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First Selectman's Corner



Summer in Clinton: the busiest time of year. The cottages are full, boaters fill the marinas and Main Street is in gridlock. We have much to be thankful for in Clinton, the beauty of the Sound, a top notch marina and a beach which is second to none. I hope everyone takes the time to go out and enjoy all of these natural assets. As you travel around you'll notice more and more improvements. The sidewalks along West Main Street and up to High Street have been rebuilt. Our beach building is now open for business and Sal D's at the docks is serving up great food. The first phase of our downtown streetscape plan will be going out to bid after Labor Day and the Town Hall Annex and bulkhead projects will begin. Several more miles of roadway are in the process of being rebuilt and the Town Hall and Glen Haven renovation projects are progressing.

Our recreational complexes have seen more activity than ever, keeping our kids and some adults out in the fresh air. Perhaps the most exciting news in many years was the town's approval to build a New Morgan School. Clinton is town moving forward. I thank all of our residents who support these initiatives and look forward to continuing to improve our community. Have a great summer!

Willie Fritz, First Selectman

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The Middlesex Hospital Diabetes Care Program is designed to help all people with diabetes better manage their disease. Services include individual counseling by a registered dietitian/certified diabetes educator about healthy eating for weight management and blood sugar control; insulin administration; taking medications; being active and managing risks and problem-solving related to diabetes. The program is based on the national standards for diabetes self-management education programs and is recognized by the American Diabetes Association and is accredited by the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA). There is a fee for the services, but Medicare and most insurances cover services for diabetes education with the customary copay.

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Board of Finance Update

The town of Clinton held a referendum for a new high school building. That referendum passed with over 4,000 voters casting a ballot. The Town of Clinton will construct a new building to house the Morgan School's faculty and students. I thank the Morgan Building Committee for its work and am confident that the committee will continue to represent the best interests of the town during the design and build phase of this enormous infrastructure project. Also, the 3.2 million dollar emergency communications upgrade was recently completed. The communications project, which included the installation of a radio antenna at IRRC, among other necessary improvements, was finished with a budget surplus of approximately \$230,000.

The proposed 2012-2013 operating budgets (hopefully passed at referendum the first time on May 9th) for the town and the board of education contain increases in spending of less than 2%. Virtually all of the spending increases are due to contractual obligations for salaries or benefits. In addition, most of the funds requested by the library have been restored after an impressive and impassioned turnout at the public hearing on the proposed budgets this past spring.

Finally, there have been some communications from taxpayers, mostly seniors, to me about tax relief. The town of Clinton does have an elderly resident tax relief program.

I urge seniors who are having difficulties with their local taxes to see Melanie Yanus, the tax collector, at Town Hall and ask her about the elderly tax benefit.

In my humble opinion, the social compact imposes a duty upon us all to contribute to the welfare of our community. This can range from helping your neighbors with their yard work or donating to local organizations to assist those less fortunate than us. Charitable giving is as important as ever. So, please donate what you can, time and/or money, to the many wonderful organizations located in Clinton. This includes patronizing local businesses whenever possible.

Be safe, be well this summer.

*Bradford J. Sullivan, Chair
Board of Finance*



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15th Annual Liberty Bank Bluefish 5K Road Race

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce and Shoreline Community Women, Inc. will host the 15th Annual Liberty Bank Bluefish 5K Road Race on Saturday, August 18.

The 5k (3.1-mile) race course begins and ends at the Jared Eliot Middle School, 59 Fairy Dell Road in Clinton. Start time is 9 a.m., with race day registrations beginning at 7 a.m. The course is USATF certified number CT00005DR. Mile markers will be measured as such from the course certification. There are several water stations along the route. Last year's race drew 450 entrants.

Electronic chip timing is managed by Platt Systems. In addition to title sponsor Liberty Bank, sponsors include: A Limo Company; Medical Weight Loss for Life-Susanna Thomas, M.D.; Unilever; Harbor News; Chelle Designs, LLC; Chips' Pub III; Clinton Glass; Coastal Chiropractic and Wellness; Coastline Construction; Cohen's Bagel Company; Enterprise Computer; First Investors; The Lee Company; Lemley Electric; MacKinstry Financial and Investments, LLC; Mohegan Sun Casino; Marcum LLP; Nike Factory Store; New England Alliance Mortgage; Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine Centers; Preferred Foam Products; Schumack Engineered Construction; Senior Insurance Services; Snap Fitness of Clinton;

Technique Printers; Yellowbook USA.

Music will be provided by disc jockey Anthony Buzzeo and Sounds by DJ Buzz and complimentary pre/post race massage will be offered to race participants by Massage-Works and Stone Temple Sanctuary, LLC.

Pre-registration is \$16. Registration after August 17 is \$20. Registration forms are available on line at clintonct.com/road race, from participating sponsors, or at the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, 50 East Main Street, Clinton, CT 06413. Course map, sponsors, directions and other information is available at www.clintonct.com In addition, online registration is available at www.active.com.

Free parking is available at The Joel School and Peters Complex on Glenwood Road, less than one mile from the Eliot School race site. Free shuttle buses will run continuously from 7 a.m. until 8:45 when registration closes. Buses will run again following the race.

Race ceremonies and refreshments begin at the conclusion of the race. For more information, contact the race coordinator at the Clinton Chamber of Commerce (860) 669-3889.

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Inland Wetlands Commission

In the last issue of *Events*, I mentioned the U.S. Geological Survey's Indian River streamgage at Hurd Bridge Road. The USGS maintains an extensive national and in-state water data collection network. In addition to the Indian River and 74 other river and stream sites in the state, the Survey currently monitors groundwater levels in 71 Connecticut wells - three of which are located in Clinton. These and other data are valuable when assessing current conditions and absolutely essential when placing those conditions into some historical context. For example, we all know it was an unseasonably warm and dry start to the year, but just how unseasonal had it been? According to USGS data collected from the last 28 years at the Indian River, mean monthly flows typically peak in March and April at 17 and 18 cubic feet per second (cfs)¹, respectively. By the last week in April of this year, however, flows had receded to the point where the river was running a little over 2 cfs. Such low flow is more representative of Indian River discharges seen in mid to late summer.

The Northeast Regional Climate Center reports the December to February period in Connecticut was 5.6° F warmer than normal and we received only 74% of our normal precipitation. In March conditions worsened: temperatures were 8.4 F warmer, while precipitation was a scant 32% of normal. And while my peas were in the ground weeks ahead of schedule, my rain

barrel was empty. Even more telling, choruses of the spring peeper, *Pseudacris crucifer*, seemed muted.

Come the end of April, conditions moderated somewhat, yet critical indicators such as groundwater levels continued to remain below normal, with Middlesex County still classified in early May as being in a moderate to severe drought (see www.droughtmonitor.unl.edu for our current drought status).

Wesleyan University recently studied the impacts of drought on aquatic insect life and fish communities. Their study of two streams in Connecticut spanned six years and two droughts, and suggested that a hydrologic drought will immediately impact fish richness (the number of species present in a community), while fish abundance and insect abundance and richness decrease significantly in the year following a drought. Although Wesleyan's work also indicated both communities recover their original richness and abundance one year after the decline, let's hope my peas and our aquatic ecosystems thrive in 2012.

For real time stream flow and precipitation data from the Indian River, check out gage no. 01195100 at www.ct.water-usgs.gov.

1 One cubic foot per second is equal to 450 gallons per minute.

David Radka

Chair, Inland Wetlands Commission

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Mission Statement of the Bike & Pedestrian Alliance of Clinton: recognizing the integral role of exercise in public health and environmental sustainability, BPAC is committed to promoting safe active transportation options for our community through the 'five Es', as defined by the League of American Bicyclists.

1) Engineering - to provide a comprehensive network of safe routes for active (i.e., non-motorized) travel.

2) Education - to teach motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, etc., to respect each other's rights and observe the traffic rules necessary to safely share the roads.

3) Encouragement - to promote the shift of short trips and commutes from motorized to active travel to improve health, reduce congestion, and foster sustainability.

4) Enforcement - to ensure that existing traffic safety rules, such as posted speed limits, stop signs, and crosswalks, are consistently observed in all modes of travel.

5) Evaluation - to actively solicit public feedback and effectively address public concerns in order to expand participation in and benefits of active transportation.

Our goal is to integrate exercise back into daily life by promoting safe, active transportation options, such as

walking and bicycling, for short trips and commutes into town or work. The benefits of such a shift include improving our health and fitness, reducing traffic congestion and pollution in our town, and helping to conserve the earth's natural resources.

We host two events for the Town of Clinton. For the past two years, BPAC has spearheaded a celebration of International Walk to School Day (IWTSD) for Pierson School. With strong support from the school staff, Pierson students have joined with students from over 3200 schools around the world to promote the idea of walking to school for exercise and fresh air and to reduce traffic congestion in school zones. In the fall of 2012, we would like to extend this event to include all of Clinton's schools. Our ultimate goal is to promote walking/bicycling to school as a normal, everyday routine rather than a once-a-year phenomenon.

The second event hosted by BPAC is Clinton's Annual Bike Fest, also in its second year. This year the event was held on the first Saturday of May and included a dog-friendly walk to the town beach; helmet fitting; tips on bicycle rules of the road; a free bike maintenance check; bike decorating; a surprise appearance by Mystery Mike, the juggling unicyclist; and a bike parade around Town Hall. These activities were followed by a Family Fun Ride to the Marina and a longer Shoreline Ride to Dairy Queen. Throughout the event, a Main Street Treasure Hunt was ongoing. Participants walked or biked to Main Street businesses to earn chances for raffle items donated by local businesses. Although attendance was lower than expected due to overcast skies and the threat of rain, all who braved the elements were enthusiastic about the event and had a fun day.

Among BPAC's future plans are a restriping proposal to narrow Clinton's streets and provide a wider shoulder for bicycling; resubmission of a Safe Routes to School Master Plan for Clinton; a bike education program for Clinton Public Schools; a 'Back in the Saddle' program for senior citizens; a pedestrian bridge from Cream Pot Road across Indian River to the Indian River Recreational Complex; a summer Bike Share program for Clinton; and possibly a Guinness Pedestrian World Record Event to showcase Clinton as a bike-and pedestrian-friendly destination.

We encourage all Clinton residents who would like to create a more active, healthy community to join our group. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the back room of the Eliot House (between Town Hall and the former Police Station). For more information on BPAC, please check out our website at clintonct.org/bike-pedestrian-alliance.php.

*Debbie Lundgren, Chairperson,
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Clinton Youth and Family

CYFSB is excited to announce our upcoming summer programs. All participants in our programs must have their own transportation. All programs have two sessions - sign up for one or both!

NO PROGRAMS the week of July 4th.

Hike it - for youth entering 1st and 2nd grades. We will hike the trails at Peters Woods, Valley Rd., and explore nature. Class size is limited to 12 youth, minimum 6. This program will have 2 sessions; each will meet once a week for four weeks from 9:30 am - 11:00 am. Sturdy walking shoes must be worn. No flip-flops.

SESSION ONE starts Wednesday June 27 and ends Wednesday July 25. Cost: \$18.00.

SESSION TWO starts Wednesday August 1 and ends Wednesday August 23. Cost: \$18.00.

Trailblazers - for youth entering grades 3, 4, & 5. We will hike the trails at Peters Woods, Valley Rd., exploring different themes in nature. We will be using our 5 "senses" and keeping a journal with sample specimens from our nature walk. Class size is limited to 12 youth, minimum 6. This program will have 2 sessions; each will meet once a week for four weeks from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Sturdy walking shoes must be worn. No flip-flops.

SESSION ONE starts Friday June 29 and ends Friday July 27. Cost: \$18.00.

SESSION TWO starts Friday August 3 and ends Friday August 24. Cost: \$18.00.

SESSIONS 1 & 2 of Cooking Programs will not be duplicates - sign up for 1 or both sessions.

Cooking Around the World - For youth entering grades 3, 4, & 5. Make delicious food from many lands and discover something about different cultures. Class size is limited to 8 youth, minimum of 6. The program will run for two 4-week sessions, meeting once a week at the First Congregational Church kitchen from 9:30 - 11:15 a.m.

SESSION ONE starts Tuesday June 26 and ends Tuesday July 24. Cost: \$28.00.

SESSION TWO starts Tuesday July 31 and ends Friday, August 21. Cost: \$28.00.

Cooking Healthy and Light - for youth entering 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th grades. Quick and easy low-fat delicious recipes complete with nutritional information. Guest chefs and speakers. Class size is limited to 8 youth, minimum of 6. The program will run for two 4-week sessions from 9:30 - 11:15 a.m.

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SESSION ONE starts Thursday June 28 and ends Thursday July 26. Cost: \$28.00.

SESSION TWO starts Thursday August 2 and ends Thursday August 23. Cost: \$28.00.

Counselor Helpers (CIT's) - for ages 13 and up. This is a program for youth who are looking to take on a leadership role while helping others. Youth get to be a helper to CYFSB staff in Hiking or Cooking classes. Gain valuable experience in the supervision of children and safety. The CIT's will have on-going supervision and applicants will participate in a training session and experiential Challenge Ropes Course at the Waterford Country School on June 25th. By application only. Only 10 positions available. Cost: \$20.00 payable at the time of acceptance.

Registration is available on our website at www.clintonyouthandfamily.org or contact CYFSB at (860) 669-1103 for more information. No youth will be turned away due to lack of funds. Programs are subject to cancellation if minimum is unmet. No programs July 2-6.

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Monday, June 4 - 6:30 p.m. Local Artist Showcase featuring Adam Russell - Clinton native Adam Russell will screen two short films he wrote and directed: *Lucky Day*, a winner of the 2008 CT Film Festival, and *For Who I Am*. Russell will be joined by poet/author Edward Odwitt and musician Mike Hanafin for a poetry reading and some acoustic music. Enjoy an evening of film, music, and poetry! Please register at hchlibrary.org.

Thursday, June 7 - 6:30 p.m. An Evening with Peter Giannotti - Local author Peter Giannotti presents his latest mystery thriller *Rock N Roll Star and Crescent*. Follow Detective Tommy O'Leary, and his partner and love interest, Susan Kendall, as they frantically search in and around New Haven for a killer who continues to elude them while leaving bodies in his wake. What the pair discovers along the way is a terrorist plot that could rock the world. *Rock N Roll Star and Crescent* is a page turner that will keep readers on the edge of their seats until the very the end! Please register at hchlibrary.org.

Monday, June 18 - 6:30 p.m. - MOVIE MONDAYS - Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows - Sherlock Holmes and his sidekick Dr. Watson join forces to outwit and bring down their fiercest adversary, Professor Moriarty. Starring Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law (129 min. PG13). Join us for free screenings of some of Hollywood's best on Movie Mondays! Registration is not required.

Monday June 25 - 6:30 p.m. - Origins of American Impressionism - What differentiates American Impressionism from French Impressionism?

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Lindsay King, an art librarian at Yale University, will speak about how then radical Impressionist art was first received in the US in the late 19th century and how it influenced the next generation of American artists, including painters working in Connecticut. Register at hchlibrary.org.

PROGRAMS FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Dream Big - Read! - Reading aloud to your children is one of the most important activities that parents can do. Not only are you spending valuable, loving, nurturing time with your kids, but you are also helping them develop skills that will make them successful learners when they go to school. This year's program again features an online component where you'll be able to keep track of the books you read aloud, print out certificates and reserve prizes for your children. You can even create an iron-transfer for a t-shirt that pictures the covers of the books your child loved. We'll give you great suggestions of books that your children will also enjoy. All summer long in the Children's Room.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Friday, June 1. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, June 8 at 3:30 - The Best of Margie Show - Margie Warner has been an important influence on the educational and musical development of preschoolers for decades. Join us for a joyous concert, featuring her special blend of humor and learning. Copies of her CD, *On the Road with the Fun Family* will be available for purchase. Register at hchlibrary.org.

Thursday, June 14 at 7:00 - Teddy Bear Sleepover - Bring your best stuffed pal to the library. We'll start with some stories, then you can tuck in your buddy & kiss it goodnight, because it's having a sleepover at the library! What kind of adventures will happen over night? We'll take good care of the "bears" and pictures of the fun they have when the lights go out! Come back on Friday morning to collect your pal. Register at hchlibrary.org.

Wednesday, June 20 at 10:30 - Pajama Storytime - Come in your jammies for stories and fingerplays. Prepared for ages 2 and older. Walk-in; no registration necessary.

Thursday, June 21 at 3:00 - Sparky's Puppets presents Dream Big - Read! - Baby Bear can't get to sleep. So Mother Bear entertains him with stories of magic, laughter and surprises - all from the pages of favorite children's books. Colorful puppets dramatize her enchanting stories. Ages 2 and older. Register at hchlibrary.org.

Wednesday, June 27 at 10:30 - Crazy Slippers Storytime - Wear your slippers and enjoy some stories. Prepared for ages 2 and older. Walk-in; no registration necessary.

Tuesdays at either 10:30 or 3:00, July 3 - 31 - Learn & Play Group - Children, 12 months and older, their parent or caregiver join Children's Librarian, Lynn Hidek, for both structured and free-play activities. Children will learn rhymes, songs & other early literacy skills. Parents can meet new families with young children during this 5-week program. Register for your most convenient session at hchlibrary.org

Wednesday, July 11 at 10:30 - Moonlight Storytime - Enjoy stories and rhymes about the moon. Walk-in; no registration necessary.

Wednesday, July 18 at 10:30 - Animals at Night Storytime - Nocturnal animals take the stage for stories today. Walk-in; no registration necessary.

Thursday, July 19 at 6:30 - FROGGY visits the library! - Jonathan London's beloved character, Froggy, makes a special appearance at HCH Library, thanks to the generosity of the Middlesex Hospital Community Council. Hear stories, take pictures, be amazed! Please register at hchlibrary.org.

Wednesday, July 25 at 10:30 - (Just a little) Scary Storytime - Walk-in; no registration necessary.

Wednesday, August 1 at 10:30 - Silly Storytime - Walk-in; no registration necessary.

Wednesday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. - Bedtime, Pajama Party Storytime - Walk-in; no registration necessary.

PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

DREAM BIG - READ! - As part of our theme this summer we're asking students to imagine themselves in the future. To dream; to aspire; to explore ideas, acquire skills, absorb knowledge. To imagine. We know that by reading, and participating in a wide variety of engaging experiences, children prepare to realize their dreams.

The library offers our readers an online component. It will help them keep track of the time they spend reading; list the titles of the books they finished; choose the prizes they want;

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recommend their favorite book; see what other kids are reading; print certificates, and more! Statistics can be easily sent to the schools. Students who read 2022 pages between June 25 and August 10 will earn two opportunities. First, each will be able to submit a personal dream file containing their photograph and descriptions of their hopes and aspirations for the future. We will put the files into a time capsule that will be buried in the library's reading garden, to be opened in 10 years. Additionally, on Tuesday, August 21 at 7:00 all of the students who reach the 2022 goal will be invited to the town beach for a party. We'll have some snacks, collect the dream files and then be joined by a special guest. Author and astronomer Bob Crelin will bring telescopes and amateur astronomers so that we can learn about the universe. Imagine - on Clinton's town beach, students will be able to see the rings of Saturn that night!

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL-AGED STUDENTS

Monday, June 18 at noon - registration begins for all programs for School-aged students

Tuesday, June 19 at noon - READING Bookclub & Pizza

This organizational session invites kids 8-11 to join our Bookclub using a title from library's new service: downloadable eBooks. We'll have pizza, discuss the way it works & get set for fun. We'll meet again on Tuesday, July 17 at 5:00 for discussion & more pizza! Please bring your Nook, Kindle Fire, iPad or Sony Reader with you. Please register at hchlibrary.org.

Monday, June 25 at noon - Recording begins for online Summer Reading Program.

Thursday, June 28 at 6:30 - ScienceTellers - When science and theater combine with castles, kings, a dragon keeper, an Ice Sorceress, the Horn of Fire, two villagers, and a daring journey to save the entire kingdom. Join us as we learn about the science of Fire & Ice by telling a tale of Dragons & Dreams using experiments of flash paper, exploding bottles, "cool" dry ice, and much more. Wouldn't dragon's breath be an amazing sight?! Ages 5 and older. Register at hchlibrary.org.

Monday, July 2 at 2:00

Moon Crafts - Create several crafts inspired by the Moon. Prepared for kids in Grades 1-4. Please register at hchlibrary.org.

Tuesday, July 10 at 6:00

Living Voices presents *Within The Silence* - This theatrical performance brings an actress and multimedia images to tell a story set in the 1940's. In 1942, President Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066 imprisoned thousands of loyal American families. These innocent citizens struggled to maintain their families while incarcerated. Witness this silent chapter of our history through the story of Emeko Yamada, a youngster living in Seattle. This program is presented for students grade 4 and older. It's especially appropriate for those who have read or are planning to read the Nutmeg Book nominee, *Born To Fly*. Register at hchlibrary.org.

Monday, July 16 at 2:00 - STAR WARS MONDAY - We'll make all things Star Wars during this program that lets the (Craft)

Force Be With You! Prepared for students in Grades 1 and up. Please register at hchlibrary.org.

Thursday, July 26 at 6:30 - John Himmelman presents *Insects And Their Amazing Stories* - It's tough being a bug. Scores of other animals want to eat you. The cold is your mortal enemy. And you have very little time in which to accomplish what you need to in your brief journey on this planet. But these hardships have made the insects very good at what they do. This multimedia presentation will give us some insight into the remarkable adaptations these creatures have developed in order to survive. Especially for students in Grades 1 and up and their families. Register at hchlibrary.org.

Tuesday, August 21 (rain date, Wednesday, August 22) at 7:00 Dream Celebration at the Town Beach for those who reached the 2022 goal!

1st Annual RUN FOR CHRIS

1st Annual RUN FOR CHRIS 1-3-5 Oddman / Woman 5K: Saturday, June 23; Essex Town Hall. Benefits Chris Belfoure Memorial Fund at MCCF for education. Chris was a 2005 graduate of VRHS. Registration opens at 7:00 a.m. Kids Fun Run - 8:15, 5K - 8:45. Walkers' welcome. Register online: www.raceit.com/register/?event=9564. \$20.00 (\$23.00 after June 9th). T-shirts to the first 200 applicants. Challenge yourself to this new course of rolling hills in beautiful Essex. Prizes awarded to 1st, 3rd, and 5th place in 10-year age groups. Any questions contact Robin Chapin: robinc83@gmail.com; 860-767-1541, or Cathy Bishop: cbishop56@sbcglobal.net; 860-767-0354.



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Eunice Symonds Scholarships



The winning students of this year's Eunice Carter Symonds Scholarship are (from left to right), Ashley Schroff, Isabella Recine, Rachel Flanagan, and Matt Ford.

The Clinton Land Conservation Trust announces the winners of the second annual Eunice Symonds Scholarship. Abraham Pierson School fourth graders Ashley Schroff and Isabella Recine and fifth graders Rachel Flanagan and Matt Ford are this year's lucky scholarship winners, who are looking forward to a fun two-week session at the Bushy Hill Day Camp this summer.

In 2009 the Trust received a donation of over \$300,000 from the estate of the late Eunice Carter Symonds, a lifelong resident of Clinton, whose ancestors can be traced back to the family of Carter Hill Road fame. Subsequently, the Trust voted to use some of this donation to establish an annual

scholarship in Eunice Carter Symonds' name to send two fourth graders and two fifth graders for a two-week summer session to the Bushy Hill Day Camp, an environmental education camp in Ivoryton.

The recipients are chosen through an essay contest wherein they are asked to write about why they would like to attend the nature camp. A CLCT committee reads and discusses the essays and the four winning essays are chosen. This year's essay entries were full of enthusiasm and excitement. Fourth grader, Ashley Schroff wrote, "I would be so proud to get to go to this camp I know it would be very fun. I hope I get to go. If so, THANK YOU SO MUCH!"

Fourth grader Isabella Recine describes her love of nature by writing, "I love to play outside, go hiking, and look for worms and frogs. Lots of people hate worms but I love them."

Fifth grader, Rachel Flanagan posed a question to the essay reader by asking, "Do you ever walk in the woods and try to name everything you see and hear? I do! I am fascinated and I love learning about plants and animals of all shapes and sizes." Fifth grader Matt Ford writes, "It would be a huge honor to win this contest and I've never gone to a camp before ever!"

The program at the Bushy Hill Day Camp provides daily opportunities, within the framework an environmental curriculum, for chance discoveries and on-the-spot teachable moments about nature. We look forward to hearing about what these lucky students learn there.

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Call the Clinton Chamber of Commerce (860) 669-3889 for more information. In event of rain, the evening's concert will be canceled. On the web at clintonct.com.

The Clinton Lions Club would like to thank the sponsors of last years Lions Club Charity Golf Tournament.



We greatly appreciate your support. Your continued partnership assures the success of the event and is a true investment in our community's future. This year we have joined forces with the Clinton Education Foundation to create The Clinton CEF/Lions Family Golf Classic. The Tournament will be held Monday, June 25th at the Clinton Country Club.

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Symbols of Change

Re-envisioning teaching and learning versus retrofitting

The grassroots efforts to support the Morgan Building Committee's recommendation to build a new high school signifies a monumental and symbolic shift in the focus on education in this community. Before I elaborate, on behalf of the students, staff and Board of Education, I want to thank Gerry Vece and the members of the Morgan Building Committee for their resolute leadership and courage, thorough investigation and analysis, and vision for the future. The individual members have enhanced this effort with their personal background and experience and have collectively embraced proposing a building project that will positively impact this community for years to come. While their efforts were significant and critical, they were not alone in supporting the vision of a New Morgan. During my short tenure in Clinton, I have come to appreciate what passionate and committed individuals with a common purpose can accomplish. I am heartened and bolstered by the core values of this community and am truly proud to live and work in such a forward-thinking New England community.

Embracing a new high school facility represents a statement about the kind of education Clinton desires for its children. It speaks of a community with a vision for the future. Four years ago, the school community embarked on a yearlong study of what a 21st century high school education should be. As a district, we have diligently worked to shift instructional practice from largely teacher-directed to a more balanced focus on student-centered learning. The goal is for students to take more responsibility for their own learning while having teachers increase the level of application of core skills and competencies to real-world problems and experiences.

Two years ago, the Morgan Building Committee embarked on a yearlong master planning process that led them from investigating the cost of renovating the high school to evaluating the cost benefits of building a new complex. While very tangible on the one hand, this shift from retrofitting the old to building new and envisioning the possibilities is symbolic of the work our education community is doing and has been doing for several years. Building a new high school affords us the opportunity to create a learning environment that will enhance the programmatic changes in curriculum and initiatives like the Freshman Seminar and the Junior Portfolio Exhibition that are already underway, and it is a chance to envision innovative changes in the way students engage in learning.

Our challenge over the next year is to harness the momentum and the support for writing a new chapter in the storied history of The Morgan School and Clinton Public Schools. This new chapter will need to build on tradition while capturing the imagination of students, educators and the community about teaching and learning in the 21st century. Our new facility must be designed with an understanding of the current reality of technology as an integrated learning resource, where information is available at everyone's fingertips. We need to create a facility

that is flexible enough to support learning 20, 30, and even 40 years into the future. The New Morgan School must be a model of form and function, where learning is purposeful and meaningful and where the building becomes a valuable learning resource for the entire community. The new facility will need to have flexible spaces for learning. It will need to be inviting and conducive to learning for teachers and students. It will need to be a place that invites community use for events, and it needs to be a facility for which we can all be proud to say "that's The Morgan School!"

The dynamics of teaching and learning are changing. While there will always be the need for foundational knowledge and fundamental skills (e.g., knowing your times tables, using appropriate conventions of Standard English), we also recognize that true learning comes with applying foundational skills and knowledge to real-world situations and solving authentic problems. While many foundational skills can be evaluated using standardized tests, applying these skills, designing experiments to solve problems, defending a position, and working collaboratively to produce a product are not so easily reduced to paper and pencil evaluations.

This type of learning is messy and requires increased interaction among students and between teachers and students. Yet this is exactly how we want our students to be learning. It requires that students work much harder and it changes the traditional role of the teacher from one of delivering information to balancing information delivery with information access, guided feedback, and facilitation of learning.

In the course of the last few weeks, I met with The Morgan School staff to capture ideas about their needs and to stimulate imagination about the new school in order to draft the educational specifications that must accompany the building application for the state. I was thrilled by their enthusiasm as each, in turn, focused on this new chapter of The Morgan School. From the practical "absolutes" to the discussion of "possibilities," their eagerness to participate in designing a facility that will support the programmatic changes already underway was reaffirming. There was a level of urgency in moving forward with the Junior Portfolio Exhibition and initiating an academy structure for 9th and 10th grades and for 11th and 12th grades. They were energized by the prospects of integrating technology in every classroom as a tool for teaching and learning. I share this with you because you have embraced the vision of a new flagship facility for this community: a facility that will assist in the current efforts to transform the way we engage students in learning and that will revolutionize the tools and strategies teachers use to support and facilitate learning.

There has been much discussion about educational reform - retrofitting the existing system, and this year's state politics have further heightened the debate about how to address the achievement gap and "fix" education.

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Families Helping Families

We want to thank everyone who turned out to support our events during the beginning of 2012. It has become a tradition that when the month of January rolls around its time for The Clinton Lions Club Pancake Breakfast to benefit Families Helping Families. This January over 250 people turned out to support this event. The Clinton Police Department again partnered with us to hold the 2nd Annual "Stuff The Cruiser" Food Drive in April. This spring time collection has helped to keep the Clinton Food Pantry stocked with well needed non-perishable food items. The Joel School continued their support of our mission when they collected food during their "100th Day of School Celebration." The Joel School has become one of our biggest supporters as we continue to make sure every Clinton family has adequate food and warm homes. Our first "Ice Cream Social" provided many Clinton families a time not only to help other Clinton families but a time to relax enjoy some delicious ice cream and catch up with people they haven't seen in a while.

We look forward to seeing everyone and having everyone participate at our Fall events which will include our annual Fall Food Drive at Stop&Shop in September, our Apple Pie Festival (we'll again be looking for the best apple pie maker) on the first Saturday in October at Joel School for their annual fall food collection for Families Helping Families in November, and we will again have our Coins for Clinton canisters out in some of our local businesses during November.

Again, Families Helping Families could not achieve its mission to provide food and warm homes to Clinton families in need without the continuous and very generous support of the residents of Clinton. We thank you for the trust that you have placed in our organization. If you have any questions about our events or our mission feel free to contact me at 860-669-5592.

Miner T. Vincent, President

Clinton and Felix Celebrate Positive Student Choices

For two weeks in April and May, Clinton was searching for, finding, and photographing a mysterious critter named Felix. He was at the beach, town hall, Peter's Complex and Eliot School. He also had a presence on Facebook, twitter, Clinton Patch and email. He was cute, but we did not know his purpose or meaning. In early May, the number 62 appeared on his belly. Was this a clue to his message for us?

After Husky Helper Day at the Morgan School, Felix revealed his message via a video created by Morgan REACT member, Miranda Richard.

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June 19-September 4

Clinton Education Foundation Lions Club Golf Tournament

We are seeking Golfers and Sponsors for June Tournament. A lot happens between the time grade-schoolers bound off the bus holding out construction paper valentines for their mothers and the time they extend that same hand to take hold of their diplomas at graduation. A lot of dreams, born in elementary school classrooms, crystallize during those intervening years. Years of questioning, exploring, investigating, and experimenting. Years of becoming who they're destined to be.

Obviously the school system plays an enormous role in a child's growth, in developing those abilities that allow a child to achieve his or her dreams. Nevertheless, sometimes something a child hopes for, something he or she needs to realize a dream, lies beyond the ability of the school system to provide. Often this is because of money: things like study abroad, sports camps, music lessons, and leadership programs can all be very expensive. Yet they all can also be extremely important in cultivating a child's full potential.

It is for the purpose of fulfilling these kinds of needs that the Clinton Educational Foundation was established. The foundation raises money in order to award monies for projects, grants, and scholarships that will serve to enrich the lives of the students in our schools. The basic idea is to encourage the

passion by helping to satisfy the need.

One of the ways the foundation raises money is through our annual golf tournament. This year the tournament has been combined with the Clinton Lions Club. The CEF/Lions Club Family Golf Classic for 2012 will be held at the Clinton Country Club on Monday, June 25. There a number of ways for persons to contribute, including becoming a sponsor, donating an auction item, playing the course, or attending the dinner and auction which follows tournament play.

So yes, we too have our hand out, but if you think about it, our hand is really an extension of that little hand that holds the valentine, that takes hold of that diploma. It is also an extension of the hand of the girl who rings out your groceries; and the hand of your babysitter and the boy who mows your lawn; of the hand of that kid who referees your child's soccer game and the one who plays organ at your church; and of the hand that catches the ball in the state tournament. It is an extension of all the little hands holding stubby pencils struggling to form letters, hands that will eventually pen symphonies and write novels and perform surgeries. Ours is the hand of every child who is reaching for the stars. Please help us help them on their journey by supporting The Clinton Education Foundation.

Visit our website at www.clintonpublic.org/cef to register or to find out more about scholarship opportunities for the children of Clinton.

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Your support for the new high school marks a monumental shift in our focus on education from "tinkering around the edges" to boldly moving forward and raising the expectations for all students, teachers, parents and leaders. This is an exciting and historic opportunity for Clinton Public Schools. As superintendent of schools, and on behalf of the entire school community and the Board of Education, thank you for affording us this opportunity to move our high school learning experiences fully into the 21st century.

*Jack Cross
Superintendent, Clinton Public Schools*

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TRANSLATION: Clients who actually worked with Brian in the past year (2011) said he was excellent to work with. Clients who worked with Brian in 2010 said the same thing! He does a great job for his clients and they are happy to tell others about his service and skills. (P.S. - Thank you clients!!) So if you work with Brian you will be working with a great Realtor who will help you every step of the way to get your home sold or find the new home that is just right for you.

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Positive Student Choices ... continued from page 15

Morgan students and staff then celebrated the 62% of Morgan students choosing not to use alcohol, which Felix was here to represent. "People hear about only the negative incidents involving young people," said Kelley Edwards, co-advisor to Morgan REACT and Clinton's Partnership for Success grant coordinator. "It is now time to shine the light on the many more positive things happening because of our students".

Felix was REACT's physical representation of all of the healthy choices young people are making. Too often, communities focus energy and attention on what is going wrong rather than what is going right. The First Selectman's Task Force on Substance Abuse and Morgan REACT want Clinton residents to recognize and celebrate the majority of young people not using drugs or alcohol; they are doing community service, playing sports, and doing fun, positive recreational activities. Clinton should feel proud, as the students make this town strong, vibrant and energized. The next time you meet a young person, ask them to tell you the great things they are involved in. Chances are, they will be able to fill your ear with the healthy choices they are making- because the majority of them really are.

Submitted by Kelley Edwards

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Sunday, September 16 - Oliver's Tavern in Essex will donate 15% of the proceeds from your total bill (excludes tax and tip).

On June 23, friends of Literacy Volunteers Valley Shore, Dolly and Joe Mezzetti will put on a spaghetti supper to benefit the organization. It will be held at Clinton's Town Hall in the Green Room (basement) between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children and \$20.00 maximum for families. They can be purchased in advance from the office by calling (860) 399-0280. A few tickets will be available at the door, but they are certain to go fast. Please contact me with suggestions for future "Dine Out for A Cause" events.

Peter Mezzetti, Communications

Town Clerk's Office

REMINDER that June is the month to license your dog(s). We will need the RABIES CERTIFICATE and doctor's notice of SPAYING/NEUTERING if applicable. The fee during the month of June is \$8.00 if the dog is ALTERED and \$19.00 if not. Beginning July 1st a late fee of \$1.00/dog/per month will be charged. Please call 860 669-9101 if you have any questions.

Also, November 6, 2012 elections are coming up. If you plan to be away at that time, you can apply for an absentee ballot beginning in August at the Town Clerk's office or by downloading the application from the Secretary of the State website, www.ct.gov/sots. Click on Elections & Voting. Send application to Town Clerk, 54 E. Main St., Clinton, CT 06413. If you should have any problem, please call the Town Clerk's office or email townclerk@clintonct.org.

*Karen Lee Marsden
Town Clerk*

Clinton-based First Niagara Bank Honored

Volunteers and community leaders gathered at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell to honor more than ninety companies, organizations, and individuals that contributed \$1,925,000 to the 2011-12 Middlesex United Way Campaign.

After announcing the final amount raised, Gary Simonsen of PrimePay, President of the Middlesex United Way Board of Directors, noted, "The economic environment continues to be a struggle for the average person. And we want to be sure the programs we fund are able to help the people who need it most."



Peter Thomas from First Niagara Bank accepts the company's Campaign Achievement Award.

The top honor of the day, the Corporate Spirit Award, was presented to GKN Aerospace Services Structures, a manufacturing company located in Cromwell. Other top honors included: The Leadership Award to Matt DeRienzo of The Journal Register, which includes the Middletown Press; Coordinators of the Year to Jewell Jones and Brian Hedge of Liberty Bank; and Funding Partner of the Year to Middlesex Habitat for Humanity. Special Achievement Awards for outstanding

United Way campaigns were presented to: Community Health Center; Cooper-Atkins Corp.; Henkels & McCoy; Standard-Knapp; and Webster Bank.

First Niagara Bank was presented with a Campaign Achievement Award for topping \$10,000 in total giving as well as a Corporate Sponsor Award.

Other local awards included: Campaign Achievement Awards to Stop & Shop Clinton & Old Saybrook stores; Honor Roll Award to AAA Allied Group recognizing five or more consecutive years of campaign growth; and Employee Participation Awards to AAA Allied Group, Godiva Chocolatier, Inc., Literacy Volunteers Valley Shore, Stop & Shop Clinton & Old Saybrook stores and TJX Companies in Clinton & Old Saybrook.

Simonsen recognized the 2011-12 Campaign Co-chairs, Harry Burr and Buddy McDowell, for the leadership during the campaign. He then introduced the incoming Honorary Campaign Chair, Gary Gomola of Mahoney Sabol & Company.

"The theme of the day is 'you make the difference,'" Gomola said. "And when I think about United Way, there is no better expression of how someone can make a difference. It's where you can meet people from all walks of life who share your passion for giving back and serving others."

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Recreation & Parks Department - Summer Programs

THE CLINTON TOWN BEACH: Officially opens on June 23. Beach passes can be purchased from the Gate Keeper between the hours of 9 am to 3 pm daily (weather permitting). Clinton Residents: \$20 per vehicle, Clinton Senior Citizens: \$10 per vehicle, Non-residents: \$25 per visit (no pass issued). Our Lifeguards will be on duty (weather permitting) July 1st.

CLINTON FAMILY DAY: July 21, 9 am – 2:30 pm at the Clinton Town Beach. Sand Sculpture registrations begin at 8:30 a.m. Enjoy Games, Arts & Crafts, Races, Music, Face Painting, Snacks, Prizes & more, Free for children between the ages of 4 - 12 and their parents.

RICKY JORDAN'S ROCK SCHOOL: August 13 -17, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Grades: 4 to 7 as of Sept. 2012, held at Clinton P & R Building. Program accepts all levels and instruments. Students will expand their knowledge of music. (from guitar tone, to soloing and rhythm technique, to vocalizing both solo and back ups, drum work, bass work, song structure, set list coordination, volume dynamics and stage presence). Our goal is to introduce kids to a real life band experience. \$125 per week (\$130 Non-residents)

GUITAR LESSONS with Rick Jordan & Ed Soufer: Wednesdays, beginning: July 11th and ending August 8th, Time: 2-3 p.m., Grades 4 to 6 as of Sept. 2012, held at the Clinton P & R Building You must have your own guitar. Join this group setting and learn how to play the guitar with very knowledgeable instructors. Fee: \$125.00 (\$130 Non-residents)

CT COMPUTER EDUCATION: We Do Robotics: (Ages 5 to 12) Saturday, May 26th, 9-11:30 a.m. This system teaches children about simple machines, engineering and programming. Class involves building in a teamwork setting. Please bring snack. Maximum: 12 students. Held at the P & R Building Fee: \$25.00 (\$30 Non-residents).

INSECTS AND MORE INSECTS: (Ages 5 to 12) Saturday, June 23rd, 9-11:30 a.m. Investigate the world of bugs using a digital microscope and technology. Children create an art project, share stories and use the K'NEX blocks to create some awesome discoveries. Bring a snack. Held at the P & R Building. Fee: \$25.00 (\$30 Non-residents).

MOTOR MOVERS: (Ages: 5 to 12) June 25, 27, 28, & 29, 4 -5:30 p.m. It's a whole new dimension of Lego building when you create your own Motor Mover. Build a monkey, a bird and other fascinating creatures that move. Put it together, take it apart and build whatever you choose. Bring a snack. Class at the P & R Building. \$80.00 (\$85 Non-residents).

ROCKETS AND MORE ROCKETS: (Ages: 5 to 12) July 2 thru July 6 (No class on July 4th) Time: 4-5:30 p.m. Design and build your own rocket. Then launch it with compressed air! This course on the basics of aeronautics, including thrust, drag and ballast. Bring a 20 ounce empty, clean (plastic) soda bottle to class, and a snack. Class is at the P & R Building. \$80 (\$85 Non-residents).

K'NEX COASTERS: (Ages 5 to 12) July 23, 24, 25 & 27, 3 – 5 p.m. Which coasters have you built? This class will attempt

to build a different coaster each class. Children are encouraged to work in groups for multiple age building. This will help children with understanding directions, working in steps and how to achieve a finished product. Bring a snack and a beverage. Class at the P & R Building. \$90 (\$95 Non-residents).

JR. DINOSAUR AND MORE: (Ages: 5 to 12) Saturday, July 28, Time: 9-11:30 a.m. Become a Paleontologist! This program gives your child hands-on experience while learning about dinosaurs. Computer technology will be combined with games, arts and crafts. Bring a snack. Max: 12 students. Class held at the P & R Building. \$25.00 (\$30 Non-residents).

K'NEX and Lego: (Ages 5 to 12) August 6, 7, 8 & 9, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Children will discover the difference between building sets and which sets are more unique than the others. Class is co-ed and children will build in groups. Bring a snack and beverage. Class at the P & R Building. Fee: \$90 (\$95 Non-residents).

Chemical Reaction Week: (Ages 5 to 12) August 20, 21, 22, & 24 (No Class Aug.23rd) 9:00-12 noon. We will experiment with reactions to various products we use every day. From volcano eruptions, hydrogen bubbles to a soapy froth! Bring a snack. Class at the P & R Building. \$145.00 (\$150.00 Non-residents).

YOUNG CHEFS OF CLINTON: Students in Grades: 4-6, \$23 per class. Classes at the P & R Building. Instructor: Joanna Siciliano. At the end of each workshop the Young Chefs will leave with a packet of info on how to recreate what we made in class and tasty treats for their family to try. June 7th: Summer is just around the corner. This month we will be making some treats that will give us great energy for all of our outdoor activities. We will be making Smoothies, blueberry muffins and summer trail mix. Grades 2-3 Program: Joel Café: Date: June 12, \$23.

SUMMER COOKING CAMP: Grades: 3 – 6 as of Sept. 2012, August 6, 7, 8, & 9, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Class at the P & R Building. Instructor: Joanna Siciliano. Each day will feature 2 hours of hands-on cooking, skills practice and tasting. This week some of the featured recipes our young chefs will be producing are homemade pizza, homemade ravioli, stir fry, summer cupcakes, fruit sorbet and nut free granola bars. We may also explore other recipes as long as time allows. \$90.00. Class size: min: 6 max: 12 (Clinton Residents).

LET'S GET SEWING: (Ages 8 and older) June 25-29, (No class on Thurs. 6/28) 1:30-3:30 p.m. Class at the P & R Building. Instructor: Claudia Mathison. Here is your chance to learn how to sew on a sewing machine! You'll design and sew a colorful beach bag, cuddly stuffed animal and decorative patchwork pillow. Simple hand sewing and embroidery will be taught. Class fee includes fabric and sewing supplies. Sewing machines provided. \$80 (\$85 Non-residents).

DOMESTIC DIVA SEWING CLASS: (Ages: 8 and older) July 30-August 3, 4-6 p.m., Class at the P & R Building. Instructor: Claudia Mathison. Be a domestic diva and sew a colorful apron, patchwork potholders and more!

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Learn to sew on a machine as well as basic sewing embroidery techniques. Colorful fabrics, ribbons and buttons will be used. Machines provided. Class fee includes fabric and sewing supplies. \$90 (\$95 Non-residents).

AMERICAN GIRL CRAFTS: (Ages 5 and older) July 23-27, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Class at the P & R Building. Instructor: Claudia Mathison. Calling all American Girl fans! You'll make AG jewelry, tie dye T-shirt, mosaic mirrors and more while learning about Julie, Molly, McKenna, Kit and all the other AG dolls. a fancy Tea Party on the last day of class with cookies, tea and AG goody bags. \$90 (\$95 Non-residents).

MARTIAL ARTS: Martial Art Classes are available through Madison Academy at 32 Wall Street, Madison, CT. Classes twice a week for eight weeks. Various days and times available. Classes available: Taekwondo (ages 3 to adult), Cardio-Kickboxing (ages 10 to adult). \$65 per session. (\$70 for Non-residents). Uniforms are required for all Taekwondo classes. Martial Arts Classes are held throughout the school year. Session IV: June 18 – August 10, 2012 Session V: August 13 – October 5, 2012 Gentle Yoga: A restorative class focusing on the wellness of the mind and stretching the body. No yoga experience necessary: Saturdays: 12-00-1:00 p.m. or Thursdays: 12:45-1:45 p.m. OR Vinyasa Flow: A class to connect movement and breath, linking the mind and body: Mondays & Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m. or Tuesdays & Fridays, 8-9 a.m., 8 weeks, once per week: \$100.00, twice per week: \$200.00. Guided Meditation & Tea: A class starting with a few stretch moves and then guided meditation followed by a cup of green tea. No meditation experience necessary. Sundays: 12- 12:45 p.m., 8 weeks, once a week, \$100.00, Yoga Instructor: Petra Axlund Stegman.

GIRLS HOOP CLINIC: June 20-23 & June 25-29, 8:00 – 10:30 am, 1st wk. \$40, 2nd wk. \$50 (Non-residents \$45/\$55) Girls in Grades 9-12 as of Sept. 2012. The clinic will consist of a daily program of instruction, lectures, individual and team play. Instructor: Joe Grippo.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CLINIC: June 20 - 23 & June 25 – 29, 2012, Time: 12 – 3 p.m., Fee: 1st wk. \$40, 2nd wk. \$50.00 (Non-residents \$45/\$55) Girls in grades 9 – 12 as of Sept. 2012 The clinic will consist of daily program of instruction, lectures, individual and team play. Players must bring their own knee pads. Instructor: Joe Grippo.

BOYS BASKETBALL CLINIC: June 21, 22 & 25 – 29, 3-5:30 p.m., \$50.00 (Non-residents \$55.00). Boys in grades 7-12 as of Sept. 2012. Players taught fundamental skills such as man to man defense, running a fast break offense, etc. All will be taught at an age appropriate level. Instructor: Sal Fiorillo.

YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP: Boys and Girls Entering Grades 1, 2, and 3 as of September 2012. held at the Joel School Gym. Camp will focus on basketball fundamentals. Starts: July 2, 3, 5, 6, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Each camper receives a Tee- shirt. Enrollment limited to 35 campers. (Clinton Residents Only!) \$60.00 per camper.

FUN CAMP: Come join us for fun, games, and crafts! Open to children who are 4 years old and entering Kindergarten as of

September 2012 and older. This six-week program will run from July 2nd to August 10th. Fun Camp s three days a week at the Peters Complex and the other two days at the Town Beach. The hours are Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. & Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The Wednesday extension allows for more activities and better field trips. \$65 per week or \$330 for six weeks. (The week of July 2-6, \$52).

COUNT ME IN: (Girls Grades 1 & 2 as of Sept. 2012) July 23-27, Monday-Friday, Time: 1-4 p.m. at Joel School/Peters Complex, \$150. Instructors: Kim Flanagan & Jennifer Johns, includes snacks and materials. Let your daughter join us to enhance her math skills through engaging and purposeful games and activities created specifically for young girls. Your daughter will work collaboratively with other girls her age to solve problems and strengthen her math skills – all while having fun!

KIDS ON THE RUN: (Ages: 7-12) Tuesdays and Thursdays, Time: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Peters' Track (Rain or Shine – No Thunder Storms) Facilitator: Stacy Clinton-Vogl, \$60 (sibling gets \$10 discount). Kids may participate in Bluefish Festival 5k in August if they choose. Entry Fee not included. Date: 7/31, 8/2, 8/7, 8/9, 8/14, 8/16, 8/21, 8/23, 8/28, & 8/30/12.

BEGINNERS FENCING CAMP: July 16-20, Boys & Girls: Grades 6-8, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Fee: \$100 (Non-residents: \$105.00). Students will learn classical foil fencing, the traditional beginning weapon of the sport. Fencers will progress from basic foil technique to actual bouting. Teaching emphasis on conditioning, hand/eye coordination, basic technique, and rules and practices of the sport. On Friday there's a camp competition and parents are encouraged to attend. Basic equipment is provided. Instructor: James Barnett who has more than 30 years of elite competition and coaching experience.

TINY HAWK (Soccer & Basketball): June 18-21, at the Indian River Complex. Ages 3-4 (Parents must stay on site). 4-5:20 p.m. \$55 (\$60 Non-residents). Tiny-Hawk programs help children fine-tune their motor skills with athletics. These programs teach the basic skills of the sport while fostering the natural thirst for discovery found at this age. Parents work with our coaching staff. Skyhawks staff is committed to creating a positive introduction to sports. Participant-to-coach ratio: 6:1. Gear to bring: appropriate clothing, water bottle, running shoes and sunscreen. Included with purchase: T-shirt and merit award.

MINI-HAWK (Soccer, Baseball & Basketball): June 18-21, Mon.-Thurs., (Ages: 5-7), Time: 4-6 p.m., \$64 (\$69 Non-residents), or July 30-Aug. 3. (Ages: 4-7), Time: 9 am-12 p.m., \$104 (\$109 Non-residents). Held at Indian River Complex. This program gives children ages 4 to 7 a positive first step into athletics, taught in a safe, structured environment with lots of encouragement and a big focus on fun. Our Mini-Hawk games and activities allow campers to explore balance, movement, hand/eye coordination, and skill development. Skyhawk's staff is trained to handle the specific needs of young athletes. Participant-to-coach ratio: 8:1. Gear to bring: appropriate clothing, water bottle, sneakers, and sunscreen. Bring: 2 snacks (for camps longer than 2 hours) & water bottle. Included with purchase: T-shirt and merit award.

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STARTING NEW AT GOLF: August 13-17 held at Indian River Complex. Ages 5-8 yrs. 9 am-12 p.m. \$104 (\$109 Non-residents). Skyhawks Golf focuses on building the confidence of young athletes through proper technique and refining the essential skills of the game. Young athletes need proper focus on the fundamentals of form, swinging, putting, and body positioning. Skyhawks has adopted the SNAG (Starting New at Golf) system to its curriculum. It is designed for the entry-level player; and simplifies instruction so young players can make an easy and effective transition onto the golf course. All equipment is provided. We utilize special helmets for all campers and keep the instructor-to-camper ratio for this program very low, resulting in limited availability. Programs fill up quickly. Participant-to-coach ratio: 8:1. Gear to bring: appropriate clothing, water bottle, sneakers, and sunscreen. Bring: 2 snacks & water bottle. Included: T-shirt and merit award.

VOLLEYBALL: July 16-20, at the Jared Eliot Middle School. 10-14 yrs. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$104 (\$109 Non-residents). Skyhawks Volleyball takes the energy and excitement of this great team sport and puts it together into one fun-filled camp. All aspects of the game are taught through drills and exercises that focus on passing, setting, hitting and serving. This co-ed program is designed for the beginning and intermediate player. Our staff will assist each athlete in developing fundamental skills through game-speed drills and daily scrimmages aimed at developing the

whole player. Participant-to-coach ratio: 12:1. Bring: appropriate clothing, water bottle, sneakers, and sunscreen. Food to bring: 2 snacks & water bottle. Included: T-shirt and merit award.

US SPORTS MULTI SPORTS CAMP: July 23-27, 9 am-12:30 pm (5-14 yrs old), \$134 (\$139 Non-residents), 9 am-4 pm (6 – 14 yrs old). Fee: \$170 (\$175 Non-residents) at the Peters Complex. Experience over 15 different sports from around the world with the US Sports Institute. All activities will take place in an atmosphere which promotes good sportsmanship, teamwork and fun. Campers will receive Technical Instruction in each sport then experience the sport in a realistic game situation. Campers will receive a T-shirt and certificate.

US SPORTS SQUIRTS CAMP: July 23-27, 4:30-5:30 pm, 3-5 year olds. Fee: \$69 (\$74 Non-residents) This program is a great way to introduce children to a variety of sports such as Soccer, T-ball, Basketball, Tennis, Lacrosse and Hockey all taking place in a safe structured environment to ensure learning. Activities are designed to evoke a child's imagination in which they can find Nemo, send Shrek into a spin or capture Jellyfish with Sponge Bob Square Pants. All activities promote hand-eye coordination, movement and balance. Camp held at the Peters Complex. Campers will receive a T-shirt and certificate.

BEGINNER LACROSSE CLINIC: July 16-20, 5:00-6:30 pm. Ages: 6-14 yrs old. \$89 (\$94 Non-residents). At Peters Complex. Beginner Lacrosse players will have Great fun learning this exhilarating game.


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The program is ideal for entry level players with no previous experience. Players can experience, Stick Handling, Passing, Scooping, Dodging and shooting as well as many other fundamental Techniques. Players will be grouped by age, playing ability and experience level. No previous experience playing lacrosse is required to attend the clinic. All campers will receive T-shirt and certificate.

FIELD HOCKEY CLINIC: August 6-10, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Ages: 6-14 yrs. old. \$89 (\$94 Non-residents). At Peters Complex. The USSI Field Hockey Camp is ideal for players wishing to learn or develop this increasingly popular sport. Ball control, dribbling, push passes and drives, shooting, stick skills, flicks and lifts, dodging and rules of the game. Players will be grouped by age, playing ability and experience level. No previous experience is required. All campers will receive a T-shirt and certificate.

ENVIRONMENTAL ECOLOGY CAMP: June 25-29, or July 9-13, 9 am-12 noon, for children entering grades 2-6 as of Sept. 2012. Monday-Wednesday-Friday at Clinton Town Beach, Tuesday at entrance of Peter's Woods, Valley Road and Thursday: the Indian River Recreational Complex Beach Days: Join local teacher and Clinton Land Trust Board Member, Dana Skidmore, for 3 mornings of beach exploration. Children introduced to varying habitats. They will use bucket and dip nets as well as beach seines to experience local marine life. They'll get a crab's eye view of barnacles feeding, periwinkles, green crabs, ospreys, and

great egrets. Peter's Woods & Indian River Complex: Some of Clinton's finest hiking trails - spend two mornings with Mrs. Skidmore exploring local animal and plant species. Gain an appreciation for our outdoor world and learn about ways in which you can protect it. \$125.00 (\$150.00 Non-residents).

TOP NOTCH BASKETBALL: Boys and Girls entering grades 2-9 as of September 2012. THeld at the Morgan School gym during dates: July 30-August 3. There will be a morning and afternoon session, Session I: 8:00-11:00 am and Session II: 12:00-3:00 pm. If you choose both sessions, please bring a lunch. Participants will receive a T-shirt. Bring a water bottle. \$85.00 per session, \$160.00 for both. A \$35.00 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration. (\$90 per session for Non-residents).

SOCCER CAMP: Instructor Coach Kate Healey. July 16-20, Ages: 6-11, 8:30-11:30 am. Held at Indian River Complex. A structured environment to help young athletics focus on the fundamentals while also allowing young athletics to grow, develop and improve on the skills they have already learned. All campers will receive a T-shirt. \$70.00 (\$75.00 Non-residents).

GOALIE TRAINING CAMP with Brad Jeeves: Ages: 6-14, Session I: July 9-13. Session II: July 30 August 3, 5-8 p.m. \$150.00. With coach Brad Jeeves at the Indian River Complex. Will include handling, distribution, communication, shot stopping, angles, high balls and the best thing about being a goalkeeper; The Imperfect World. This is great way to help the most experienced of goalkeepers keep on their toes, and to help the

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FOOTSKILLS CAMP with Brad Jeeves: August 13-17, 5-8 p.m. Ages: 4-14, \$105.00 (\$110 Non-residents). Camp will take place at the Indian River Complex. You must bring shin guards, soccer ball, plenty of water & a small snack.

VICTORY SOCCER SCHOOL: (Ages: 6-14) August 6-10, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Half Day: \$150, Full Day: \$200 to register, please go to the Victory Soccer School website: www.victory-soccer.com.

TENNIS LESSONS: (Ages: 7 and older). We will be offering four two-week sessions from June through August. Each session consists of six one-hour lessons held on Tuesday through Thursday of each week, with make-up days held on either the Mon. or Fri. of that week. Time: mornings between 8 am & 12 noon (Instructor will call with your time slot). Private Lessons are available through our Instructor: Frank Kelley (860-669-5284). Session I: June 26 to July 5th, Session II: July 10 to July 19th, Session III: July 24 to Aug. 2nd, Session IV: Aug. 7 to 16th Fee: \$50 per Session (\$55 Non-residents).

ART CAMP AT MURRAY POND: Drawing & Clay Sculpture Class for ages: 7-12) Session 1: July 2,3, 5, 6, 7. Session 2: July 9-13. Session 3: July 23-27, 2012, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 1-4 p.m. Fee: \$225 (\$230 Non-residents) per week plus material fee at a group discount. Murray Pond located at 59 Route 148, Killingworth, CT. Learn from professional artist, Joan Levy Hepburn, at a beautiful private nature preserve in Killingworth. If you have questions call the Instructor at 860-663-1169, email: colordocor@comcast.net or visit her website at www.joanlevyartist.com.

CLINTON P & R FAMILY THEATRE: "Damn Yankees" show dates: July 12, 13, & 14 at 8 p.m. and July 15th at 2:30 p.m. at the Andrews Memorial Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 for all shows. For tickets, please call 860-664-6547.

Please visit our website at www.clintonparkrec.com for more details.

CLINTON NEWCOMERS' GUIDE

Welcome to Clinton!

On behalf of *Events Magazines*, welcome to Clinton. Whether you are new to Connecticut or just new to Clinton you will find wonderful people and places to visit in town. From the Bluefish Festival, fun shopping, fine dining and water activities, Clinton has something for everyone. Below are important phone numbers. Please tear out this page and keep it for future reference. We at *Events Magazines* and Essex Printing support local businesses. Please use this guide and "Buy Local" - we do!

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CAFÉ MEAL SITES – Clinton, Old Saybrook, Old Lyme, Chester and Westbrook (Thursdays), Reservations required by calling 860-388-1611 by 11 a.m., 24 hours in advance. Clinton Café - Line Dancing on Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

STAN GREIMANN ESTUARY MEDICAL OUTPATIENT TRANSPORTATION - For medical appointments to any medical location beyond the nine-town estuary region. Call Judy at 860-388-1611. Suggested donation of \$35.

MEALS ON WHEELS - hot meals delivered to your home. Call Diane at 388-1611. A donation of \$3.00 is requested for those aged 60+. Meals are supported by Senior Resources Agency on Aging with Title III funds available under the Older Americans Act.

SATURDAY FAMILY BREAKFAST at the Old Saybrook Café, 8 am- Noon. Join us on Saturdays for made to order breakfast - just \$5.00 per person! Menu choices include the Estuary Omelet, Pancakes, Oatmeal, or Eggs-any style. All served with home fries and bacon or sausage, juice or fruit, coffee and milk.

Classes and Activities: Board Games, Billiards, Ping Pong, Yoga, Exercise Classes, Mah Jongg, Wii, Cribbage, Writer's Group, Book Club, Quilter's Group, Needlecrafters, Hand

and Foot, and more! Check the Gazette for all of our programs.

ESTUARY THRIFT SHOP: Open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday; 9 am - 1 pm on Saturdays. Clothes (men, women, and children), kitchen items, crafts, and more available. Donations are accepted and volunteers always needed!

WINE ON THE WATER - August 9

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SAVE THE DATE for our Annual Autumn on the Dock Auction - September 16th.

*Estuary Council Regional Senior Center
220 Main Street, Old Saybrook 860-388-1611*

Caddie for Your Kid

Cue whispery announcer voice: "The tension is high here on the eighth green as [insert your child's name here] lines up what could be a birdie putt. The young golfer and his/her caddie are discussing the geometry of the stroke..." Can you picture yourself here?

High school golf teams have begun match play and budding young Fred Couples and Annika Sorrenstams are already hitting the links. Just as school ends this year and summer begins, two local organizations will be offering youngsters in the area the opportunity to play some golf and have some fun.

The Clinton Education Foundation and the Clinton Lions Club have joined forces to sponsor a golf tournament at the Clinton Country Club. The tournament is scheduled for Monday, June 25. One feature of the tournament this year will be a juniors-only, nine hole tournament to be held in the morning. Any youngster between the ages of 12 and 18 can participate. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. (Scholarships are available through the Clinton Education Foundation. The application is included with the registration form.)

The juniors' tournament offers a unique way for parents to bond with their young athletes by cheering them on - or even better, by caddying for them. Here's a chance to share some quality time in the sunshine and fresh air while traversing the picturesque greens of the country club. Parents may also want to stick around for the adult tournament, which begins at 12:30. Even if you're not a golfer, tickets are available to adults for the dinner, silent auction, and raffle which follow the tournament.

Registration for junior golfers is easy. Simply fill out the registration form, which can be found on the CEF website: www.clintonpublic.org/cef. Click on the "Events" link. Registration forms can be mailed to the Clinton Education Foundation/ Clinton Lions Club, 137 Glenwood Road, Clinton, CT., 06413, or students may bring completed forms to the main office of any of the four district schools.

Cue announcer's voice once more: "It's a joyful scene here at the clubhouse with hugs and smiles all around as our junior golfers and their parents... I mean caddies... celebrate an exciting day of fun and fellowship."

Town Calendar

June 2 & 23 / July 14 & 28 / August 11

Household Hazardous Waste Collection 9 am to 1 pm. For household residents in Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook. Household Hazardous Waste facility, exit 4 off Rte. 9 North. No fee. Visit CRERPA at www.Crerpa.org or email info@crerpa.org. Call 860-388-3497.

Families Helping Families Ice Cream Social 6:30-8:30 pm. Ice cream social. Andrews Memorial Town Hall, 54 East Main St. Clinton. Free. Donations of nonperishable food items or cash for energy assistance is appreciated. For more information call 860-669-5592

June 3

Sopranos Loesch and Valentine Concert at Holy Advent Church 4 p.m. Holy Advent Church, 81 East Main St. Clinton is hosting a free concert featuring Nancy Loesch, who has performed at Carnegie Hall and many other venues throughout this country and Leslie Valentine, mezzo soprano, who has performed in concert and recital both in this country and Great Britain. They will perform a variety of duets both from theatre productions and operatic material. Accompanist is Chad Hardin. Guests invited to greet performers following the concert in the Parish Hall. For information call 860-669-2232.

Chair Auction to Benefit Meals on Wheels 5 - 8 pm. Chair auction to benefit Meals on Wheels, featuring nearly 80 hand painted and decorated chairs by local and long-distance artist. Hors d'oeuvres, wine, raffle and music by the Smoke Bubbles. Tickets \$25. Estuary Council of Seniors, Main Street, Old Saybrook. Call 860-388-1611 for more information.

June 5

Business After Hours at Chips Pub III for DiBona Scholarship. The Clinton Chamber of Commerce will hold in the courtyard at Chips' Pub II, 24 West Main Street, Clinton. All proceeds benefit the Robert DiBona Scholarship. Sponsored by Clinton Insurance Center; Clinton Subway; Edward Jones Investments; Joe & Dolly Mezzetti; Milone Chiropractic; Shore TV & Appliance; Steward's Ace Hardware and Superior Auto. Light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The get-together is intended to assist local businesspeople in making new contacts. Admission is \$12 prepaid and \$15 at the door. Walk-ins welcome. For more information or directions call the Clinton Chamber of Commerce at (860) 669-3889 or email chamber@clintonct.com.

June 9

"New to Medicare" Educational Seminar, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. New to Medicare Educational Seminar presented by Cathy Smith. Public and walk-ins welcome. Free. For information contact Cathy Smith at DLS Insurance Services, 5 West Main St. Clinton. Telephone 860-664-4347.

June 20

Annual Chamber Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Green Room, Clinton Town Hall, Rte. 1. Presentation and approval of the

annual budget, and a nomination and election of officers and directors. Guest speaker to be announced. For information call 860-669-3889.

June 21

"New to Medicare" Educational Seminar. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Educational Seminar presented by Cathy Smith. Walk-ins welcome. Free. Public is welcome. For more information contact Cathy Smith at DLS Insurance Services, 5 West Main St. Clinton. Telephone 860-664-4347.

July 13, 14, 15, 16

Clinton Family Theatre Production - Clinton Park & Rec Family Theatre presents *Damn Yankees* at the Andrews Memorial Town Hall Auditorium, 54 East Main Street. For performance times and ticket information call the Park & Rec office at 860-669-6901.

July 20, 21

38th Annual Bluefish Festival - opening night, 6 to 10 pm. Behind Clinton Town Hall, 54 East Main St. Fishing tournament, chowder cook-off, pie eating contest, teen area and much more. Carnival & bands playing nightly. For more info visit Clintonbluefishfest.com

July 21

Clinton Family Day - 8:30am - 2:30pm. Clinton Town Beach, Waterside Lane. Free event for Clinton residents. Children between the ages of 4 to 12 and their families welcome. Sand sculpture contest, games, arts & crafts, races, snacks. For information call Park and Rec at 860/669-6901.

July 21

Connecticut Wine Festival - Fourth Annual Connecticut Wine Festival, Goshen Fairgrounds, Route 63. Featuring fine wines, specialty food vendors, artisans, and live music. Sponsored by the Connecticut Vineyard and Winery Association. Adult guests can sample the finest wines Connecticut has to offer from many of the state's top wineries - all included in the "tasting ticket" price. Complimentary tote bag with a commemorative wine glass to use for the tastings. More information and a complete list of participating wineries can be found at www.ctwine.com. 12 to 7 pm. Advance tickets \$25 available at any participating CVWA winery, or by phone or online. \$30 at the door. Guests under 21 and Designated Drivers can attend for a reduced admission price of \$10. Contact: info@ctwine.com or (860) 677-5467

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August 7 (& 9, 10, 11 & 12)

Lucia di Lammermoor - Opera Theater of Connecticut presents Lucia de Lammermoor, Donizetti's gothic tragedy/psychological thriller. Tickets for all four performances go on sale October 1, 2011. For more information contact 860-669-8999 or visit www.operatheater-ct.org

August 10

Clinton Summer Fair - The First Church of Christ Congregational East Main St (Rte. 1). 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday Highlights: 7:30 a.m. Breakfast 9 am. Free Entertainment, Auction under the Big Tent, Pulled Pork Dinner, Karaoke. Over 50 Craft vendors on front lawn of the church and many

church activities, booths, food. 11am to 9 pm. Famous Dip Supper, Free Entertainment by The Engine Room. Over 50 Craft vendors on front lawn of the church and many church activities, booths, food, Church Crafts, Quilts, Food Booths, Children's Activities Area, Plants, Silent Auction, Raffle, Tag Sale, Books/Records & more. Open to the public, no admission charge, ample free parking is available. Call the church office for more info 860-669-5735 or visit firstchurchclinton.org.

August 18

15 Annual Liberty Bank Bluefish 5K - 15th Annual Liberty Bank Bluefish 5K Road Race. Jared Eliot Middle School, 59 Fairy Dell Road. Start time 9 a.m. \$16 pre-reg./\$20 after Aug. 17. Plenty of water stations, mile markers, moderate course. Certified course. Electronic Timing by Platt Systems. Registration form: Clinton Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 334 Clinton, CT 06413 Or www.active.com (860) 669-3889 ClintonCT.com/roadrace.

Warm up Your Walking Shoes for June 9th

Planning is in high gear for the 2012 Clinton Rotary Cancer Relief Fund Walk-a-Thon, which will be on Sat., June 9th at the Ethel Peters Recreational Complex, Glenwood Road. For the fourteenth consecutive year, the Clinton Rotary Club has organized this community-based event, which has raised tens of thousands of dollars to help shoreline cancer victims and their families, who are determined eligible following the submission of an application to the Clinton Rotary Club's Cancer Relief Committee. Checks are then sent on their behalf, directly to billing entities (Utilities, mortgage payments, taxes, home/auto insurance, etc.) The fund does not pay hospital or other related medical bills. All proceeds are used for cancer related "in house expenses". No proceeds are used to administer the fund. Last year \$26,675 was raised, of which \$21,438 was distributed to assist with expenses not covered by insurance. In addition, the Cancer Relief Fund donated \$5,000.00 to the library at the Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center.

The Walk-a-thon activities and events will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will conclude at 10:00 p.m. Using the track, concession stand, athletic fields & parking at the Clinton's Ethel Peter's Complex, teams and individuals will walk the track and while doing so, enjoy entertainment throughout the day. The Convertibles will be on hand part of the day, and also a DJ and other entertainment. Our children's area will be open until 6:00 and kids can be photographed, at no cost, by our Amber Alert digital identification system. A tree will be planted in honor of the late, great Dr. Mel Goldstein.

Walk-a-thon sponsors are sought, at donations of \$250 to \$1,000, or more, whose name and/or logo will be placed on T-shirts. They are given to each walking team member, or individual, who donates a registration fee of \$10.00. They are also for sale. Additional funds are also raised through the sale of

luminaries, white paper bags bearing the names of cancer survivors and those that lost their lives to this terrible disease. The luminaries are \$5 each and surround the track. In the evening, 1000 or more luminaries are lit and a ceremony is held, paying tribute to all cancer victims.

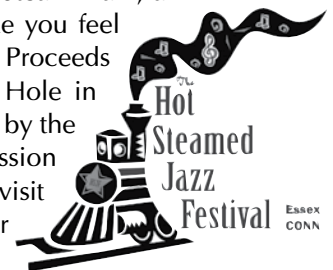
The Luminary ceremony will begin at 8:30 p.m. The event will include the Teacup Auction. We will have a selection of "Bountiful Baskets", whose donors have an opportunity to win "Best Basket", as their creations are auctioned off.

Luminary and team forms are available at Shore T.V and Appliances, 11 East Main St. and Shoreline Insurance, 239 E. Main St., both in Clinton. For info on the walk and/or the luminaries, call Jim Beardsley at 860-669-7239 or Linda Beavers at 860-669-9323, or by writing to us at our very own office space at Clinton Rotary Cancer Relief Fund, 50 East Main Street, Clinton, Ct., 06413 (Chamber of Commerce Building); or at www.clintonctrotary.com.

Submitted by Peggy Adler

*Publicist for the Clinton Rotary Cancer Relief Fund Drive
5 Liberty Street, Clinton, CT 06413 (860) 669-7706*

June 22, 23 & 24! At Essex Steam Train, a three-day event that will make you feel like you're in New Orleans. Proceeds from the festival benefit The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp founded by the late Paul Newman. For session times and ticket information, visit www.hotsteamedjazz.com or call 1.800.343.0003.





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