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Town Manager's Corner

TIME OF RESILIENCY

I want to thank all Clinton residents who have made safe practices part of the new normal as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Elbow bumps have replaced handshakes and masks are part of our daily attire. Virtually every aspect of our lives have been affected by this challenge. However, it has also been a time of resiliency and shown the strength of the Clinton Community.

The efforts of all of our professional first responders deserve recognition as they continue to meet the emergency needs of the community at a time of heightened risk. Many in the business community should also be thanked for their small acts of kindness that make our community. Cedar Island Marina and Kenyon donated masks to local first responders and others making it easier for them to do their job to protecting us all. Local manufacturers like Bausch Advanced Technologies, partnering with SCA Pharma, compounded more than 2,500 bags of alcohol based hand sanitizer now being donated at no cost to first responders and front-line healthcare workers in Connecticut fighting COVID-19.

We have all had to make changes – which may have tested our normal patience. We are not alone in having to make regular changes.

Town meetings have moved to a virtual platform which allows for public participation and for important business to be conducted. Meetings can be joined online or by phone. Each meeting agenda includes instructions for the public to participate. Recordings of the meetings are also available on the Town's website.



Karl Kilduff
Town Manager

The Governor took action which prevented the annual budget referendum from happening this year. However, the Town Council still had its public hearing on May 6 and took additional steps to increase transparency in the budget process for the benefit of the public.

Additionally, recognizing that many residents are experiencing financial hardships now and the economic uncertainty that has come with the pandemic, the Town Council unanimously approved a low interest program for local taxpayers to provide some relief to those that will be challenged to pay their local property taxes on time.

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This community has a great “can-do spirit.” Together, we must remain vigilant, focus on getting the facts and keep a pragmatic perspective.

Finally, spring is traditionally a time of renewal, optimism and hope. I hope you join me in looking forward to better days ahead. Stay safe.

Karl Kilduff, Town Manager

PUBLISHER'S NOTE

As of press time, our country is still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. These are, indeed, difficult times for all. Included in this issue of Clinton Events Magazines is information regarding various programs and activities that span the upcoming quarter. Given the circumstances, some dates and times are subject to change.

Please check with the applicable organizations for any potential changes and/or cancellations. We hope that the situation resolves as quickly as possible and that we can all get back to some sense of normalcy! Please also take note of our The Last Word feature (on page 18). The array of pictures celebrates the strength of our community as we persevere through hard times. Thank you to all!

We are pleased to be able to continue to provide you with Clinton Events Magazines. Please stay safe and healthy. We look forward to celebrating better times ahead!

William McMinn,
Essex Printing and Events Magazines

Community Comes First - Helping Families in Clinton



Tina Bascom, Bare Necessities, holding masks donated through CFMC thanks to the generosity of the Rossi Family Foundation Trust.

At the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, we only know “Great People Doing Great Things.” It’s not surprising then that during the COVID-19 pandemic, community comes first! Incredible people, businesses, and nonprofits are working to help our families every day. Clinton’s response to its residents proves that together we are stronger, and we will thrive throughout this unprecedented event.

Simple and random acts of kindness abound in our area - and they make such a huge difference. One example of such a gesture is helping Bare Necessities in an unexpected way.

Bare Necessities is a volunteer driven organization taking care of our most at-risk families by providing diapers, wipes, and other essentials to families in Clinton and the surrounding area. We salute the many individuals, groups, and businesses who always support their work through local diaper drives. “Bravo and Thank You!” We also offer a “Round of Applause” to Ted Rossi of the Rossi Family Foundation Trust who asked the Community Foundation to partner with him in distributing surgical masks to those organizations that help those in need. The Community Foundation is proud to “connect-the-dots” to Bare Necessities. Thanks to the Rossi Family Foundation Trust’s generous and caring ways, Bare Necessities will add important and critical face masks to their diaper distributions. “Bravo” to the Rossi Family Foundation Trust and to Bare Necessities! Bravo to all in Clinton! Community really does come first, now more than ever.

We are also incredibly grateful to all who have stepped forward to support our Live Local Give Local Emergency Fund. Thanks to your wonderful generosity, we are supporting our area food pantries and social service departments in meeting the increased community needs during this unprecedented event. Grants to the Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, to the Town of Clinton Social Services Department, and to Families Helping Families will provide a much-needed lifeline and will ensure our neighbors have access to food and other essentials.

We are humbled by the many “Great People Doing Great Things” throughout Middlesex County. The Community Foundation of Middlesex County is honored to be a community resource, to “connect-the-dots,” and to work to enrich the quality of life for everyone today – and forever. We are committed to serving our community in three ways: with donors as partners for giving and a resource for information about local needs; with nonprofit organizations as a source of grants and technical assistance; and with the community at large as a force committed to helping our towns thrive over the long term.

The Community Foundation of Middlesex County’s interests are your interests, including animal welfare, arts and culture, health and social services, education, history, the environment, civic improvements, recreation, and economic security and opportunity. To learn more, call us at: 860.347.0025 or visit us at: MiddlesexCountyCF.org.



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From the Town Clerk's Office

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November 3, 2020 Presidential Election

Absentee Ballot applications are available in the Town Clerk's office and on the Town Clerk's website, click on Elections. AB ballots become available October 2, 2020.

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 Presidential Election.

Have questions! Call the Town Clerk's Office at 860-669-9101.

Sharon Uricchio, CCTC, Clinton Town Clerk

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Clinton Education Foundation

INFORMATION REGARDING THE CLINTON FAMILY GOLF CLASSIC EVENTS June 22, 2020

These unsettling times are very difficult for everyone, but fortunately we live in a community that is strong and supportive. Over the years, the Clinton Lions Club and the Clinton Education Foundation have supported the community by providing scholarships and grants for students and teachers, funding for the DARE program, and support for Families Helping Families events. Much of the resources for this support has come from our annual golf tournament, the Family Golf Classic, held each June at the Clinton Country Club. We are grateful to all of the local businesses that have contributed to this tournament over the years through sponsorships and donations for our raffle and silent auction. This year, we have decided to cancel the tournament. We understand the stress that the pandemic has put on our community, and we feel it is not the time to ask businesses for donations and sponsorships. Instead, we want to thank each of these businesses for their endless support, and it is our hope that our small community will come together to rally around our local businesses now and in the months to come, especially in light of all the support they have shown our organizations for many years. We look forward to bringing the tournament back next year!

Thank you to our local businesses for their continued support of our tournament and our community!

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Also, November 3, 2020 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.sots.gov. Click on Elections & Voting. Send application to Town Clerk, 54 E. Main St., Clinton, CT 06413. If you should have any questions call the Town Clerk's office or email townclerk@clintonct.org. Absentee Ballots will become available October 2, 2015.

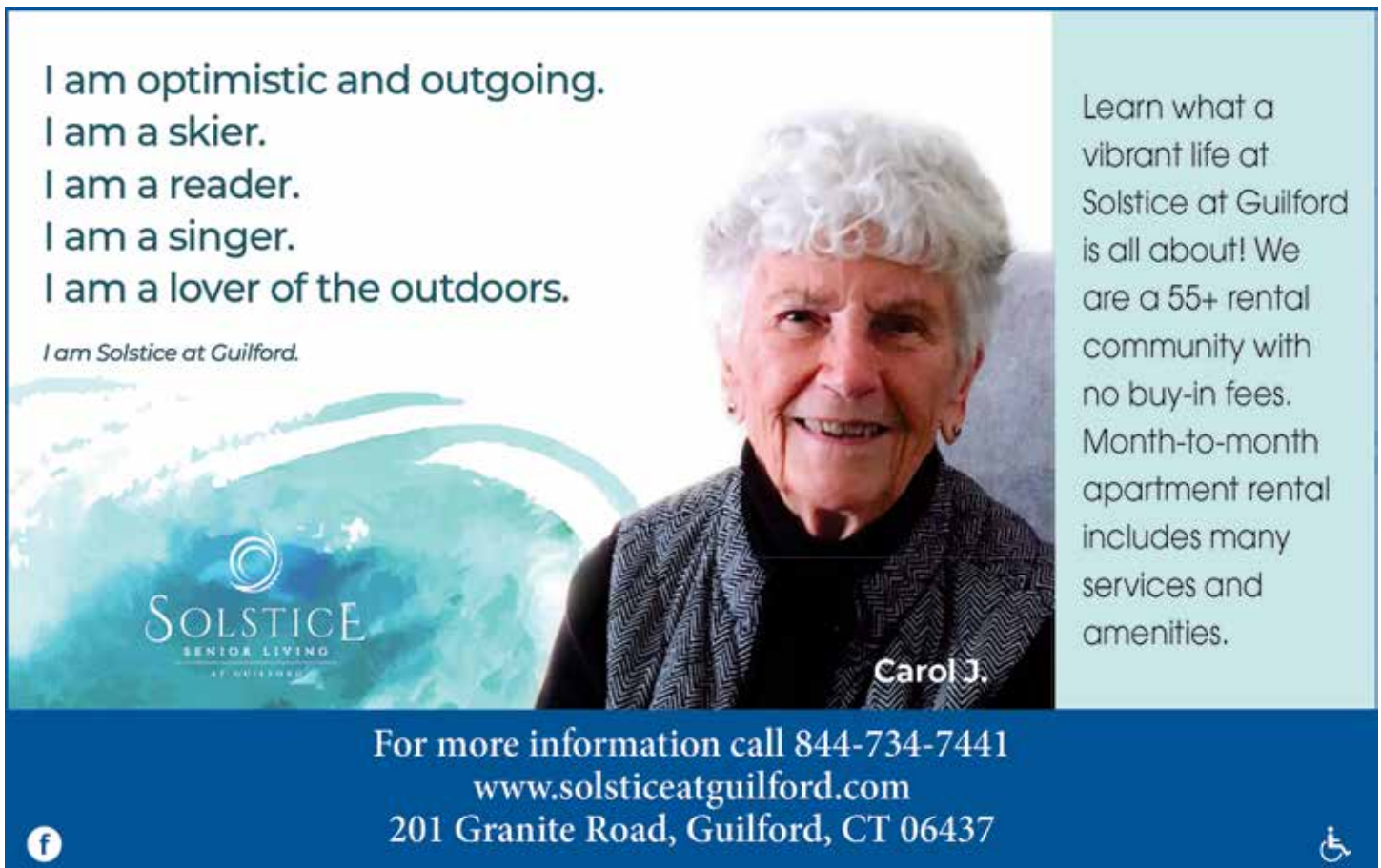
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to be used so a note from the elector's doctor, presumably on letterhead, indicating the disability would satisfy this requirement.

Once the Application and doctor's certificate are received by the Town Clerk a copy will be provided to the Registrars of Voters to record on the Voter Registration Systems. Absentee Ballots will then be automatically mailed to the elector from the Town Clerk's office for eligible elections that allow for an Absentee Ballot to be mailed.

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

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Town Clerk's office at 860-669-9101, Monday to Wednesday 9:00am to 4:00pm, Thursday 9:00am to 7:00pm and Friday 9:00am to 12:00 noon or email: townclerk@clintonct.org
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Due to COVID-19 limitations, the festival has been moved to a live-streaming format on May 30 at 7:00 pm. The online platform can be accessed from your computer, smartphone, tablet, or Smart TV. Dr. David Skelly, Director of the Yale Peabody Museum, will once again emcee the event.

New this year! A live chat will be available throughout the evening, where you can talk with your fellow audience members and representatives of both land trusts. In addition, ticket holders will be able to view the recorded event, including all the films, for an additional 5 days afterward.

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We are stewards of your donations and as such we thought we should report to you exactly how your donations are being used. We have partnered with a wholesale food distributor to provide needed food for The Clinton Food Pantry on a weekly basis. Through this partnership we have been able to buy more food at better prices. We have also found some online sources which have better prices than our local grocery store. Through the month of April your dollars helped us deliver 9,405 pounds of food.

During this difficult time we all are experiencing, our pledge and promise to you is that we will continue to serve our community with all of our passion and compassion. If you would like to help us in our mission to make sure there is sufficient food for every Clinton family you can donate online at fhfclinton.org or send a check to FHF P. O. Box 166 Clinton, CT. 06413. We again thank you for the faith and confidence you have placed in Families Helping Families.

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The Probate Court and You

A little known, and rarely used function of the Probate Court surfaced with this spring's daffodils at precisely the same time the COVID-19 pandemic blossomed in Connecticut – the court's jurisdiction over appeals of quarantine and isolation orders.

This facet of the court's authority is rarely seen because it typically comes into play in very specific and infrequent circumstances. Nevertheless, during a public health emergency, the Commissioner of Public Health may issue an order of isolation or quarantine to a person who: 1) is reasonably believed to be infected or exposed to a communicable disease such as COVID-19; 2) poses a significant threat to public health; and the Commissioner believes that quarantine or isolation is the least restrictive alternative to protecting and preserving public health. When Governor Lamont declared a public health emergency on March 10, 2020, he authorized and directed the Commissioner of Public Health to delegate its powers to order isolation or quarantine to local and regional public health directors, as its agent.

Quarantine refers to the physical separation or confinement of a person who has been exposed to a communicable disease, such as COVID-19, in order to prevent transmission to the general public.

Isolation refers to the physical separation or confinement of a person who is infected with a communicable disease in order to prevent or limit the transmission of the disease to the general public. As Connecticut residents realized that COVID-19 infection could have severe consequences, including death, many residents voluntarily went into quarantine or isolation when they became aware of their own personal exposure to COVID-19, experienced symptoms of COVID-19, or received a positive COVID-19 test result, without the need for orders from local health directors.

During a public health emergency, individuals who receive orders of isolation or quarantine, and believe them to be inappropriate, have the ability to appeal the order to the Probate Court for the district where the individual is isolated or quarantined. The Probate Court holds a hearing within 3 days of receipt of the appeal. The request for the hearing does not automatically stay **continued on page 12**



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the quarantine or isolation order. Because of the inability to practice proper social distancing during an appeal hearing, each Probate Court has secure video conferencing capability to allow the individual subject to the isolation/quarantine order to participate in the hearing.

To be able to respond to isolation and quarantine appeals, as well as to meet the critical needs of the vulnerable individuals we serve, the Saybrook District Probate Court remains open for normal business hours (Monday through Friday 8:30-4:30), with reduced staffing in order to comply with social distancing guidelines. Thank you to the dedicated court staff,

and especially Chief Clerk, Sharon Tiezzi, for an exceptional job in rising to meet our community needs during a very challenging time.

The Saybrook District Probate Court serves the nine towns of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook.

Clinton Art Society Starts Virtul Programming

PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE CHANGES

Contact: Liz Egan, President; cell: 860-669-4487

E-Mail: casclinton@gmail.com

In response to the coronavirus and COVID-19 outbreak, Clinton Art Society has developed online virtual programming to safely present the arts to Shoreline community and its membership.

Originally scheduled through April 30, the Annual CAS Annual Member's Exhibition was extended through May 28. Artists may safely pick up their work on Thursday, May 28 at Andrews

Memorial Town Hall, 54 East Main Street, Clinton, where masked and gloved volunteers will distribute work at the Green Room Door. "If artists bring a storage bag or carry device, they can just open the bag and volunteers will place it inside, almost like Trick or Treat Art Pick-Up," said Liz Egan, President of Clinton Art Society.

To help bring art to the Clinton Art Society membership and the community, CAS has initiated a weekly online Art Share & Critique using ZOOM Meeting technology. Artists may e-mail any .jpg of their work to casclinton@gmail.com. CAS will reply

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with the Meeting ID and Password for the Meeting, and, if needed, step by step directions for accessing and using the software. Using the “Share Screen” feature, participants can see the art works as they are presented for review. Guest artists discuss that week’s works providing insights into specific aspects of composition, color, and design. These remarks are followed by participant discussion. All paintings submitted to CAS by Wednesday at 5pm are reviewed at that week’s critique.

Beginning Thursday, May 28, CAS will begin its bi-monthly Virtually LIVE Demonstration Series with acclaimed artist Frank Bruckmann. The demonstration will feature a live how-to segment and an interactive Q&A segment. Frank Bruckmann will demonstrate color-mixing, painting, and best practices in a unique format that focuses on the artwork. “Participants can watch him create and talk through this process,” Egan remarked. Online audience participants will see a painting created close-up, through the eye and vantage point of the artist. “You can never see that at a live in-person demonstration sitting in chairs in a row.”

Clinton Art Society is excited to announce that its 71st Annual Summer Juried Exhibition will have Virtual and Active compo-

nents. “We are working together with the Town of Clinton leadership to see which aspects of the exhibition can be at Andrews Memorial Town Hall and which will only be online,” said Egan. Our Board is planning to make the most creative, quality Exhibition we can,” she added, “with some fun and exciting ways for our community to safely access Exhibition program online and in person.”

A prospectus for the exhibition will arrive in mailboxes, e-mail, and be posted to the organization’s website casclinton@gmail.com by the end of May. Interested artists may submit their work digitally anytime before July. CAS Board members will be available to provide guidance and support to enable as many artists to participate. An artist does not need to be a CAS Member to participate. Works will be juried virtually by Cynthia Cormier, Director of Museum Education at the New Britain Museum of American Art. \$2,000 in prizes will be awarded by the juror.

Clinton Art Society will post updates to its schedule to the website: www.clintonartsociety.info. For information and to arrange a tutorial for audience and artist participation contact Liz Egan at 860-669-4487 or e-mail casclinton@gmail.com.

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The Clinton Parks & Recreation Department

We sincerely hope that you and your loved ones are staying healthy during the current global crisis that has impacted our families and our community so dramatically. While we are hopeful we will be able to provide our camps this summer it is all contingent on any restrictions that may/may not be put in place due to COVID-19. Unfortunately, due to the timing of the camp and number of kids involved Parks & Rec, in conjunction with Mrs. Skidmore, has decided not to hold Ecology Camp this year. We look forward to offering it next year. At this time, we are still planning on opening the beach this season on June 20th with some restrictions and guidelines. The concession stand at the beach will be open and serving food and drinks. We will continue to update our website and Facebook page with any changes as they are made.

Below is a list of the camps we are hoping to run but have not been confirmed at this time.

Huskies Boys Basketball Camp - The Huskies Basketball Camp is an instructional camp facilitated by the Morgan coaches and players. The focus is on promoting interest and skill development in the game of basketball. The goal is to improve each player's fundamentals in the areas of shooting, dribbling, passing, rebounding as well as team and individual defense. The camp date is June 22-26th. There are two offerings for this camp. First is boys entering 3rd & 4th grade (as of Sept 2020) from 9-11:30 am at the Morgan High School for \$75 (residents) \$85 (non-residents). The second is boys entering grades 5th-9th (as of Sept 2020) from 9:30 am- 2:00 pm at the Morgan High School for \$135 (resident) \$145 (non-resident). Please be sure to bring a water and snack.



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Skyhawk's Tiny Hawk Basketball & Soccer Camp - The essentials of soccer and basketball are introduced in a fun and safe environment with lots of encouragement. Children will learn balance, body movement, hand/eye coordination and skill development through a series of sports-specific games tailored for their attention span. This program is offered to children ages 3 and 4 years old for \$65 (residents) \$75 (non-residents) The camp will be held at the Indian River Sports Complex on June 22nd-26th from 9-9:45 am or August 10th-14th from 9-9:45 am.

Skyhawk's Mini Hawk Baseball, Basketball & Soccer Camp - This is a multi-sport program that gives the children a positive step into athletics. The essentials of each sport are taught in a safe, structured environment with lots of encouragement and focus on fun. All games and activities are designed to allow campers to explore balance, movement, hand/eye coordination and skill development at their own pace. This program is offered to children ages 4 to 6 years old for \$119 (residents) \$129 (non-residents). The camp will be held at the Indian River Sports Complex on June 22nd-26th from 9 am-12 pm or August 10th-14th from 9 am-12 pm.

Skyhawk's Youth Tennis Camp - In Skyhawk's tennis programs, boy and girls learn proper grips, footwork, strokes and serves. As well as the rules and etiquette that makes tennis an exciting game. This program is offered to children ages 7-12 years old for \$119 (residents) \$129 (non-residents). The camp is held at the Morgan High School tennis courts June 22nd-26th from 9 am-12 pm.

Skyhawk's Beginners Tennis Camp - This program is to create a successful learning environment. We have made modifications to our traditional tennis camp. The court is smaller and has shorter nets. Plus, the racquets are smaller and the balls are made of foam. With these modifications any young child can immediately begin playing tennis, even if he or she has never picked up a racquet. The program is offered to children ages 3-4 years old for \$55 (residents) \$65 (non-residents) at the Morgan High School tennis courts July 6th-9th from 9-9:45am. It is also offered to children ages 5 to 6 for \$75 (residents) \$85 (non-residents) from 10 am-12 pm.

Kids Kitchen Summer Cooking Camp

Kids' Kitchen summer cooking camp is a unique culinary experience, which offers cooking classes to children in a safe environment that will encourage discovery and creativity. Students sharpen their skills by employing the mantra "Mise en Place" which, in the cooking world, translates into "Everything in its place". Kids' Kitchen offers kitchen safety, proper food handling, food preparation, cooking, baking techniques, presentation and so much more! As parents, we look for summer programming that will capture our children's imagination, entertain their senses and stretch their learning. As kids, we look for summer programs that are FUN!

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Our camp is 2 hours a day for 4 consecutive days - enough time to challenge our chefs, yet short enough to keep them enthusiastic. Each day will feature 2 hours of hands-on cooking, skills practice and tasting. We promise to provide unbeatable, hands-on activities to entertain your kids. This program is offered to students entering grades 2nd -5th as of Sept 2020 for \$143. The camp will be held at the Morgan High School July 7th-10th from 9-11 am.

Beginners & Intermediate Fencing

Camp - Students will learn classical foil fencing, the traditional beginning weapon of the sport. Fencers will progress from basic foil technique to actual bouts with moderately fast and difficult hand and foot work. Teaching emphasis includes conditioning, hand and eye coordination, basic technique, and the rules and practices of the sport. On Friday there will be a camp competition and parents are encouraged to attend. Basic equipment is provided. Our intermediate camp is for those who have participated in our beginner camp. This camp will continue where the beginner class left off. More advanced techniques will be taught as well as introductions to all three weapons, their rules and strategies.



This program is open to boys and girls currently in grades 5th-9th (as of Sept 2020) July 13th-17th from 9 am-12 pm at The Morgan High School for \$100 (residents) \$125 (non-residents)

Skyhawk's STEM & PLAY Flag Football Camp - This program combines strategic STEM-based activities with traditional Skyhawk football instruction and focus on life skills, such as teamwork and sportsmanship. STEM sports football curriculum educates students on receiver glove and helmet technology, in-game communication, throwing arm strength, football properties, calculating distances and other subjects. Participants will also learn the fundamentals of passing, catching and defense through skill based drills and scrimmages. This camp is located at The Indian River sports complex and is offered to children ages 8 to 11 years old. The cost is \$155 (residents) \$165 (non-residents) and runs from July 13th-17th from 9 am-3 pm.

Huskies Girls Basketball Camp - The Huskies Girls Basketball Camp is an instructional camp facilitated by the Morgan Girls Basketball coaches and players. The focus is on promoting interest and skill development in the game of basketball. The goal is to improve each player's fundamentals in the areas of shooting, dribbling, passing, rebounding as well as team and individual defense. This program is offered to girls entering grades 5th-9th (as of Sept 2020) and runs July 20th-24th from 9am- 2:00 pm at the Morgan High School for \$135 (resident) \$145 (non-resident). Please be sure to bring a water and snack.

SkyHawk's STEM & PLAY Volleyball Camp - The STEM Sports Volleyball curriculum enables students the opportunity to get behind the sport they love with modules centered around innovation and technology. Subjects include calculating contact time, optimal serving speed, the science behind serving and more! Participants will also learn the fundamentals of passing, setting, hitting and serving through skill based drills and scrimmages. This camp is located at The Morgan High School and is offered to children ages 9 to 14 years old. The cost is \$155 (residents) \$165 (non-residents) and runs from July 27th-31st from 9 am-3 pm.

Victory Soccer School - This is offered to boys and girls ages 6 - 15 years old. The fee includes a t-shirt along with individual and team awards. Please be sure to apply sunscreen prior to arriving. The Victory Soccer School summer program at Clinton is directed by NSCAA Hall of Famer Bob Dikranian and David Dikranian. Coach Bob Dikranian holds 6 Division II National Championships at SCSU. David Dikranian is a successful girls coach at Daniel Hand High School. The Clinton summer program includes full day and half day options with comprehensive coaching by an elite training staff. Coach Dikranian will be accompanied by an outstanding staff of former collegiate coaches & players. Dates: July 27, 2020 - July 31, 2020 Held at the Indian River Complex.
Full Day Camp 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Fee \$185 (non-residents \$195)
Half Day Camp 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Fee \$140 (Recommended for ages 6, 7 & 8) (non-residents \$150). Team Day Camp 9:30am to 3:00 pm. Fee \$125 (non-residents \$135) & players.

Skyhawk's Multi-Sport Camp - Our multi-sport camp is designed to introduce young athletes to a variety of different sports in one setting. Athletes learn the rules and essentials of every sport through skilled based games and scrimmages. By the end of the week, your child will walk away with knowledge of multiple sports along with vital life lessons such as respect, teamwork and self-discipline. This camp is located at The Indian River Sports Complex and is offered to children ages 7 to 12 years old. The cost is \$145 (residents) \$155 (non-residents) and runs from August 10th-14th from 9 am-3 pm.

All registrations are handled through the P & R Office or you may register online at <https://parkrec.clintonct.org>. If you need a flyer, you may download one off of our website. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 860-669-6901.

Clinton Community Comes Together Over Bikes



Bicycling with the family has never been more popular. Since 2016 Paul “The Bike Guy” Egan has been repairing, refurbishing, and donating bicycles to adults, children, and families along the Shoreline.

Since his partnership with Clinton Families Helping Families, “The Bike Guy” has he is locally known, has given away over 720 bicycles. In addition, Egan offers free repairs.

The entire Clinton and Shoreline communities have contributed to the success of The Bike Guy. The stipend from Clinton Families Helping Families helps Egan buy parts, helmets, and other materials needed to transform used bikes into new treasures. Families “trade in” outgrown bikes and bikes unearthed during Spring Cleaning.

about 20 repairs. As of May 1, he has already given away 170 bikes and done 24 repairs, anticipating that 2020 will more than double last year’s total. With this increased demand and need for certain bikes that he didn’t have, The Bike Guy reached out to the Old Saybrook-based organization Bikes For Kids. They have helped augment specific requests from community members. While periodic donations of large quantities of bikes do happen,

Egan relies of the generosity of community members to donate their unwanted bikes rather than throw them out. “Whether I strip them for parts or refurbish them to give away, every bike donation is important,” said Egan. “I have been so busy now, I often work on bikes that have been donated and given them away in the same day.”

All bikes from The Bike Guy are free of charge. The Bike Guy also does free repairs. For more information on how you can donate a bike, contact Clinton Families Helping Families at www.fhfclinton.org or call/text Paul “The Bike Guy” Egan at 860-304-7345.



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