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Town Manager's Corner

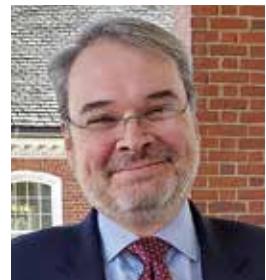
SPRING

Thankfully spring has come and the annual signs of renewal it brings. A lot of progress was made during the winter months which lets us move forward in the warmer months.

Clinton's new train station was officially opened in early April. The State's long-term investment in transportation improves the quality and quantity of service available locally. By raising the service standard in Clinton it is easier to connect trains and routes that pass along our tracks. Those improved connections keep Clinton an attractive destination. The station can also be a catalyst for economic development for those looking to invest in transit-oriented development which keeps work, life and play near the station.

Last quarter, the Town was going through the process of approving plans to spend some of its American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding. ARPA was meant to make investments to aid in recovery efforts resulting from the ongoing pandemic. In March, a Special Town Meeting approved a variety of investments that will be directed to fund supports to residents who have been challenged during the pandemic; supporting non-profits that have struggled to both raise revenue from donations and seen the demand for their services grow dramatically; and community investments in

technology, green infrastructure and economic development. The Town has been working with a number of non-profit groups to meet their funding needs and documenting their requests to meet our obligations under the program. Funds will start to be deployed soon.



Karl Kilduff,
Town Manager

Later this year a second installment of ARPA funds are due to be released to the Town for additional projects and activities. A similar process will be used to approve funding and invest in improving Clinton.

The budget process for the fiscal year starting on July 1, 2022 started in February with the Town Manager presenting his budget to the Town Council. The Council deliberated over the budget to discuss planned activities, costs the town is facing and how to best fund the budget.

As I write this report, the budget the Council approved to be presented to the voters at a referendum proposes a 0% tax increase. This would be the second 0% tax increase in three years. Last year, the mill rate decreased due in large part to changing property

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values and increased economic development. The budget discussion is focused on prudent funding plans that meet our local needs while keeping a close eye on the impact of the budget on Clinton's taxpayers. We have been able to make a number of fiscal successes by working together and taking the politics out of the budget under the Council-Manager form of government

Please continue doing your part to keep Clinton safe.

Karl Kilduff,
Town Manager

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Home Occupation Permit, What is It & Do I Need One?

During the pandemic, many people began working from home. Some are going to continue to work from home, and some have started new home businesses. Per the Zoning Regulations, home businesses require permitting.

Depending upon the type of home occupation, a Home Occupation Permit is issued by the Zoning Enforcement Officer or by the Planning and Zoning Commission. If someone is operating a home business from a house or apartment that they live in and rent, permission from the property owner is required.

HOME OCCUPATIONS FALL UNDER ONE OF THREE TIERS.

Tier One Businesses, which can be approved by the Zoning Enforcement Officer, are home office/computer-based businesses such as a professional office. All activities are completely inside the structure.

Tier Two Businesses have a personal service aspect such as an artisan with gallery sales. These are reviewed and approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Tier Three Businesses have small scale on-site retail sales with limited outside display. These are also reviewed and approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.



Home baking businesses require a Home Occupation Permit as well as additional approval by the State.

The goal of the Home Business Regulations is to encourage and support the use of private residences for

limited business purposes, to allow for the incubation of small businesses and entrepreneurship and to safeguard the fundamental residential nature of Clinton's neighborhoods.

All of the Zoning Regulations are on our website, clintonct.org. To find the section on Home Occupations, hover over Departments, click on Planning and Zoning, click on Zoning Regulations, and click on Section 28. Section 28 is the section on Accessory Uses. Home Businesses are under Section 28.2. As always, please contact the Land Use Office at 860-669-6133 with any questions. We're here to help.

Kathy King,
Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer



Publisher's Note Remembering Joan Joyce – Our Finest Athlete

It is with a heavy heart that I write this note about the passing of a true legend - Joan Joyce. I had the pleasure and honor to meet her (over the phone) as part of putting together our The Last Word feature article that appeared in Events Magazines for the 4th quarter of 2020. It is a conversation I will remember forever. Her ever so clear memory of the many great moments in her athletic career was astonishing – from Raybestos Brakettes softball games, to striking out Ted Williams and Hank Aaron, to golf moments, to how her coaching career came about. (She would tell you that she has been coaching all her life.) And of course, her father – whom she loved tremendously. Up until he passed, she would keep a room for him in her house in Florida and he would attend all the Florida Atlantic University softball games.

It is hard to believe that there was not more fanfare about this superb athlete who excelled in so many sports. That is until you spoke with her and found out how matter-of-fact she took everything. She could have been boastful or arrogant. But she was not. Instead, you could tell how much joy she found in all that she did. I had fun sharing stories about growing up in West Haven and the various individuals I had no idea we knew mutually.

And, of course, there was the ever-competitive spirit that came through not only in talking about her Florida Atlantic softball team but also about her own goals – even at the age of 80. As I recall, she recounted the story of helping a friend move. She stumbled while carrying a box. Her volleyball training helped break the fall. She did injure her hip. During the course of the conversation, it suddenly occurred to her. "Maybe I could golf left-handed," she said. If anyone can do it, I'd bet on you, I observed.

In honor of Joan Joyce, we are re-publishing The Last Word feature that ran in 2020. You will find it on page 22 of this magazine. For those of you who knew or knew of Joan, it is a fond reminder of her greatness and grace. For those of you who did not, it is a way to read about and acknowledge an amazing life.



William McMinn

Tax Collector

TAXES WILL BE DUE JULY 1, 2022

- The first installment of town tax for real estate and personal property taxes and motor vehicle will be due on Friday, July 1, 2022, we close at 12:00 pm on Fridays.
- The last day to pay your taxes without penalty is August 1, 2022 at 4:00 pm. If you mail your payment on the last day, it MUST BE POSTMARKED 8/1/22. Interest accrues at 1.5% per month, 18% per annum. On August 2, 2022 your tax balance will be charged 3%.
- We do not send out new bills for your second Installments for Real Estate and Personal Property which will be due January 1, 2023 and delinquent on February 2, 2023.

TAX OFFICE HOURS:

Mon-Tues-Wed: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Thurs 9:00 am – 7:00 pm
Fri-9:00 am - 12:00 pm

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

The safest option for everyone is to mail your payments or use our drop boxes. We will continue to use the Black Drop Box to the left of the front door for payments or the box just outside of our office.

The top portion of the Bill is your Receipt, along with your canceled check. You will also be able to use the online system to view your payments and print reports, if you have trouble navigating the

online system, give our office a call during office hours, and we will be glad to walk you through the process at: 860-669-9067.

Online Payments: www.clintonct.org If you use the online payment option, please remember the fees associated with its usage. The online system defaults to credit card payments which carry a fee of 2.95%, you can change that to Electronic Check and put in your routing number and account number for a flat .95 cents. My staff will be available to help you navigate through the online process, give us a call during office hours, 860-669-9067.

REAL ESTATE:

You will receive a bill with 3 coupons. "A" is for your July installment, "B" is for your January 2023 installment and "C" is your receipt. If you'd like a receipt please bring the "C" coupon with you. If you send by mail, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

MOTOR VEHICLES:

Sold, lost, stolen, traded your vehicle?

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Current Connecticut Resident:

- Connecticut law requires all Connecticut residents with a vehicle registration, driver's license, or non-driver identification card to notify the DMV within 48 hours of any change of address. Changing your address on your license does not change the address on your registered vehicle(s) or vice versa. Be sure to correct the tax town code on the change of address form as well when moving from one town to another.

Moving into Connecticut from out of state:

- Once you have established residency in Connecticut, you have 30 days to transfer your out-of-state license to Connecticut. You have 60 days to transfer your vehicle registration(s) to this state.

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Please take the time to check your license, vehicle registration(s) and emissions status. You can cancel your plates online (be sure to print a receipt of the cancellation) and you can re-register a vehicle (check out the timeframe.)

If you owe municipal motor vehicle property tax you cannot register or re-register any vehicle. You will need to resolve your tax issue(s) before attempting to register or re-register. If you owe taxes to the Town of Clinton, contact the Clinton Tax Office at: 860-669-9067.

Lisa Bibbiani,
Tax Collector

Town Clerk

PRIMARY: (Possible):

Tuesday, August 9, 2022 - Hours: 6:00 am to 8:00 pm

William Stanton Andrews Memorial Town Hall
Green Room, 54 East Main Street, Clinton, CT 06413
Primary Absentee Ballots are available starting July 19, 2022

ELECTION:

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 - Hours: 6:00 am to 8:00 pm

William Stanton Andrews Memorial Town Hall
Green Room, 54 East Main Street, Clinton, CT 06413
Election Absentee Ballots become available Friday, October 7, 2022.

APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT (for November) are available beginning August 2022. If you are leaving for college or elsewhere and will not be in Clinton for the election, you may apply for an absentee ballot which will be mailed to you on Friday, October 7, 2022. The application for absentee ballot may be downloaded from the Secretary of the State website at: www.sots.ct.gov or at: clintonct.org under Town Clerk/Elections and then mailed to the Town Clerk at 54 E. Main Street, Clinton, CT 06413.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE is TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022.

Must register IN PERSON between 9:00 am and 8:00 pm. A Special Session of Registrars of Voters to admit those seeking to vote in election whose qualification as to age, citizenship or residence was attained since OCTOBER 25th. Must be done in person by November 7, 2022 at noon. If you miss the registration deadline, we will have same day registration on November 8, 2022.

PERMANET ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR DISABLED

Public Act #11-173: A disabled elector can file an Absentee

Ballot Application together with a doctor's certificate stating that they have a permanent disability and are unable to appear in person at their polling place to obtain Permanent Absentee Ballot status. The law does not prescribe an official form to be used so a note from the elector's doctor, presumably on letterhead, indicating the disability would satisfy this requirement.

Once the Application and doctor's certificate are received by the Town Clerk a copy will be provided to the Registrars of Voters to record on the Voter Registration Systems.

Absentee Ballots will then be automatically mailed to the elector from the Town Clerk's office for eligible elections that allow for an Absentee Ballot to be mailed.

Chamber of Commerce

CLINTON TROLLEY SERVICE TO BEGIN ON SATURDAY MAY 28TH

For the fourth consecutive summer, the Clinton Trolley will provide free transportation for all riders with stops throughout Clinton and Hammonasset Beach State Park. The trolley will run Thursday through Sunday (plus Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day) beginning Saturday May 28th

and going through Labor Day. The loop is approximately 50 minutes long and will start at Hammonasset then stop at the Clinton Marina, Shanks & Lobster Landing, the Arts District, Liberty Green, the Stop & Shop plaza and the Westbrook town line before making the same stops on the way back to Hammonasset. Schedules will be available at each stop or you

can call the Chamber at: 860-669-3889.

CLINTON SUMMERFEST & FIREWORKS – SATURDAY AUGUST 27TH

The 8th Annual Clinton Summerfest & Fireworks will take place on Saturday August 27th (Rain Date: August 28th.) The event will once again be held in two

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locations. The lot behind Andrews Memorial Town Hall will host food trucks, a beer garden (courtesy of Grove Gardens Landscaping), kids activities, a dunk tank and Rock Bottom will perform from 4:00 - 7:30 pm. The Clinton Town Beach will host additional

kids activities, food trucks, a DJ and American Fireworks will set off the fireworks at 9 pm. This is always one of the biggest shows in Connecticut and we promise another great show this year!

Calendar of Events

In the Spring & Summer



DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
May 28 thru Sept. 5	CLINTON TROLLEY Thursdays thru Sundays Holiday Mondays: May 30, July 4 & Sept 5	Thurs, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 9:00 pm Sunday 11:00 am - 6:00 pm	Hammonasset Beach State Park to Westbrook Line
June 7	ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BREAKFAST Robert DiBona Scholarship Awards	8:00 – 10:00 am	Town Hall Green Room 54 East Main Street Clinton
July 8	1ST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FOOD & BEER FESTIVAL (organized by Clinton Placemakers) Rain Date: July 15th	4:00 - 8:00 pm	Behind Town Hall 54 East Main Street Clinton
August 27	CLINTON SUMMERFEST & FIREWORKS Beer Garden, Food Trucks, Music, Kids Activities, and more	Summerfest 4:00 - 8:00 pm Fireworks 9:00 pm	Behind Town Hall & Town Annex Town Beach

In the Fall



Sept. 11	MICHAEL B IERARDI, JR MEMORIAL FUND	Sundays	Vece Gazebo
Sept. 18	FALL CONCERT SERIES	2:00 - 3:30 pm	(Pierson School)
Sept. 25	Acts to be announced in the near future		75 East Main Street Clinton
Oct. 2			
Oct. 9			
October 15	FALL SHRED EVENT	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Behind the Chamber of Commerce 50 East Main St, Clinton

International Food and Beer Festival

On Friday afternoon, July 8, the first annual International Food and Beer Festival comes to Clinton.

ADMISSION IS FREE.

From 4:00 - 8:00 pm, visitors strolling along the picturesque riverfront behind the Andrews Town Hall will sample

iconic international fare, while enjoying entertainment with a global flair.

Featuring food and libations prepared by local restaurants and individuals, cuisines that span the globe will highlight the rich diversity of folks who now call Clinton home.

Visitors can purchase samples from vendors from Poland to Italy to Scotland; Afghanistan to India to China, or Mexico to Guatemala to Peru. Southern-style barbecue and slices of apple pie will make sure that the U.S.A. is well represented.



Bausch Advanced Technology Group sponsors the Biergarten, festively decorated by Grove Gardens Landscaping. Selections of beers from around the world, as well as a sampling of choice Italian wines, will encourage visitors to sip and compare.

Entertainment ranges from a troop of Irish step dancers to tenors signing arias from Italian operas. Performers from different cultures have been invited. Be sure to check out Clinton Placemakers' Facebook page for updates.

The rain date is July 15.

Corporate sponsors include Schumack Engineered Construction/Indian River Enterprises, Sweitzer Waste Removal, and Shore Publishing. Rob King designed the poster above.

The International Food and Beer Festival is planned by Clinton Placemakers, in coordination with the Clinton Chamber of Commerce and Clinton's Departments of Public Works, Police and Fire.

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For Children

Events for children are in-person and required registration - Visit www.hchlibrary.org or call 860-669-2342 to learn more and sign up.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Crafternoons with Miss Lynn

Mondays at 3:00 pm
Register for open-ended creative exploration in The Hidek Hub. Grades K - 5.

Baby & Me

Tuesdays at 10:00 am & 4:00 pm
Sign up to come sing, bounce, read, and play! Birth - 24 Months.

Sign Language

Thursdays at 10:00 am
Sign up to learn ASL signs through songs and stories with Jaye Carlson of Love2Sign. Birth - Age 6.

ABC Amigos

Thursdays am 10:45 am
Sign up for a fun and active bilingual Spanish-English class with Miss Aimee. Birth - Age 6.

Movers & Shakers

Thursdays at 4:00 pm
Sign up for a music and movement class with Miss Coralie. 18 months - Age 5.

Stories & More

Fridays at 10:00 am
Sign up for stories, music, & movement with Miss Coralie. Ages 2 - 6.

Saturday Crafts

Saturdays, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Drop in on Saturdays for a special craft activity designed by Miss Jan. Ages 2 & up.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

S.T.E.A.M. Lab: Grades 1 - 4

2nd Monday, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Register to explore science, tech, engineering, art, and math activities at The Hub. Grades 1 - 4.

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A Cause for Celebration

25 Years of Helping Good People Do Great Things!



We salute our founders and early donors, the visionaries who pooled resources to provide immediate and future support to local nonprofit programs.

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Join the celebration and help our local communities thrive. Call us at (860)347-0025 or visit us at MiddlesexCountyCF.org.

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S.T.E.A.M. Lab: Grades 5 - 8

2nd Monday, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Register to explore science, tech, engineering, art, and math activities at The Hub. Grades 5 - 8.



Fun in The Hidek Hub.

Tween Time

4th Monday at 3:00 pm

New activity each month. Call or visit our website for details and registration. Grades 5 - 8.

LEGO WeDo 2.0

Wednesday 6/8 at 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Register for hands-on LEGO robot building. Sponsored by the Clinton Rotary Club. Grades 1 - 4.

For Teens

Visit www.hchlibrary.org or call

860-669-2342 for information on the latest teen programs & special events.

Marvel Monday

Mondays at 5:00 pm

Drop in for a different Marvel film in the Teen Room each week.



Miss Jan's Crafts.

Drop-In Crafts

Monthly on the 1st & 2nd Fridays

at 3:00 pm

Call or visit our website for details and registration information.

Dungeons & Dragons

Monthly on the 4th Friday at 3:00 pm

Register to join Miss Emily in the Teen Room for game day after school.

Teen Writer's Guild

Monthly on the 4th Wednesday at 3:30 pm

Drop in to explore creative writing with peers in The Hidek Hub.

For Adults

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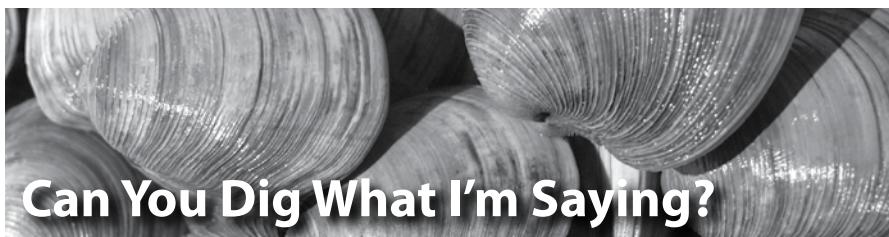
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Can You Dig What I'm Saying?

As humans continue to rely on more ocean resources, clean water is, and will be, critical. Government regulations, private activism, and individual responsibility can assist in this endeavor. But when allowed to do so, nature provides substantial benefits to improving water quality. Shellfish act as a natural water filter.

Locally, great strides in water quality have been made. With the cooperation of local marinas, commercial shellfishermen, town officials, and neighborhoods bordering Clinton rivers, water quality has improved to the point the State of CT authorized the opening of two Clinton recreational shellfishing areas, with a third in the works. In the past two years, with the help of our tax dollars, the Clinton Shellfish Commission has added tens of thousands of clams to the waters off Clinton Beach. Additionally, commercial oyster growers have annually increased the number of shellfish in the waters of the Hammonasset River and Clinton Harbor.

Your continued support is needed to expand recreational shell fishing in Clinton thereby assisting Nature in filtering our waters. Here is how you can help:

- 1. If you are a boater,** follow proper procedures and practices when disposing of waste or performing waterborne maintenance. Dispose of trash properly, not into the water.
- 2. If you live along the Hammonasset River, Indian River, or Hammock River,** do not put yard waste (leaves, grass clippings, or trash) into the rivers, creeks, wetlands, or the street storm drains. This waste eventually ends up at the mouth of the river and Clinton Harbor, spreading out to suffocate shellfish. This also includes pet waste (a disease carrier) anywhere near water. If you reside along a river or the shore directly, ensure your septic system is in proper working order.
- 3. Are you a lover of the beach, watersports, fishing, and the outdoors in general?** Whether you dig for clams or not, the purchase of a shellfishing license is the number one most cost effective way to improve water quality in and around Clinton. By State statute, all monies collected from the sale of licenses must be used to further the local shellfish program. This simply means we purchase more clams to stock the recreational areas. More shellfish equals cleaner water!

Please consider purchasing a Clinton shellfishing license to assist in improving our local water quality. Clamming can be a fun family outdoor fresh air summer activity, resulting in good eating. Clam chowder, clams on the half shell, stuffed clams, or clams and linguine are all possible. Add a pair of waders and you are in for experiencing a New England tradition year round.

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The Open / Close status can be found on the website or by calling 860-664-6444. Shell fishing while an area is closed is against State regulations and can result in severe illness and the forfeiture of license. Please limit your catch to what you need or to daily limits thereby allowing others to enjoy this hobby.

The Clinton Shellfish Commission meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Police Community Room. All are welcome to attend and participate.

For more information please visit our website at: <https://clintonshellfish.org>.

News from the Clinton Land Trust

We believe Environmental Education is the key to the future. These are programs we offer every year to further that goal.

Bushy Hill Nature Camp: Money from the estate of Eunice Symonds funds scholarships to send third and fourth graders to Bushy Hill Nature Camp. Interested students must write a persuasive essay to qualify. At camp they learn about native plants and animals and develop an appreciation of the environment and how to protect it.

Ecology Camp: CLCT in conjunction with Clinton Park and Rec. provide a one-week summer camp for kids ages 7-11. Campers search for invertebrates in the tide pools, use a beach seine to catch fish and observe osprey and other shorebirds in the salt marsh of the Clinton Town Beach. They also hike Peters Woods and the Indian River

Complex to discover the inhabitants of vernal pools, animal tracks, locate fungi and lichen and learn how to identify trees and differentiate woodland bird songs.



Marine Science Day:

Each year fourth graders participate in a full day of integrated learning at the Clinton Town Beach. The students rotate through various stations led by teachers and community members. Morgan teachers and students perform experiments related to

water chemistry, microplastics, salt marsh ecology and shorebird migrations. The Shellfish Commission demonstrates the process of shell fishing as well as the history of oysters in Clinton Harbor. The Land Trust teaches environmental conservation and how the banning of DDT facilitated the osprey comeback in the Hammock River. The students are introduced to a touch tank/sandy beach ecology station. They use buckets and nets to explore the mud flats and tidepools.

Pepper Prowl: In April CLCT put on its very popular Pepper Prowl. This was a night of observing spring peepers, salamanders, and tree frogs in their natural habitat at the Indian River Complex. Check it out next year!

Beach Clean-up: Every September CLCT joins forces with Save the Sound and the International Coastal Cleanup by scouring the Clinton Town Beach, Cedar Island and other Land Trust properties for trash. Last year more than 50 volunteers removed 358 pounds of litter. It is sorted and tabulated and the data is forwarded to Save the Sound for research.

CLCT considers all of these programs very important. Please consider joining our local worthwhile cause by joining. Please go to Clintonlandtrust.org for more information on how to join and when all of the programs are available.

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Open for Summer Enrollment - Mega sports Camp

Clinton Bible Fellowship in Clinton, CT is offering kids in completed kindergarten through seventh grades an awesome week (July 11-15, 2022 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.) "We want to give kids the chance to learn more about sports, discover character-building concepts and have a whole lot of fun," said Zack Furches, Pastor of Clinton Bible Fellowship.

At MEGA Sports Camp Legendary - Journey to the Hall of Fame, kids choose between flag football and cheerleading, or--back by popular demand--learn basic cooking skills.

At Mega Sports camp VBS, kids will focus on five basics that prepare them to face and conquer these challenges: 1.) Set goals; 2.) Work hard; 3.) Overcome fear (and become unstoppable); 4.) Trust their training; 5.) Celebrate their wins. It doesn't matter... if they've played all their life or just started yesterday,

MEGA Sports Camp helps kids improve their skills. All sorts of drills and practice games will get kids focused on the fundamentals that make athletes great. Plus, MEGA Sports Camp creates a positive and encouraging environment that pumps up their confidence and self-esteem. So come on over!

Registration is free. To register your child today, or to learn more, go to: <http://www.ClintonBibleFellowshipCt.org> and click on "Upcoming events."



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Historic Restoration Recognition Program

Clinton's Historic District Commission has chosen the third property to recognize in its Historic Property Restoration Recognition Program. This one is at 5 Liberty Street. It is the oldest house in Clinton's Liberty Green Historic District and is a "poster child" for restoration.

The house was built circa 1725 by James Elderkin, who had the bought land on which it stands, for 20 pounds, in what was then known as Killingworth, in the County of New London, in the Colony of Connecticut. In 1791, Elisha Elderkin (who fought in the Revolutionary War) and his brother John bought the land and the house upon it from their father, James, who at the time of the transaction, still lived there. By now, Killingworth's county was Middlesex and Connecticut was no longer a Colony, but a State. In 1817, Elisha sold the house and land to Buckminster (Bucky) Brintnil Elderkin (whod fought in the War of 1812.) And sixty-two years later, his estate sold the house -- and with that sale, it no longer belonged to anyone in the Elderkin family.

In 1993 a fire destroyed the interior of 5 Liberty Street. The owners refused to repair or sell the house, which sat covered by a tattered blue tarp for almost ten years and was overrun by termites and powder post beetles. Seven years later, the Town of Clinton went to court, had the house condemned and as a result, the owners were

From tarp covered "poster child" for restoration, right, to fully restored historic gem below, circa 1725.



notified, by certified mail, that its demolition had been ordered. With that, the owners were finally willing to sell the house, which was fully restored by the new owner, who designed the interior and moved in at the end of April 2002.

Clinton's Historic District Commission

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Who Planted that Tree?

The Clinton Town Tree Committee has been in existence since 1998, quietly ensuring that every Arbor Day (this year was April 29th) is observed with a new addition to our town's landscape. Working closely with the town Tree Warden, plans are reviewed, town trees are maintained, and colorful indigenous tree species are planted.

HAVE YOU WANDERED AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF THE CLINTON TOWN HALL?

The Tree committee is responsible for several of the plantings, plus the recently well attended guided tree walk that took place on May 14. If you were unable to attend, a self-guided brochure is available identifying many of the trees on this town property, as well as the gorgeous Elliot Preserve. You will find a supply of them at the entrance to the town hall.

The committee is very fortunate to have been the recipient of a generous recent donation by a resident of Waterside Lane. Unfortunately, maple trees at the water view portion of the street were diseased and had to be removed. The donation will ensure the planting of new healthy trees.



White clouds of flowers on Japanese lilac tree.



Redbud tree blossoms.



Zelkova-serrata tree.

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An advertisement for Sullivan Paving Co. Inc. The top half features a green speech bubble icon for Angie's List and a BBB Accredited Business logo. Below this is a large stylized 'S' logo with a house icon on top and a vintage car icon on the bottom left. The text 'SULLIVAN PAVING CO. INC.' is written vertically next to the 'S', with 'FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED SINCE 1965' underneath. The website 'www.sullivanpaving.com' is listed, followed by a large green phone number '860-767-2357'. Below the phone number is the text 'CALL FOR YOUR FREE ESTIMATE'. A vertical list of services is provided with checked boxes: Asphalt Paving & Patching, Sealcoating & Crack Repair, Oil & Stone Chip, Decorative Stamped Asphalt, Excavation, Grading, and Drainage. The bottom section states 'Family owned and operated, serving the Southeastern and Southern River Valley regions of Connecticut for over 50 years!' and 'FULLY BONDED AND INSURED . CT LICENSE # HIC 0542208'.

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For more information, stop by the Clinton Town Hall, pick up the free brochure "A Self Guided Tree Walk Around Clinton's Town Hall and the Elliot Preserve" and see them for yourself! Please contact the Clinton Tree Committee via Facebook with any questions.

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CRUISE SHIPS offer a floating vacation with quick planning and a relaxed experience, but they aren't a much more sustainable option.

TRAINS get us closer to our low-emission travel goals. They offer more fuel efficiency, lower emissions, and sometimes even a faster trip than planes do.

DRIVING with a traditional car has implications we're all familiar with, but what about an electric vehicle?

As electric vehicles become a more popular and available option, the possibilities for eco-friendly tourism expand. Whether you're ready to charge up your family car and hit the road, or you're grabbing a rental and picking your route, here are some tips to make sure you get the most out of your low-carbon adventure!

1. KNOW YOUR VEHICLE

Electric vehicles have their own unique features and functions. Each model varies in the range it can travel before recharging and some even require a specific type of charger. While most electric vehicles can travel 150-300 miles on one charge, you definitely want to know your vehicle's range before you head out! Start your trip armed with knowledge and a manual.

2. PLAN YOUR CHARGING STOPS

There are some great tools for viewing electric vehicle charging locations. Making sure you know where on your route you can charge up is key, as electric chargers aren't as visible from the

road as gas stations. Consider setting your route in advance and you can plan activities around your charging breaks!



SOME CHARGER SCOUT-ING TOOLS INCLUDE:

Plug Share – helps you plan your EV route

EV Hotels – helps you find charger locations as well as find accommodations to help you charge overnight

Charge Hub – shows where you can charge and offers other EV resources

3. BUILD IN CONTINGENCIES

You've crossed everything off your list before leaving the house, including programming your thermostat for vacation mode, and are out the door on time. To make sure the rest of your trip goes smoothly, consider planning extra time for charging stops and know where you can get power in case something unexpected occurs.

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Joan Joyce - Our Finest Athlete

by Sigrid Kun

Many fondly remember going to Raybestos Memorial field in Stratford, CT. Amid chants of "Joanie, Joanie," the softball phenom mowed down the competition. Joan Joyce dominated women's fast pitch softball for decades - beginning her amateur career at age 13 with the Raybestos Brakettes. The Waterbury, CT native excelled at every sport she tried - a true competitor, a lifelong coach/mentor. Joyce combines an unbridled, remarkable talent with a matter of fact, humble personality. While she readily speaks about her success, there is no bragging.

Many consider her as "The Greatest Woman Athlete of All Time." Her jaw-dropping achievements/honors take pages to list, including 20 Hall of Fame inductions, Connecticut Athlete of the Year (selected by the Connecticut Sports Writers Alliance), and a softball field renamed Joan Joyce Field (a part of Municipal Stadium in Waterbury).



Women's softball coach at Florida Atlantic University.

and part-owner of the Connecticut Falcons. The Falcons won every championship of the IWPSA's existence (1976-1979).

She is a four-time Women's Basketball Association All-American and three time AAU Basketball All-American. She played on the USA Women's National Team in 1964 and 1965, setting a national tournament basketball single-game scoring record (67 points) in 1964.

She formed the Connecticut Clippers volleyball team in 1968, and competed as a player/coach. She was named to the All-East United States Volleyball Association Regional Team. Taking up golf at age 35, she spent 19 years on the LPGA tour (1977-1995). She still holds the LPGA and PGA record of just 17 putts in one round of golf.

Now 80, Joyce is the women's softball coach at Florida Atlantic University. Starting the program from scratch in 1994, she has amassed 12 Conference Championships, participated in 11 NCCA Tournaments, and won 8 Coach-of-the Year Awards.

THE SECRET TO SUCCESS?

"I don't know," she says. "The only thing I can say about me is that I am very competitive. . . . I will beat you at just about everything. If you beat me, I'd shake hands. But I'd say to myself, you are not going to beat me a second time."



Joan with her biggest fan - Dad (Joe Joyce).

Photo courtesy of Joan Joyce.

Her mother worked days. She, her father (above) and brother played sports all the time. "We would end up going to my father's softball games," she recalls. "We had no gloves. We'd run around everywhere while my father was playing. When they came in from the field, they'd put the gloves under the bench. We'd take them and start catching. When they went back in the field, they'd have to come and get the gloves back from us." When her father played basketball, she and her brother would wait for the halftime buzzer and then fly onto the court to play.

SPECIAL MOMENTS - JOYCE SHARED A FEW



Striking Out Ted Williams/Hank Aaron. She calls striking out Ted Williams (left) and Hank Aaron her favorite moments. "It's the easiest thing I've ever done in my life," she relates. "They had no chance against a softball pitcher just because of the distance." She faced Williams as part

of fundraisers in 1961 and 1966; Aaron in 1978 in a West Hartford exhibition. There were no radar guns then. A doctorate study from USC determined her pitching speed to be the equivalent of 119 mph in baseball.

Invited to China by the All-China Sports Federation (1979).

"It was the first team ever invited to China," she recalls of the Connecticut Falcons. "When we played our last game sixty thousand people came to the game. I was looking out and it was like a flood of people just coming and coming and coming. And I'm thinking, 'Oh, my God!'" The American team won all six games. In the final game, Joyce pitched a no-hitter to beat the Chinese all-star team.



Softball World Championships (1974). Joyce pitched a no hitter against Australia. "Only one walk. And we picked her off," notes Joyce. "It would have been a perfect game." She also stymied Japan, giving up only two hits. No team wore helmets then. Japan showed up wearing them. Was it to distract her or out of fear of her? "It didn't work," she laughs. "You did not want to get me focused or to get my attention. Stare at me? Give me looks? I would say to myself, keep doing that 'cause you're never going to beat me. I just didn't like to lose."

Photo of Joan coaching (far left) and photo of Joan with Ted Williams and Hank Aaron.

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