn about what is going on in the Town of Clinton as well as the entire County. We recommend visiting the following websites and signing up for e-mail updates:

- ◆ Town of Clinton:
  - \* Website: [www.clintonnj.gov](http://www.clintonnj.gov)
  - \* Facebook: [www.facebook.com/clintonnjgov](https://www.facebook.com/clintonnjgov)
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- ◆ Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety: [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/911](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/911)

## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The Town of Clinton Council, at the recommendation of the Environmental Commission, has passed an ordinance that requires all property owners to keep their properties free of litter, debris, and toxic substances that can potentially blow into the surrounding wooded areas or run-off into our streams. Our goal is to reduce the amount of negative impact we are having on our local environment. Please pick up your garbage or recycling and tie down lids during windy days so that we can keep Clinton a beautiful and safe place.

## SHRUB OVERHANG

For residents with shrubs/plants that overhang into the sidewalks, we ask that you please trim them accordingly. The last thing we want is for a pedestrian to be forced into the street due to an overgrown shrub.

## GARBAGE

The garbage collection services that are provided by the Town are for residential customers only, not commercial entities. Commercial entities are required to arrange for private collection.

**NOTE:** The trash cans located throughout the Town are for trash generated by pedestrians, not for commercial or residential use.

## RECYCLING

Residents are invited to take advantage of free scrap metal recycling offered by the Town. Recycling dumpsters are located at the Town's Waste Water Treatment Plant (2 Ramsey Road), and are open Monday through Friday from 7AM – 3PM.

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# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY GRANT

The Clinton Economic Development Committee is moving into the next stage of our economic plan by the authorization of economic sustainability grant funding from the Highlands Commission, and the awarding of a contract to the firm of Phillips, Preiss, Grygiel, Leheny, Hughes, LLC for the implementation and preparation of a town wide economic sustainability study under the grant funding. We are appreciative of the support from both partners in these challenging times and are excited to get to work on planning for the future of Clinton.

Our goals with the study are to ensure that Clinton is well positioned to emerge from the current economic uncertainty stronger, more resilient, and with a cohesive economic identity that draws in both businesses and consumers. Once complete, the study will provide the EDC and the town at large with the valuable information and concrete metrics. We will use this data to complete our plan, grow our partnerships, and promote our business districts,



now and into the future. We look forward to sharing with you the results of the study and the resulting plan in the months ahead, so please stay tuned.

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# LAND USE BOARD

## WE'VE BEEN BUSY

The Land Use Board has received a lot of applications and continues to hold public hearings via zoom. Want the low down on what's been happening? Read on my friends.

## WHAT'S BEEN RECENTLY APPROVED:

The Holiday Inn requested a variance and site plan approval to change its use from a hotel to an assisted living facility with a day care component.

The Clinton House requested a variance and site plan approval to build an addition that adds a second-floor dining space for the restaurant.

## COMING SOON:

In February, we anticipate a waiver from a site plan request for 2 East Main Street for use as a café/retail space. Initial plans indicate a lobster roll café may be in the works.

Puleo International LLC plans to request approval for a storage warehouse on Route 31 North. We anticipate a public hearing to be held in March. Plans will be available on the website.

In April, we anticipate a public hearing for a subdivision request from Clinton 34 LLC (the Moebus Tract – "Clinton Commons" property). It is currently approved as three lots: One commercial, one residential, and one open space.

The request would break the single commercial lot into three separate lots in the same space.

## ON THE HORIZON:

Ansuya (the Marriott Hotel property) intends to file applications to create a boutique hotel with dining and bar facilities plus the addition of a fast-food restaurant. Once a complete application is filed, we will know more.

Land Use Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month, with second meetings on the third Tuesday as needed. Check [www.clintonnj.gov](http://www.clintonnj.gov) for more info.

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# CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Happy New Year from the board as we wish your family and the community good health as we navigate into the new year. We would like to congratulate and welcome Meghan Moore who was sworn in as a new member at our January reorganizational meeting.

Regarding the ongoing pandemic, the board continues to monitor regional health data and consult with Dr. Cohen about the schedule and instructional time for students. Our caution around the holidays has enabled us to expand time and access in the building for student cohorts. We will continue to explore all options going forward as trends may allow us to expand opportunities for different grade levels.

We also look forward to some upcoming sports / extracurricular activities that can provide variety in our children's day and get them either out of the house and onto campus or to engage in fun group activities safely online.

The board recently had our annual audit presentation, and the fiscal stewardship of the district continues to be sound. CPS has kept its average annual increases at the 2% target that the state defines as fiscally responsible despite annually decreasing funds from the state. The district has been able to do this by managing debt, leveraging reserves, and aggressively pursuing grants and state level funding opportunities. We are appreciative of all administrative efforts in this regard and continue to be

indebted to the creative work of the teachers despite unprecedented challenges.

Looking forward, the district is continuing the process to receive students from Lebanon Borough in the coming years and to reengage in strategic planning to chart a path forward for CPS.

## Board Members:

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# CLINTON VOLUNTEERS

## JOHN KASHWICK

By Lisa Intrabartola

Like many Town residents, John Kashwick enjoys strolling Clinton's tree-lined streets.

But when Kashwick treads beneath our leafy canopies, he's not just taking in the view – he's taking inventory.

As chair of Clinton's Shade Tree Commission, the Water Street resident – along with the two other commission members Pat Daley, and long-time member, Dan Shea – keeps an eye out each April during an annual survey for signs of disease, insect infestation or errant limbs. By maintaining the health of our many cherry, ash, maple, oak and sycamores, the commission's volunteer efforts benefit Clinton both environmentally and economically.

"Streets with trees have greater property values than streets without them. They make your homes and businesses look more livable and inviting," he said.

"Having a Shade Tree Commission shows that the town is not only conscious about planting and maintaining your trees, but it also provides liability protection for the municipality that might result from tree issues – as long as the Shade Tree Commission is accredited by the state."

When Kashwick settled in Clinton in 2017 with his husband Jonathan Wall, he brought with him a long history of civic duty. As a former



councilman and member of the Shade Tree Commission in Bergen County's Closter Borough, he was looking for similar outlets for his expertise here. He found it on Shade Tree and later the Environmental Commission. Both volunteer opportunities tap into his master's degree in environmental management and love of nature.

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*It's a way of networking, giving back to your community and doing something that makes a difference.*

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"It's a way of networking, giving back to your community and doing something that makes a difference," said Kashwick. "I always enjoyed the atmosphere of the town and having so much open

space and farmlands close by."

Under Kashwick's leadership, the Shade Tree Commission continues the tradition of dedicating a new tree in Town each Arbor Day (usually in late April) in a ceremony that pairs Commission members, local leaders and the fourth-grade class at Clinton Public School. The celebration beautifies our streetscapes while educating the next generation about the importance of environmental stewardship and civic duty. Last year's lockdown could have derailed the annual dedication. Thanks to the Commission's persistence, the holiday was celebrated virtually. A new cherry tree was planted in front of Greens and Beans on East Main Street was dedicated in honor of our frontline workers.

This year there are two open seats on the Commission, which meets virtually on the third Thursday every month. Kashwick and his team are looking for residents eager to take a more active role in Town to round out the group. Residents don't need a background in landscaping, horticulture or environmental science to apply, just a willingness to learn and work as a team.

"It amplifies your voice as opposed to just being part of the noise on social media," Kashwick said. Even if you're just on a commission, you're still part of the government and are able to make your voice heard."

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# CLINTON VOLUNTEERS

## VERONIQUE LAMBERT

By Lisa Intrabartola

Véronique Lambert was charmed by Clinton long before she called our picturesque river town home.

Lured by a quaint guidebook description, the family loaded up their little ones on a whim and took a daytrip from their North Brunswick house to "the country."

In 2003, when they were looking to relocate, Lambert recalled the community on the South Branch of the Raritan and moved with her husband and three children to Hillside Drive.

As a lifelong conservationist, Lambert knows the waters that run through Clinton provide more than a scenic vista.

"The river is a huge draw, not just for its scenic beauty," she said. "We have people fishing and canoeing and enjoying wildlife."

With that resource comes responsibility.

"The challenge for us as a destination town is to communicate to our residents or visitors how to tread lightly or how to enjoy the river and town," she said. "There is a whole web of life there. You mess with one thing and you don't know what the consequence down the line are."

Lambert, who studied agriculture and sustainable development in college, developed community gardening, urban forestry, composting and recycling initiatives in both in New York City and London. She currently works with The College of New Jersey as a program coordinator for Sustainable Jersey for Schools. In 2013, she learned from a neighbor about the Clinton Environmental Commission, which needed new members, and signed up to volunteer.

"It's been a real education," she said. "I didn't have a sense of how local government works. There is so much focus at the national and state level. I was kind of gobsmacked to find out how much depends on a volunteer labor force."

Today, Lambert chairs the commission that spearheads the annual Earth Day River Clean Up and reviews the environmental impact of proposed development in Town. Several years back, when there were more among the commission's ranks, the group successfully lobbied for a Sustainable NJ grant and took on educational initiatives promoting green cleaning and wildflower planting, and curbing single-use plastics.

"We wanted to enhance the knowledge base in Town



about certain key environmental topics," Lambert said. "One thing that was driving us crazy was trash overflowing and single use waste that would increase during good weather or during a celebration. For Clinton's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, we went around with our T-shirts and big bags to try and divert recyclables from ending up in the trash."

Since then membership has dropped off, which in combination with the pandemic, has curtailed many of the Environmental Commission's activities. But as a destination river town – even during COVID-19 – the need for a robust Environmental Commission hasn't diminished.

"We had to call off the river cleanup last spring. It's kind of appalling how much trash there is," said Lambert, adding that the cleanup is back on this year and scheduled for Saturday, April 17. Those interested in participating will need to pre-register, with more information coming soon.

She would love new members with diverse perspectives – a mix of younger and older residents – to reinvigorate the commission so they can tackle new projects and education programs going forward.

## CLINTON VOLUNTEERS (cont.)



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## THANK YOU TO CLINTON'S DPW WORKERS

### CLINTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FEATURED ON ABC NEWS 7

2021 has gotten off to a busy start for our DPW staff. In addition to regular maintenance of Clinton Town properties, we have dealt with a winter that decided to make up for previous years' lack of snow. The multiple storms left more than two feet of snow that have kept the staff busy. In addition to the road plowing and shoveling during the snowfall, our town workers put in long hours relocating the large piles of snow throughout the town to allow parking and road access.

So we were tickled that ABC News 7 filmed our DPW at work and aired a story featuring them hard at work after the snow storm. We are so grateful for our team of incredible employees in the Town of Clinton! The Mayor, the Town Council, and everyone in the Town of Clinton, wants to say THANK YOU!



# SHADE TREE COMMISSION

## PLANT AN OAK TREE THIS YEAR

If you have the space to plant a tree, why not plant a great tree. Plant an oak. No tree was held in higher esteem in the ancient world than the oak tree. The oak has been a symbol of strength through the ages. And lately science has documented the value these trees have to our environment.

Oaks were revered by the Romans, the Slavs, the Greeks, the Celts and the Norse because they were associated with their respective gods. Because of their great height and high water content mature oaks got zapped by lightning more often than shorter trees. Historians think that the lightning strikes were seen by ancient people as messages from their gods.



Some ancient oaks are honored for legends associated with them, others for their history. The Angel Oak in South Carolina is said to be 400 to 500 years old and haunted by former slaves. Robin Hood and his men were supposed to have met under the Major oak of Sherwood Forest in Nottinghamshire, England. The Council Oak in Boundbrook, New Jersey was a meeting place for native Americans and European settlers. The Bowthorpe Oak of Lincolnshire England is over a thousand years old and is simply famous for being old.

Because Oak wood is extremely strong it has always been valued for its usefulness. Tudor timbers are made of the long lasting oak. Victorian homes are adorned with oak woodwork and flooring. The warships of the

early British navy were made of oak, taken from oak groves planted solely for that use. Parents have hung swings for their children from their thick branches. And children have built treehouses in those branches.

Jeffrey Seiler of NC Cooperative extension calls oaks a "keystone species - one on which many other organisms in an ecosystem depend, such that if it were lost the ecosystem would change drastically". He writes that because of their size and their longevity mature oaks store large amounts of carbon from the atmosphere. The ground beneath them also stores carbon in the organic matter there. The shade of their canopy cools the air and reduces the effect of global warming. Oaks reduce erosion and save water by absorbing the force of the rain as it hits their leaves and holds some of that water on their leaves. Seiler estimates that "a Valley Oak supports 300 animals, 1,100 plants, 30 fungi and 5,000 insects and invertebrates. It is for the reason that Doug Tallamy calls the oak "the most powerful keystone plant".

There are two pin oaks on Water Street in Clinton; not towering mature oaks, more young adult trees. They seem to lose their leaves all year, but their benefits far outweigh any inconvenience. Their mere presence raises the property value in the area. They clean the air and supply oxygen. In heavy rain they slow the downpour and prevent erosion. They cool the air. They act as a windbreak when strong winds blow. They cast beautiful dappled shade across the road and supply passing toddlers acorns to put in their pockets.

So, if you have enough space to plant a tree, why not plant an oak? Plant a tree upon which many species will depend. Plant a tree that was once looked upon as a messenger from the gods. Plant a tree that was once considered a god itself.

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# HISTORIC COMMISSION

## BONNELL'S TAVERN

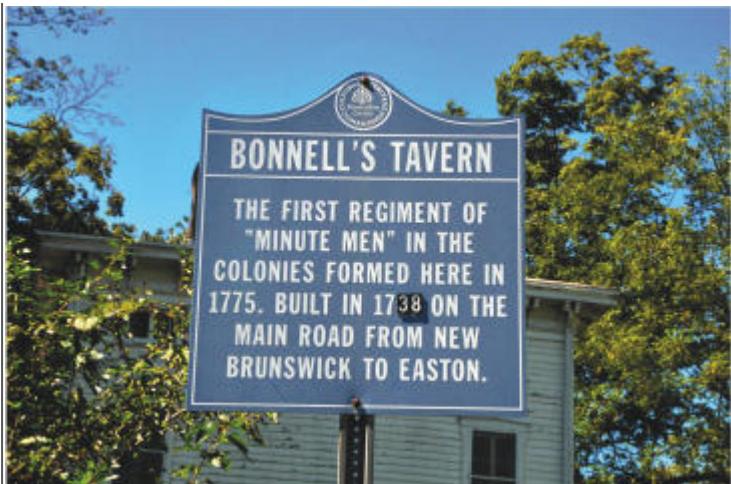
The Bonnell Tavern has been a landmark since it was established in 1767 by Lt. Colonel Abraham Bonnell. It was operated as a tavern until 1870 and by 1770, had become the meeting and voting place for the northern section of the county. In the latter part of 1775 political activities at the tavern became even more important when Charles Stewart returned from attending the Provincial Congress of New Jersey as delegate, called a meeting of local residents at the Bonnell Tavern, and organized a regiment of "minutemen", the first of its kind in the this region of New Jersey. This was the regiment which was ordered by the Provincial Congress on February 15, 1776 to march to New York under the command of Charles Stewart, by then a colonel. These patriotic militiamen soon joined forces with Major General Charles Lee. Charles Stewart later was recruited by Washington to be his commissary general of the army, in charge of all purchases for the war effort.

Despite its current under-utilization, Bonnell's Tavern is one of the most historically significant sites in New Jersey. During the Revolutionary War it was a recruiting station for militia and Continental army units and it was the headquarters and recruiting center of the first minuteman regiment in the region.



It was also the headquarters for the 2nd Hunterdon County Militia Regiment in which Abraham Bonnell served as a Lieutenant Colonel. The militia bill that was passed on June 3rd, 1775 triggered a meeting at the tavern on June 19th, of 1775, during which the officers of this regiment were elected, the first in the region.

The tavern and militia unit also played roles in some



strategic decisions. Pittstown was an important center in the forage war during the British occupation of Philadelphia. The Hunterdon militia helped General Washington decide to send the Continental Cavalry into winter quarters at nearby Pittstown because the horses could be protected by the 2nd Hunterdon regiment. The 2nd Hunterdon regiment was thought to have been involved in gathering the boats from Easton to Trenton. These boats were gathered to keep the British from gaining access to them and were possibly involved in the crossing of the Delaware.

New Jersey did not officially support the Revolution until July of 1776 so Abraham Bonnell's unit was formed illegally and he could have been arrested for treason. However, in July 1776 the new state government appointed him as the second-in-command of the New Jersey Brigade. During the war Abraham did serve in combat and commanded troops in the Battle of Millstone among others. His military career is not very well documented because he was a militia officer, not a Continental Army officer.

On a lighter note, Bonnell family documents state that among the most famous patrons of the Bonnell Tavern were Aaron Burr and his daughter. They stayed at the Inn several times before he became the 3rd Vice President and prior to the famous duel with Alexander Hamilton in Weehawken, NJ.

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# POLICE

## WINTER ORDINANCES

Please be aware of the snow removal ordinances in town (which I have summarized below). These help all of us stay safe in town.

During winter months and snow storms please move your cars in the parking lots. The town has time limits in all municipal lots:

- Water Street Lot: 24 hours
- Lower Center Street Lot: 3 hours
- Municipal Building Lot: 24 hours
- Main Street Curb Parking: 2 hours

By not moving your cars you are adding manpower costs for snow

clearance and creating a hazard to other residents and visitors. Please clear and move your vehicles.

### Ordinance 115-1 Sections A&B.

**Duty to remove Snow.** This requires all owners and tenants to clear all sidewalks within 12 hours of daylight after the snow falls or the ice forms.



### Ordinance 115-2

#### **Depositing snow or ice on street.**

This prohibits the disposal of snow or ice from private property on to any street.

### Ordinance 135-4

#### **Parking prohibited certain hours for snow plowing and removal.**

This prohibits parking on streets between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. whenever snow has accumulated

and remains in effect until the streets are fully plowed. Police may remove vehicles for violation of this ordinance, at the owners cost.

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# FIRE SAFETY

NJ State Division of Fire Safety puts out "alerts" to fire marshals/officials regarding activities or products that can cause fires. This allows other fire safety officials to become aware of situations that may cause fires and educate the public about such situations.

The most recent alert involves a food preparation technique that may cause a spontaneous combustible situation of the food product. This preparation technique involves a "crunch" or tempura type garnish. The "crunch" is produced from a water and flour batter which is deep fried in cooking oil then placed in a container to drain and cool.

Fire investigators have identified factors that create an environment for the "crunch" product to self-heat:

- The use of vegetable oil (soybean oil) or other cooking oil
- Deep frying the batter in batches and piling it in a bowl or colander to drain/cool
- Leaving the product unattended while it cools

Cooking oils, especially soybean oil and canola oil, are known to have a propensity to self-heat under certain circumstances. For example, rags saturated with cooking oil residue can self-heat and undergo spontaneous combustion after being laundered. Because the "crunch" product is heated during the cooking process, then placed in a bowl or colander to cool and drain, the ability for the heat to dissipate is compromised. These conditions can create an environment for a fire to occur.

For more fire safety alerts or recalls, please visit [www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dfs/alerts](http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dfs/alerts). The State DFS website has a publication called "Fire Focus" that



is also extremely helpful [www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dfs/pdf/firefocus/sfmm\\_february\\_2021.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dfs/pdf/firefocus/sfmm_february_2021.pdf). Also check the Consumer Safety Products Commission site at [www.cpsc.gov/Recalls](http://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls). And by signing up for email notification alerts, you may just save someone from a fire related tragedy.

The Clinton Fire Department in conjunction with the Town of Clinton Fire Prevention Bureau still have a limited supply of sealed lithium battery type alarms available for those families in need. The DFS received these alarms through the generosity of Kidde Fire Safety. If anyone has a need please contact the Clinton Fire Department ([www.clintonfd.org/contact](http://www.clintonfd.org/contact)) or the Fire Marshall.

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# RESCUE SQUAD

## Practice Cold Water and Ice Rescues

South Branch Emergency Services recently held a cold water and ice rescue drill. While the drill was a lot of fun for SBES members, we practice these skills to keep them sharp so we can quickly and safely get people out of such harsh conditions, provide medical treatment, and get them to the hospital, if needed.

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- ◆ 7:30 PM 3rd Thursday of each month

#### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

- ◆ 7:30 PM 2nd Monday of each month

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- ◆ 6:30 PM 3rd Wednesday of each month

#### LAND USE BOARD

- ◆ 7:00 PM 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month

#### SHADE TREE COMMISSION

- ◆ 7:00 PM 2nd Monday of each month

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