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First Selectman's Corner



I can't believe we're talking about fall already. I guess the older I get and the older my boys get, the faster time goes by. People have always told me to value your time with family and friends because it goes by so quickly. You know, they're right. Just as with my family; Sondra, Will, A.J. and Brady, my time as First Selectman has flown by. It's hard to imagine that it has been six years since I was first elected; Brady was only a year old and I still had brown hair. I want to thank you for letting me be your First Selectman and I hope you will allow me to continue the good work which began six years ago.

As I travel around town daily, I don't have to go very far to see some of what has been accomplished in this period. From

roads, sidewalks and drainage improvements to enhancements in our assets at the beach, marina and recreational facilities, Clinton is a town on the rise. Our buildings are now, finally, being maintained properly and through grants our downtown is going to begin getting a much-needed facelift. I haven't done this alone, it has been with the support of our residents and our personnel that all of this has occurred.

We are not done however, and I plan on continuing to put our community on the map as a destination.

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The Alice and David Crosby Environmental Scholarship

The Alice and David Crosby Environmental Scholarship was established in 1997 in memory of Alice C. Crosby, who was for many years Chairman of the Clinton Board of Education. Subsequently, Alice's husband, David Crosby, a former CLCT Board member and graduate of the Yale School of Forestry, was added to the name of the scholarship. Alice and David Crosby became members of the Clinton Land Conservation Trust in its early days and remained active in its programs and projects throughout the rest of their lives. The scholarship is a \$1,000 grant awarded each year to a Clinton graduating senior planning to pursue an education in a field related to the study of or preservation of the environment. The scholarship was awarded this year to 2011 Morgan School graduate, Tiffany Alling, who will be attending the University of Tampa in the fall to major in Biology. Tiffany intends to become a zoologist when she finishes college. Growing up in Clinton, Tiffany has always enjoyed being outdoors and learning about the natural environment of Clinton and the

animals that live here. The Clinton Land Conservation Board of Trustees wishes Tiffany all the best in her studies and beyond.



Michael Houde, President of CLCT presenting the check to Tiffany Alling, Scholarship recipient; Judy Postemsky, CLCT Board Member. Photo taken by Frank Byrne, Board of Directors, CLCT.

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As you travel around Clinton this fall, take in all we have to offer. As we quiet down from summer, visit the Town Marina, Clinton Beach or Clinton Landing. All of the facilities enhance the character of our shoreline community and offer up breathtaking views and a variety of recreational activities. The various athletic complexes will be bustling this fall with football, soccer, field hockey and baseball. Morgan is looking to be strong in all sports and I encourage you to find time to come out and cheer our teams on. Our coaches and athletes put so much effort into these seasons! Let's show them that we appreciate their efforts and show other towns how much we love our Huskies!

I have to take the time to express my hope and prayers for Zack Bernier and his family. Without going into details as to the condition or circumstances, I think this terrible event has brought our town together like only Clintonites can do to support the family and rally around Zack. Several events were held to benefit Zack and his family and almost all the work was done by his friends. I had the pleasure to work with the young adults who came to me with an idea for a festival, "Zackaroo", and witnessing their commitment, passion and energy first-hand gave me such confidence in their ability to pull this off, that former Selectman Arthur Isaacson stated, "If this is our future, I'm feeling a lot better about it". To Sam Sarkisian, Dann Disiglio, Luca Piacentini, Leah Valleta, Jim Short and Jimmy McNamara, you guys are the best. I wish I had one of you as a friend so dedicated when I was growing up. You kept the naysayers at bay and pulled it off. Good luck in your futures, I'm sure you'll do wonders.

As we pull out our sweaters and rakes, I wish all of you a great fall and ask you to help, if you can, those who need it. Families Helping Families will be holding their annual food

drive at Stop and Shop on Saturday, September 10th from 1 to 3 and the Apple Pie contest at Town Hall on October 1st at 6 pm. Come join in on the fun and contribute to feeding and heating our residents.

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Absentee ballots become available on Friday, October 7 in the Town Clerk's Office. Hours are Monday - Wednesday, 9a.m. to 4p.m.; Thursday - 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday - 9 a.m. to noon. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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Save the Date! Our annual Autumn on the Dock Wine Tasting and Auction will happen on Sunday, September 18; mark your calendars now.

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Estuary Quilt Raffle Tickets Available - Diana Britt formerly of Westbrook and Camille Blok of Old Saybrook have each donated original quilts they created just for the Estuary. The first prize autumn theme quilt is being displayed by Mike Neville. The "I Love Life" quilt by Camille will be the second prize in the raffle. Tickets are available at local fairs, our board of director members, and the Welcome Desk for \$1 each. Drawing will be at the Autumn on the Dock Auction on September 18th. Winner need not be present to win.



*Left to Right:
Camille Blok holding
the second prize quilt
"I Love Life" and
Mike Neville with first
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Inland Wetlands Commission

Seven years ago, the Cedar Island Marina pledged to become a “clean” marina within one year - taking extra precautions, such as reducing pollution from mechanical activities, fueling, painting and fiberglass repair, hauling and storing boats and facility management. Today, the Clinton Marina still has not met those written standards, and there is much debate over the quality of the Cedar Island Marina.

The Cedar Island Marina is not listed among the twenty-nine ‘clean’ marinas in the state, which include Saybrook Point, Harry’s Marine Repair, and Dodson Boatyard. Until a marina meets the minimum guidelines, it is considered a ‘clean’ marina pledge.

“Cedar Island Marina has pledged to become a ‘clean’ marina, but has not yet completed the required compliance and award checklists that are needed in order for the DEEP to certify the facility,” says Kate Brown from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection via e-mail.

Jeffrey Shapiro, the Cedar Island Marina owner, cleared up the reason why his marina is not listed as a ‘clean’ marina. “It’s kind of a protest for the Clean Marina Program upping the requirements from years ago.

Nowadays, you need to make lists and take pictures of the marina... you basically have to give them a book. To be on their list, you need to prove you’ve done things like storm water and pollution protection. Places like Saybrook Point don’t need to deal with as much stuff. I don’t need to hang the flag because I know they’re not going to find a cleaner marina. We have won the Green Circle Award and an award from the EPA for being one of the twenty-five most environmentally conscious marinas in the country.”

The Cedar Island Marina is connected to main waterways and the acclaimed town beach. In 2010, according to The National Resources Defense Council, 21% of the 14 water samples from Clinton’s beach exceeded the state standards for bacteria.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website shows recent data that the Clinton Harbor is an “impaired” waterway, signifying that the water quality conditions do not support certain uses (such as aquatic life harvesting). The lower Hammonasset River is also listed as impaired, as it empties into the Clinton Harbor. According to Eric Thomas from the DEEP, the Clinton Harbor has impaired water quality and is unable to be used for aquatic life, although it is authorized for shell fishing.

“It’s brown, filthy, and you can’t see anything two inches below the surface.” says longtime Clinton resident, Daphne Tuccitto, on the quality of the marina.

According to the EPA, Jeffrey Shapiro was denied an additional 396 boat slips in 1988. He decided that he would prove his marina was not destroying the life and habitat of marine life. In Shapiro’s own words, “We decided to prove Connecticut wrong.” Shapiro went out of his way to hire environmental consultants to investigate the water quality, and that turned into a full-fledged ecology research laboratory. Research has been underway since 1989 on the temperature of the water, marina habitat, and coastal birds. Shapiro says that according to his research, the Clinton Harbor has lower bacteria (coliform) counts than those at the town beach.

Marinas that are part of the federal Clean Marina Program are recognized for protecting the quality of their coastal waters. This program varies from state to state, but has one common objective: reducing pollution. As of now, eleven states have adopted the Clean Marina Program and nine are in the process of developing it. Connecticut certified its first “clean” marina in June of 2003.

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Mr. Zerphy has performed as an actor, storyteller and clown and has worked as a teacher and director. He has orchestrated workshops and productions in schools from Maine to Oregon, taught at Boston University and appeared at the New England Vaudeville Festival, Brooklyn Academy of Music and The New York International Festival of Clown Theatre. His professional itinerary has taken him across the U.S. and Europe.

In this family show Michael created a world that surprised his audience and left them laughing and happy. Children and adults alike enjoyed his clowning, juggling, physical comedy and stories, and everyone left with a smile on their faces.

Glynis Houde

*An enthusiastic young library patron joins Michael in the fun.
Photo taken by Sally Heffernan - CLCT Board Member*



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Asset Allocation: A Key to Portfolio Success

For many investors, investing typically begins with one stock or mutual fund. Over time, other selections are added because many people understand it may not be prudent to invest everything in a single security, even if it has a “blue chip” reputation. However, just “spreading money around” in a haphazard way may create only an illusion of diversification.

If you have assembled a “hodgepodge” portfolio, you may not know the extent to which your investments are (or are not) consistent with your objectives. How do you go about setting up a framework which tailors your investments to your particular circumstances?

A sound portfolio management strategy begins with asset allocation – that is, dividing your investments among the major asset categories of equities, bonds and cash. Since each type of investment category has unique characteristics, they rarely rise or fall at the same time. Then, you can make finer distinctions within each asset category (i.e., diversification). Combining different asset classes could help reduce risk, although it doesn’t eliminate market risk altogether. Still two nagging questions remain: What factors guide the asset allocation process? How much of a portfolio should go into each category.

To answer the first question, the main objective of asset allocation is to match the investment characteristics of the various investment categories to the most important aspects of your per-

sonal investment profile – that is, your tolerance for risk, your return and liquidity needs, and your time horizon.

Investing according to your risk tolerance will help keep you from abandoning your investment program during times of market turbulence. One way to measure your risk comfort zone is to ask yourself how much of a loss in a one-year period you could withstand and still stay the course.

Finding an appropriate match for you means balancing your tolerance for risk against the different volatility levels of various asset classes. For example, if you have a low tolerance for risk, that fact may dictate a portfolio that emphasizes conservative investments while sacrificing the potentially higher returns that usually involve a greater degree of risk.

Return need refers to the income and/or growth you expect a portfolio to generate in order to meet your objectives. For example, retirees may prefer a portfolio that emphasizes current income, while younger investors may wish to concentrate on potential growth.

Your personal time horizon extends from when you implement an investment strategy until you need to begin withdrawing money from a portfolio. For example, a very short time horizon (less than 5 years) is probably best served by a conservative portfolio emphasizing safety of principal. On the other hand, the more time you have to invest, the greater risk you may be able to withstand because you have time to recover from market downturns.

The short answer to how much of a portfolio should go into each category is that asset allocation is more a personal process than a strategy based on a set formula. There are guidelines to help establish the general framework of a well-diversified portfolio. For example, you may decide on the need for growth in order to offset the erosion of purchasing power caused by inflation.

However, building an investment portfolio that is right for you involves matching the risk-return tradeoffs of various asset classes to your unique investment profile. One final point that is worthy of emphasis – when you put together your own asset allocation strategy, you should combine all your assets (i.e., your investments and retirement savings). That way you can ensure that all your assets are working together to help meet your goals and objectives. Keep in mind, investment return and principal value will fluctuate with changes in market conditions so that shares may be more or less than original cost. Diversification cannot eliminate the risk of investment losses.

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TOWN BEACH: Officially closes on Labor Day, Sept. 5. The restrooms will no longer be open on a daily basis. If you choose to swim, it will be at your own risk.

MARTIAL ARTS: Martial Art Classes are available through Madison Academy located at 32 Wall Street, Madison, CT. Classes will meet twice a week for eight weeks. Various days and times are available. Classes available are Taekwondo (ages 6 to adult), Young Dragons (ages 3 to 5) and Cardio-Kickboxing (ages 10 to adult). The fee is \$50 per session. Uniforms are required for all Taekwondo classes and can be purchased at Madison Academy. Personal Training is also available for \$45 per hour for three, one-hour sessions. Martial Arts Classes are held throughout the school year, check our website. Session 5: Sept. 12 to Nov. 4, Session 6: Nov. 7 to Dec. 30.

PEE WEE TENNIS LESSONS: (Ages 3-5) Lessons will be held at the Peters Complex on Saturdays: Sept 10th – October 8th. Time: 9:15 am – 10:00 am. Fee: \$79 Minimum of 4 Pee Wees, maximum of 30. This class will introduce Pee Wees to the forehand, backhand and volley in fun game situations. Contact Information: Oliver Collins (203) 859-8327. Rain make-ups will be held on October 15th. Racquets are available for sale through instructor.

CHILDREN'S TENNIS LESSONS: Ages 6-8. Time: 10:00-11:00pm. Ages 9-12: Time: 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Fee: \$89 Lessons will be held at the Peters Complex on Saturdays: Sept 10th – October 8th. Minimum of 4 children per age group, maximum of 15 per age group. This tennis clinic instructs players on all tennis strokes as well as footwork and etiquette. Contact Information: Oliver Collins (203) 859-8327. Rain make-ups will be held on October 15th. Racquets available for sale through instructor.

TENNIS TEAM: Ages 13-17. (Beginner/Advanced Beginner & Intermediate Levels of Play) Lessons will be held at the Peters Complex on Saturdays: Sept 10th – October 8th. Time: 12:00-1:00 pm. Fee: \$89 Minimum of 3, Maximum of 15. This tennis clinic will instruct beginner/advanced beginner teens on all strokes, as well as point playing strategies and match play situations for the intermediate teen. Players will be separated by level of play. Contact Information: Oliver Collins (203) 859-8327. Rain make-ups will be held on October 15th. Racquets available for sale through instructor.

TRAVEL BASKETBALL TRYOUTS: Scheduled for September 17th at the Morgan gyms for Grades 4-8, Boys and Girls. This will be a very competitive program in which these team will be playing other area Towns. The League will be played on Sundays. Players who are interested in trying out must understand that this is a **Big Commitment** and that they must be able to make all games and practices to participate on one of these teams. Fliers will be sent home with the time each grade should

be at Morgan.

ZUMBA FITNESS FOR TEENS: Grades 9-12, Boys & Girls, Saturday Mornings, Time: 9 am – 10:30 am. Saturdays: September 24 – November 12, 2011 (8 weeks).

Lessons will be held at the P & R Building. Come join the Party! Get in shape doing something fun. Get a special rate if you join with a family member or friend... so bring your mother, bring your brother, or bring a friend for double the fun! We will even bring breakfast for all to share afterward! Join us for (8) Saturdays at Clinton Park and Recreation. NO prior dance experience necessary. To register, call the Clinton P & R Office at 860-669-6901. Fee is \$25.00 per person or Friends and Family Rate: 2 for \$40.00. Space is limited, register early! Instructor: Marie Giraldo.

CONNECTICUT COMPUTER EDUCATION - FLYING MADNESS WITH LEGO: Is it a bird? A plane? No, it's a Motion Madness Lego model! Build a crazy new creation and watch it fly up a string or ride a bike across the floor. Invent whatever you choose, then set the wheels in motion as you place your creation on a string. Grades: K - 5, Wednesdays: September 28 – October 19, 2011. Time: 4 – 5:15 pm. Location: P & R Building, Fee: \$85.00 (Non-Residents \$90.00) Minimum of 4 Children & a Maximum of 12 Children. All registrations are through our Office.

CONNECTICUT COMPUTER EDUCATION -KNEX OF SIMPLE MACHINES: What's the difference between first and second class levers? In this class we focus on Levers and Pulleys. Choose a wheelbarrow, sailboat, or a balance beam or design your own. Grades: K - 5. Wednesdays: October 26 – November 30, 2011, Time: 4 – 5:15 pm

Location: P & R Building, Fee: \$85.00 (Non-Residents \$90.00) Minimum of 4 Children & a Maximum of 12 Children. All registrations are through our Office.

ZUMBA LESSONS:

Come ditch the workout and join the party! No dance experience necessary, just the will to move those hips to some fun Latino and International music. Feel the beat and enjoy the awesome workout. Bring plenty of water. Zumba is exercise in disguise! It's fun! It's different! It's easy! It's effective! Classes will be held at the P & R Building beginning in October: Monday Evenings: 10/24 – 11/28/11, Time: 6:30 -7:30 pm Fee: One 6 week session for \$48.00 Instructor is Nansi Rice.

YOUTH BASKETBALL: For boys and girls ages 9 to grade 8. Children must be 9 years old by December 1, 2011. Games will be held on Saturdays at the Morgan School gyms. Practices are one night per week. The fee is \$45 (\$90 per family), which includes a T-shirt.

A \$10 late fee will be added if registration is received after November 4.

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INSTRUCTIONAL YOUTH BASKETBALL: For boys and girls in Grades 2 & 3. Children will learn offense and defense skills, practice shooting and play mini scrimmages. The children will meet on Saturdays beginning December 3 at the Joel School gym. The fee is \$35, which includes a T-shirt. A \$10 late fee will be added if registration & payment is received after Nov. 4.

FIRST GRADE YOUTH BASKETBALL: For boys and girls in 1st grade. Children will learn the fundamentals of basketball. They will meet on Saturday afternoons beginning in January 2012 at Joel School gym. The fee is \$25, which includes a T-shirt. Payments due by December 9.

ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL: (Adults Only) Open gym! Have some fun and join us for a friendly game of volleyball! The games will be played on Monday evenings from 7:30-9:30 pm at the following locations: September, October, November, December, January and February: Eliot Gym. March and April: Morgan Gym. May: Eliot Gym.

MEN'S BASKETBALL: (Adults only) It's open gym! Stop in for a quick pick-up game of basketball. The games will be played from 7:30-9:30 pm. November, December, January and February: Thursday evenings at the Eliot Gym. March, April, and May: Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Morgan, Gym A.

ART CLASSES: with Joan Levy. Observational Charcoal Drawing and Water Color Painting. Classes will be held at Art at

Murray Pond, 59 Route 148, Killingworth, CT. Dates: Tuesdays: September 27 – October 25. Ages: 7 – 13 years old, Time: 4:30 – 5:30 pm. Fee is \$85, (\$90 for Non-Residents). Materials will be provided. Call Joan Levy if you have any questions (860-663-1169). Joan's website for more info: www.joanlevyartist.com.

DEP SAFE BOATING CLASSES: (Adults and children over 10) More information to follow.

YOUTH WRESTLING: Eliot and Morgan students. More info to follow.

CLINTON FAMILY DAY: I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who helped us on July 16th this year. Family Day was huge success due to the volunteers who took the time to give back to our community. Everyone who participated is in some way responsible for the huge smiles on the faces of all the children who attended. I would also like to thank my committee who worked many hours over several months prior to Family Day: Kimberly Inglis, Andrea Ruggiero, Nancy Popp, Nancy Williams and Any King. Without their help there wouldn't have been a Family Day.

All registrations are handled through the P & R Office. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 860-669-6901 or check out our website at www.clintonparkrec.com.

All Non-residents pay an extra \$5.00 registration fee for our programs, if we have room. A new downloadable registration form is now available for your convenience.

Lois A. Ruggiero, Assistant to P & R Director

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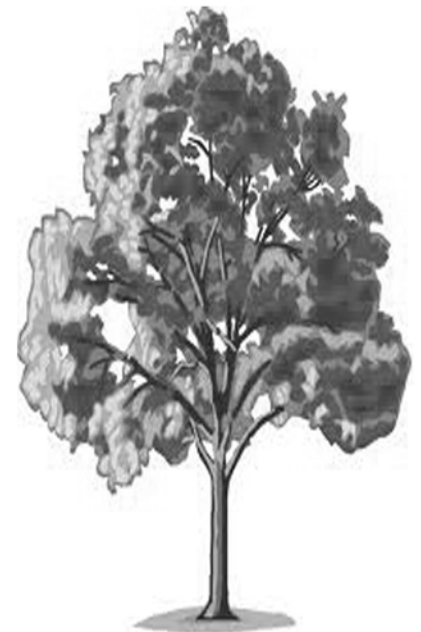
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Shoreline Community Women: Boxes for Soldiers

Shoreline Community Women has been sending care packages to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2006. We do this through continuous community support from businesses, schools, scout troops, churches, and everyday citizens. We send boxes all year... not just during the holiday season. We generally have 25-30 military addresses on our list; some are local servicemen and women. We welcome military addresses from anyone; it doesn't matter where the soldier is from, since they are all fighting for us.

Our boxes are generally 20-25 lbs and are about the size of a copy paper box. Shipping costs are paid through donations we collect. Each box costs an average of \$20-\$25 to send, and includes toiletries, socks, wet wipes, drink mixes, paperback books, healthy snacks, and notes, letters, and cards from school children. The notes from the children are a big hit with the troops and we are always looking for more from teachers and scout troops. We put plenty of everything to share in each box!

We receive heartfelt thank you's from many of the soldiers, and they've said that it means so much to them that people they don't know take time to think of them.

Items we need: wet wipes, socks (white or dark), hot and cold drink mixes, nuts, hard candy, gum, instant oatmeal, sunscreen, bug repellent (not aerosol), men's razors, movie DVD's (used or new), sudoku/crossword books, foot powder, healthy snacks/raisins/granola bars, trail mix, etc.

Drop off locations: Madison town clerk's office (see Nancy), Clinton library children's room, Clinton Sport Shop, Northeast Fitness Factory, Spazzo salon, Stewards Ace Hardware in Clinton. Monetary donations can be made to Shoreline Community Women, P.O. Box 51, Clinton, CT 06413. Thankyou!

*Cindy Stevens, 860-669-1109, snowsblock@aol.com
or call Brenda Farrel at 860-669-0750*



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WHEN: SATURDAY, OCT. 22, 2011
WHO: YOUTH IN GRADES 4-8

This extremely popular and fun event is sponsored by
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Clinton Parks & Recreation Department
Clinton Police Department
and Shoreline Community Women
with the cooperation of the Clinton business community.

Watch for details in late September!

Partial funding provided by Middlesex United Way



Families Helping Families

Families Helping Families is preparing for another Fall season with a schedule of events which we hope will help provide money for energy assistance and food for those Clinton families currently experiencing difficult times. We hope as we try to fill these needs in our community that we can help Clinton families and at the same time have some fun during these events.

The deadline for our third annual "Best Photo of Clinton Contest" is fast approaching. All photo's are due in the First Selectman's office by Friday, September 9. Rules and entry forms can be obtained on-line at www.clintonct.org in the announcement section or at the First Selectman's office or at Henry Carter Hull Library. Each person can submit up to four photo's. There will be a \$200 savings bond for first place, \$100 savings bond for second place, \$50 savings bond for third place and a special "People's Choice" award. All winners will be announced at our annual "Apple Pie Festival" on Sat. Oct. 1st at the Clinton Town Hall.

Saturday, September 10 we will be at Stop&Shop for our annual Fall Food Drive from 10:00-2:30. This event has collected thousands of pounds of food and thousands

of dollars for energy assistance over the years. We hope to see everyone there to help us fill the shelves at the Clinton Food Pantry.

Saturday, October 1st will be our fifth annual "Apple Pie Festival." Come and taste some of the finest home-baked apple pies on the shoreline. Clinton's best pie makers will be competing for the honor of having baked the best apple pie. The first-place winner will be awarded a crystal apple and a \$200 savings bond, second place winners receives a \$100 savings bond, and the third place winner receive a \$50 savings bond. There will also be a prize for the best baked pie by a youth (thirteen and under). This is a free event and ice cream and coffee will also be served. Music and face painting will also be a part of the evening's events. You will also be able to see the winners of our "Best Photo of Clinton Contest". People are asked to bring non-perishable food items or make a cash donation for energy assistance. For more information about our events or about the mission of Families Helping Families please call 860-669-5592.

*Miner T. Vincent, President
Families Helping Families*

Help for Problem Gamblers and their Families

While most people can gamble recreationally without problems, gambling can become a serious problem for some. This awareness led to the founding of The Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling (CCPG) in 1980. CCPG was the first state affiliate of the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG).

CCPG's mission is to reduce the prevalence and impact of problem/pathological gambling on individuals, families and society. The CT Council provides a Helpline, prevention programs, research and advocacy.

Problem gambling occurs when a person loses control over how much money is gambled, how much time is spent gambling and how often gambling is occurring. This gambling interferes with normal recreational activities, family obligations and/or work responsibilities. Other signs of a problem are getting behind on bills, borrowing money to gamble and having gambling-related debts. All forms of gambling can become a problem to a person of any age or race. Depression and alcohol/ drug abuse are two major conditions that may lead to (or result from) a gambling problem. If you are concerned that you or someone you care about has a gambling problem, Call: Problem Gambling Helpline: 1-888-789-7777 or visit our website and click on PG Chat for online support and resources. For general information on CCPG's programs, call 860-664-3996 or visit our website: www.problemgambling.org.

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Fall Events at the Henry Carter Hull Library

The Children's Room

Wednesday, August 24: Registration begins for all Fall programs in the Children's Room, beginning at 9:00 a.m. for Clinton residents only online at www.hchlibrary.org, in person or by phone 860-669-2342. On September 1 non-residents may register for any available spaces.

Tuesday, September 6 at 11:30 p.m.

Music With Margie - This 12-week program offers seasonal music and movement activities for preschoolers 2 and older, their siblings and parents/caregivers. Class size limited; please register.

Wednesday, September 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Morning Storytime - Join Children's Librarian Lynn Hidek for stories, finger plays, and a range of activities designed to promote early literacy. This 8-week program is especially prepared for those 2 and older. Walk-in - no registration is necessary.

Fridays, September 9 & October 7 at 3:45p.m.

Kindergarten and First Graders' BOOK BUNCH - What's better than books and snacks? Join Mrs. Hidek on a Friday afternoon to talk about the books you've enjoyed and hear about new and classic books just right for you. We'll share snacks and stories in a relaxing atmosphere. Registration required.

Tuesday, September 13 October 18 at 10:30 a.m.

LEARN AND PLAYGROUP #1 - Children 12 months and older - and their parents or caregivers - are invited to 6 weeks of social, early literacy and educational activities in the library playroom. Registration required.

Tuesday, September 13 & October 18 at 3:00 p.m.

LEARN AND PLAYGROUP #2 - Children 12 months and older - and their parents or caregivers - are invited to 6 weeks of social, early literacy and educational activities in the library playroom. Registration required.

Fridays, September 16 & October 14 at 3:45 p.m.

Second and Third Graders' BOOK BUNCH - What's better than books and snacks? Join Mrs. Hidek on a Friday afternoon to talk about the books you've enjoyed and hear about new and classic books just right for you. We'll share snacks and stories in a relaxing atmosphere. Registration required.

Monday, September 19 at 4:30 p.m.

K-Boogie Kids, class #1 - This 10 week program offers music, movement and rhythm activities for infants to five-year olds and their parents/caregivers. Registration required.

Thursday, September 22 at 3:00 p.m.

K-Boogie Kids, class #2 - This 10 week program offers music, movement and rhythm activities for infants to five-year olds and their parents/caregivers. Registration required.

Thursday, September 22 at 4:00 p.m.

K-Boogie Kids, class #3 - This 10 week program offers music, movement and rhythm activities for infants to five-year olds and their parents/caregivers. Registration required.

Wednesdays, September 21 & 28 at 4:00 p.m.

Inkblot Art - Third - fifth graders are invited to join Mrs. Hidek for a two session art workshop transforming colorful inkblots into imaginative drawings. Amazing and creative fun! Registration required.

Fridays, September 23 & October 21 at 3:45 p.m.

Fourth and Fifth Graders' BOOK BUNCH - What's better than books and snacks? Join Mrs. Hidek on a Friday afternoon to talk about the books you've enjoyed and hear about new and classic books just right for you. We'll share snacks and stories in a relaxing atmosphere. Registration required.

Wednesdays, October 5, 12 & 19 at 4:00 p.m.

FETCH! Science Club - Based on the PBS series, FETCH encourages 8 to 12 year olds to experiment and discover the wonders of science. Fast-paced, hands-on and competitive, FETCH! encourages youngsters to think like scientists. Please register.

Adult Programs

Thursday, September 8 - 6:00 p.m. *Solo Finding Peace* screening with filmmaker Joseph Baxter.

Thursday, September 15 - 6:30 p.m. Art of the Book: A Conversation with Book Designer Julie Fry.

Wednesday, September 28 - 6:30 p.m. Author Event: Dodie Milardo author of *Penelope's Cruise*.

Monday, October 3 - 6:30 p.m. Cookbook Author Event: Emily Brooks author of *Connecticut Farmer & Feast*.

Thursday, October 13 - 6:30 p.m. *My Stepmother the Witch: Changing Notions of Female Evil in Popular Culture* with Leslie Lindenauer.

Monday, October 24 - 6:30 p.m. *You Wrote a Book, Now What?* with Literary Agent Jan Kardys.

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Clinton Chamber to Host U.S. Coast Guard Band



The Clinton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a performance by the United States Coast Guard Band. The band will perform a varied program of marches, showtunes and band classics in the Gagnon Auditorium at the Morgan School, Rt. 81, Clinton on Friday October 28, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

The U.S. Coast Guard Band was organized in March of 1925 with the assistance of some of the world's best military and civilian musicians. "American March King" John Philip Sousa is perhaps the most noteworthy. On September 17, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed congressional legislation that resulted in the Coast Guard Band being the permanent musical representative of the nation's oldest continuous seagoing service. This event also established the Coast Guard Band as one of the five premier service bands in America.

Since 1925 when it was founded to fulfill the musical requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, the Coast Guard Band has developed an international reputation as one of the finest professional concert bands in the world,

offering music of great variety and appeal.

Transportation funding has been provided by Shore Television and Appliance. The concert is free and open to the general public. Tickets are required and may be obtained from the Clinton Chamber of Commerce office at 50 East Main Street, Clinton, or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) to the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 334, Clinton, CT 06413 (maximum 4 tickets per envelope). Only ticket requests including a SASE will be honored. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Non-ticket holders will be seated after 7:20 on an availability basis. The Gagnon Auditorium is handicap accessible.

Families Helping Families, a Clinton nonprofit organization providing food and fuel assistance to area residents, will be conducting a food drive. Attendees are welcome to bring healthy nonperishable food items for the collection bin that will be located in the lobby that evening.

For additional information call the Clinton Chamber of Commerce office at (860) 669-3889 or email chamber@clintonct.com.

Middlesex United Way Announces Funding for Two Local Programs

Middlesex United Way Board of Directors recently approved fund distributions in the amount of \$964,304 for fiscal year 2011-12. This amount is \$45,000 more than was allocated in 2010-11.

This funding includes support to 49 programs in Middlesex County, the installation of multiple Born Learning Trails on Day of Caring on September 7, two future requests for proposal in Education and Housing, and \$30,000 for new opportunities this fall that will help United Way reach its Five Year Goals for the Common Good.

The breakdown of fund distributions by focus area is: \$148,156 for education; \$141,350 for income; \$498,080 for health; and \$130,433 for housing.

Visit <http://www.middlesexunitedway.org/distributions> for a complete list of distributions.

Programs in Clinton supported by Middlesex United Way are: Clinton Board of Education and Clinton Youth & Family Service Bureau. Barbara Small, Clinton Youth & Family Service Bureau Executive Director oversees programs developed with the help from Middlesex United Way. She says, "One of our most successful Middlesex United Way programs originating in 2005 is Job Shadowing at The Morgan School. This program for junior classman has reached approximately 350 students.

Students get the opportunity to shadow and explore a variety of careers." Clinton Youth & Family Service Bureau is One of United Way's partners in the school readiness initiative.

In addition to these distributions and included in the overall amount, United Way 2-1-1 was allocated \$16,285. 2-1-1 is a 24-hour information and referral helpline that is available free of charge to anyone in Connecticut. 2-1-1 is a partnership between Connecticut United Ways and the State of Connecticut.

Leading the program review and fund distribution each year are Community Impact volunteers who bring experience and expertise in health and human services. Four volunteer teams, based on the four focus areas meet regularly throughout the year, evaluate program performance and financial health, and analyze program results. United Way's Community Impact Council then makes funding recommendations to the full board of directors for final approval.

Kevin Wilhelm, Middlesex United Way Executive Director, notes "This hard work is done by dedicated individuals who volunteer their time to make important decisions. They have a passion for giving back and strengthening our community."


If you are interested in becoming a Community Impact volunteer or would like to volunteer on Day of Caring on September 7, please contact Middlesex United Way at (860) 346-8695 or visit www.middlesexunitedway.org and click on 'Volunteer.'

Middlesex United Way advances the common good by creating opportunities for a better life for all. Our focus is on education, income, health and housing - the building blocks for a good quality of life. United Way recruits people and organizations who bring the passion, expertise and resources needed to get things done. You are invited to be part of the change by giving, advocating and volunteering.


For more information contact:


*Jill Davoll, Communications Director, 860.346.8695
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Thursday, November 3 - 6:00 p.m. Sneak Preview: "Where Soldiers Come From" PBS Point of View documentary.

Monday, November 7 - 6:00 p.m. "The Way We Get Back" - PBS Point of View documentary on seniors that welcome troops back home in Bangor, Maine.

*Lynn R. Hidek, Assistant Director / Children's Librarian
Henry Carter Hull Library, 10 Killingworth Turnpike
Clinton, CT 06413 860-669-2342 www.hchlibrary.org*

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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 Clinton Rotary Club.....860-388-7013
 Clinton Youth and Family Services
860-669-1103
 Families Helping Families860-669-5592
 Arbor Garden Club860-669-5121
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Clinton Calendar

September 13 - Business After Hours at Snap Fitness of Clinton

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce will hold Business After Hours at Snap Fitness of Clinton, 266 East Main Street (Shoprite Plaza), Clinton. The event is sponsored and hosted by Snap Fitness of Clinton. The event includes complimentary beverages and light refreshments. It will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Business After Hours is a regularly scheduled chamber networking function open to all local businesspeople and their staff members, whether or not they are chamber members. The get-together is intended to assist local businesspeople in making new contacts and working relationships. Admission for Business After Hours is \$10 prepaid and \$12 at the door. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information or directions call the Clinton Chamber of Commerce at (860) 669-3889 or email chamber@clintonct.com.

September 17 - 100th Anniversary of Clinton Volunteer Fire Department

Vendors at The Morgan School, Rte. 81, Clinton, 9:00 a.m. Saturday Night Block Party at Clinton Fire House, Rte. One, Clinton, 6:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more details email sandy91662@aol.com.

September 18 - 100th Anniversary of Clinton Volunteer Fire Department

Noon - Parade steps off. For more information contact sandy91662@aol.com.

September 28 - Joint Business After Hours at The Hearth

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Join the Clinton Chamber of Commerce for a joint business after hours with the Madison Chamber at The Hearth at Tuxis Pond, 100 Bradley Road, Madison. The event is hosted and sponsored by The Hearth and includes complimentary beverages, light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. Business After Hours is a regularly scheduled chamber networking function open to all local businesspeople and their staff members, whether or not they are chamber members. The get-together is intended to assist local businesspeople in making new contacts and working relationships. Admission for Business After Hours is \$10 prepaid. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information or directions call the Clinton Chamber of Commerce at (860) 669-3889 or email chamber@clintonct.com

October 1 Hammonasset Festival

Hammonasset Festival, Hammonasset State Park, Madison (www.hammonasset.org) Oct. 1 and 2, rain or shine. Admission \$5, children under 10 free. Celebrate Native American culture with music by Grammy-Award winning flutist Joseph Fire Crow, the Erin Meeches Native

Nations Dance Troup, exhibits from museums, crafts, food, a demonstration of atlatl (spear) use, and more. No pets, please. Contact 203-318-0517 x 217 or info@hammonasset.org.

Families Helping Families Apple Pie Festival Andrews Memorial Town Hall. Families Helping Families Annual Apple Pie Festival. 6:30 pm. Free event. People are asked to bring non-perishable food items or make a cash donation for energy assistance. Free pie and ice cream. Winners of Best Photo of Clinton Contest announced. Questions? Call 860-669-6017 or 860-669-5592

October 2 - Hammonasset Festival

Hammonasset Festival, Hammonasset State Park, Madison (www.hammonasset.org) Rain or shine. Admission \$5, children under 10 free. Celebrate Native American culture with music by Grammy-Award winning flutist Joseph Fire Crow, the Erin Meeches Native Nations Dance Troup, exhibits from museums, crafts, food, a demonstration of atlatl (spear) use, and more. No pets, please. Call 203-318-0517 X 217 or info@hammonasset.org.

October 6 - Business After Hours at Sophia's Ristorante Italiano

5:30-7:30 p.m. The Clinton Chamber of Commerce will hold Business After Hours at Sophia's Ristorante Italiano, 110 Boston Post Rd, Westbrook. This event is sponsored by First Niagara Bank. The event includes light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. There is a cash bar. Business After Hours is a regularly scheduled chamber networking function open to all local businesspeople and their staff members, whether or not they are chamber members. Admission for Business After Hours is \$10 prepaid and \$12 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

October 9 - Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble

4:00 p.m. Andrews Memorial Town Hall, East Main Street, Clinton. The George Flynn Classical Concerts presents the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble. Free tickets are available by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to The George Flynn Classical Concerts, P.O. Box 473, Clinton, CT 06413.

October 24 - Second Annual Business Conference and Trade Show Conference

Sponsored and hosted at Water's Edge Resort and Spa, Route One, Westbrook. The event is organized by Shoreline Chamber of Commerce.

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Trade show (open to the public noon to 6). Full and/or half-day workshops/programs on marketing and networking. Breakfast and lunch. "Tweet Up" Happy Hour 4 to 6. Keynote speaker David Weinberger, author, internet and marketing entrepreneur, blogger, Senior Researcher Harvard Law's Berkman Center, strategic marketing consultant. For tickets or detailed information call Clinton Chamber of Commerce at 860/669-3889.

www.shorelinechambers.com.

October 28 - United States Coast Guard Band

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce presents the United States Coast Guard Band, 7:30 p.m. in The Morgan School's William Gagnon Auditorium, Route 81, Clinton. For free, required tickets, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, 50 East Main Street, P.O. Box 334, Clinton, CT 06413. Funding has been provided by Shore TV and Appliance. Only requests including self-addressed stamped envelopes will be honored. Maximum 4 tickets per request. Doors for non-ticket holders open at 7:20 p.m. Every effort will be made to seat those without tickets. Call the Clinton Chamber of Commerce at (860) 669-3889 or email chamber@clintonct.com. Families Helping Families, a Clinton nonprofit organization providing food and fuel assistance to area residents, will be conducting a food drive. Attendees are welcome to bring healthy nonperishable food items for the collection bin that will be located in the lobby that evening.

October 29 - An Evening with Dean Martin

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce presents A Tribute to Dean Martin in the Green Room of Andrews Memorial Town Hall, Rte. 1, Clinton at 7 pm. Travel back with professional entertainer Jack Lynn to the late 40's, 50's and 60's when Dean Martin was crooning on the airwaves and at the top of the music charts. Sit back, relax and enjoy a nostalgic evening of beautiful tunes, ambience and some "Rat Pack" humor. \$35 per person. Tickets sold in advance only. BYOB. Set-ups provided. Venetian Dessert Table Compliments Guilford Savings Bank. Guests are welcome to dress (glam up) or arrive comfortably casual. Visit entertainer Jack Lynn at Jacksingsdino.com. Credit cards accepted. Call the Clinton Chamber of Commerce at 860/669-3889 or email chamber@clintonct.com

November 10 - Business After Hours at Grove Gardens

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce will hold Business After Hours at Grove Gardens, 341 East Main Street, Clinton. The event is sponsored and hosted by Grove Garden Center, Grove Gardens Florist and Grove Gardens Landscaping. The event includes complimentary beverages

and light refreshments. It will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Business After Hours is a regularly scheduled chamber networking function open to all local businesspeople and their staff members, whether or not they are chamber members. Admission for Business After Hours is \$10 prepaid and \$12 at the door. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information or directions call the Clinton Chamber of Commerce at (860) 669-3889 or email chamber@clintonct.com

December 4 - Christmas in Clinton

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with several civic organizations, will host the 16th annual Christmas in Clinton. Most activities run from 2 to 6 p.m. Craft Fair hosted by Shoreline Community Women, Inc. at Andrews Memorial Town Hall, Route One. Music, sing alongs, arrival of Santa and other special events are being planned. For more information call 860-669-3889 or visit clintonct.com

Roses for Autism

Roses for Autism is the first business endeavor for Growing Possibilities - a nonprofit social enterprise founded by Ability Beyond Disability that is dedicated to growing independence in the business world for individuals with autism and other disabilities.

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Thinking of Installing a Pool for Next Year?

Information from the Office of State Building Inspector

Installation of a new swimming pool REQUIRES application for a permit to the local building official when the pool depth will be 24 inches or greater deep. This permit requirement includes in-ground swimming pools, above-ground swimming pools, on ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.

Outdoor private swimming pools MUST comply with the State Building Code barrier and entrapment protection minimum regulations. The primary reason for compliance with these minimum code requirements is for preservation of individual's life safety. The purpose for these provisions is to provide an effective barrier surrounding the pool area to reduce the potential for young children to gain uncontrolled access, and to provide a level of protection against possible entrapment at the pool suction inlets. In addition to the State Building Code swimming pool requirements Connecticut General Statute

Section 29-265a has specific criteria for installation of a pool alarm prior to issuance of a building permit.

Inflatable swimming pools which can contain water over twenty-four inches deep is a relatively new product which has been made available to the Connecticut Consumer. The inflatable walls of an above grade inflatable swimming pool, (which contains water over twenty-four inches deep), are not an effective pool barrier and require a pool barrier which is typically a fence enclosure.

The 2005 State Building Code provides detailed provisions for barriers around swimming pools along with

entrapment protection for swimming pool and spa suction outlets. These requirements address:

- Minimum heights and maximum openings allowed in fences
- Criteria for the fence gates and latches
- Criteria for the means of direct entry into a pool area from the house
- Criteria for the pool and spa suction outlet cover and grate
- Minimum number and separation distance of suction outlets
- Criteria for circulation systems equipped with atmospheric vacuum relief systems
- Minimum and maximum depths for pool vacuum cleaner fittings
- Criteria for power safety covers

All newly installed swimming pools, hot tubs and spas installed after September 30, 2009 must comply with the revisions of the 2005 State Building Code that became effective August 1, 2009. Pools installed prior to August 1, 2009, and in compliance with the State Building Code that was in effect at that time, are not affected by these revisions.

This information is available from your local building official who can answer your questions about the State building Code and its relationship to swimming pools. If a further clarification of the State Building Code governing installation of swimming pools is needed, a request can be made to the Office of State Building Inspector, telephone: 860-685-8310.

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MAJOR FAIRS

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September 30, October 1, 2

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September 9, 10, 11

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September 22, 23, 23, 25

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September 15, 16, 17, 18

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September 3, 4, 5

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September 16, 17, 18

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September 2, 3, 4, 5

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October 1, 2

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September 8, 9, 10, 11

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September 8, 9, 10, 11

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September 9, 10, 11

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