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Town Manager's Corner

New Opportunities

Welcome to the start of a new year and the sense of hope and renewal that comes with the change of a calendar as well as a list of resolutions to work on.



Karl Kilduff, Town Manager

Transitions on the Town Council brought new individuals to the Town's governing board. In our chosen form of government, the Town Council enjoys all the importance of a Board of Directors (legislating and policy-making). The Council also maps out a

collective vision for the community and establishes policies to

govern. It focuses on the community goals, major projects, and such long-term considerations as community growth, capital improvement plans, capital financing, and strategic planning.

The single most important policy document the Council works on is the annual budget. The start of a new calendar year brings with it the start of the Town's annual budget process. 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 start of the budget process begins in February with the Town Manager's Proposed Budget being presented to the Town Council by the Town Manager and the Superintendent of Schools. The public hearing on the budget will be scheduled for early April with the Budget Referendum scheduled for May.

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Other exciting projects in Clinton are moving forward. A preferred developer has been awarded the re-use of the former Pierson School to convert the school into housing for senior citizens. The project is a public-private partnership with a private developer re-developing the space for housing but also providing space not only inside the building and on the grounds where the Town will still maintain a presence and have a new venue to serve as a senior center. As we move forward in 2024, there will be important milestones for this project. A special Town Meeting will be required to approve the change in ownership of the building giving the developer an option to purchasing the site. The developer will have to secure it's funding sources from the State before construction can begin. The developer will also have to secure local planning and zoning approval to make the conversion of the school into housing a reality.

Finally, it has been *my honor* to serve as Clinton's first Town Manager since January 2020. I will transition out of Clinton to

serve in another community. I view public service as a noble profession, performing work that is important which influences critical community decisions addressing opportunities and challenges. The past four years have been a time for growth and improvement in Clinton where a number of important initiatives were started creating solid foundation to build from. We have been successful in securing a variety of grants, major investments in the community were possible through use of American Recovery Plan Act funds – both in local businesses, non-profits and town infrastructure, and talented new staff were hired to create real programs for senior citizens and to improve our planning and land use activities, and we came through the COVID-19 pandemic a resilient community that adapted to the changes and challenges.

*Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Town Manager.
Thank you for your part in making Clinton a great community.*

Karl Kilduff,
Town Manager



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If you have not paid town taxes that were due July 1, 2023 OR January 1, 2024, please do so now. Please call or come in with a copy of your tax bill(s). We will give you the correct amount due. If you need to register or re-register a motor vehicle, payment of all motor vehicle taxes (connection of names on registrations requires all bills to be paid in all names) is required. Payment must be made with bank check, money order, cash or credit card in order to be cleared with the DMV to register or re-register a vehicle(s). All other motor vehicle, real estate and personal property tax bills may be paid by personal check.

The current town budget approved by the voters requires \$51,222,641 to be raised by local taxes.

As the tax collector, I have a legal obligation and the financial responsibility to collect this amount of said tax (\$51,222,641) on or before the 30th day of June 2024. If you are having financial difficulties, please call immediately to discuss the situation. If we are not able to answer your call, please leave a detailed message. We will get back to you as soon as we can. The office number is 860-669-9067.

Q: What is being done to collect delinquent taxes?

A: Collection of past due accounts is enforced by use of the various remedies available under the law, including withholding and / or suspension of motor vehicle registrations. Filing of tax liens; foreclosure of tax liens; sale of real property at public auction (tax sale). Levy and seizure of taxable goods and chattels, with subsequent sale and distribution; withholding, suspension or revocation of licenses or permits required in the operation of a business, including health permits; denial of building permits on tax delinquent property; and garnishment of wages. Also: Seizure of assets; seizure of bank accounts; issuance of alias tax warrants for collection by marshal or constable; initiation of suit to collect or foreclosure proceedings; and assignment of tax liens. The Clinton Tax Collector's office is sincerely committed to the efficient collection of past due taxes. Our next tax sale (public auction) will be scheduled in the Fall of 2024.

B: The collection agency we use is American National Recovery in Pennsylvania. If you receive a letter from them, it is not fraud, rather an attempt to collect past due taxes. Please reach out to them or us to pay this past due bill.



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C: The collection attorney we use is Attorney Adam Cohen of Pullman & Comley. If you receive a letter from his office, please respond timely, as time is of the essence.

D: Demand notices and Intent to Lien notices will be mailed in early April. Any remaining balance by the end of the deadline given will have a lien filed or be turned over to collections.

**From the desk of Lisa Bibbiani,
Tax Collector, C.C.M.C., C.C.M.O.**



Clinton Land Use Office

Where Do I Look to Find Out If I Have a Survey of My Property or If I Have a Septic As Built?

In the Land Use Office, all of our property documents have been digitized. If you are looking to see if there was a survey done on your property, or where your Septic As Built is, or if you want to know if a Zoning Permit was approved for a barn, you would first look in the Property Files.

The way to access them is to go to our website which is www.clintonct.org. On the top, right side of the page, hover over How Do I? Then, click on Find, and click on Property Files.

There are hyperlinks for both OpenGov, which is our new land use permitting system, and Treeno, which is where historic documents can be found.

This is copied directly from our Clinton webpage:

Property Research

Effective September 21, 2023, in order to access records in

OpenGov (Viewpoint) you are now required to create an account. (Here, you will click on the link for instructions).

To view current open applications/permits associated with a property (documents stored in OpenGov, our new permitting system) (Here, you will click on the link).

To view historical documents associated with a property (documents stored in DocuPhase/Treeno) (Here, you will click on the link).

To view documents stored with the Town Clerk's Office: (Here, you will click on the link).

Type in the property address, and you will see organizational tabs labeled Health, Building, Zoning Enforcement, Inland Wetlands, etc. The tabs will vary depending on what is applicable to that property.

Some of the PDFs will have multiple documents. At the top, you will see 1/1 for one page or 1/25 if there are 25 pages in that PDF. Some large files, such as those for commercial properties, may have multiple pages of documents, so you will click on the arrow at the bottom of the page to go to the next page.

We always recommend using a computer or tablet, not a cell phone to look up property files. If you do not have a computer, you are welcome to use the computer in the Land Use Office.

If you have any questions, please contact the Land Use Office. We are always here to help.

**Kathy Savona, Certified Zoning
Enforcement Officer and Wetlands
Enforcement Officer**

Clinton County Land Conservation Trust...



The Clinton Land Trust is pleased to announce we will be partnering with the Madison Land Trust to host the Wild and Scenic Film Festival again in 2024.

The Event will be held at the Clinton Town Hall on **May 4th, 2024**. The evening will kick off with a reception at **6:00 pm**, serving local beer, wine and light refreshments and fabulous films beginning at 7:00.



Our goal in presenting the Wild and Scenic Film Festival is to engage our communities, to increase environmental awareness, and to inspire people to become active in protecting and preserving our beautiful shoreline habitats.

For more information and to order tickets please go to Clintonlandtrust.org or Madisonlandtrust.org. Tickets will be \$35.00 and ONLY sold online. *Our last festival was a spectacular, completely sold out event so order your tickets early!*

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The Arbor Garden Club of Clinton Spring Events

The Arbor Garden Club of Clinton will again launch the planting season with free public education programs in partnership with The Henry Carter Hull Library. Each session, complete with refreshments, will be held at the library located at 10 Killingworth Turnpike in Clinton. Each of the following unrelated, interesting topics will run from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm on three Thursday evenings beginning March 14. To start, who doesn't love spring peepers? Margery Winters, Assistant Director of the Roaring Brook Nature Center, will tell you how native frogs and toads are good indicators of garden health and how to garden to increase amphibian populations. On April 11, Karla A. Dalley, Landscape Designer and Columnist for West Hartford Magazine, will share what to consider when shopping plants so that you will ultimately choose what is best for your own environment. Lastly, on May 9, Kathy Connolly, Landscape Designer and Horticulture Consultant, will speak about the use of regional native flowering perennials, shrubs, grasses, and trees as foundation plantings... an area where creative solutions are frequently

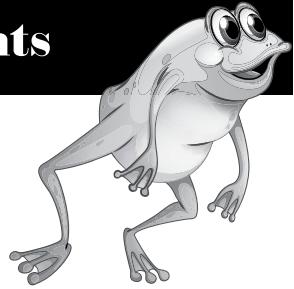
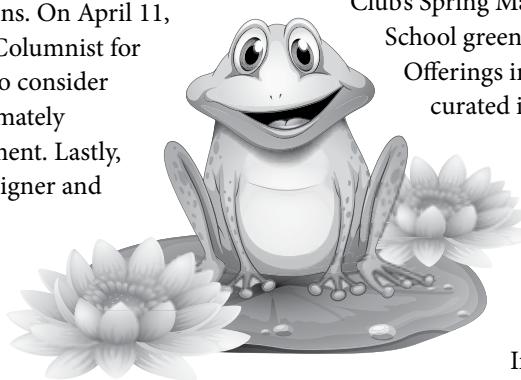
overlooked. For additional event information: (203) 710-0133 or hchlibrary.org.

On Friday, April 26, join The Arbor Garden Club of Clinton members for our annual tree planting and dedication event. Check Facebook for planting location details.

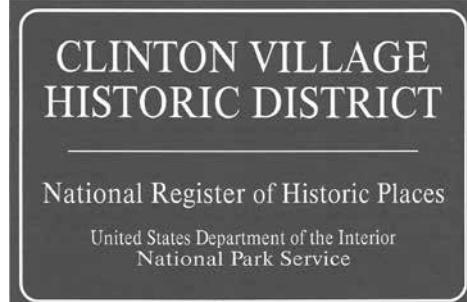
Hold Saturday, April 27 (rain date May 4), for the Arbor Garden Club's Spring Market. The location is the Abraham Pierson School green located at 75 East Main Street in Clinton. Offerings include the sale of live plants and herbs, curated items sold by outside vendors, and a wide variety of sweets baked by club members.

Shop local the fun way for unique items to give come Mother's Day, Father's Day, or graduation day.

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



Clinton's Historic District Commission



A little over two years ago, on behalf of the Clinton's Historic District Commission (HDC) I applied for ARPA (COVID Relief) funding under the category - Tourism. My dream was to have National Register District (NRD) signage installed in Clinton -- in the hope that our wonderful little town will become known for its awesome history, not just the Premium Outlets. Last August, the funding was awarded and at the end of 2023, three of the four signs were installed. The fourth, whose granite post is already in place, will be installed as soon as Commerce Street is officially named an NRD by the United States Government -- most likely by the end of January 2024.

Submitted by,

Peggy Adler
Chairman, HDC



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At the Community Foundation of Middlesex County (CFMC), we are surrounded by generous individuals who have embraced the spirit of community and are working together to help build a *Better Today and Brighter Tomorrow*. We're taking a moment to pause and extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone in Clinton who has stepped up to help CFMC support the community you love.

Thanks to you, CFMC has awarded grants to a wide array of nonprofit programs and services in Clinton. These grants have provided everyday basics such as diapers, wipes, and pull-ups, as well as shelf stable foods and fresh vegetables for those in need. Together, we made educational resources more accessible to residents of all ages, encouraged lifelong learning, and instilled the joy of reading by providing literacy opportunities for our youth. Because of you, natural resources have been preserved and maintained through various environmental programs including trail maintenance, planting trees, and beautification projects, to name a few. And that's not all.

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For Children

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

Weekly Programs:

Baby & Me - AM Session

Tuesdays, 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

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

Baby & Me - PM Session

Tuesdays, 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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

Crafternoons in The Hub

Tuesdays, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Explore craft projects with Miss Lauren. Grades Kindergarten - 4th. Registration recommended.

Playdough Playdate

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Hands-on sensory play with a group. 18 Months - Age 5. Registration recommended.

Sign Language

Thursdays, 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Learn ASL signs through songs and stories.

Birth - Age 6. Registration recommended.

Imagination Station

Thursdays, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Drop-in to create with recycled materials at the Craft Table. All ages. No registration.

Stories & More

Fridays, 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

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

Friday Stay & Play

Fridays, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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

Saturday Stay & Play

Saturdays, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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

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 1st - 6th. Registration recommended.

LEGO Club

Mondays, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

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

Special Programs:

S.T.E.A.M. Lab

2/21, 3/13, & 5/8, 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM

Explore & create through open-ended hands-on play. Grades 1st - 5th. Registration required.

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

2/22, 3/28, 4/25, & 5/16, 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM

LEGO robot building. Sponsored by the Clinton Rotary Club. Grades 2nd - 8th. Registration required.

Pokémon Club for Teens & Tweens

2/26, 3/25, 4/29, & 5/27, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Crafts, games, card trading, & more! Grades 5th - 12th. Registration recommended.

Tween Time Graphic Novel Chat: The Leak

2/29, 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM

Enjoy some pizza and discuss the book The Leak. Grades 5th - 8th. Registration required.

Tween Dungeons & Dragons

3/5, 4/2, & 5/7, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Play the classic tabletop adventure game. Grades 5th - 8th. Registration required.

Tween Time: Half-Day Hooray!

3/14, 4/4, & 5/9, 12:15 PM - 2:15 PM

Sign up for fun and pizza for Clinton

Public School children. Grades 5th - 8th. Registration required.

Splash Into Art: One Point Perspective

3/20, 4:15 PM - 5:30 PM

Illustrate an aquarium with one point perspective. Grades 2nd - 8th. Registration required.



Xen's Critters: Cute & Cuddlies

3/21, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Drop in to meet and pet some cute and cuddly animals. Ages 5+. No registration.

Splash Into Art: TBD

4/24 & 5/22, 4:15 PM - 5:30 PM

Join us for a creative guided art class! Grades 2nd - 8th. Registration required.

For Teens

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

Weekly Programs:

Anime Nights



Thursdays, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Chill out in the Teen Room with anime and snacks. Ages 13 - 18. No registration.

Special Programs:

I'm With the Banned Book Club:

Cemetery Boys

2/20, 3/19, 4/16, & 5/21, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Read & discuss some lesser-known "banned" books. Ages 13 - 18. Registration required.

Writer's Guild

2/21, 3/20, 4/17, & 5/15, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Share your stories and improve your writing skills. Ages 13 - 18. Registration required.

Teen Advisory Board

2/26, 3/25, 4/29, & 5/27, 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Help make decisions, suggest materials, and support the community. Grades 8th - 12th.

Pokémon Club for Teens & Tweens

2/26, 3/25, 4/29, & 5/27, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Crafts, games, card trading, & more! Grades 5th - 12th. Registration recommended.

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Cold Case: A Murder Mystery

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Makers' Workshop

2/28, 3/27, 4/17, & 5/15, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Space to work on your latest project, plus an activity for inspiration. Ages 13 - 18.

Teen Dungeons & Dragons: Curse of Strahd

3/9, 4/13, & 5/11, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Join our ongoing gothic fantasy horror D&D game! Ages 13 - 18. Registration required.

Study Help with Lyndsey

3/11, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Need help with an assignment? Drop in for help! Ages 13 - 18. No registration.

HCH Half-Days for Teens

3/14, 4/4, & 5/9, 12:15 PM - 3:00 PM

Hang out in the Teen Room with crafts, games, snacks, and fun. Grades 9th - 12th. Registration recommended.

Xen's Critters: Cute & Cuddlies

3/21, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Drop in to meet and pet some cute and cuddly animals. Ages 5+. No registration.

For Adults

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Weekly Programs:

Virtual Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, 9:00 AM - 10:00 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

Wednesdays, 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM

Receive support, share ideas, create, laugh,

talk, and write! Ages 18+. No registration.

In-Person Yoga & Mindfulness

Wednesdays, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Gentle yoga with guided instruction in the Community Room. Ages 18+. Weekly registration required.

Evening Mahjong Meetups

Wednesdays, 5:45 PM - 7:45 PM

Play a few friendly rounds of this classic and popular tile-based game. Ages 18+.

Clinton Senior Connection: Bridge Meetup

Thursdays, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Drop in to play this beloved classic card game. 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.

In-Person Tai Chi

Fridays, 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Improve stability and balance with these exercises for wellness. Ages 18+. Weekly registration required.

Virtual Meditation

Mondays, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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

Afternoon Mahjong Meetups

Mondays, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Play a few friendly rounds of this classic and popular tile-based game. Ages 18+.

Clinton Senior Connection: Connect with the Classics

Mondays, 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM

Read-aloud/Read-along. Explore great works of literary merit. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

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Special Programs:

Clinton Senior Connection: Morning Music Meetup

2/20, 3/19, 4/16, & 5/21, 10:00 AM - NOON

For music lovers, music makers, and everybody in between! Ages 18+.

TED Talks Screening & Discussion: TBD

2/21, 3/20, 4/17, & 5/15, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Explore and discuss awe-inspiring TED Talks. Hybrid program. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

Eccentric Book Club: The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet

2/24, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join our newest fantasy, sci-fi, and horror book club. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

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Artist Reception: Beth Johnston

2/24, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Enjoy this month's exhibit, meet the artist, and view some of their tools and smaller works. No registration.

Understanding CT Paid Leave

2/27, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Learn about income replacement options for qualifying workers. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

Movie Matinee | 2/29, 3/14, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, & 5/30 @ 2:30 PM

Call or see website for details. Ages 18+.

Tech Connection Workshop: Northstar Digital | 3/2, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Learn new technology skills with Northstar. Chromebook provided. Ages 18+. Registration required.

Experiencing America Book Club: TBD

3/4, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

A book discussion on contemporary American experiences. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

Movie Night | 3/5, 4/2, & 5/7 @ 5:30 PM

Call or see website for details. Ages 18+.



Nature Series: Black Bear

3/6, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

The history, habitat, diet, and life-cycle of CT's Black Bear. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

Clinton Senior Connection: Afternoon Music Meetup

3/7, 4/4, & 5/2, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

For music lovers, music makers, and everybody in between! Ages 18+.

Creative Writing Group

3/11, 4/8, & 5/13, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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

Afternoon Fiction Book Club: TBD

3/14, 4/11, & 5/9, @ 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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

Arbor Garden Club of Clinton: Gardening With Frog and Toad

3/14, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM



Learn how to garden to help the amphibian populations in your yard and beyond.

Saturday Morning Movie: TBD

3/16, 4/20, & 5/18 @ 11:00 AM

Join us monthly on the 3rd Saturday. Call or see website for details. Ages 18+.

Clinton Historical Society: George Flynn History

3/19, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Save the date & check back for details!

Book Chat: Mysteries

3/21, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Discuss your favorite nonfiction books over refreshments. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

Eccentric Book Club: Mexican Gothic

3/23, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join our newest fantasy, sci-fi, and horror book club. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

Experiencing America Book Club: TBD

4/1, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

A book discussion on contemporary American experiences. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

Tech Connection Workshop: Cloud Basics

4/6, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Learn about online Cloud storage basics. Chromebook provided. Ages 18+. Registration required.

Arbor Garden Club of Clinton: Trade Secrets

4/11, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

An insider's look at how to get the most out of plant buying. No registration.

Nature Series: Fisher

4/16, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

The natural history and management of CT's Fisher. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

Spring Craft Fair | 4/27, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Support local small businesses and shop a wide variety of handcrafted items created by local artisans.

Eccentric Book Club: Nimona

4/27, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join our newest fantasy, sci-fi, and horror book club. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.



Trans Awareness 101

5/1, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Save the date & check back for details!

Tech Connection Workshop: Intro to Social Media | 5/4, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Get started with Facebook and Instagram. Chromebook provided. Ages 18+. Registration required.

Experiencing America Book Club: TBD

5/6, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

A book discussion on contemporary American experiences. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

Arbor Garden Club of Clinton: TBD

5/9, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Save the date & check back for details!

Book Chat: Historical Fiction

5/16, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Discuss your favorite nonfiction books over refreshments. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

Eccentric Book Club: Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

5/25, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join our newest fantasy, sci-fi, and horror book club. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

Families Helping Families

Families Helping Families could not exist and survive without the support from the greater Clinton community. Your donations allow us to continue to fund and operate our four community outreach programs. These programs have a positive affect on members of the Clinton community, from the very youngest to our senior citizens. Your continuing support will allow us to not only maintain these programs but, in many cases, expand the reach and scope of them.

Families Helping Families has been serving the Clinton community for 18 years with the simple goal of helping and assist Clinton families how ever we can. Our goal in 2024 is to be more pro-active in the Clinton community. We need your help, if you know of someone who needs a helping hand, please let us know and we will respond.

We have two events already scheduled for the springtime. Our first event is our traditional spring "Stuff the Cruiser" food drive in partnership with the Clinton Police Department. Held at a local supermarket we try and gather needed food items to help the Clinton Food Pantry. Our second springtime event is called "Come Fly a Kite" which is held at the Clinton Town Beach in operation with the Clinton Park and Rec. Department.

People are invited to bring a kite and the beach is a perfect place to fly a kite.

Again, if you know of someone/family that needs assistance you can contact us at 86-669-5592 or fhfclinton.org.



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The Clinton Parks & Recreation Department

We hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season. As we approach spring, we look forward to some important upgrades to our facilities. We are expecting a new turf field to be installed in early to late spring 2024. We are looking forward to the construction of the new pickleball courts and are anticipating that to commence early this spring as well. A new bathhouse at the town beach will be going out to bid in the spring, with construction to follow soon after. Lastly, construction of new home side bleachers and a new scoreboard are projected to be completed late spring/early summer this year.

Dance your way into the New Year with Zumba fitness every Wednesday (5:30 pm-6:30 pm) and Saturday (10:30 am-11:30 am). No contract needed. Fee per class is \$7, cash or check.

Our popular "Who's Been in My Backyard" program is back again this year. This FREE program will take place on February 24 from 10 am-11:30 am for 1st-5th graders.

Adult Men's open gym basketball will be available again. Stop by for a quick pick up game of basketball. The games, played Thursday evenings from 7 pm-9 pm at the Jared Eliot gym, run from March 7 through June 6, when school is open.

Adult Co-Ed Volleyball Open gym! Come have some fun and join us for a friendly game of volleyball. The games, played on Monday evenings from 7 pm-9 pm at the Jared Eliot gym, are available

until June 3, when school is open.

Boat rack rentals begin April 1 at 9 am for this year's boating season (May 1 – October 31). To rent a rack, you must show proof of residency and fill out a registration form at the Parks and Recreation Office (201 Killingworth Turnpike – Route 81). No early registrations or requests. Our boat racks are located at the Clinton Town Beach, behind the Clinton Town Hall and at Esposito Beach (next to Rocky's) for \$125 for the season.

Look for our April Break camp again this year. The camp will run from April 8-12 and offers a half or full day option. Activities will include capture the flag, scavenger hunts, tag games and more. Registration is open now at parkrecclintonct.recdesk.com.

We are presently working on setting up our summer programs. Registrations for all summer programs will open mid-April. To register and for information on all programs, please go to our website at <https://parkrecclintonct.recdesk.com/Community/Program>.

We are hiring for all positions at the town beach this summer. Anyone interested, please contact Parks & Recreation at 860-669-6901 for details.

Please check our Facebook page (Clinton CT Parks & Recreation) to keep up to date on our programs/events throughout the year. Or go to our website at: <https://parkrecclintonct.recdesk.com>.



Clinton Senior Connection

It's hard to believe it's already 2024. Time certainly flies when you're keeping busy...and keeping busy is what many of our Clinton seniors have been doing! Our town's program, Clinton Senior Connection, continues to experience steady growth and success throughout our shoreline community. News and events are now regularly sent to over 500 contacts who have subscribed to an email database and we average 15 to 25 new subscribers every month.

Our senior calendar consists of regular weekly and monthly activities as well as plenty of pop-up events throughout each season. Details regarding location, day, time, and sign-up instructions can be found under the calendar tab at: <https://clintonct.org/723/Senior-Program>. Here is an overview of some of the activities our seniors enjoy -- many completely are free!

- "Walk for Health" our local traveling series that consists of a 1.5 - 2 mile walk every Wednesday morning. Participants walk within a group, but at their own pace.
- "What's Your Story?!" this creative writing group consists of amateur writers; many who, based on group feedback and support, have become active in entering writing contests and/or are on their way to self-publishing!
- Experience the "Pavilion Pickers!" a band of talented musicians who perform live music in a fun, casual setting.



All are welcome to come play or just enjoy these lively bi-monthly musical meet-ups.

- "Cook & Connect" popularly known as our monthly cooking and lunch club, it is always well-attended... and delicious. We have a traveling chef who specially facilitates these lessons and curates tasty, seasonally-fresh recipes just for us.
- A monthly DIY craft project, all supplies and instructions are provided. We've painted wooden pumpkins, made wreaths, learned macramé, and more.
- "The Game of Bridge," played weekly, an activity proven to be good for the brain! New players are always welcome.
- "Connect with the Classics" a read aloud/read along group that explores great works of literary merit. How is it different from your old high school English class? There is no homework.
- Line Dancing *our newest group event* held on the second Friday of every month and has been so well-attended! No partner or prior experience is necessary – just come step to the beat!

In addition to the activities above, Clinton Senior Connection will continue to do more on-the-go fitness classes, kayak trips, educational seminars, play attendances, boat rides, museum visits, farm tours, trivia tournaments, and more in 2024. Locations happily vary.

The mission of Clinton Senior Connection is to connect seniors with each other and to enhance these connections by interacting with other community groups, businesses & organizations. To that end, we have been honored to form multiple collaborations with Henry Carter Hull Library, Clinton Public Schools, Ocean Meadow Memory Care, Cindy Stevens Fine Art, Body Karma Yoga Studio, Clinton Police Department, and many others.

As the coordinator of this program, my goal is to consistently present new and exciting opportunities for older residents to participate in. I genuinely hope it enhances their personal lives and maybe even sparks new interests to pursue and enjoy with each other. Anyone eager to learn more, can visit the town's website link above or email: cacampora@clintonct.org. ***There is always something to share about our dynamic, growing senior program!***

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Clinton Education Foundation / Clinton Lions Club Family Golf Classic

Frigid temperatures and blustery Nor'easters may have made golf the furthest thing from people's minds, but The Clinton Education Foundation and the Clinton Lions Club have been anticipating the return of spring by getting ready for their golf tournament, the Clinton Education Foundation/Clinton Lions Club Family Golf Classic.

This year's annual tournament will be held on Monday, June 24 at the Clinton Country Club. The tournament serves as a means to raise money to support the work of these two community service organizations. The Clinton Education Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization launched in 2006, has as its mission "to enhance public school education" in the town of Clinton. The foundation accomplishes its mission by providing financial support for initiatives that create educational opportunities for the children of Clinton, opportunities that are not funded by the town or other public-funding sources. We annually award grants and scholarships to public school students and teachers which enable them to pursue their dreams and passions.

The Clinton Lions Club is a service organization connected to an international network of men and women who do what is needed to help members of their communities. On a local level, the Clinton Lions Club performs annual vision testing in our

public schools for all students, PreK-5. We support programs to end hunger, food insecurity, and homelessness. In addition, we promote education through annual scholarships to high school students. The Clinton Lions Club can be seen supporting local events such as Christmas in Clinton, Little League, and the Memorial Day celebration.

In the months preceding the tournament, members of the Education Foundation and the Lions Club will be soliciting donations of goods and services for raffle and auction at the tournament. These donations are a great way to support these two organizations and to get your name out into the community. Sponsorships are also available at a variety of levels and are another great way to advertise your business or organization.

In addition to golf, there are a limited number of dinner tickets available for non-golfers. If you would like to become a sponsor or make a donation of a raffle or auction item, please visit the CEF website at clintoneducationfoundation.org or contact the Clinton Education Foundation/Clinton Lions Club at P.O. Box 684, Clinton, 06413.

Both organizations are looking forward to June 24, when summer returns to Clinton and the greens are free of snow and open once again.

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Monday, June 24

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