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The First Selectman's Corner

Our Downtown is Looking Up!

On June 18th Connecticut Department of Transportation held the ground breaking for our new train station. Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz joined Department of Transportation Commissioner Joe Giulietti, Rep. Jessie MacLachlan, State Sen. Norm Needleman, First Selectman Goupil and the Board of Selectman for a ceremonial ground-breaking at the Clinton Shoreline East train station.

Our station will have a new platform on the northern tracks, an up-and-over pedestrian bridge with elevators connecting both sides making it fully ADA compliant, a ramp to the new platform, a bike shelter and additional parking. This expansion will reinvigorate economic development in our downtown and support a healthier and more vibrant community.

This \$12.5 million project contract was awarded to Lawrence Brunoli Construction of Farmington and will be completed in January 2021. Connecticut Department of Transportation has located its construction headquarters in our downtown for the duration of the project. Please welcome them to the community!

By the publication date of this article a contract will have closed for the Unilever property with developer Michael Massimino. We have been working closely to look for opportunities for these types of transit-oriented development projects.

The train station and development of the Unilever property tie in nicely with the officially designated Blue/Greenway trail. This trail will connect Clinton with our neighbors to the west and east, as well as residents and tourists to recreational opportunities, commercial centers, historical landmarks and land trusts in Clinton. The first phase is a loop of over three miles which crosses the old trolley line through our Historical District to the Town Dock making the first connection to the Blueway onto the Indian River. The second access point takes users through the town onto the Town Beach. Many thanks to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Alliance (BPAC) and Carrie Allen for their dedication to this project!



Christine Goupil,
First Selectman

In Other News...

The Senior Task Force Co-chairs Elizabeth Goldstein and Phyllis McGrath presented the survey results to the Board of Selectmen. The survey looked at an assessment of senior needs in the community. Topics ranged from programming, and transportation, to housing and community space.

The Senior Task Force continues to meet and will be working towards addressing the points raised in the survey.

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From the Town Clerk's Office

ELECTION: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

Hours: 6:00 am to 8:00 pm

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November 5, 2019 Municipal Election

Absentee Ballot (AB) applications are available in the Town Clerk's office and on the Town Clerk's website, click on Elections. AB ballots become available October 4, 2019.

PERMANENT Absentee Ballots

An elector can file an AB application together with a doctor's certificate (presumably on letter head), stating that they have a permanent disability and are unable to appear in person at their polling place. This will allow an elector to be on our Permanent Absentee ballot list. AB ballots will then be automatically mailed to the elector for the election.

Election Day Registration will be available.

If you should have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 860-669-9101.

Sharon Uricchio, CCTC, Clinton Town Clerk

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The Board of Selectmen is evaluating the results and looking to expand programming to seniors, specifically, utilizing the Annex for more senior activities and a request to the Estuary Council for the bus service to the grocery store on Tuesdays. If you have questions or are interested in getting involved, please contact the Human Service Department or the First Selectman's Office. The Board of Selectmen would like to thank the co-chairs of the Senior Task Force for their work.

Transition to the Town Manager and New Town Council

Over a three-day window, executive search firm SGR Senior Vice President, Doug Thomas, met with town staff and chairs of boards and commissions to garner recommendations for the type of candidate needed to fill the Town Manager position. Public meetings were also held with robust participation.

The plan is for the final candidates to be presented to the new Town Council after the election on November 19th. The Town Manager Search Committee, comprised of Selectman Phil Sengle, Selectman Tim Guerra, Dennis Donovan, Carrie Allen, Hank Teskey and Anselmo Delia will brief the Board of Selectmen and the new council candidates with updates.

Brown Bag Lunch/Dinner

I continue to host the Brown Bag Lunch/Dinner in Town Hall on the third Thursday of the month to welcome Clinton residents and businesses to ask questions and share ideas. We welcome your input. Please check the Town Hall Calendar at www.clintonct.org/calendar.aspx.

Christine Goupil, First Selectman



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Clinton Economic Development Commission Department

THE CLINTON TROLLEY



The Clinton Economic Development Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Clinton Placemakers and 9-Town Transit joined forces to launch the Clinton Trolley on Friday June 28; making 8 stops around Clinton, Fridays - Sundays until September 1.

What began as an effort to develop an easy and eco-friendly way to shuttle folks between Clinton Crossing, marinas, Arts District, Train Station and restaurants got a big boost when Ken & Doug Dobriner donated their Trolley to 9-Town Transit in

April. "Having this authentic-looking trolley took the project to a whole new level of excitement and interest from our local businesses," said Paul Orsini, Executive Director of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce. Advertising was sold to pay 9-Town for usage. Ads on the trolley's exterior sold out in 2 weeks. Other businesses bought space in the interior.

"The whole thing came together in under 2 months, an amazingly short time-frame, when you consider the logistics," remarked John Allen, of the Clinton Placemakers and Clinton Economic Development Commission Chair. "In addition to getting advertisers, the trolley needed to be inspected, registered and a few repairs made. The route was determined and approved by businesses. Clinton Police Chief Vince DaMaio personally rode the route to ensure approval by State Department of Transportation. Stop signs were designed, produced and installed by Todd Hajek's great crew at the Clinton DPW and brochures were designed and printed and a web site developed," added Allen.

The blue Trolley Stop signs, pamphlets and the www.ClintonTrolleyWorks.com website were all designed by UI/UX Designer, Rob Acampora.

"It was hectic, extremely rewarding and a lot of fun, for all of us involved to work with our great local businesses and town to add an exciting new asset to our already great Clinton summers," said Orsini.

John Allen - Chair
Clinton Economic Development Commission
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An advertisement for Middlesex Eye Physicians. The background is a blue sky with a white lighthouse. The text is white and yellow. At the top, it says "Full Service Eye Care & Optical Shop". Below that, it lists services: "Comprehensive Eye Exams • Cataract Surgery • Glaucoma • Lasik • Dry Eye • Macular Degeneration • Cosmetic Services • Optical Shop". The logo for Middlesex Eye Physicians is a stylized 'E' with a globe. At the bottom, there are two office locations: Middletown Office and Westbrook Office, with their addresses and phone numbers. The website middlesexeye.com is listed at the bottom.

Water Pollution Control

On July 10th, Clinton residents voted to approve Water Pollution Control (WPC) line item transfer - a significant step toward solving some town wastewater issues. The transfers, \$80,000 in total, will be used to fund Amendment 7C which will research two downtown properties for sub-surface water treatment systems.

If successfully installed, this will be a community system, shared by many. This is an exciting step forward for the town of Clinton.

The Water Pollution Control Commission meets every other Tuesday and invites the public to attend and share their thoughts and ideas. Meetings start at 7:00 pm in the rose room of Town Hall. Upcoming meeting dates are: July 23; August 13 and 27; September 10 and 24; October 8 and 22nd. Any questions, please call WPC at 860-664-1123.

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On-Site Sewage Disposal Notices

The Clinton Water Pollution Control Commission is currently sending out notices to inform residents about servicing their septic systems. The town has enacted an ordinance in accordance with a DEEP consent order requiring that all septic systems in the Town of Clinton be cleaned and inspected every 5 years.

The town is using an online tracking system called Carmody, which will facilitate this process. If you receive a post card, please schedule an appointment with a town registered and licensed septic system service company within 60 days. If your tank was serviced in the past 5 years and you received a post card, then the town does not have a record of the service. WPCC is updating its database and apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause. Please contact your septic service company and ask them to update your service on Carmody, the online tracking system.

The WPCC drafted registration criteria for septic service companies that work in town. All registered companies are listed on the Town website. Click on "List of Registered Septic System Service Companies for Clinton."

The On-Site Sewage Disposal System Maintenance Ordinance may also be found on the website. To check if your septic system is due for servicing go to www.septic-search.com. Some companies offer senior discounts and/or are willing to draw up a monthly payment plan for those with financial constraints. Any questions, please call 860-664-1123.

The Clinton Education Foundation

EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER 12K IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

This spring, the Clinton Education Foundation awarded over twelve thousand dollars in scholarships and grants to students and teachers in the Clinton public schools.

The mission of the CEF is stated simply: "To enhance public education in Clinton." We accomplish this mission by offering scholarships and grants to students that will allow them to pursue some opportunity that will help them grow and eventually to give back to their schools and/or community in some way. Usually this is for some extracurricular

activity - sports, arts, academic - activities that can often be prohibitively expensive.

This year, for example, Renfrew scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded to a senior to attend a journalism workshop at UConn and for a junior to participate in the O.C.E.A.N.S. 17 maritime science program at the University of North Carolina. Calvert grants of up to \$1,500 were awarded to students to attend a National Youth Leadership forum at Yale, the National History Bee in Chicago, and for soccer, Boy Scout, and ecology camps, among other activities.

Teacher grants will be used for library makerspaces, Joel School beautification, the creation of a reading nook, and to extend the successful Second Step SEM program into fourth grade.

The money to support our philanthropic efforts is raised at events like the annual Clinton Education Foundation/Clinton Lions Club Family Golf Classic.

Applications for all grants and scholarships can be found on the district website by clicking on "Community Links" or by going to our website: <https://sites.google.com/site/clinton-cef/>. For information about upcoming events you can find us on Facebook @clintoneducationfoundation.

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Sleep apnea is a serious problem that can cause high blood pressure, heart failure and stroke.

Symptoms of sleep apnea include, but are not limited to, getting up frequently to use the bathroom, waking up feeling tired and not well rested, excessive daytime sleepiness, waking up with headaches and problems with memory or concentration. If you experience any of these symptoms, you should see your doctor.

The standard treatment for obstructive sleep apnea is the use of a CPAP machine, which is a positive pressure therapy that involves the use of a mask, hose and small machine. The CPAP mask works by having a flow of air create a pressure in the back of your throat and mouth to hold open the soft tissues that are falling back and closing your airway.

If patients cannot use a CPAP machine then they may be offered an oral appliance or surgery, such as transoral robotic-assisted surgery. They may also be offered an implantable device called Inspire Therapy, which is similar to a pacemaker.

Dr. Mark D'Agostino, Middlesex Health's chief of Otolaryngology, was one of the first in the country to offer Inspire Therapy, which treats sleep apnea by implanting into patients a small device that senses breathing. A stimulation cuff is placed around a nerve that controls the tongue, allowing patients to breathe normally through the night. Patients control the therapy with a remote control.

To receive Inspire Therapy, you must be 22 or older and have failed CPAP therapy, and you must have moderate to severe obstructive sleep apnea with an apnea-hypopnea index between 15-65 and less than 25 percent central sleep apnea. You must also have a body mass index at or below 32. You should not be significantly overweight.

To learn more, visit www.middlesexhealth.org/sleep.

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Families Helping Families

Once again we would like to thank the entire Clinton community for your continuing support of not only our organization but also our mission in the Clinton community.

Thirteen years ago we began with one community outreach program and now we have five programs which attempt to meet the needs of the children and families of Clinton. We thought this space would be perfect to give you some insight into one of our programs.

CLINTON KIDS INITIATIVE

Our Clinton Kids Initiative is devoted to meeting the needs of vulnerable Clinton children through many different venues. During the summer we offer our Summer Lunch Program at The Henry Carter Hull Library every Friday.

Children and people attending have a meal provided by Chow Food and Beverage. Each week there is a guest who puts on a program for the children attending.

We have been blessed by having guests such as our local fire department, Sonny our beloved police dog, the kids from Kidz Konnection, and many others.

BIKES FOR KIDS

Another program which we are very proud of is our Bikes For Kids. Several years back we formed a partnership with "The Bike Guy" Paul Egan to refurbish bikes and give them away to children free of charge. Over the years we have given away over 470 bikes to children and there has never been a charge for any bike.

In addition to these two efforts we help Clinton Social Services provide shoes and clothing for children going back to school.

During the holiday season, we make sure that "tweens" (who many times are over-looked during the holidays) have gifts.

We are so grateful to the Clinton community for your support of our programs.

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Clinton Senior Task Force

On July 17, The Clinton Senior Task Force presented the results of its survey of Clinton seniors to the Board of Selectmen.

The mission of the Task Force is to make Clinton a more active, healthy and involved community for and with its senior residents.

The Task Force is composed of representatives of town agencies and nonprofits that provide senior services and programs, and interested citizens. The survey was conducted to identify existing programs and services for Clinton seniors, their interests in new ones and reasons they don't participate. 164 surveys were completed, with responders ranging from 60 to 89 years old.

Among the activities mentioned, the Henry Carter Hull Library programs are the most heavily used. Other popular sources of activities include walk-bike-jog trails, The Estuary, Park & Rec, and offerings in nearby towns. The most often mentioned reason seniors don't participate in existing programs and services is because they don't know about them.

Elizabeth Goldstein and Phyllis McGrath, the co-chairs of the Task Force reviewed the survey results with the Selectmen and recommended next steps. As communication is clearly a need, they recommended the Board allocate or hire a person to create a

master schedule of existing programs and activities, working cooperatively with all organizations that touch seniors. The schedule should be included in all online and print media, and distributed widely.

Another recommendation is to create several town committees. One would develop a plan for creating a physical town senior center. The Task Force endorsed the use of a room at the Town Hall Annex for use not only as a Thursday senior lunch room but also for senior activities throughout the week, as a short term solution.

Another frequently mentioned issue is affordable senior housing. The Town's existing agencies should explore opportunities for expanding the current, limited housing available.

Transportation is a major limitation for seniors. The Task Force recommended that the town not only improve communications about existing programs but also seek also grants to provide more access to transportation.

The Task Force also addressed the issue of personal safety, recommendation the town implement wellness checks, a buddy network, and other programs to help the seniors.

The Board of Selectmen will be considering these findings and recommendations and determine next steps.

Seasonal Allergies ~ Trying to Nip Them in the Bud

Itchy eyes, runny nose, sneezing, fatigue... these are just a few of the signs of seasonal allergies - also known as hay fever. And get ready: It looks like we may have a real doozy of an allergy season this year. Milder winter temperatures in places can cause plants to pollinate early. And a rainier spring leads to quick plant growth, as well as an increase in mold.

Allergic reactions mostly occur when your body responds to a "false alarm." And, as you well know, there isn't a cure for seasonal allergies. But there's no reason to let this time of year take all the spring out of your step! Arm yourself with information. Monitor climate factors. When checking the weather and planning your day, keep these things in mind:

- Heat and high humidity promote the growth of molds.
- Cool nights and warm days allow tree, grass, and ragweed pollens to thrive.
- In spring and summer, tree and grass pollen levels tend to peak in the evening.
- In late summer and early fall, ragweed pollen levels tend to peak in the morning.

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- Windy and warm days often result in surging pollen counts.
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- Avoid your triggers. If allergies are making you miserable, you may want to see an allergist. Specializing in allergies, this person can help you figure out what triggers your symptoms. Then you can find ways to cut off those triggers at the pass. During allergy season:
 - Keep windows and doors shut in your car and home.
 - After working or playing outdoors, take a shower, wash your hair, and change your clothes. When doing chores outside, wear a NIOSH-rated filter mask.
 - Be on the lookout for mold, which can build up in moist months. A deep spring cleaning will help get rid of mold and other allergens.
 - Relieve your symptoms. Corticosteroid nasal sprays, decongestants, antihistamines. These are examples of over-the-counter drugs that can help relieve your symptoms.

If side effects are a problem, there are solutions. For example, a few possible side effects of antihistamines are sleepiness, dry mouth, constipation, and light-headedness.

For some people, allergies can lead to or coexist with other health problems such as asthma or sinusitis. Asthma narrows or blocks the airways. Sinusitis is caused by inflammation or infection of cavities behind the nose. Just one more reason why working with your doctor and pharmacist is a good idea.

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Together, we are making a real difference. Thanks to our donors, our nonprofit partners, and the Animals: Respect & Friendship Fund (ARF!), our neighbors in need are able to keep their animals and benefit from their companionship. Together, we are increasing access to veterinary care, keeping pets in homes, and supporting pop-up veterinary clinics for pets owned by seniors living in fixed-income housing.

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We celebrate all of you who share the same desire to help our local community thrive today, and tomorrow.

We invite you to learn more by calling us or visiting us online.

Henry Carter Hull Library

*A note from Adult Programming Coordinator,
Sarah Borgnis-Tobin*

What's better than enjoying a book by the beach and winning prizes to do it? Thank you to all of our Adult Summer Reading sponsors including Cindy Stevens Fine Art, Technique Printers, Steve Bibisi of Kingdom Financial Services, Town Pride Clinton, and WCTY Radio for contributing great prizes to our raffle. Join us on Friday, 8/16 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm for our End of Summer Celebration to enjoy Chet's Italian Ice, music, outdoor fun for all-ages, and find out if you're a raffle winner!

Did you know? If you're not receiving our events email, you're missing out on valuable library updates and announcements. Not to worry - Sign up is quick and easy! Call us at 860-669-2342 and ask to be added to our email events newsletter, or visit www.hchlibrary.org/subscribe to start receiving weekly library news.

Have an idea for a program? Interested in sponsoring an event? Email sarah@hchlibrary.org to discuss options. 100% of library events are funded by generous donations from citizens and community sponsors, and your support is appreciated.

Sarah Borgnis-Tobin, Adult Programming Coordinator

UPCOMING ADULT EVENTS

(For details call or visit our website)

Weekly Adult Events

Itch to Stitch: Mondays, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
 Scrabble Club: Tuesdays @ 1:00 pm
 Intermediate Tai Chi: Wednesdays @ 9:30 am
 Drop-In Tech Help: Wednesdays, 10:00 am - 11:00 am
 Gentle Yoga: Thursdays @ 10:15 am
 HCH Quilters: Fridays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Beginner Tai Chi: Fridays @ 9:30 am

Monthly Adult Events

New Movie Matinee: 1st Monday @ 1:00 pm
 Creative Writing Group: 1st Monday @ 6:00 pm
 Business Basics: 1st Wednesday @ 6:00 pm
 The Atlantic Discussion Group: 4th Wednesday @ 9:30 am
 Wellness Wednesday: Last Wednesday @ 6:00 pm
 Caregiver Support Group: 2nd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

Visit www.hchlibrary.org or stop by for information about more special upcoming events.

A note from Head of Children's Services, Coralie Williams Greetings from the Children's Room!

We are thrilled with the excitement and popularity surrounding our summer reading theme, A Universe of Stories! Our space-themed programs are a hit with our patrons. Our special programs included visits from Science Tellers, Mime and comic



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Robert Rivest, The Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, NASA Ambassador Laurie Averill, and Claudia Esposito of Cool-ology. Our STEAM program, Story Time From Space, was also very popular. Over 300 children have registered for our new “Read and Bead” reading incentive program. We love seeing the pride on their faces when they come in to collect their beads and show off their chains and “brag tags.” I think this program is a keeper and will continue for many summers to come.

Henry Carter Hull Library would also like to thank the Clinton Land Conservation Trust for sponsoring our summer StoryWalk®. The picture book, Over in the Forest by Marianne Berkes, will be



up all summer in front of the library. Be sure to treat your children to this beautiful nature-based story. You are sure to find something new in the pictures each time you “leap like a squirrel” or “pounce like a fox.”

Photo: Our summer “Storywalk”

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A giant THANK YOU to local photographer Aidan Moran of Laughable Art, for volunteering his time and talent for our “Alien Invasion” photo booth fundraiser. Participants had fun dressing up and posing in front of our alien backdrop. The donations helped pay for our special events.

Our Clinton Land Conservation Trust “Take a Hike” children’s backpack is also very popular. It is filled with everything you need to take a hike, including binoculars, magnifying glasses, identification guides, and maps to local CLCT trails.

Summer is not over yet! Our Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party will be on Friday, August 16th from 1:00-3:00. We will have a hands-on meteorite program, face painting, Chet’s Italian Ice, music, yard games and more. All ages welcome!

Be sure to check out our 17 Museum Passes which offer discounts at a variety of art and science museums, zoos, The Mystic Seaport and Mystic Aquarium. Reserve yours today! Stop by and grab a brochure and check out our website for more details about our museum passes, weekly programs, special events, and Nutmeg Book Club. “Like” us on Facebook for additions and updates. Happy reading!

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WEDNESDAY

Crafty Kids 9:30-10:00 (older toddlers and preschoolers)
Homeschool Storytime & Activity 1:30-2:30 (age 6-9)

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Hammonasset Festival of Nature and Native American Heritage



The 9th Hammonasset Festival will return to the Guilford Fairgrounds at 111 Lovers Lane to honor the environment and Native American cultures. The two-day celebration will take place on Saturday, October 5, from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday, October 6, from 10 am to 5 pm.

“We invite you to join us for a weekend of fun, celebration, education, and entertainment,” says Barbara Hanson, Festival Chair. “We chose Mother Earth is in Our Hands as this year’s theme. We wish to express our gratitude for Mother Earth’s many gifts and learn ways to care for them.”

“Mother Earth is the source of all life and our greatest teacher,” says Darlene Kascah (Schaghticoke), Education Coordinator at The Institute for American Indian Studies. “She teaches us that all things must live in harmony. We must respect and care for our Mother, in order to provide for the seven generations that are coming.”

Each day will begin with a Native American prayer and smudging ceremony, led by Allan Saunders (Mohegan), followed by multiple appearances of our featured performers:

Wade Fernandez, of the Menominee Nation in Wisconsin. Wade has been sharing his musical art for over thirty years as an international award-winning musician, songwriter, recording artist, and producer.

Erin Lamb-Meeches (Schaghticoke) and the Native Nations Dance Troupe. The Native American dancers

will gather in the dance circle to share their dances and interpretations, accompanied by the Native drum group, Pine Tree Singers.

The Chankas of Peru will share the amazing Scissors Dance, a traditional highland Andean ritual competition.

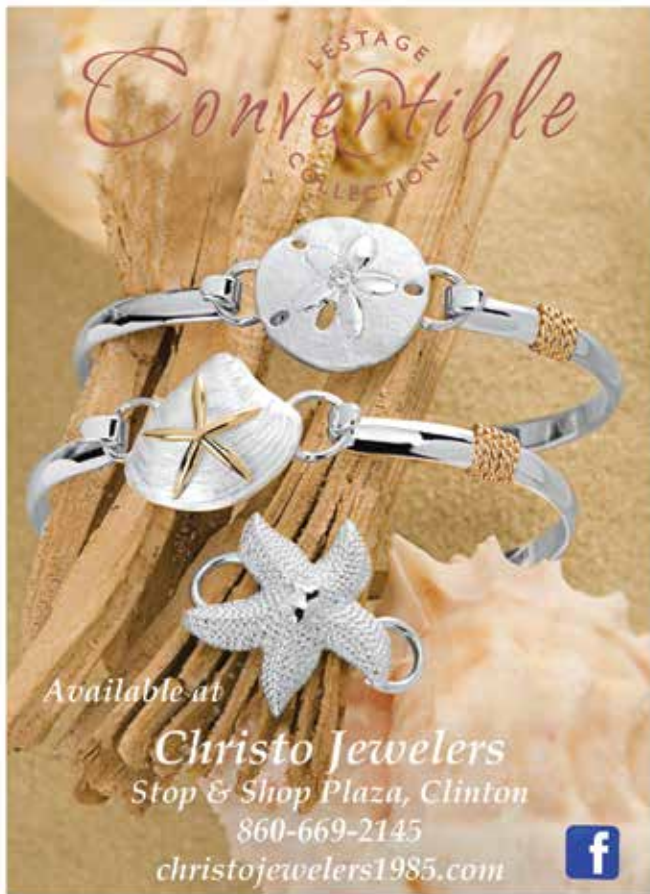
Each dancer will showcase his repertoire of acrobatics, gymnastics, aerial jumps, and intricate footwork.


Allan Madahbee (Ojibway) will emcee the Festival and will also play Native American flute and guitar.

Around the grounds, under tents and in the Butterfly Building will be an array of vendors, exhibitors and educators. There will be wildlife exhibits and shows, an expanded children’s area, the New England Atlatl Championship, and a variety of food choices.

The Festival is presented by the Friends of Hammonasset, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which provides public environmental awareness programs and serves as an advocate for Hammonasset Beach State Park. Find more information including ticket prices and schedule of events at [Facebook.com/HammonassetFestival](https://www.facebook.com/HammonassetFestival). Vendor/exhibitor pre-registration required; contact hammonassetfestival@gmail.com

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Michael Houde, President of CLCT presents the check to Rachel Flanagan

The Alice and David Crosby Environmental Scholarship was established in 1997 in memory of Alice C. Crosby, and subsequently her husband David. Alice and David were members of the Clinton Land Conservation Trust in its early days, and remained active in its programs and projects throughout their lives.

The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded each year to a Clinton graduating senior planning to pursue an education in a field related to the study of or preservation of the environment.

This year CLCT proudly awards the scholarship to Rachel Flanagan, a 2019 Morgan graduate, who will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute majoring in Civil Engineering with a focus in Urban Development and Environmental Sustainability. In Rachel's application she states, "As a child, I always knew I wanted a job that would allow me to have a positive impact on the environment." We at CLCT are sure that Rachel will do just that. *Congratulations Rachel!*

Ecology Camp 2019

2019 marked thirteen years of Ecology Camp directed by Dana Skidmore, a Clinton teacher and CLCT board member. Clinton Park and Recreation and the Clinton Land Conservation Trust has co-sponsored this camp since its inception.

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Gavin McCollum enjoying Ecology Camp.

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Jackie Robinson: An Ongoing Legacy of Impact and Achievement

by Sigrid Kun



Rendering of future Jackie Robinson Museum. Courtesy Gensler/Ralph Appelbaum Associates/Mopix Studios.

Jackie Robinson's legacy is stronger than ever. It's not just every April 15th when each Major League Baseball team celebrates Jackie Robinson Day. Through the Jackie Robinson Foundation (JRF) he and his family continue to impact lives and improve the communities in which we live.

BREAKING BARRIERS

Born on January 31, 1919 in Cairo, Georgia, Robinson grew up in Pasadena, CA. He later attended UCLA where he became the only student to letter in four varsity sports in the same year. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942 and became second lieutenant. In 1944, while riding a bus back to Camp (now Fort) Hood, he was court martialed for refusing to move to the back of the bus. This ultimately led to his honorable discharge that same year.

It was around the same time that the Brooklyn Dodgers found it important to integrate Major League Baseball. Robinson signed a contract with the Dodgers in 1945 and began his baseball career with the Montreal Royals. On April 15, 1947, the color barrier was broken. Robinson became the first African American to play Major League Baseball, playing first base for the Dodgers. He carried himself with honor and grace despite facing opposition from crowds and teammates as well as threats to himself and his family. Named Rookie of the Year in 1947, his 10-year MLB career was outstanding - including being named MVP in 1949 and a World Series win in 1955. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962.

ADVANCING EQUALITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS

Robinson transformed more than baseball. He and his wife, Rachel, became increasingly involved in the civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s. It was during this time (mid-1950s) that the family home in Stamford, CT was purchased - not without adversity. "Our parents faced housing discrimination during their search for a home," recalls Jackie Robinson's daughter, Sharon, who serves as Vice Chair of the JRF Board of Directors. "Andrea Simon, a prominent resident, heard of our difficulties and intervened." As Sharon and her brothers integrated into the neighborhood and schools, they faced various levels of racism. The home offered privacy, freedom, friendship, and sports.

And there were the wonderful jazz concerts. "Our family hosted our first 'Afternoon of Jazz' on our Stamford property in June of 1963," relates Sharon. "Dad was a fundraiser for the Civil Rights Movement." Robinson was also working with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr to raise money to rebuild black churches that had been bombed. The first concert was a fundraiser for Southern Christian Leadership Conference and came on the heels of Dr. King's efforts in Birmingham, Alabama.



Family portrait left to right: Sharon Robinson, Mom Rachel and Dad Jackie Robinson. Courtesy Jackie Robinson Foundation.

The concert was managed by a massive volunteer force of family and friends. Musicians (like Dizzy Gillespie) volunteered their time and talents. "My brother, David and I - along with our friends - sold hot dogs and sodas. Dad and Jackie Jr. parked cars. Mom was the directress with her hands in all aspect of the concert," recalls Sharon. The second concert was shortly after the Robinson family returned from the March on Washington. "Dr. King came and spoke to the crowd. It was one of the most amazing days of our young lives." The Afternoon of Jazz became a regular fundraiser for the Civil Rights Movement during Jackie Robinson's life. After he passed in 1972, the tradition continued with proceeds to support JRF.

A LEGACY OF IMPACT AND ACHIEVEMENT

Rachel founded JRF in 1973. JRF not only honors the memory of Jackie Robinson and his heroic achievements but also provides college and graduate student scholarships and leadership development opportunities for students of color with strong capabilities but limited financial resources. It is a two-pronged approach with four-year grants and hands-on, comprehensive support.

This year, JRF is commemorating the 100th birthday of Jackie Robinson with a year-long series of events to benefit not only the organization's programs but also the future Jackie Robinson Museum. The culminating event will be the opening of the Jackie Robinson Museum in New York City in December of 2019. "It has been our family's dream to have a physical space where my father's legacy and the values and ideals by which he lived could inspire others," says Sharon. "We are excited to shine a light on my father's life, while raising funds to continue to positively impact the lives of others."

"My parents taught me the importance of loving your world," adds Sharon - an accomplished nurse-midwife, professor, author and educational consultant within the Commissioner of Baseball's Office. "We have a favorite Jackie Robinson quote: *'A life is not important except for the impact on other's lives.'*"

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