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# Town Manager's Corner

## Back to the Water

The warmth of spring brings us back to the waterfront which gives Clinton much of its character as a community. There is a lot of planned activity in and around the waters of Clinton to report. Most significant is the anticipated dredging of "hot spots" in Clinton Harbor which will keep the harbor open and navigable for boaters. The support of Congressman Courtney helped Clinton secure a spot in the US Army Corps of Engineer's upcoming work plan. Clinton's harbor plays a big role in the Town's "blue economy" and the removal of sediments keeps the harbor's prominence.

As we focus on the importance of the coast as asset, Clinton is part of a regional effort that secured grant funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to develop a regional and local coastal resiliency plan that will help guide future decision making. Clinton staff and volunteer are working with others from Westbrook, Old Saybrook and the Borough of Fenwick on the regional plan. A more specific to Clinton plan will also be part of this effort that will involve a Coastal Resiliency Task Force recently appointed by the Town Council.

The fall and winter months were not kind to the Clinton beach with storms resulting in areas of coastal erosion. The Town has engaged an engineer to help develop potential solutions that will help maintain our coastline. Any solution needs to be coordinated

with both the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection as well as the US Army Corps of Engineers. We are looking forward to a design solution that will help preserve the Town's coastline which can be permitted by both agencies and be funded utilizing appropriate, available grants and local resources.



Karl Kilduff, Town Manager

Other recent investments that improve our community included, Manufacturing Intern grants were provided to three local manufacturers to hire Clinton high school or returning college students to work in Clinton's manufacturing sector. These businesses offer unique experience opportunities, often times involving high technology. The internship helps local student and gives them a window into a potential local career as well as assists local businesses thrive. The grants were provided from American Recovery Plan Act funds which was provided to the Town. Other small business grants are still available. Application materials can be found on the Town's website. Search for "ARPA Funding" to access applications.

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**ABOUT THE COVER** The sunset is a photo of one of the Clinton Shellfish Commission's commissioners spreading seed clams onto the Clinton Recreational Shellfish Beds. More than 100,000 were seeded that day.

## Town Manager... *continued from page 3*

Finally, on the Town staffing front, there are two major changes to report. The Town is proud to welcome Abby Piersall as our full time Town Planner. Abby's addition marks an improvement in the services we can provide to the public over our prior approach of using a consultant. She has already made a big impact on the process used by the Town's land use boards and will be able to provide support and direction to those looking to build in Clinton too. July will also mark the retirement of David Melillo who has served as the Director of Human Services. In this position, David has had an impact helping those in need and the youth of Clinton through programs, counseling and directing the Youth Service Bureau. The Town will be recruiting for David's replacement to building on the momentum meeting the needs of the community.

Thank you for your part in making Clinton a great community.  
 Karl Kilduff, Town Manager



## St. Mary's First Time Craft Fair

54 Grove Street, Clinton CT

June 10th, 2023

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Over 40 Crafters, Bake Sale  
 and Raffle: 1000/500/250



## Summer Concerts are Back!

Music will once again fill the air on Thursday evenings this summer. The Michael B. Ierardi Jr. Memorial Fund Concert Series will move back to Thursday evenings beginning on July 13th. The concerts will run through August 17th (excluding First Thursday on August 3rd). The concerts will be held at the Vece Gazebo in front of Pierson School and will run from 6:30 to 8pm. Local favorites Rock Bottom Band will kick off the series on July 13th, followed by The Hip! Replacements on July 20th, The Engine Room on July 27th, TBD on August 10th and winner of the Locals Live competition at Mohegan Sun, Nick Bosse on August 17th.

## CHAMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

### DATE & EVENT

June 6  
**ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BREAKFAST**  
 Robert DiBona Scholarship Awards

June 13  
**CIGAR & WHISKEY TASTING EVENT**

July 7  
**2nd ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FOOD & BEER FESTIVAL**  
 (organized by Clinton Placemakers)

### MICHAEL BIERARDI, JR MEMORIAL FUND 2023 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

July 13      Rock Bottom Band  
 July 20      The Hip! Replacements  
 July 27      Engine Room  
 August 10    TBD  
 August 17    Nick Bosse

August 26  
**CLINTON SUMMERFEST & FIREWORKS**  
 Beer Garden, Food Trucks, Music, Kids Activities, and more  
 Rain Date: August 27th, Sunday

### TIME

8:00 – 9:30 am

5:30 – 7:00 pm

4:00 - 8:00 pm

6:30 – 8:00 pm  
 Thursdays

Summerfest  
 4:00 – 8:00 pm

Fireworks  
 9:00 pm

### LOCATION

Town Hall Green Room  
 54 East Main Street, Clinton

McCusker's Landing  
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Behind Town Hall  
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Vece Gazebo  
 (Pierson School)  
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# Henry Carter Hull Library

**What's new at HCH Library?** Visit [www.hchlibrary.org](http://www.hchlibrary.org) or call (860)669-2342 for the most up-to-date hours, guidelines, information about upcoming events and programs, and details about our services. Subscribe to our email newsletter and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates. Need a library card? Have a question? We're here to help! Please call or email [askus@hchlibrary.org](mailto:askus@hchlibrary.org) for assistance.

**Your Tech Connection.** Through a collaboration with Clinton Human Services, the library is pleased to offer Tech Connection, a program that provides community technology support, resources,



and education. Stop by the library for one-on-one assistance with Tech Guide Matthew, Tuesdays through Thursdays from 6:00 - 8:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Use your library card to borrow a laptop or Wi-Fi Internet Hotspot at no cost. Create a Northstar Digital Literacy account for free to access self-guided online computer and technology skills training, or sign up for in-person introductory Tech Connection workshops at the library. To learn more, call the library or visit: [hchlibrary.org/techconnection](http://hchlibrary.org/techconnection)

**You're Invited to a Summer Reading Kick-Off Party!** Join us for a live, outdoor concert with The Engine Room and enjoy some ice cream as we kick-off our all-ages Summer Reading program on Sat. 6/10 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. No registration. Rain or shine. "It's a Shore Thing!"

## More Resources

Plan a Staycation with Museum & Park Passes. Borrow free or discounted passes to a selection of museums, zoos, and other cultural attractions in the area. Museum passes include the following fun-filled destinations: The Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center, The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, The Basketball Hall of Fame, Beardsley Zoo, Florence Griswold Museum, CT River Museum, Mystic Seaport Museum, New Britain Museum of American Art, New England Air Museum, Niantic Children's Museum, and the Connecticut State Parks Pass which provides free access to the Dinosaur State Park, Fort Trumbull State Park, and Gillette Castle State Park. For details regarding specific offers and usage instructions, call or visit: [hchlibrary.org/museum-passes](http://hchlibrary.org/museum-passes)

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**Online Resources:** Valuable digital resources and streaming materials are available online. Visit [hchlibrary.org/hchonline](http://hchlibrary.org/hchonline) and use your Clinton library card to create an account to access tutorials, databases, movies, music, eBooks, audiobooks, and more.

### For Children

Visit [www.hchlibrary.org](http://www.hchlibrary.org) or call (860)669-2342 to learn more and sign up.

#### Read to Bee the Therapy Dog

(Weekly) Mondays, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
15-minute one-on-one reading session with Bee the dog. Grades 1 - 8.  
Registration required.

#### Baby & Me - Am Session

(Weekly) Tuesdays @ 10:00 am  
Come sing, bounce, read, and play! Birth - 24 Months. Registration required.

#### Baby & Me - pm Session

(Weekly) Tuesdays @ 4:00 pm  
Come sing, bounce, read, and play! Birth - 24 Months. Registration required.

#### LEGO Club

(Weekly) Wednesdays, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm  
Try our weekly challenges or build your own creation. All ages. No registration.

#### Sign Language

(Weekly) Thursdays @ 9:30 am  
Learn ASL signs through songs and stories. Birth - Age 6. Registration required.

#### ABC Amigos

(Weekly) Thursdays @ 10:15 am  
Fun and active bilingual Spanish-English class. Birth - Age 6. Registration required.

#### Movers & Shakers

(Weekly) Thursdays @ 4:00 pm  
Music and movement class. 18 months - Age 6. No registration.

#### Stories & More

(Weekly) Fridays @ 10:00 am  
Stories, music, & movement with Miss Coralie. Ages 2 - 6. Registration required.

#### Stay & Play

(Weekly) Fridays @ 10:30 am - 11:30 am  
Open-ended free-play with sensory games & crafts. All ages. No registration.

#### Saturday Crafts

(Weekly) Saturdays, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Stop by all day on Saturdays for a special craft activity designed by Miss Jan. No registration.

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

5/24 @ 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

5/24 @ 4:45 pm  
Explore science, tech, engineering, art, and math activities. Grades 1 - 4. Registration required.

#### Nature Painting Program with Cindy Stevens

6/3 @ 10:30 am  
Hike and paint. Sponsored by Clinton Land Conservation Trust. Grades 5 - 8. Registration required.

#### Splash Into Art

6/21 @ 3:00 pm. Check website for details.  
Grades 2 - 6. Registration required.

#### All About Opossums

6/21 @ 5:00 pm  
Meet backyard wildlife! Sponsored by Clinton Land Conservation Trust. Ages 6+. Registration required.

#### Tween Time - Summer Enrichment

6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, & 8/10 @ 12:30 pm  
Check website for details. Grades 5 - 8. Sponsored by Clinton Human Services. Registration required.

#### Backstage at the Ballet with Connecticut Ballet

6/24 @ 11:00 am  
Music and dance themed activity, storytime, and Q&A. Ages 4 -12.  
Registration required.

#### The Secret Lives of Owls

7/26 @ 4:00 pm  
Owls up close. Sponsored by Clinton Land Conservation Trust. Ages 5+. Registration required.

#### Reptile Show with Meigs Point Nature Center

7/28 @ 2:00 pm  
Snake and turtle visit. Sponsored by Clinton Land Conservation Trust. Ages 5+. Registration required.

#### Tween Time Book Chat: Living with Viola

8/2 @ 4:00 pm  
Discussion & activity based on the graphic novel by Rosena Fung. Grades 5 - 8.  
Registration required.

### For Teens

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

#### Chill Zone

(Weekly) Thursdays, 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm  
You deserve a break! Come chill in the Teen Room. Ages 13 - 18. No registration.

#### Nature Painting Program with Cindy Stevens

6/3 @ 10:30 am. Hike and paint.  
Sponsored by Clinton Land Conservation Trust. Grades 5 - 8. Registration required.

#### Tabletop Tuesdays

6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, & 8/22 @ 1:00 pm. Discover and play a new tabletop game each week. Ages 13 - 18. Registration required.

#### Work In Progress Workshop

6/23, 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm.  
Come work on your latest creative project or start a new one! Ages 13 - 18. No registration.

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### **Teen Advisory Board**

6/26 @ 3:30 pm. Help make library decisions, suggest materials, and help the community. Ages 13 - 18. No registration.

### **For Adults**

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

### **Virtual Meditation**

(Weekly) Mondays @ 11:00 am  
Start your week with a live, virtual, guided meditation class. Ages 18+. Registration required.

### **Afternoon Mahjong Meetups**

(Weekly) Mondays @ 1:00 pm  
Play a few friendly rounds of this classic and popular tile-based game. Ages 18+. No registration.

### **Clinton Senior Connection: Connect with the Classics**

(Weekly) Mondays @ 5:00 pm  
Explore the classics as we read them aloud as a group. Ages 18+. Registration required.

### **Scrabble Club**

(Weekly) Tuesdays @ 2:00 pm  
Friendly, casual Scrabble playing with fellow word enthusiasts. Ages 18+. No registration.

### **Virtual Chair Yoga**

(Weekly) Wednesdays @ 9:00 am  
Online class for guided exercises done from a seated position. Ages 18+. Registration required.

### **Clinton Senior Connection: What's Your Story? Writer's Club**

(Weekly) Wednesdays @ 11:15 am  
Receive support, share ideas, create, laugh, talk, and write! Ages 18+. No registration.

### **Evening Mahjong Meetups**

(Weekly) Wednesdays @ 5:45 pm  
Play a few friendly rounds of this classic and popular tile-based game. Ages 18+. No registration.

### **Stay & Stitch**

(Weekly) 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**

(Weekly) Fridays @ 10:15 am  
Online class for gentle guided exercises. Ages 18+. Registration required.

### **In-Person Yoga & Mindfulness**

5/17, 5/24, 5/31, & 6/7 @ 5:00 pm  
Relaxing in-person guided yoga class. Ages 18+. Individual weekly registration required.



### **Saturday Morning Movie: TBD**

5/20, 6/17, 7/15, & 8/19 @ 11:00 am  
Join us monthly on the 3rd Saturday. See website for details. Ages 18+. No registration.

### **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**

5/22, 6/16, 7/24, & 8/28 @ 5:30 pm  
Join Clinton Human Services on the 4th Monday for support and resources. No registration.

### **The Atlantic Magazine Discussion Group**

5/24, 6/28, & 7/26 @ 10:30 am  
Discuss the latest issue. Copies available. Hybrid program. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

### **Writing Workshop: Starting & Structuring Your Story**

5/25 @ 6:00 pm  
Create an outline to begin your story, novel, or memoir. Ages 18+. No registration.

### **Clinton Senior Connection: Afternoon Music Meetup**

6/1, 7/6, & 8/3 @ 2:00 pm  
For music lovers, music makers, and everybody in between! Ages 18+. No registration.

### **Tech Connection Workshop: TBD**

6/3, 7/8, & 8/12 @ 11:00 am  
Join our Tech Guide for into technology workshops. Laptops provided. Ages 13+. Registration required.

### **Movie Night: TBD**

6/6, & 8/1 @ 5:30 pm  
Call or see website for details. Ages 18+. No registration.

### **Afternoon Fiction Book Club: TBD**

6/8, 7/13, & 8/10 @ 1:00 pm  
Monthly fiction discussion. Call or see website for details. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

### **Creative Writing Group**

6/12, 7/10, & 8/14 @ 6:00 pm  
Share your writing and get feedback. Hybrid program. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

### **"Get Real" Nonfiction Book Group: South to america**

6/13 @ 1:00 pm  
Discuss the book by Imani Perry. Books available. Ages 18+. Call or see website for details.

### **NAMI Family Support Group**

6/13, 7/11, & 8/8 @ 1:00 pm  
Join NAMI Shoreline monthly on the 2nd Tuesday for support. Ages 18+. No registration.

### **Book Chat Coffee & Conversation: TBD**

6/15, 7/20, & 8/17 @ 1:00 pm  
New topic or theme each month. Call or see website for details. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

### **Movie Matinee: TBD**

6/15, 6/29, 7/13, 7/27, & 8/10 @ 3:00 pm  
Call or see website for details. Ages 18+. No registration.

### **Clinton Senior Connection: Morning Music Meetup**

6/20, 7/18, & 8/15 @ 10:00 am  
For music lovers, music makers, and everybody in between! Ages 18+. No registration.

### **TED Talks Screening & Discussion: TBD**

6/21, 7/19, & 8/16 @ 10:30 am  
Monthly topic. Call or see website for details. Hybrid program. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

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## Can I Put a Sandwich Board Sign Out in Front of My Business? Yes, but a Sign Permit is Required

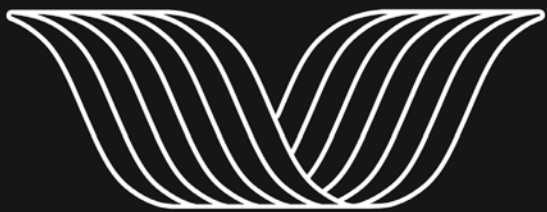
Sandwich Board, or A Frame signs, are often used by restaurants and retailers. They can be used as temporary signs, to advertise a sale or special event, or they can be used on a more permanent basis to help the business gain visibility.

For a permanent Sandwich Board Sign, per Zoning Regulation 34.8.6 Sandwich Board Signs: In non-residential districts, one (1) sandwich board sign, not to exceed six square feet (6 sq. ft.), may be permitted per property. (a) Such sandwich board sign must be located on private property. (b) If the sandwich board sign advertises a use located on a different property, the owner of the property on which the sign is to be located must give permission (via signature on the sign permit application) for the sign to be erected.



For a temporary Sandwich Board Sign, per Zoning Regulation 34.8.5 Temporary Events: Banners, sandwich board signs, or pennants may be permitted for temporary events. A temporary event may include special sales at commercial establishments. (a) There shall be only one (1) temporary sign erected for any event. (b) There shall be no more than two (2) events requiring signage per calendar year except for municipally owned properties where there shall be no more than two (2) signs at a time. (c) The temporary sign may be erected up to two (2) weeks prior to the event and must be removed within one (1) week following the event. (d) No temporary sign may remain for a total of no more than thirty (30) days.

If you'd like either a temporary or permanent Sandwich Board Sign, you are required to obtain a Sign Permit. You can apply for the permit online through the Land Use Office. Please contact us with any questions. We're here to help.



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## **Bare Necessities, Inc Thanks the Shoreline Community**

Bare Necessities, Inc is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) that supplies diapers and wipes to families in need. One in three families suffer from diaper need. Families often must cut back in other areas to provide diapers for their children which leads to financial, emotional and physical stress. Bare Necessities is currently supporting over 500 Shoreline families.

We thank the Shoreline Community for their support at our annual Law Enforcement Diaper Drive in February coordinated by Clinton Police Chief Vincent DeMaio. In total, 27,795 diapers and 24,974 wipes were collected.

Special appreciation is also extended to the Community Foundation of Middlesex County (Sari A Rosenbaum Fund for Women and Girls), Westbrook Foundation, American Savings Foundation, and Olga Sipolin

Children's Fund who have provided community grants for use this year.

And finally, a special thank you to Essex Savings Bank for sponsoring our annual fundraiser Ducky Dip on June 17 at Clinton Town Beach from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Other major sponsors include Clarity Software Service, New Haven Terminal, Clinton Lions Club, Westbrook Elks Lodge #1784, Mike Ferrara Development, Personal Pet Care, Shoreline Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, and Ram, Madison Earth Care, Clinton Glass, and Clinton Paint and Decorating. "We are excited to be back in person. We hope families will join us for the event. Free activities for the children are planned," says Nancy Popp, organizer of the event.

We could not help the families without the support of local businesses and private donors.

## **Helping Our Community Thrive...**



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Through partnerships with businesses who want to make a difference...

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Through community members who put their hearts and dollars to work for a better today, and brighter tomorrow for all.

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# Clamming

Your Shellfish Commission collects samples each month and after every major rain event. The water samples and clam samples are tested at State labs. The labs assure the shellfish beds are safe for harvest. Documentation of high water quality and clam health has allowed the State to permit Clinton shellfish beds to be open all year

## Clamming traditions

Native Americans clammed for millennia

New Englanders clammed for centuries.

Clams are a traditional part of a coastal New England diet

## Where to find clams

Each town along the shoreline has designated recreational beds. Clinton beds are south of the town beach and east of the harbor channel. The Shellfish Commission seeds and stocks clams in this area.

Clams live under the sand or mud and hide in the tidal areas. They don't move much but do get moved with the shifting sands.

*Delicious and nutritional food • Great exercise • Year-round outdoor activity • Fresh air and beautiful sunsets • Family fun activity • License fees go to stocking and seeding clams - more clams mean healthier and cleaner waters*

## Why do clams hide?

Clams are not just eaten by us. They have many predators looking for them: Crabs, seagulls, starfish, worms even some fish. By staying out of sight, they improve their chances of survival and grow and reproduce.

Because clams are filter feeders, they must circulate water through their shells to extract what they need from the water that flows by above them. Hardshell clams have a tube about 1 1/2" long that is part of their anatomy. They extend the tube up to the surface of the sand and draw water down into their shells extracting oxygen and nutrients from the water.

Clammers know this; and therefore, know the clams they seek are resting invisibly just an inch or two below the surface of the sandy bottom. Clam rakes are designed to find them.

## Things you need to go clamming

- A clamming license - all shellfish beds are controlled by the State and



managed by each town along the shore. The licenses are sold by each town and each town sets the regulations for their shellfish beds. Maps and a sheet of regulations are provided when you buy your license and are also available on line. Licenses are affordable and entitle one adult and a companion to clam together. Children 12 and under can clam without a license.

- You will need a rake and a basket. The clam rake is designed to reach down into the sandy bottom and detect and collect the clams. The basket is to help you to carry your harvest home.

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# Probate Fees 101

The Probate Court becomes involved when a person dies in order to assist with transferring assets from the name of the deceased person to his or her heirs or beneficiaries under a Will. In our court, which serves a population of approximately 62,000, we saw a rise in decedent's estate matters with the onset of the Covid pandemic, moving from 1,419 decedent's estates in 2019 to 1,523 in 2020 and eventually 2,371 in 2021. There is much information and misinformation about what the cost is to invoke the assistance of the Probate Court in a decedent's estate matter. Calculating probate fees is very fact specific, but it is my hope that the guidelines below will assist court users in understanding how fees might be assessed for their own estates.

For anyone dying on or after July 1, 2016, probate fees are assessed in accordance with the following table:

Basis for Computation of Fees	Total Fee
0 to \$500	\$25
\$501 to \$1,000	\$50
\$1,000 to \$10,000	\$50, plus 1% of all in excess of \$1,000
\$10,000 to \$500,000	\$150, plus .35% of all in excess of \$10,000
\$500,000 to \$2,000,000	\$1,865, plus .25% of all in excess of \$500,000
\$2,000,000 to \$8,877,000	\$5,615, plus .5% of all in excess of \$2,000,000
\$8,877,000 and over	\$40,000

Any portion of the basis for fees that passes to the surviving spouse is reduced by fifty per cent.

In a hypothetical scenario where the husband of a couple dies first, and the couple owns a house valued at \$500,000, a joint bank account valued at \$100,000, a jointly owned car valued at \$20,000, and the husband has a retirement account valued at \$350,000, all of which pass to his surviving spouse, the probate fee would be calculated as follows: half of the value of the jointly owned assets are attributed to the husband's estate, namely house, bank account and car, or  $(\$250,000 + \$50,000 + \$10,000 = \$310,000)$ . The retirement account is solely owned, so its entire value of \$350,000 is added to the \$310,000 in joint assets = \$660,000. Since all property passes to the surviving spouse, the \$660,000 in value of the husband's assets is reduced by half, and becomes \$330,000. Using the table above, the probate fee is then calculated as follows:  $(\$330,000 - \$10,000) \times 0.0035 = \$1,120.00 + \$150.00 = \$1,270.00$

Further information about fees associated with decedent's estates can be found in the Connecticut General Statutes, section 45a-107, and online at [www.ctprobate.gov/pages/probate-fees-and-expenses](http://www.ctprobate.gov/pages/probate-fees-and-expenses). The online calculator is useful, but calculating probate fees is most accurately done by a skilled probate clerk at your local court. The Saybrook District Court serves the 9 towns of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook.

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## Clinton Land Trust News

The Clinton Land Trust has been very busy!

In February, Naturalist Erik Becker led a hike called "Who's Been in My Backyard?"

It was an exciting day of animal tracking.

Students learned how to identify both animal tracks on the ground as well as evidence of animals climbing trees. It was a fabulous day

of learning for all involved! Thanks to a grant from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, the Clinton Land Trust is partnering with the Henry Carter Hull Library to sponsor many programs for kids and adults this spring and summer. Some examples of the programs are: a beekeeping lecture, live owl & hawk presentation, nature painting with Cindy Stevens, wildlife rehabilitation of opossums and so many more. Please call the library for dates and times of these programs.

CLCT is excited to share some exciting news about scholarships for the children of Clinton. For the past 16 years, thanks to the generous donation from Eunice Symonds, the Land Trust has sponsored elementary students to attend Bushy Hill Nature Camp in Ivoryton. The lucky winners who will spend two weeks exploring nature at Bushy Hill camp this summer are: Aiden Langner, Emma Lawlor, Didier Orelluna, and Casey Gallardo.



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# From the Tax Collector

## *Taxes will be due July 1, 2023*

The first installment of town tax for real estate and personal property taxes and motor vehicle will be due on Friday July 1, 2023, we close at 12:00 noon on Fridays.

The last day to pay your taxes without penalty is August 1, 2023 at 4 pm. If you mail your payment on the last day, it MUST BE POSTMARKED 8/1/23. Interest accrues at 1.5% per month, 18% per annum. On August 2, 2023 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, 2024 and delinquent on February 1, 2024.

### **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. We also have a self-service Kiosk available in the 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. 860-669-9067.

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### **MOTOR VEHICLES:**

Sold, lost, stolen, traded your vehicle? Please contact the Assessor's Office to give them proper documentation to correct your bill, they can be reached at 860-669-9269.

Motor Vehicle Supplemental Vehicle Bills will be mailed during the month of December.

### **PERSONAL PROPERTY:**

Closed your business? Please contact the Assessor's Office to give them proper documentation to correct your bill, they can be reached at 860-669-9269.

Visit the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles website for additional information. [www.ct.gov/dmv](http://www.ct.gov/dmv)

### **Current Connecticut Residents:**

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.

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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 860-669-9067.

# Super Heroes of Clinton

At the Community Foundation of Middlesex County (CFMC), we are humbled to work with so many people who share one core passion – our community. Whether it's supporting our youth, providing “a hand up” with basic needs, or seeking new and innovative ways to solve some of our community's most complex and pressing issues, we are surrounded by people working for a Better Today and Brighter Tomorrow. Clinton has so many caring and committed residents who have set out to make a big difference in the town they care about – let's give them all a round of applause.

We'd like to offer a very special salute to two Clinton super heroes: Dylan Walter and Cathy Weiss. Dylan and Cathy are keenly aware of the impacts the COVID-19 pandemic have on our community and wanted to inspire positive change for causes they hold close to their hearts. They each reached out to CFMC to say, “I have an idea, and I want to help.”

Dylan is particularly interested in programs and services that address mental wellness and the Fund he established at CFMC, the Clinton Compassion Fund, will support health, well-being, and social service programs for all town residents through local nonprofits. Cathy believes in helping those in need, particularly those suffering with physical and mental health issues, as well as single moms who may need extra aid. She established the Cathy Weiss Sunrise Fund at CFMC to support Clinton nonprofits that offer those resources. How fortunate Clinton is to have Dylan and Cathy in its midst.

They might not wear capes, but they are super heroes in our eyes! Their commitment to ensuring local organizations serving Clinton have the resources they need is awe-inspiring. A Round of Applause for Dylan Walter and Cathy Weiss for their kind and generous ways.

We welcome conversations with Good People who want to do Great Things. The

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## Clamming...continued from page 11

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- A hat, warm clothes, and insulated waterproof gloves in the winter.

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## Clinton Historic District Commision

The Clinton Historic District Commission's Program for Recognition of an Historic Property's Restoration, recognizes its second Honorable Mention of a property whose restoration used modern exterior materials, such as vinyl siding, rather than materials common to the era when the structure was originally built. As with HDC's first honorable mention, in this case, there will be recognition in the press, though no photo hung on a wall at Andrews Memorial Town Hall. We are hoping that such public recognition will encourage more people to repair and restore their antique properties. HDC's second honorable mention goes to Three Eleven LLC for their restoration of the house at 138 East Main Street, originally built in 1820, which is a contributing structure in the Clinton Village Historic District.



138 East Main Street  
 Photograph by Historic District Commission Member Rich Geer.

This house had an interesting and public history under previous ownership. The building housed a number of businesses, one of which was cited by the Town of Clinton's Zoning Enforcement Officer for excess signage. Claiming that their customers could not find them under the town's signage regulations, they

fought to keep what excess signage they had in place – but lost. And so they painted each face of the building's exterior, including its annex, a different, bright color. Red, green, blue, yellow, purple — as there was, and still is, no regulation about the color the exterior of a structure in Clinton can be painted — even in a National Register District. The fracas and the building owner's ultimate solution caught the eye of the press and a feature story ended up on page one of the New York Times Sunday/Connecticut Real Estate Section. The building now houses apartments, not businesses, and the siding, though vinyl, is a lovely, uniform shade of light gray. The property, now fully restored, looks as glorious as it must have when first built a little over two hundred years ago.

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## Land Trust...continued from page 12

In addition, the Clinton Land Trust is also sponsoring scholarships for Clinton kids to attend Ecology Camp. The following five lucky winners will spend the week of June 19-23 exploring tide pools, salt marshes, vernal pools and streams; comparing and contrasting the plants and animals living there. Congrats to Nathan Reeves, Piper Gabor, Lydia Templeton, Laconia Shepard and Ava Clarke for writing a persuasive essay to win a scholarship!

The winner of the last scholarship offering (the Crosby Scholarship) is available to any Morgan Senior furthering their studies in the field of science, environmental studies, biology, or botany. The winner will be announced in May.

In late April, the CLCT hosted the annual Peeper Prowl. Families gathered at the Indian River Complex to learn about the life cycle of the popular amphibian, the spring peeper.

The Clinton Seniors enjoyed a Land Trust guided walk through the Lucy Eliot property, and many neighborhoods were cleaned up by volunteers in honor of Earth Day 2023.

We are grateful to our Land Trust volunteers who continue to beautify and care for our trails — making it safe and enjoyable to experience hiking in Clinton. To learn more about Land Trust happenings, visit our website: [www.clintonlandtrust.org](http://www.clintonlandtrust.org) for trail maps and other info.

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just some of the regular activities sprouting up this spring and summer in Clinton. If you're over 55 and would like to make more meaningful connections in your community— or just be in-the-know of all the senior news and events coming up — please email: [cacampora@clintonct.org](mailto:cacampora@clintonct.org).



A gathering of Clinton Senior Connection's cherished musicians — nicknamed the Pavilion Pickers — and senior program coordinator, Christina Acampora, pose for a photo at this year's "Fire & Ice Festival" at Clinton Town Beach.

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