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Town Manager's Corner

Community Investments

Investments don't just happen on Wall Street. They happen on Main Street in Clinton too. The Town of Clinton has been presented with unique opportunities to make investments into the community. These investments are an opportunity to build off of Clinton's current assets and create impacts that can be larger than the dollars directly committed. These investments can create and strengthen partnerships that result in making Clinton a better place.

Starting in August, the Town launched a façade improvement grant program for businesses. The grant program will attract private investment from property owners and create a financial incentive to assist property owners with renovation expenses to improve the exterior conditions of their facilities. Enhancements to commercial facilities will help them maintain their competitive edge, be more attractive and more functional. It also supports local employment by providing work to contractors and sustaining employment at those businesses.

The return on this investment makes Clinton more attractive and supports a vibrant streetscape. It also encourages small businesses to stay competitive as they recover from the pandemic. The small success of one business façade will build over time with more

businesses using the program which helps the entire community. For more information, please visit the Town's website at, <https://clintonct.org/703/Facade-Improvement-Program>.

Strengthening the entire community is also part of once-in-a-lifetime, direct federal funding to support pandemic recovery under the American Recovery Plan. Here too, the Town has the opportunity to make investments that can multiply in our community. We want to make sure that we do not just spend the money, but invest it in a fashion that supports long-term growth in Clinton. We will work through a process that allows these dollars to meet local needs. Business recovery support could be in the form of grants and loans to business to support their economic recovery, support their rent payments as they come back from the pandemic, and create opportunities to fill empty storefronts. Tourism and arts community assets could also be supported which help these parts of our community sustain themselves in the future. Support for those in need can aid in individual family recovery from the pandemic. There are a lot of opportunities to invest in a better Clinton which pays back across the entire community.



Karl Kilduff, Town Manager

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On a smaller scale, the Town is also working with the "Storm Water Corps" at the University of Connecticut to look at low impact development techniques on town-owned land that can better control storm water run-off and model how low impact development can improve our natural resources. This small scale investment helps to protect the quality of water that finds its way into Long Island

Sound – arguably one of our largest assets. Better water quality improves our quality of life, the natural habitat which makes our shoreline destination attractive, and recreation along the shore and in the Sound.

Enjoy the opportunity to be outside and take in the beauty of the coastline. Stay safe.

Karl Kilduff, Town Manager



Check out Henry's Little Free Libraries. See page 14 for more details.

Clinton Economic Development Commission

It's been a busy summer at the Clinton Economic Development Commission: The Clinton Manufacturing Coalition (CMC) hosted the Goodwin College Mobile Vocational Trades Lab's visit to the Eliot Middle School. Over 130 students learned, first-hand, the world of STEM and 21st Century manufacturing; resulting in 14 student-interns working at Bausch Advanced Laboratories in Clinton. The Morgan School was awarded another Perkins Grant to upgrade its STEM curriculum; bringing the grant total to \$100K. The cooperation between the EDC the CMC and the Clinton School Systems continues to reap big rewards for our businesses, our kids and our town.

The Clinton Main Street Facade Improvement Program is underway, with the initial phase focusing on the area from Hull St to the Indian River. Town Manager Karl Kilduff applied for the \$128,000 grant which was awarded last



spring and the EDC is administering its execution; as professionally, efficiently and effectively as possible—to win larger grants in the future. Comprehensive concept designs were developed for the EDC by Diane Nazarko of Ashgrove Architects. Her aesthetically wonderful designs (see pictures) — coupled with having 75% of the costs reimbursed by the grant — has resulted in multiple businesses applying.

Hopefully, this is the beginning of a sustained effort to make our downtown charming once again — for us and for our visitors to enjoy; helping local businesses and attracting new ones as well.

The EDC has recently begun a tourism marketing initiative. While this has been discussed for many years, the EDC believes the time is right to begin. It will be multi-

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS become available Friday, October 1, 2021.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE is TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021. Must register IN PERSON between 9:00 am and 8:00 pm. A Special Session of Registrars of Voters to admit those seeking to vote in election whose qualification as to age, citizenship or residence was attained since OCTOBER 26TH. This must be done in person by November 1, 2021 at noon. If you miss the registration deadline, we will have same day registration on November 2, 2021.

PERMANET ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR DISABLED

Public Act #11-173: A disabled elector can file an Absentee Ballot Application together with a doctor's certificate stating that they have a permanent disability and are unable to appear in person at their polling place to obtain Permanent Absentee Ballot status. The law does not prescribe an official form to be used so a note from the elector's doctor, presumably on letterhead, indicating the disability would satisfy this requirement.

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

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

The Registrars of Voters will send an annual written notice in January of each year to determine if the elector continues to reside at the address on their Permanent Absentee Ballot Application. If there is no response from the elector, the elector will be removed from the status.

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

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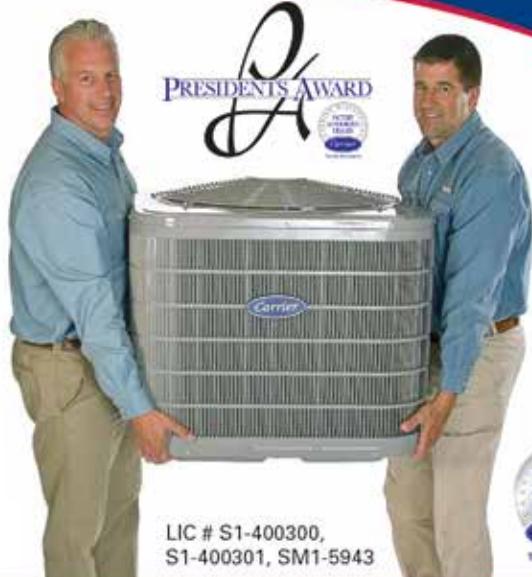
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News from The Clinton Land Conservation Trust

New Website: After months of work CLCT has finally launched a beautiful, intuitive website that works on all platforms. A big thank you to Andrea Hopkins of Andrea Hopkins Design for her expertise and patience. Please take a minute to check out all of the new features, download trail maps, review property locations and our events listings at www.clintonlandtrust.org. We would also like to thank John Pease for creating and maintaining our original site for many years.



CLCT would like to congratulate Clara Franzoni for being our 2021 winner of the Alice and David Crosby Environmental Scholarship. Clara will be attending the University of New Hampshire majoring in Environmental Science. We wish her the best of luck. Presenting the check is CLCT President Mike Houde.

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Did you know that if you have chickens, you need a Zoning Permit?

Clinton's Zoning Regulations allow for hens, or other poultry, rabbits or similar small animals or any combination thereof, not to exceed a total of ten (10) on a lot. Roosters are not permitted on lots of less than 3 acres.



Chickens need to be kept in an enclosure which must meet the legal property setbacks for the zone.

Also, manure shall be kept in a covered, watertight pit or chamber and shall be removed at least once a week during the period from May 1 to October 1 and during such other months at intervals sufficiently frequent to maintain sanitary conditions satisfactory to the Director of Health.

You can apply for a Zoning Permit for chickens on our website which is clintonct.org. Hover over Departments, click on Planning and Zoning, click on Application Forms, click on ZEO Forms and then Zoning Permit Application.

As always, please contact us with any questions. We're here to help.

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Henry Carter Hull Library

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Don't forget to submit your **Adult or Teen Summer Reading** list before Thurs. 8/26 for a chance to win great prizes. Children may continue to submit their Summer Reading lists for prizes in the Children's Room through Tues. 8/31. Did you participate in Summer Reading at Henry Carter Hull Library this year? We want to hear from you! Please visit tinyurl.com/HCHSummer by Fri. 9/3 to participate in our survey and share your experiences.

Summer fun In the Children's Room! This summer families enjoyed programs with presentations and performances by Animal Embassy, Sunny Train, Meigs Point Nature Center, Riverside Reptiles, CT DEEP, Cool-ology, and more. Thank you to everyone who participated, and also to Girl Scout Troop 62191 for sponsoring our visit from Animal Embassy and Clinton Early Childhood Council for sponsoring our Sunny Train concert.

Celebrate National Library Month during September by purchasing a "Give Back" reusable Community Bag at the Stop & Shop store located at 215 East Main Street, Clinton CT. Don't need another shopping tote? Consider buying one to fill with non-perishable food items to donate to the local pantry. Thank you for your support!

Check out **Henry's Little Free Libraries** located at the Clinton Town Beach and on the corner of East Main & Commerce Street next to Liberty Bank in Clinton. Take a book, leave a book, and visit these free book swap stops often - We'll be refreshing the inventory regularly with something for readers of all ages and interests. Thank you to our friends from The Morgan School for constructing and donating these Little Free Libraries to the town.

What's new at HCH? Visit www.hchlibrary.org or call (860)669-2342 for the most up-to-date hours, guidelines, and *continued on page 12*

Estuary Council

Bridging the Gap: Community Open House

On Saturday, Sept. 18, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, The Estuary Council of Seniors will be holding its annual community open house. The event allows people of all ages to take part in fun activities and learn more about the organization and its programs. Activity passports are available for purchase and include access to mini-programs like painting, yoga, dance, a cooking demo, and more. There will also be mini-golf, a dunk tank, giant checkers, lunch, a raffle, and a bake sale.

Tickets for programs and activities can be purchased in person at the senior center or online through Eventbrite. Please visit the website at www.ecsenior.org or The Estuary's Facebook page for a link to ticket purchases. The event is open to the public and is free to come walk around, take a tour, and get more information.

Fundraisers such as this are essential to the Meals on Wheels program and help bridge the funding gap and ensure that every senior who needs a meal receives one.

The Estuary's Pawsitive Pals

The Estuary Council of Seniors will be holding a pet event on Sunday, October 24th from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm. The event will include pet photography, homemade pet supply vendors, and more! Bring your furry friend with you for a fun day out or find the perfect new addition and everything they need to start their new life with you. Visit the website at: www.ecsenior.org for more information.

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Even though our main focus has been on providing food and related items to the families of Clinton we also have been and to fund and operate our other three community outreach programs. Our Energy

Assistance Program goal is to ensure that no family has a home without heat.

The goal of our Families to Families Program is to provide assistance to a family in a crisis situation — no matter what. The help is immediate. Our Clinton Kids Initiative Program tries to meet the multifaceted needs of Clinton children. This summer we were able to provide scholarships to art camp, musician theatre camp, and sailing camp for those children who otherwise would have never had that opportunity. With children going back to school this program also helps with backpacks, new clothes and new shoes.

In an effort to ensure that there is plenty of food at the Clinton Food Pantry we will hold a food Drive on Saturday September 18th at Stop & Shop from 10-2. We invite everyone to join us in this event to help Clinton families. You also make a monetary donation online at: hfclinton.org

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Toward these ends, the eight member HDC has forged ahead with multiple projects. One is to give public recognition to historic properties, which had been in a state of deterioration or inappropriate modernization – and then restored.

Another is to work with the State's Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to create new National Register Districts, where appropriate. Clinton currently has two such districts registered in Washington D.C, namely the Clinton Village Historic District and the High/John Street Historic District. Between the two, Clinton has over 250 buildings on the United States Governments' National Register of Historic Places.

Additionally, in their ongoing effort to preserve existing historic buildings, the HDC endorsed the effort to save a 220 year old house from demolition and two HDC members testified, via Zoom, at a public hearing in Hartford to that extent. The on-line petition to save the house garnered over 800 signatures and just as the State's Attorney General was about to file an injunction, the owner of the house withdrew the demolition application.

If you are interested in the work of Clinton's HDC or just want to know the difference between the various types of districts, go to HDC's website at <https://clintonct.org/182/Historic-District-Commission>

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The Clinton Education Foundation

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Golf Classic

Monday
October 11

It's not often you can do something good for your community that's also a pleasure in itself. The Clinton Education Foundation / Clinton Lions Club Golf Classic offers just that opportunity.

Our annual tournament will be held this year on Monday, October 11 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 to public school students and teachers grants and scholarships which enable them to pursue their dreams and passions.

The Clinton Lions Club is a community service organization that offers scholarships and sponsors youth activities, funds the DARE program for the school district, and helps supply our police officers with life-saving Narcan.

The golf tournament is a big part of fundraising for both organizations. Players and dinner guests can bid on items appealing to every taste and pocketbook at our silent auction. Our Pop-the-cork raffle of fine wines has become very popular.

Tournament sponsorships are available at a variety of levels and are a great way to advertise your business or organization. If you would like to become a sponsor, please visit the CEF website at

<https://sites.google.com/site/clintoncef> or contact the Clinton Education Foundation/Clinton Lions Club at P.O. Box 684, Clinton, 06413. If you might like to play, check out the website for more information.

Both organizations are looking forward to October, to a glorious autumn day, and perfect weather for a round of golf.



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Too Cold in Winter? Too Hot in Summer? There's a Solution with Weatherization

By Enoch Lenge

Earlier this month, New England saw five days of 90 degree-plus heat, the longest June heat wave in nearly a century. That worrying trend not only highlights the importance of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, but is also a reminder to ensure our homes are sufficiently weatherized to keep cool air in during the

summertime, not to mention warm air in during New England's notoriously brutal winters. If your home seems too hot these days, it may be time to explore weatherization to help make your home more comfortable and save money.

Weatherization is the process of making your home better protected against the effects of changing weather. It can involve actions like sealing air leaks, eliminating drafts and adding insulation. These strategies help improve your home's performance and make it more energy efficient. Plus, it can help you save money on your energy bills.

Sealing and insulating your home saves both money and energy.

Air can escape, or leak, through your home's envelope, including the outer walls, windows, doors and other openings. Your heating and cooling systems work hard to warm or cool your home, and undetected air leaks and drafts, inadequate insulation or worn out ductwork can cause those HVAC systems to use more energy without doing much to increase the comfort of the home.

And, if your HVAC system is outdated (i.e. hasn't been replaced or repaired in the last fifteen years or so) it may be producing warm or cool air inefficiently. Thus, by the time the air reaches the vents, it may be several degrees off from the starting temperature.

But by implementing weatherization techniques, such as air sealing and new insulation, your HVAC's performance is improved and the desired warm or cool air will stay inside the home, reducing energy use and saving money.



Weatherization also increases comfort.

When your home is properly weatherized by sealing leaks and adding insulation, drafts are virtually eliminated, improving the overall comfort of your home. You will notice the temperature you set your thermostat to is maintained more easily. And, if you incorporate

insulation along with air sealing, there will be a denser layer between you and the sounds outside, resulting in a quieter home and reducing the likelihood of ice dams on the roof and eves.

Weatherization also keeps the outside from coming into your home - that includes pollen, dust and other allergens. It also reduces the chance for mold buildup. The temperature around the inside perimeter fluctuates less in a weatherized home, resulting in less moisture buildup during the summer and winter. The result is cleaner, healthier air.

Most homes in the U.S. don't have enough insulation and have significant air leaks. In fact, if you added up all the leaks, holes and gaps in a typical home's envelope, it would be the equivalent of having a window open every day of the year. But when your home's energy performance is improved, it not only makes your home more comfortable and saves money, but the consumption of water, electricity and fossil fuels (i.e. natural gas, coal and oil) are reduced as well. Thus, greenhouse gas emissions - which, of course, contribute to climate change - decrease. By weatherizing your home, you are helping the environment and contributing to emissions reductions that could help stave off future heat waves.

To learn more about how Eversource, an Energize Connecticut sponsor, can help you save energy in your Connecticut home or business with weatherization, rebates, financing and other services, go to Eversource.com.

Enoch Lenge is Eversource's energy efficiency spokesman and provides energy saving tips on the company's blog.

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