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Install Wi-Fi thermostats



You can save up to \$145 per year on your heating and cooling costs with a properly programmed Wi-Fi thermostat.

Dry two or more loads in a row



Your dryer has already generated a wealth of heat during your first load, so take advantage of that heat to lower energy use.

Use the locks on your windows and doors



Locking windows and external doors will ensure they seal shut and keep out drafts.

Top Recommended Products & Programs for Winter Energy Savings

Cold temperatures, chilling winds, and blustery days can lead to cozy evenings at home. These winter conditions usually mean your heating system is working hard. Other parts of your house – holiday lights, drafty doorways, hardwood floors – can also all result in your home using more energy this time of year compared to other seasons. Below, we've outlined some of the resources that you can leverage this winter and beyond, including no- and low-cost ways to use less energy. Here are some of our top recommendations for keeping energy use down and staying comfortable throughout the season.

ELIMINATE AIR-LEAKS AND DRAFTS near doors, windows, attics, and basements by weatherstripping and air sealing.

A leaky home is less comfortable and uses more energy, especially in the winter. A home weatherization project is one of the most effective ways to improve your comfort and reduce energy use year-round. Properly insulating your home can help you reduce heating and cooling costs by an average of 20%.

INSTALL WI-FI THERMOSTATS.

Wi-Fi thermostats allow you to control your home temperature settings from your smartphone or tablet, so you can adjust and save energy whenever, and wherever, works best for you. Smart thermostats offer various energy-saving features such as automatically adjusting the temperature based on whether you are present or away, based on the weather forecast, or with a schedule customized by you. You can save up to \$145 per year on your heating and cooling costs with a properly programmed Wi-Fi thermostat.

DRY TWO OR MORE LOADS IN A ROW to take advantage of the heat from your dryer.

Get more done with less energy by throwing in a second load of laundry right after the first. Your dryer has already generated a wealth of heat during your first load, so take advantage of that heat.

REVERSE YOUR CEILING FANS.

Normally, ceiling fans spin counterclockwise, allowing you to feel cooler in the warmer months. However, most ceiling fans have a reverse switch that will force them to turn clockwise, producing a downdraft and moving the warm air that collects near your ceiling down into the rest of the room.

BUNDLE UP AND HEAD OUTSIDE!

Although we tend to curl up inside during the winter months, spending a few hours outside with family and friends can reduce stress on your overall

household. Consider unplugging those electronics (if you don't have an advanced power strip) and spending quality time together building a snowman or trying a seasonal sport such as snowshoeing.

MAKE SURE YOUR HOME DEVICES ARE SET to save power.

Check your computer, monitor, TV, and other electronics to make sure they are set to conserve energy. If you are looking for a new device, check for the ENERGY STAR® logo.

LAY DOWN RUGS ON HARDWOOD FLOORS.

Add an extra layer of insulation to your home and save money and energy. Rugs help trap cold air underneath and keep it from circulating around the room.

HAVE A HEAT PUMP? Set it and forget it.

Turning your heat pump on and off, or constantly adjusting its temperature settings, may use more energy and cause comfort issues. Generally, it's advised to find a temperature that's comfortable and leave it there.

THIS ALL SOUNDS GREAT – where do I start?

Eversource, a Sponsor of Energize ConnecticutSM, offers on-the-spot air sealing through Home Energy SolutionsSM and up to 75% off approved insulation projects. This is one of the best ways to get started and knock some items off the list above. If you meet income eligibility requirements, you may receive the initial visit at no cost and up to 100% off an approved insulation project and incentives for additional energy-saving upgrades. Visit the URL, give us a call, or scan the code at right to get started.

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Town Manager's Corner

New Opportunities

We start 2023 with the opportunity to build off of our successes in 2022. The Town finds itself in a time of transition as we moved from pandemic response to more of a sense of normalcy.

The start of every calendar year marks the start of the budget season. The single most important policy document the Council will work on is the annual budget. The process starts with Town staff submitting requests to the Town Manager. Those requests are reviewed and amended by the Manager before presenting the budget to the Town Council. The Town Council will review the Town Manager's proposed budget and work with the Manager to make amendments to the budget leading to a public hearing to get input from Clinton taxpayers. The Town will again make a budget preference survey available to solicit some early feedback on the budget to help inform the Council's decision-making process.

The Council will also be reviewing possible revisions to the Town Charter. In 2022, the Council established a Charter Revision Commission. The voter-approved Charter did include a requirement to review the document to iron out any conflicts or problems that occurred. The Commission completed its work in preparing draft recommendations to the Council. The Council will have a public hearing on the draft and consult with the Commission on their recommendations to improve the efficiency

of the town and make our processes easier. Ultimately, the possible revisions are planned for a public vote in November 2023.

As was the case last year, the Council is also working on a plan to allocate the last of federal funding provided to local governments through the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA). Potential projects are still being reviewed and assessed for approval by the Town Council. Ultimately the appropriations will be presented at a Town Meeting for final approval. The new list will likely include capital projects for the Town to address long-term needs which would have been funded through the budget and additional support for non-profit entities. The original allocations remain active in providing financial supports to individuals in need, small business support, non-profit supports, and other needs that will help Clinton come back stronger from the pandemic. The Town's website has application materials for small businesses. More information can be found at: <https://clintonct.org/DocumentCenter/View/11912/ARPA-Small-Business-Application-Form?bidId=>



Karl Kilduff, Town Manager

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Finally, activity around the former Pierson School is starting. The Town Council wished to see the building find an adaptive re-use which would allow for senior housing. As a result, the Town will issue a Request for Development Proposals to gauge market interest in converting the school to housing. More will come from the process to evaluate potential developer interest and development concepts.

Remember to visit www.clintonct.org and click on "Receive Notifications" on the menu bar at the bottom of the screen. You can customize the information you want to be kept aware of as updates are posted.

Please continue doing your part to keep Clinton safe.

Karl Kilduff, Town Manager

Essex Printing Announces Publishing of Book By Local Author



Essex Printing is pleased to announce the publishing of an exciting new book by local author, Sigrid Kun. "Who Will Save Me?" takes the sheer beauty, grandeur, and allure of thoroughbred horseracing and combines it with real world, daily life struggles of people in all walks of life. There's the high life enjoyed by the rich and influential – the big names, the big races, the big money. There's the flip side in this upstairs/downstairs world with those who toil each day in a struggle to survive.

"We are proud to be associated with this superb novel. It's intriguing. It's suspenseful. It leaves you wondering what will happen next," says Essex Printing President,

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The Arbor Garden Club of Clinton Welcomes Spring!

The Arbor Garden Club of Clinton's public education programs for 2023 include one that is in partnership with The Henry Carter Hull Library. It is a free three-part lecture series titled "Be a Garden Hero." Each session, complete with refreshments, will be held at the library located at 10 Killingworth Turnpike in Clinton and will run from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm on three Thursday evenings beginning on March 9.

Part I will feature Trish Cretella, owner of The Healing Garden Farm in Guilford, who will present the benefits of growing your own food, flowers, and healing herbs. In Part II on April 13 Jessica Penfield, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Old Saybrook, will share how birds benefit our gardens, their nesting habits, and how to attract them. Part III on May 11 will nicely round out the series with ROOTS

Organic Garden Educator, Joey Listro, who will discuss soil composition, companion plantings, composting, fertilizer, and weed control in his topic Growing an Organic Garden. For additional event information: (203) 710-0133 or <https://hchlibrary.org>.

Join The Arbor Garden Club of Clinton members on National Arbor Day on Friday, April 28, for our annual tree planting and dedication event. Check Facebook for planting location details.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 13, for the Arbor Garden Club's Spring Market (May 20 rain date). The location is the Abraham Pierson School green located at 75 East Main Street in Clinton. Offerings include an extensive bake sale, live plants, hand-crafted items by club members, as well as curated items sold by outside vendors. Make the Spring Market your destination to purchase special gifts and desserts just in time for Mother's Day.

For information: The Arbor Garden Club of Clinton on Facebook and Instagram or agcoflinton@gmail.com.



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Have you seen our new interactive magnetic whiteboard wall? Thank you to many community members for donating magnetic toys and supplies from our wish list and giving tree. Visit the Children's Room to come play!

The library is open on Sundays in winter. Stop by between 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm through the end of March for extra hours to browse, study, work, and relax.

Don't miss our monthly art exhibits. Did you know? The library features a different local artist or collaborative exhibit each month. Stop by or visit our website to learn more.

Can you spare a can? Give what you can and take what you need at our 24/7 Little Free Pantry in the library parking lot. Donations of unexpired nonperishable foods welcome.



The interactive magnetic whiteboard wall

More Resources

Need WiFi? Public WiFi may be accessed from our library garden or parking lot every day. WiFi Internet HotSpots are also available for check-out with your library card - Contact us to find out how!

Explore our "Library of Things": New location! Browse musical instruments, activity backpacks for adults and children, streaming media devices, eReaders, and more. Contact us or visit



Little Free Pantry

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Henry Carter Hull Library Programs

For Children

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Weekly Children Programs:

Read to Bee the Therapy Dog

Mondays, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

15-minute one-on-one reading session with Bee the dog. Grades 1 & up. Registration required.

Baby & Me - Am Session

Tuesdays @ 10:00 am

Come sing, bounce, read, and play! Birth - 24 Months. Registration required.

Baby & Me - pm Session

Tuesdays @ 4:00 pm

Come sing, bounce, read, and play! Birth - 24 Months. Registration required.

Yoga & Mindfulness

Wednesdays @ 4:00 pm

Mindfulness exercises, yoga poses, and relaxation techniques. Grades 1 - 5. Registration required.

LEGO Club

Wednesdays, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Try our weekly challenges or build your own creation. All ages. No registration.

Sign Language

Thursdays @ 9:30 am

Learn ASL signs through songs and stories. Birth - Age 6. Registration required.

ABC Amigos

Thursdays @ 10:15 am

Fun and active bilingual Spanish-English class. Birth - Age 6. Registration required.

Crafter noons in the Hub

Thursdays @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Drop-in for open-ended creative exploration in The Hidek Hub. Grades K - 8. No registration.

Movers & Shakers

Thursdays @ 4:00 pm

Music and movement class. 18 months - Age 6. Registration required.

Stories & More

Fridays @ 10:00 am

Stories, music, & movement with Miss Coralie. Ages 2 - 6. Registration required.

Stay & Play

Fridays @ 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Open-ended free-play with sensory games & crafts. All ages. No registration.

Saturday Crafts

Saturdays, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Stop by all day on Saturdays for a special craft activity designed by Miss Jan. No registration.

Special Children Programs:

Tween Dungeons & Dragons

2/13 & 3/13 @ 3:30 pm

Try the world's greatest tabletop roleplaying game. Grades 6 - 8. Registration required.

Zoomobile Animal Encounter for Kids & Families

2/25 @ 1:30 pm

Meet and learn about live animals from Roger Williams Zoo! Ages 5+. Registration required.

Splash Into Art: Colorful Peacock

2/27 @ 4:30 pm

Create a close-up portrait of a colorful peacock using oil pastels. Grades 2 - 6. Registration required.

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

3/6 @ 3:15 pm

Explore science, tech, engineering, art, and math activities. Grades 5 - 8. Registration required.

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

3/6 @ 4:45 pm

Explore science, tech, engineering, art, and math activities. Grades 1 - 4. Registration required.

LEGO WeDo & S.T.E.M. Club

3/13 @ 4:00 pm

LEGO robot building. Sponsored by the Clinton Rotary Club. Grades 1 - 6. Registration required.

Tween Time: Half-Day Hooray!

3/16 @ 12:15 pm

Join us on Clinton school half-days for pizza, fun, crafts, & games. Grades 5 - 8. Registration required.

Design & Build Engineering Challenge

3/20 @ 4:00 pm

Use LEGOs, Keva Planks, Magnatiles, and more to complete the challenge. No registration.

Splash Into Art: Vibrant Jellyfish

3/27 @ 4:30 pm

Create a vibrant underwater jellyfish world on black paper. Grades 2 - 6. Registration required.

Splash Into Art: Watercolor Dandelion

5/24 @ 4:30 pm

Learn several watercolor techniques while creating joyful flowers. Grades 2 - 6. Registration required.

For Teens

More programs added regularly! Visit www.hchlibrary.org or call (860)669-2342 to learn more and sign up.

Weekly Teen Programs:

Chill Zone

Thursdays, 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

You deserve a break! Come chill in the Teen Room. Ages 13 - 18. No registration.

Special Teen Programs:

Giant Jenga

2/21 @ 1:00 pm

A giant version of the classic stacking game! Ages 13 - 18. No registration.

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Teen Dungeons & Dragons

2/22, 3/8, & 3/22 @ 3:30 pm

Ongoing D&D campaign for beginners and returning players. Ages 13 - 18. Registration required.

Zoomobile Animal Encounter for Adults & Teens

2/25 @ 2:30 pm

Meet and learn about live animals from Roger Williams Zoo! Ages 13+. Registration required.

Teen Advisory Board

2/27, 3/27, & 4/24 @ 3:30 pm

Help make library decisions, suggest materials, and help the community. Ages 13 - 18. No registration.

Anime Afternoon

3/1 & 3/17 @ 3:30 pm

Chill out in the Teen Room and watch some anime & have some snacks. Ages 13 - 18. No registration.

Teen Book Club Brunch

3/11, 4/8, & 5/13 @ 1:00 pm

Join us in the teen room for brunch and a book chat! Ages 13 - 18. No registration.

The Craft & The Furious

3/15, 4/19, & 5/17 @ 4:00 pm

Join us in The Hub for some DIY projects, snacks, and more. Ages 13 - 18. No registration.

For Adults

More programs added regularly! Visit www.hchlibrary.org or call (860)669-2342 to learn more and sign up.

Weekly Adult Programs:

Virtual Meditation

Mondays @ 11:00 am

Start your week with a live, virtual, guided meditation class. Ages 18+. Registration required.

Afternoon Mahjong Meetups

Mondays @ 1:00 pm

Play a few friendly rounds of this classic and popular tile-based game. Ages 18+. No registration.

Virtual Chair Yoga

Wednesdays @ 9:00 am

Online class for guided exercises done from a seated position. Ages 18+. Registration required.

Evening Mahjong Meetups

Wednesdays @ 5:45 pm

Play a few friendly rounds of this classic and popular tile-based game. Ages 18+. No registration.

Device Advice

Thursdays, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Stop by for a 30-minute basic tech help session with our Reference Staff. All ages. No registration.

Scrabble Club

Thursdays @ 1:00 pm

Friendly, casual Scrabble playing with fellow word enthusiasts. Ages 18+. No registration.

Stay & Stitch

Fridays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

BYO supplies to work on your fiber art projects and chat with fellow crafters. Ages 18+. No registration.

Virtual Yoga

Fridays @ 10:15 am

Online class for gentle guided exercises. Ages 18+. Registration required.

Special Adult Programs:

Clinton Senior Connection:

Morning Music Meetup

2/21, 3/21, 4/18, & 5/16 @ 10:00 am

For music lovers, music makers, and everybody in between! Ages 18+. No registration.

Storytellers Night: Historical Clinton

2/21 @ 6:00 pm

Join Clinton Historical Society for an evening of vivid presentations. Call or see website for details.

Clinton Senior Connection:

What's Your Story? Writer's Club

2/22 @ 11:00 am

Receive support, share ideas, create, laugh, talk, and write! Ages 18+. Call or see website for details.

The Atlantic Magazine Discussion Group

2/22, 3/22, 4/26, & 5/24 @ 10:30 am

Discuss the latest issue. Copies available. Hybrid program. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

Yoga & Mindfulness

2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, & 3/29 @ 5:00 pm

Relaxing in-person guided yoga class. Individual registration required.

Movie Matinee: The Woman King

2/23 @ 2:30 pm

135 min. Rated PG-13. Call or see website for details. Ages 18+. No registration.

Zoomobile Animal Encounter for Adults & Teens

2/25 @ 2:30 pm

Meet and learn about live animals from Roger Williams Zoo! Ages 13+. Registration required.

Clinton Senior Connection:

Classic Literature Read-Along

2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, & 3/27 @ 6:00 pm

Explore the classics as we read them aloud as a group. Ages 18+. Registration required.

Clinton Senior Connection:

Afternoon Music Meetup

3/2, 4/6, & 5/4 @ 2:00 pm

For music lovers, music makers, and everybody in between! Ages 18+. No registration.

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Afternoon Fiction Book Club

3/9, 4/13, & 5/11 @ 1:00 pm

Monthly fiction discussion. Call or see website for details. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

Movie Matinee: Till

3/9 @ 2:30 pm

130 min. Rated PG-13. Call or see website for details. Ages 18+. No registration.

Be a Garden Hero:**The Healing Garden Farm**

3/9 @ 6:30 pm

Learn the benefits of growing your own food, flowers, & herbs. Ages 18+. No registration.

Creative Writing Group

3/13, 4/10, & 5/8 @ 6:00 pm

Share your writing and get feedback. Hybrid program. Ages 18+. Registration

recommended.

"Get Real" Nonfiction Book Group

3/14, 4/11, & 5/9 @ 1:00 pm

Monthly nonfiction discussion. Call or see website for details. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

TED Talks: Screening & Discussion

3/15, 4/19, & 5/17 @ 10:30 am

Monthly topic. Call or see website for details. Hybrid program. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

Book Chat: Coffee & Conversation

3/16, 4/20, & 5/18 @ 1:00 pm

Monthly topic. Call or see website for details. Hybrid program. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

Movie Matinee: The Banshees of**Inisherin**

3/30 @ 2:30 pm

109 minutes. Rated R. Call or see website

for details. Ages 18+. No registration.

Movie Matinee: TBD

4/13 @ 2:30 pm

Call or see website for details. Ages 18+. No registration.

Be A Garden Hero: Wild Birds Unlimited

4/13 @ 6:30 pm

Learn how birds benefit our gardens and ways to attract them. Ages 18+. No registration.

The Portraits of Clinton Poetry Project: Readings & More

4/20 @ 6:00 pm

Celebrate National Poetry Month! Special guests: Our town and state Poet Laureates.

Outdoor Spring Craft Fair & Community Concert

4/22, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (Rain Date 4/29)

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Don't miss our annual Spring craft fair with local artisans and a free concert by The Engine Room.

Movie Matinee: TBD

4/27 @ 2:30 pm

Call or see website for details. Ages 18+. No registration.

Movie Matinee: TBD

5/11 @ 2:30 pm

Call or see website for details. Ages 18+. No registration.

Be A Garden Hero: ROOTS

5/11 @ 6:30 pm

Learn about healthy soil, companion planting, composting, fertilizer, & more. Ages 18+. No registration.

Movie Matinee: TBD

5/25 @ 2:30pm

Call or see website for details. Ages 18+. No registration.

Did you know? Library programs are funded by generous donations from our community. Find ways to support library programs and say "I Love My Library" at: hchlibrary.org/Donations/NewDonation

Published Book... *continued from page 2*

William McMinn. "It's really a psychological thriller of sorts. Who should you trust? There are unlikely liaisons; opportunists creating turmoil. There's love, hate, hope, despair. There's murder, destruction, drama... demons to be conquered, lost opportunities and second chances."

The novel follows a young woman's unlikely journey in the complex world of thoroughbred horse racing. It's a dream job for her at the track. But that's soon followed by strange twists and turns as imperfect people at all walks of life face their personal struggles.

"I think what makes this novel special is its authenticity," adds McMinn. "While it is fiction, Ms. Kun isn't a stranger to writing or horse racing. She was a journalist, for one. She's also been a racehorse owner, trainer, and exercise rider so she has that experience to draw upon."

For more information or to purchase a copy of the book, contact Essex Printing at (860) 767-9087 or print@essexprinting.com.

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Historic District Commission

Following are a few of our 2022 accomplishments:

The Commission's Historic Restoration Recognition Program profiled four properties in 2021-2022 and following press releases, their photographs were hung in the lower lobby of Andrews Memorial Town Hall. Additionally, HDC decided to add an honorable mention category for properties in a state of deterioration or inappropriate modernization and restored with modern rather than vintage materials. Those so honored will be announced in a press release, but no photo will be hung in the town hall. So far, an honorable mention has been awarded to the owner of 151 East Main for his restoration of the property.

Work is under way by the architectural consultants hired by the town to research the properties at Commerce Street and Leffingwell and write a report, that once approved by State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Interior for authentication. The consultant's services are being paid for by the \$20,000 grant we received from SHPO December 2021. Once their work is approved, Clinton will have its 3rd National Register District. We could not possibly have done this without invaluable, collaboration with Karl Kilduff, our Town Manager.

Last but not least, we submitted a grant proposal for ARPA monies – to promote tourism in Clinton. We have asked for \$3044 for signage and the seven foot granite posts on which to hang the signage, that will delineate each of our National Register Districts.

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Clinton Land Conservation Trust (CLCT) Awarded a Grant

Recently, the Clinton Land Conservation Trust was awarded a \$5,000.00 grant from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County (CFMC). This money will be used in collaboration with the Henry Carter Hull Library to provide future story walks at the library & story hikes on CLCT properties.

The CLCT is also excited to sponsor environmental educational programs at the library this summer for Clinton families. We are so grateful for the opportunity to work together and with the support of CFMC it will be possible.

The Clinton Land Conservation Trust is also excited to sponsor the Annual Winter Animal Tracking Program on Saturday, February 25th from 11-12:30 at Indian River Park & Rec building. Come join naturalist Erik Becker as he leads us through the trails at Indian River in search of animals. Learn about clues and different ways to identify animal tracks in the snow (or in the mud). Wear boots or comfortable hiking shoes and dress for the weather! Please call Clinton Park & Rec to register for this FREE Program @ 860-669-6901 or go on line at parkrecclintonct.recdesk.com. Pre-registration and a signed permission slip is required.

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From the Town Clerk's Office

IMPORTANT DATES:

April 13th — Absentee Ballots become available for the budget referendum

May 3rd — Annual Budget Meeting

May 10th — Budget Referendum, 6am to 8pm in the Green Room at the William Stanton Andrews Memorial Town Hall

PERMANENT 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.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Town Clerk's office at 860-669-9101, Monday to Wednesday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Thursday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm and Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon or email: townclerk@clintonct.org.

SPORTS LICENSES

Sports licenses (fishing & hunting) are available in the Town Clerk's office as well as on the DEEP website.

SHELLFISHING

Shellfish licenses are available in the Town Clerk's Office or online at www.clintonshellfish.org. The shellfish beds are open all year. We only accept cash or check for payments or you can purchase online at www.clintonshellfish.org with a credit card.

If you should have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 860-669-9101 or email townclerk@clintonct.org.



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CFMC offers a "Round of Applause" to Bare Necessities for their hard work on behalf of our littlest community members. They are committed to meeting 70% of the monthly diaper need for

approximately 450 babies annually. CFMC is pleased to join caring individuals and businesses in supporting Bare Necessities through a grant from the Sari A. Rosenbaum Fund for Women & Girls at CFMC.

The grant was approved in the Fall 2022-2023 grant making process and will help fund the purchase of diapers for low income families along the shoreline.

The grant process at CFMC is how we put the community's dollars to work to meet rising and changing needs. The

Sari A. Rosenbaum Fund for Women & Girls is one of 311 charitable Funds at the Community Foundation. We are grateful for everyone who steps up and lends a hand to make a difference by supporting what matters to them.

The Community Foundation of Middlesex County's interests are your interests, including animal welfare, arts and culture, health and social services, education, history, the environment, civic improvements, recreation, and economic security and opportunity. We are proud to be accredited with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations®, the nation's highest and most rigorous standard for philanthropic excellence. We welcome conversations with good people who want to do great things. For more information, contact us at 860.347.0025 or info@MiddlesexCountyCF.org.



to last the week or wondering if you can afford baby wipes next month. Bare Necessities is committed to supporting families in need, providing diapers, wipes, and pull-ups at various locations across the shoreline. Bare Necessities truly understands that access to the everyday basics can mean the difference between



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Save the Date: Monday, June 26, 2023 for our next annual tournament!



Shellfishing

The 2023 shellfish season is upon us. Late in the 2022 season our shellfish beds underwent some seasonal changes. Area 'A' (see map) is now open all year except summer closure June 1-Sept 30. Area 'B' is now open all year.

Due to regulations imposed by the CT Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture (DABA), temporary closures may be required after heavy rain events. These closures are for



your safety. To reopen shellfish beds water samples from twenty specific locations must be acquired. Also 1.5 dozen clams are randomly removed from the town beds and delivered, along with water samples, to DABA. Once the samples are analyzed and approved, the beds can be reopened for shellfishing.

Once a month, water samples are taken and analyzed regardless of a rain event. Even during the cold of winter, shellfish commission volunteers retrieve samples to ensure shellfish are safe for your consumption.

Here are a few recommended safety ideas for shellfishing during the colder months.

When using chest waders, it is a good idea to wear a tight belt around the outer waist. Should you lose your balance and fall, the belt prevents the waders filling with water. Getting back to shore in waders full of water is extremely dangerous. It's also recommended to go shellfishing with a friend. Keep a sharp eye on each other when separated. Wear a waterproof whistle to call for help. This tool can save your life in an emergency.

Another safety measure is to have a small compass with you. We live in an area where fog can roll in at a moment's notice. It's very easy to lose your bearings when engulfed in fog. But armed with a compass, and knowledge of the direction of shore, you can safely make your way back and enjoy your catch.

Always be aware of the incoming/rising tide. Water levels can rise a foot an hour in Clinton Harbor. Have a plan for exiting before the water rises. A general rule of thumb is to start shellfishing an hour before, and exit an hour after low tide.

For more information on acquiring licenses, daily limits, checking closures and more please visit: Clintonshellfish.org.



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The Clinton Parks & Rec Department

WHO BEEN IN MY BACKYARD:

Meet Naturalist Erik Becker for a walk through the woods learning how to recognize native animal tracks, food, habits and favorite habitats. Then take his knowledge home to solve the animal mysteries that happen in your own backyard! This FREE program for 1st-5th graders takes place on February 25th from 11:00 am-12:30 pm.

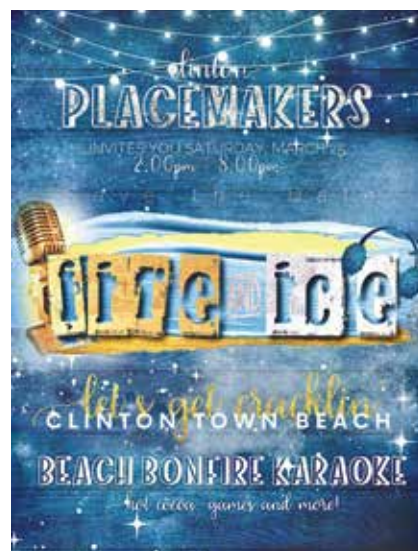
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MARY CULINARY CLASSES: Kids, put your aprons on and get ready to have FUN in the kitchen! Learn kitchen etiquette, basic techniques of preparing food and using equipment. Best of all, you will get to enjoy your very own creation with friends. Register for our March classes at <https://parkrecclintonct.recdesk.com>.

ADULT Co-Ed VOLLEYBALL OPEN GYM: Come have some fun and join us for a friendly game of volleyball. Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Jared Eliot gym.

FIRE & ICE BONFIRE EVENT: The Clinton Placemakers are saying farewell to winter and welcoming summer by holding Clinton's first Fire & Ice event at the Town Beach on March 25th from 2-8 pm. This family friendly event will provide music, karaoke, a bonfire on the beach, a pizza truck, hot chocolate, and more!

KAYAK RACK RENTALS: Rentals begin April 3rd at 9 am for this year's boating season. In person registration will be handled before phone calls; online registration is not available. To rent a rack, you must have an active account with Parks & Rec (go to



<https://parkrecclintonct.recdesk.com> to set up your account). One rack per household, Clinton residents only and no early registrations or requests. Racks are located at the Clinton Town Beach, Esposito Beach and behind the Clinton Town Hall. The cost is \$75 for the season.

ZUMBA: Mondays at 5:45 pm & Saturdays at 10:30 am. Come join the FUN at your own pace!! Adult Zumba classes are held at the Indian River complex building located at 201 Killingworth Turnpike in Clinton. The hour long classes are instructed by Sara Prior and cost \$7 per class. No registration or contract needed. Schedules may vary so please check our on-line calendar.

PICKLEBALL: Did you know we have a pickleball court painted on our basketball court at the Indian River Recreation Complex? We have a net, paddles and balls available for use for anyone interested. Please call the office (860-669-6901) Monday-Friday between 9 am-4 pm to inquire about getting access to the equipment.

We are looking for certified life guards at the town beach this summer. Anyone interested, please contact Parks & Recreation at 860-669-6901.

For more information on all of our programs and events, please check our FACEBOOK page (Clinton CT Parks & Recreation) or go to our website at: <https://parkrecclintonct.recdesk.com>.

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Taste of the Shoreline is an over 21 yrs old event and no outside food or drink will be permitted. There will be a variety of food, generously donated from restaurants all over the shoreline and great live music from The Green Stamps. There will be alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks to purchase and some great raffle items and a silent auction.

We hope you will join us for this great event to help benefit the Morgan class of 2023.

If there is snow on 2/25 the snow date for event is 3/4/2023

Ticket purchases are non-refundable.

Tickets can be purchased on <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taste-of-the-shoreline-for-morgan-project-grad-2023-tickets-488026439217>.

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As we begin this new year we vow to continue our twice weekly deliveries to the Clinton Food Pantry. Our weekly shipments provide much needed fresh produce, non-perishable food items, and personal care items. Since the COVID-19 crisis started in April 2020 your donations have helped us

deliver over 224,00 pounds of these much-needed items.

One of our goals in 2023 is to increase the number of Clinton students that we will be able to provide weeklong summer scholarships to art camp, musical theater camp, and sailing camp. For many of these younger students this will give them a chance to experience a new and different learning venue.

Our first event of 2023 will be our traditional "Stuff The Cruiser" food drive which will be held in late March at a local supermarket. We hold this event with the help of the Clinton Police Department. We will also be holding events in May and June so be sure to check out our website for times and dates for all our upcoming events. Donations to Families Helping Families can be made on our website fhfclinton.org or by sending a check to P. O. Box 166 Clinton, CT, 06413.

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