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SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR UPCOMING TOURNAMENT: MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024

Town Manager's Corner

It is my privilege to be serving as Clinton's Interim town manager. I appreciate the trust that the Town Council has in me and the warm welcome that I received from the community. Although my tenure will not be lengthy be assured that I hold the interests of the Town of Clinton paramount in any decisions and recommendations that I might make.

The position of town manager is appointed by the council and serves as the chief executive and administrative officer of the town. The town council sets the policy and the town manager executes that policy and manages the day to day operations of the town departments. As you know, the town recently adopted the council manager form of government, which I believe is the most effective method of local government management. The council-manager form of government combines political leadership and effective administrative management. During my time in Clinton I am



Richard Brown, Interim Town Manager

committed to doing all I can to insure that we remain a strong and effective council manager community.

By way of background, I grew up in New Haven, CT and received my BA degree from the University of Virginia and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Tennessee. Over the course of my career I have worked in Jefferson County, AL, Petersburg, VA, New London, CT, East Providence, RI, Freetown MA and Somerset, MA. Additionally I worked with FEMA as a temporary disaster assistance employee providing support to tornado ravaged

communities in Northwest, AL. Throughout my career I have demonstrated a commitment to local government and believe that I have had a positive impact in all the communities that I served.

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Serving local government is an honorable profession and we should celebrate those who choose to service their communities, whether it's as employees, elected officials, volunteers or involved citizens.

One of my primary responsibilities as an interim manager is to maintain the organization. Clinton is fortunate to have a group of talented department heads whose employees provide quality public services. Therefore one of my roles is to support those department heads and help provide the resources and guidance that allows them to manage their departments. Since I previously retired after forty-five years of public service, I will not be an applicant for the fulltime position and will focus solely on my responsibilities as an interim.

As an interim manager I have the ability to view the organization with a fresh perspective that is not encumbered by history or relationships. While I do not expect to make recommendations for major changes I will certainly look for opportunities to improve

efficiencies within the organization. During my time in Clinton I will be recruiting a Finance Director and a Human Services Director. I will be working with the Town Planner to submit a request for congressionally directed spending. I will be working with the Town Council to review ARPA spending making sure that all funds are obligated by the end of the year so that project completion can be achieved within the schedule allowed. I will also be working closely with the executive search firm that is recruiting a new town manager. As someone who has been a manager and participated in recruitments I am in a unique position to assist the council during the process. My experience as an interim manager will allow me to provide accurate information to applicants and assess their presentations against the needs of the organization.

In the meantime, I will continue to explore opportunities to add value to the good work performed at Town Hall. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during my time here.

Richard Brown
Interim Town Manager



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From the desk of Tax Collector Lisa Bibbiani

The first installment of town tax for real estate and personal property taxes and motor vehicle will be due on Friday July 1, 2024. The tax office will be closed on Friday June 28th to run year end reports.



**TAXES WILL BE
DUE JULY 1, 2024**

The last day to pay your taxes without penalty is August 1, 2024 at 7PM. If you mail your payment on the last day, it **MUST BE POSTMARKED 8/1/24**. Interest accrues at 1.5% per month, 18% per annum. On August 2, 2024 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, 2025 and delinquent on February 1, 2025. We are looking to create a list for people who would like a reminder, check the website or the office on how to get on that list.

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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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

CURRENT CONNECTICUT RESIDENT:

Connecticut law requires all Connecticut residents with a vehicle registration, driver's license, or non-driver identification card to notify the DMV within 48 hours of any change of address. Changing your address on your license does not change the

address on your registered vehicle(s) or vice versa. Be sure to correct the tax town code on the change of address form as well when moving from one town to another.

MOVING INTO CONNECTICUT FROM OUT OF STATE:

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

Here are just a few of the online services as listed on the DMV website.

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

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

Clinton Senior Connection



AN EXCITING SURPRISE turned up at the Town Hall in March. WTNH 8's meteorologist Gil Simmons teamed up with Clinton Senior Connection to deliver a rapid-fire round of challenging weather questions to a room full of unsuspecting—then delighted—trivia players. Monthly trivia is one of the newest activities offered by Clinton Senior Connection, the town's senior program for anyone age 55 and up, and you just never know what the categories will be...or who may show up! Participants play in teams and prizes are awarded to the top two winning groups at every tournament. It's a lot of fun and a great way to connect with new people. Only \$1 to enter and pizza and popcorn is always served... what have you got to lose?

Another popular activity that will continue through the spring and summer is line dancing! Free to all seniors—kick up your boots and join us. It's a great way to exercise and practice videos are sent in between classes so you can practice at home if you'd like. If dancing is not your thing, you can stomp and drum to

a beat at cardio drumming—a fitness class combining music and motion designed for older adults to use movement through drumming on large inflated exercise balls.



As the weather warms up our beautiful coastline, expect many more outdoor activities too, like music from our Pavilion Pickers twice a month at the library, local farm tours, kayak trips

on the Indian River, our anniversary RiverQuest cruise, and much more! There will also be more day trips to enjoy by motor coach, like the one coming up June 5th to the Culinary Institute of America in New York.

If you would like more information about any of the events above, please email cacampora@clintonct.org. A full list of monthly events can always be found on the town's website and in the monthly newsletter. Walking at the beach, bridge, cooking, movies, books, meditation, and more... there is truly something for everyone at Clinton Senior Connection. And many more surprises just around the corner.



Clinton Police Achieve International Accreditation

The Clinton Police Department has earned “Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation” from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The Department was officially awarded this status on March 23, 2024, in Montgomery, AL, after an extensive review and inspection process. It must now comply annually with the program’s four-hundred-sixty-one (461) applicable law enforcement standards, to maintain this prestigious designation.

CALEA was established in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of: the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP); the National Sheriffs’ Association (NSA); the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) and the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF). Since its inception, CALEA has been recognized as the “Gold Standard in Law Enforcement.” Only agencies meeting the exacting CALEA standards and continuously proving annual compliance with them, are awarded accreditation status.

The CALEA process was established as a management model for police departments to implement national best practice standards into their service delivery platforms. The “Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation” program is comprised of four-hundred-sixty-one (461) law enforcement standards, which address every aspect of law enforcement operations and administration. Officially begun as a law enforcement program, the CALEA process has grown to include programs specific to Emergency Communications, Campus Law Enforcement, Campus Public Safety, Special Law Enforcement and Training Academy accreditation. There are currently CALEA accredited agencies in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Clinton Police Chief, Vincent De Maio stated, “This achievement is the culmination of an eight year effort by the men and women of the Clinton Police Department to demonstrate their commitment to excellence and the cornerstone values of our organization, which are Service, Honor, Integrity and Professionalism. CALEA Accreditation verifies that our department is committed to the highest levels of professionalism and accountability,” he added.

Of the one-forty-three (143) law enforcement agencies in



Connecticut, only thirty (30) have achieved CALEA Accreditation. Although the Police Accountability Act of 2020 required all Connecticut law enforcement agencies to have some form of accreditation (State or CALEA) by July 1, 2025, participation in the CALEA process is voluntary and far more demanding than the State’s accreditation process. Agencies holding CALEA “Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation” status are exempted from the State review process, as it is recognized that the well-established CALEA process ensure compliance the highest standards of performance and accountability. Connecticut agencies holding only CALEA “Tier One”

accreditation status must still undergo the State’s inspection process as “Tier One” accreditation status only requires compliance with approximately one half of the standards required under CALEA’s “Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation” program.

To maintain CALEA certification, the Clinton Police Department must continually update their policies and procedures and maintain documentation to prove annual compliance with all applicable standards. Each year CALEA staff members review the Department’s files to ensure that the agency is meeting both CALEA standards and complying with its own written directives. Once every four (4) years an Assessor will be sent to Clinton to visually inspect facilities and report on the department’s actual operations and administrative practices.

Chief DeMaio stated: “In modern policing, the public demands the utmost levels of integrity, professionalism and accountability from its law enforcement officers. Anyone can say that they are the best but that is a completely subjective statement. Only agencies who are willing to have an outside entity scrutinize every aspect of their administration and operations on a continual basis and meet national best practice standards can objectively say that they are counted among the best in the nation. The CALEA process is the objective third party oversight that ensures the Clinton Police Department will continue to be counted among the best law enforcement agencies anywhere. We are deeply committed to providing the Clinton community with the highest levels of professional and compassionate service possible. This designation is yet another demonstration of our commitment to continuous improvement and professionalism.”

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Clinton Land Conservation Trust...

The Clinton Land Trust continued to stay busy this spring and took part in many great events!

The Wild and Scenic Film Festival, co-sponsored by CLCT and the Madison Land Trust, was a huge success due in part by the countless hours of commitment that our volunteers put in. The setting of this event (at beautiful Clinton Town Hall) created such a community feeling and welcoming event. Many thanks to all who played a part in this environmental event.

We continue to provide environmental educational scholarships to Clinton youth for summer camp. In March, we awarded 10 scholarships to Joel 3rd and 4th graders to attend Bushy Hill Nature Camp. The 2024 Bushy Hill winners were: Haylee Steponkus, Dean Wolfer, Kira Bianca, Adamaris Guerrero, Skye Belcher, Gabriela Chusino, Bobby Aufiero, Eloise Gai, Kashton Kuziel, MacKenzie Rivera.

In addition to Bushy Hill nature scholarships, the Clinton Land Trust also supports scholarships to Ecology Camp. Applicants were required to write persuasive essays convincing the Board that they were the perfect candidate for the scholarship.

The 2024 ecology camp scholarship winners were: Grey Rossi, Everly Hamway, Kaylen Shepard, Brighten Kue, Cara Miller. The Clinton



Land Trust is extremely grateful to Eunice Symonds who bequeathed money to the land trust to educate Clinton's youth about the environment. This was the 17th year that her generous gift continues to give.

Clinton families enjoyed coming out for a night of free, family, fun while catching frogs at our annual Peeper Prowl, held at the Indian River Recreational Complex. We all headed out with headlamps, nets and boots in search of newts, frogs and salamanders.

A wonderful night had by all!

Volunteers on our land management team have been hard at work this spring clearing trails (from fallen trees) at Jesse Buell and Kenilworth forests and removing debris at Dean Haag. Safety is our number one priority and we are grateful to volunteers who are willing to help with this. If you are interested in volunteering for a Saturday "work day" please email us at www.clintonlandtrust.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:

We look forward our annual 4th grade Marine Science Day (May 22nd at the Town Beach), Ecology Camp (June 17-21), trail day, work days and so much more!

We are constantly updating our website with events and photographs. Please check it regularly for information on hikes, workdays and educational events

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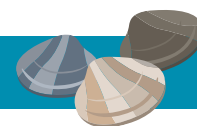
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The Clinton Shellfish Commission is engaged throughout the entire year sampling our harbor's water quality by boat and harvesting quahogs for testing to ensure they are safe to eat. Once these samples are obtained, they must be immediately transported to Milford to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture Bureau of Aquaculture's testing facility.

The following are the defined protocols:

- Collecting water samples by boat at 12 locations from Clinton's inner harbor, outer harbor, then out into the Sound all the way up the shoreline to the Westbrook line at Duck Island.
- Transferring water samples into an iced cooler for transport.
- Sampling water within 1 ½ hours after high tide until 1 ½ hours after low tide.
- Collecting samples monthly or within 14 days after a rain event of more than 1.5" in winter and 1.0" in summer of total rainfall.
- Collecting 15 quahog (meat) samples and placing them in a secure air-tight bag placed in a cooler of cubed ice.

Are you aware that there are safety measures you can take as well while gathering shellfish?

Gathering shellfish throughout the year is exciting and rewarding, but you must exercise some basic common sense to remain safe from the elements when you are on the water especially during the colder months in New England. The weather may have sunny skies and the temperatures may be pleasant but a slip and fall into the water with low water temperatures may lead to frostbite or hypothermia and become life-threatening.

Here are some steps you can take to ensure you remain safe during your outing:

- Inform family or friends of your plan including the time you expect to be clamming, your location and when you expect to return.
- Dress in warm layers for cooler weather and light colors and fabrics for warmer temperatures.
- Wear waders with a belt along with wader boots that are slip resistant.
- Wear a personal flotation device (PFD).
- Bring a whistle.
- Wear sunglasses and apply sunblock.
- Wear waterproof neoprene clamming or fishing gloves that are

100% waterproof and have an inner fleece lining.

- Bring a change of clothes in case you do fall in the water.
- Be aware of your surroundings and stay off private property.
- Be respectful of the shellfish wardens and your fellow clammers.
- Each license includes the opportunity bringing along a friend.
- The best safety is in the buddy system and that buddy can help you fill your basket but may not have a basket of their own.
- The daily limit is per license not per person.

Remember, shellfish licenses are required and can be obtained at Clinton's Town Hall or online: <https://clintonshellfish.org/product/shellfishing-license/>.

Prior to shellfishing, please phone 860-664-6444 for the open/closed status.

You will be supporting an activity that is all about a healthy environment and healthy eating. If you need to borrow a rake to get started contact the Commission for a short-term loaner. Together we can continue to work to make shellfishing in Clinton a fun family hobby.

Stay tuned for exciting updates!

Clinton Arbor Garden Club



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NEWS! The

Arbor Garden Club of Clinton has been renamed Clinton Arbor Garden Club. The move was made purely for practical purposes. The new name should make us easier to find on line, while we stay true to our roots.

With this change we updated our logo, as well. Many organization logos, including our former one, are boxed in a square or wreathed in a circle. Our frameless logo

represents the free and easy shoreline lifestyle we all embrace. Look for it on our club merch, media pages, and signage. Our tag line will read, "Rooted on the shoreline since 1960."

On Thursday, July 11, at 6:00 pm, the club will turn

its attention away from gardening and focus instead on awarding this year's recipients of our Lucy Rathbone Elliot Memorial Scholarship. To properly celebrate these college-bound Morgan graduates, the evening event will include a picnic supper at the town beach pavilion and a lot of good conversation. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram or reach out at AGCofClinton@gmail.com.

St. Mary's Craft Sale



Where: **St. Mary's of the Visitation**
54 Grove Street, Clinton CT

Date: **June 8, 2024**

Time: **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

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Vendors tables are still available to rent call: **Paula Russo 860-669-8512, Church Office: 860-669-9016**

The Clinton Parks & Recreation Department

We hope everyone had a happy spring!

The beach season runs from Memorial Weekend (5/27) through Labor Day (9/2). Beach parking passes will be available to purchase all summer long at the front gate.

Summer Camps are a great way to meet new friends, explore the outdoors, and learn new athletic skills. Some of the camps we are hosting this summer include Sport Camps, Culinary Camps, and S.T.E.A.M. Camps. For more information or to register please visit parkrecclintonct.recdesk.com

Clinton Family Day will take place at the Clinton Town Beach on **August 2nd**. We will be offering arts and crafts, minute to win it games, races and more! There will be free popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones and a movie shown at dusk. We look

forward to seeing you all there!

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the **Clinton Summerfest and Fireworks** on **August 24th**, from 8 am – 11 pm. More information to follow as the event gets closer.

Adult Zumba will continue through the summer months **every Wednesday** from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm and Saturday 10:30 am – 11:30 am. No contract is needed and drop-ins are always welcome.

The **Turf field** is being replaced and the field will be **CLOSED** June 1 – August 15.

For more information on all of our programs or events, please visit our facebook page (Clinton CT Parks & Recreation) or go to our website: parkrecclintonct.recdesk.com.

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Do I Need a Zoning Permit For a Gazebo or Pergola? Do I Need a Permit for a Summer Sale Sign for My Business?

The warmer weather is here, and it is an exciting time for outdoor building projects.

It is also a time when we have many visitors to the shoreline, and businesses have sales and other special summertime promotional events.



When do you need to contact the Land Use Office to apply for a Zoning Permit?

Per Zoning Regulation 9.1, 9.1 No building

or other structure, or part thereof, shall be constructed, enlarged, extended, moved, used or occupied or structurally altered or demolished until a Zoning Permit has been approved by the ZEO.

This means, you need Zoning Approval for sheds, pergolas, decks, swimming pools and any other structures that you build on your property.

Your Zoning Review will include a review of property setbacks, percentage of impervious ground coverage (anything water does not filter through), and if your property is in a flood zone or inland wetlands, you may need Inland Wetlands Permitting or review for flood compliance.

If your business is having a summertime sale, do you need a permit for the temporary signage?

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.

(Amended 11/1/2012) (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. (Amended 7/1/2013) (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.

Please be aware that per Zoning Regulation 34.9.8 No “feather” or “swooper” flags shall be permitted.

Please contact the Land Use Office with any questions. As always, we are happy to help.

Kathy Savona, CZEO, Certified Zoning Enforcement and Inland Wetlands Officer

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sarah@hchlibrary.org | (860)669-2342

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What's new at HCH Library? Visit www.hchlibrary.org or call (860)669-2342 for the most up-to-date hours, guidelines, event information, 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 for assistance.

Fun for a cause! Save the date for an evening engagement featuring toe-tapping live music with The Engine Room at the Clinton Country Club on **Friday, June 21st**. More information on this library fundraiser coming soon.

Paddling Together: Engaging with nature to celebrate our town's past and future. Good news! The Henry Carter Hull Library is a recipient of the Summer Enrichment Grant awarded by the CT State Library, Division of Development. Our grant-funded project, "Paddling Together," invites community members of all ages to engage in a series of events featuring local community partners that relate to Clinton's Indian River, shoreline, and coastal waterways. These events will highlight social, cultural, historical, and environmental programs. The central hub of this enrichment program is the addition of library passes that will grant patrons free access to kayaks and paddle boards at Indian River Kayaks in Clinton. Check back soon for an announcement and details!

CHRC Presents the 3rd Annual Old Fashioned Chautauqua Series.

Popular in late 19th and early 20th century rural America, the Chautauqua brought speakers, teachers, musicians, storytellers, and poets to community gatherings. Derived from the Iroquois word, Chautauqua is the lake in upstate New York where the movement began. The Clinton Human Rights Committee and Henry Carter Hull Library are pleased to continue this tradition in our town with our Clinton

Old Fashioned Chautauqua Series four Wednesday evenings in July at 6:30 pm in the library's Community Room. Beginning July 10th our speaker will be Sarah Schechter from UCONN's Connecticut Sea Grant, Long Island Sound Study, to talk about Programs for Sustainable and Resilient Communities. July 17th will feature Dr. Joe Johnson of the UCONN School of Computing and his presentation Artificial Intelligence: Decoding the Ghost in Our Machine. On July 24th our speaker will be Clinton Town Planner Abby Piersall, AICP, to discuss the issues of Affordable Housing. Our final guest on July 31st will be psychologist Dr. Chris Kilmartin, Professor Emeritus, University of Mary Washington, on the topic of Men as Social Justice Allies to Women. Watch for further information on each evening's events.

Celebrate Summer Reading at HCH!

Check back soon for details as we kick-off our Summer Reading programs for all ages this June. "It's a Shore Thing!"

For Children

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

Weekly 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 1st - 6th. Registration recommended.



LEGO Club

Mondays, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Try our weekly challenges or build your own creation. All ages.

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. Ages 2 - 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 - 5:30 PM

Drop-in to create with recycled materials at the Craft Table. All ages.

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.

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Saturday Stay & Play

Saturdays, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Open-ended free-play with sensory games & crafts. All ages.

Special Programs:

Pokémon Club for Teens & Tweens

5/27, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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

Science Heroes: Interactive S.T.E.M. Show

6/12, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Experiment with science on a jungle adventure! Grades Kindergarten - 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.

Special Programs:

Teen Advisory Board

5/27, 6/24, 7/29, 8/26, 9/30, & 10/28, 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

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

Pokémon Club for Teens & Tweens

5/27, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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

Yarn Friends

5/28, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Make amigurumi Ages 13 - 18. Registration recommended.



Teen Dungeons & Dragons: Curse of Strahd

6/8, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

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

For Adults

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

Weekly Programs:

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.

Scrabble Club

Tuesdays, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Friendly, casual Scrabble playing with fellow word enthusiasts. Ages 18+.

Virtual Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

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



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. Ages 18+.

Sewing Circle

Fridays, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Drop in to work on your sewing & fiber art projects. Ages 18+.

In-Person Tai Chi

Fridays, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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

Special Programs:

Clinton Senior Connection: Morning Music Meetup

6/18, 7/16, & 8/20, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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

The Atlantic Discussion Group

6/26, 7/24, & 8/28, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Discuss the latest issue of The Atlantic magazine. Ages 18+. Registration required.

Eccentric Book Club:

Hail Mary

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

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Experiencing America Book Club: Screaming On The Inside
6/3, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
A book discussion on contemporary American experiences. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

Dementia Conversations with Alzheimer's Association
6/4, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Tips on approaching challenging conversations. Hybrid. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

Movie Night: TBD
6/4, 7/2, & 8/6 @ 5:30 PM

Call or see website for details.
Ages 18+.

Clinton Senior Connection: Afternoon Music Meetup
6/6, 7/4, & 8/1,
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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

Creative Writing Group
6/10, 7/8, & 8/12, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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

Afternoon Fiction Book Club: Apples Never Fall | 6/13, @ 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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

Saturday Morning Movie: TBD
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6/15, 7/20, & 8/17, @ 11:00 AM
Join us monthly on the 3rd Saturday. Call or see website for details. Ages 18+.

Craft Night: TBD
8/21, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Create artistic crafts and memories! Ages 18+. Registration required.

Book Chat: Beach Reads
6/20, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Discuss your favorite summer beach reads over refreshments. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

Clinton Senior Connection: Make Music Day | 6/21, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | All ages
Join us for a sing-along and play-along! BYO instrument.

Big Book Sale
6/22, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Visit the library during the Clinton Arts Festival across the street for an expanded book sale!

Eccentric Book Club: Frankenstein
6/22, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Discuss fantasy, sci-fi, and horror books. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

Experiencing America Book Club: Palaces For The People | 7/1, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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

3rd Annual Old Fashioned Chautauqua Series: Coastal Resiliency
7/10, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Presented by the Clinton

Human Rights Committee. Ages 13+. Registration recommended.

Afternoon Fiction Book Club: TBD
7/11, 8/8, @ 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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

Book Chat: Poetry
7/18, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Discuss your favorite poems over refreshments. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

3rd Annual Old Fashioned Chautauqua Series: Artificial Intelligence

7/17, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Presented by the Clinton Human Rights Committee. Ages 13+. Registration recommended.

Eccentric Book Club: The Princess Bride
7/27, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Discuss fantasy, sci-fi, and horror books. Ages 18+. Registration recommended.

3rd Annual Old Fashioned Chautauqua Series: Affordable Housing

7/24, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Presented by the Clinton Human Rights Committee. Ages 13+. Registration recommended.

3rd Annual Old Fashioned Chautauqua Series: Men As Social Justice Allies to Women | 7/31, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Presented by the Clinton Human Rights Committee. Ages 13+. Registration recommended.

Experiencing America Book Club: Looking For Alaska
8/5, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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

Book Chat: Books About Books
8/15, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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

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News from the Conservation Commission

From the Conservation Commission's page on the town website:

The mission of the Conservation Commission is to create an inventory of existing open space, publicly or privately owned, including marshlands, swamps, and other wetlands, and to create an open space network for our Town that will enhance the Town's character. The mission shall further include the protection and conservation of natural and watershed resources.

The Commission has been working with other committees and groups in town to fulfill that mission, and has some exciting projects we'd like to share.

OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION

An exciting project that the Commission has been working on involves collaborating with Clinton's Land Conservation Trust. A sub-committee composed of members of both bodies has been busy working (with Town Planner Abby Piersall) to explore new potential open space parcels.

MUNICIPAL FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING

Limited landfill space is a nation-wide problem, and communities are being forced to pay increased "tipping fees" as a result. Composting residential food waste is an easy way to cut down on

what goes into the waste stream, and many CT towns have started their own programs. Clinton's (pilot) program started in July of 2023, with members of the Conservation Commission and Sustainability Committee on hand at the Transfer Station to help publicize the program and answer questions. While the amount of food waste going to landfills has been reduced as a result, many more people need to bring their food scraps to the Transfer Station in order for the town to save a significant amount of money in fees. It's very easy to recycle your food waste into compost, the crucial piece is not



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using plastic of any kind. You just bring a container of food scraps (including meat, bones, shellfish) and deposit the scraps in the blue dumpster at the Transfer Station. Putting plastic bags of food scraps in the dumpster is prohibited, as it hinders the decomposition process. For more on Clinton's pilot program for food waste recycling and how you can participate, visit the Transfer Station's page on the town website or use this link: <https://clintonct.org/DocumentCenter/View/13734/>

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POLLINATOR PATHWAY GARDENS

Conservation Commission Chair Nick Webb is also on the Beautification Committee, and so has shared the Committee's work on Pollinator Pathway Gardens with us. Together we are hoping to increase awareness of declining pollinator populations, and to inspire as many folks as possible to provide pesticide-free plants to these vulnerable species who are critical to our agriculture.

According to pollinator-pathway.org, most native bees have a range of about 750 yards, hence the idea of creating "pathways" as opposed to individual gardens. Consider talking to your neighbors and providing more diverse habitat for these pollinators in need. For more information, visit <https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/state/connecticut>

Mary Jo Phelps

Conservation Commission Secretary

Save The Date: Clinton International Food and Beer Festival July 12

Clinton's International Food and Beer Festival returns on Friday, July 12, 2024 behind the Andrews Memorial Town Hall from 5-9pm. Presented by Clinton Placemakers, the festival celebrates the diversity of cultures of people who call Clinton home.

Folks from all over the shoreline sample food from a wide variety of cuisines, including Ethiopian, Jamaican, and



Polish. Beers and wines from around the world are served in the festive Biergarten.

A Steel Drum Band welcomes guests. Then from Irish step dancers to Middle Eastern belly dancers, the entertainment offerings span the globe. Favorite acts will return and new musical performers will delight the crowd.

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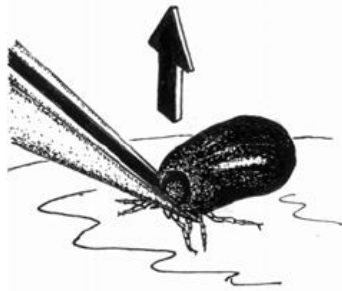
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Quickly finding and removing ticks from the body is a crucial step in preventing infection with tick-borne diseases. Tweezers are the best method to remove ticks. Contrary to widespread belief, smothering ticks with petroleum jelly is not effective. Never use a hot match, gasoline, or any other chemical to remove a tick.

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Grasp it close to the mouth parts near the skin surface.



With gentle, steady pressure, pull the tick upward away from the skin until it releases.

Once the tick is removed, wash the area of the bite with an antiseptic or rubbing alcohol.

Symptoms of tick-borne diseases found in Connecticut may all include a fever and general muscle aches that can occur

within 35 days from the time of the bite.

If you get any symptoms of Lyme disease or symptoms of other tick-borne diseases, contact your doctor right away.

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