A Bit About Our Town - Sandbergs

Harry O. Sandberg opened a lunch room in the Clementon trolley terminal in 1907. Sandberg's lunch room fared very well as the trolley increased its lines from Philadelphia to Clementon. Mr. Sandberg was an entrepreneur and eventually started a flower shop in the old Bassett's Barber Shop on Berlin Road, where the laundromat is presently.

The barber shop became Clementon's first library due to the efforts of Mrs. Edith Brewster Evans, who began lending books to people from the back of the barber shop in the early 1920s. In 1925, the library moved to a small wooden building across Berlin Road, in front of the Primary School which was located where the Towers parking lot is now.

The Sandberg's purchased the barber shop sometime in the 1920s and remained there until sometime in the late 1930s or early 1940s when the building was moved from Berlin Road to its present location.

Always the entrepreneur, Mr. Sandberg opened a lunch room in their home behind the floral shop. The Sandberg brothers continued to run the floral shop until several years ago when first one, then the other brother passed away. Both brothers, Warren and Bill, served in WWII, along with most of the men of age in Clementon.

The building itself is one of the two oldest businesses left in Clementon, the other being Harpers Pub, which was Gruber's from 1911. Unfortunately most of the towns' main street was torn down in the 1960s and 1970s for urban renewal. While Sandberg's little building is in bad shape, the history there is remarkable.

The above was contributed by Ms. Brenda Franks, who received the information from the book, *Clementon, A historical outline*, by Mr. John H. Fisher, and with the invaluable help of Mrs. Doris Venuti of the Clementon Historical Society.

Zoning/Planning/Construction

Meeting of the Clementon Joint Land Use Board are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Court Room. Start time is 7:00pm. Meeting Dates for 2019 are as follows:

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Memorial Library

New hours are:

- Monday: 11am - 4pm
- Wednesday: 11am - 7pm
- Thursday: 11am - 2pm
- Saturday: 10am - 1pm

The Library is located on the corner of White Horse Avenue and Gibbsboro Road. For up to date event info, check out our Facebook page, or call 856-783-3233. In addition to our new releases, if you don’t see it on our shelves, we can order it for you! We also have several computers available to residents, as well as fax services.
Resident Spotlight

20 year old USMC Lance Corporal Michael Andrecavage of Garfield Ave. is currently deployed at an undisclosed location and is stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

20 year old Kyle Skwira of Spring Lake Dr. was promoted to US Army Specialist. He is stated at Suwon Air Base in South Korea.

20-year-old Michael Schwartz of White Horse Ave was promoted to US Army Private, First Class. He is currently stationed at Shofield Barracks, Hawaii.

21 year old Wayne Nolasco of Niagara Ave. was promoted to Petty Officer Third Class. He is stationed at Pearl Harbor-Hickam aboard the USS Mississippi.

Danielle Burrows, daughter of Lynn and Larry Burrows on Van Horn Ave., co-wrote and produced the documentation "Horror Noire: A History of Black Horror," as featured in Entertainment Weekly magazine. Oscar winner Jordan Peele stars. Ms. Burrows will be at CES in May to speak to the students about her experiences.

Alexis Freiling of Lincoln Ave. graduated January 2019, Magna Cum Laude from Rutgers University with both Mathematics and Physics degrees. She is also volunteering with 'The Seeing Eye' guide dog school, training and raising 1 year old future service dog Jay.

John Busch, Sr. has retired from the Clementon Fire Department/Clementon Fire Rescue effective December 31, 2018. John has been a member for 29 years and was chief from 2006 - 2011 and again from 2016 - 2018. Enjoy your retirement!

Clementon Elementary School

The following is from a student a CES. She has asked to be a part of The Clementonian and wants to write about the happenings in our school:

My name is Leah Wilde, and I am a student at Clementon Elementary School. I chose to write about our school because there is a lot of fun and exciting things at our school. Here are a few things that we did for winter fun and more!

In December the fifth graders of CES went Christmas caroling at the Wooster Towers. The students walked down to Wooster Towers as a group. Later when the fifth graders arrived, they sang to the staff and the residents of the Wooster Towers. They sang six classical songs, and two additional songs from the fifth grade winter show. Between the songs, a student would pull a raffle ticket and the winning resident would get a basket full of candy, tissues, and kitchen items. The fifth graders also made candy cane reindeer and gave them to all the residents. They felt really good about getting those treats and it made the students feel good too. The fifth graders hoped that they gave the residents a little more cheer during the holidays. Finally the students went back to school. They sang one last song to the administrators and secretaries. Then we went back and had some cookies and hot cocoa provided by the Home and School Association.

I think it is just as important to learn to be kind at school as it is to learn about math, science, social studies, and reading. That is why I was glad that the fifth graders had this opportunity.

Other winter activities were led by Clementon music staff, Mr. Mazzocca and Mr. Williams! The day before winter break Mr. Mazzocca organized a play for grades K-5. The fourth and fifth grade classes did a Christmas musical “Snow Way Out” by Sally K. The kindergarten through third grade classes performed the musical “Twas the Night Before Christmas”. Parents and students were amazed by the performances.

Another event that showcased Clementon students’ musical talents was the winter concert. Clementon Elementary School has two choirs, and one band. The cafeteria was filled with people. As usual, the students did an outstanding job! Again, I think this is important because the students that like singing and playing instruments can play in front of an audience. And who knows, maybe someday someone in the band or the choir can be a star, and it all started at Clementon!
Clementon Youth Athletic Association

Spring 2019 T-Ball is fast approaching. If any child (boy or girl), between the ages of 4 and 6 is interested in playing, registration is as follows:

Location: Carver Field  
Dates/Times:
- Thursday, 2/21: 6pm - 8pm
- Saturday, 2/23: 10am - 12pm
- Thursday, 2/28: 6pm - 8pm
- Saturday, 3/2: 10am - 12pm
- Thursday, 3/7: 6pm - 8pm

The CYAA is also in need of volunteers for:  
- Coaches
- Assistant Coaches
- Snack Bar Help

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please email clementoncyaa@gmail.com.

Disclaimer: This is Not a School Sponsored Event

Environmental Commission

The Clementon Environmental Commission was developed “for the protection, development and use of natural resources, including water resources, located within the Borough of Clementon” and to make recommendations to the Planning Board regarding use and development of same. We are currently members of the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions and The South Jersey Land and Water Trust.

We participate with the Adopt-A-Road program with cleanups on East Atlantic Avenue and this year we are going to try coordinating our cleanup dates to include Rowand Pond (the state no longer provides trash receptacles). Another goal for 2019 is to have our Environmental Resource Inventory scanned and linked to our web page.

Get outside and enjoy our numerous natural area such as the Archery Tract, Signal Hill, Pillings Lake Bed and Rowand Pond. When you hike these areas, please consider bringing a bag to pick up any trash along the way. Also, please report any hunting, camp fires or ATV activity as these are dangerous and illegal activities in these areas. For you birders, did you know 184 species of birds, including the rare Mourning Warbler and Red Crossbill, have been confirmed in Pillings Lake bed in 2018? For more information on accessing these areas, please feel free to visit our website at: https://clementonenvironmental.weebly.com. You can also follow us on Facebook for updates on meeting changes and Nature Walks.

We meet the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM, downstairs in the Community Center. Please feel free to come to a meeting to share ideas or concerns, and help us come up with creative solutions to issues within the borough.

Public Works/Water/Sewer

Now that spring is almost here, residents will begin working in their yards and may need to dispose of yard debris and other trash that may have accumulated.

Leaf collection will be from April 1 to May 31. All residents are reminded to put their leaves out to the curb line in neat trash free piles or untied bags.

Brush is collected year round. We will be following the leaf pickup schedule year round. Brush should be stacked at the curb line with cut ends facing out. Logs should be placed in a separate pile.

Clean Communities will be on April 13-14 behind the library. Hours are 9:00am to 3:00pm. There will be several dumpsters for residents to dispose of unwanted waste. Keep in mind these dumpsters are for residents only (proof of residency will be required). For disposal of paint, please call the Camden County Highway Department at 856-783-0043 for a date and location.

The Water Department will be flushing hydrants April 29 through May 10, between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm. During this time, residents may experience low pressure and/or discolored water. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Hydrant flushing is State mandated and improves the quality of drinking water.

The Water department will also be reading water meters during the month of March. If you have an inside water meter and would like a remote meter installed, please call Borough Hall at 856-783-0284, Ext. 114 to schedule installation.
**Tax Office**

Property taxes are due February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1.

You may not be aware of the fact that whether the full taxes due each quarter are collected, the Borough must submit 100% of their portion of the total tax levied to the County and School. This leaves the municipality having to allow for the taxes not collected during the current year. This is known as the reserve for uncollected taxes in the municipal budget. Any amount we can reduce this reserve will be reflected in the municipal tax rate.

If you are having difficulty paying your property taxes, please try to pay the balance by year end. In order to claim property tax payment as a deduction from your income tax, your payment must be received by the end of the year.

Please note that the Borough of Clementon accepts online payments at www.clementon-nj.com - scroll to the bottom of the page.

To qualify for a $250.00 property tax deduction, you must be:

A. A senior citizen at least 65 years old with an income limit not to exceed $10,000 (excluding Social Security), or
B. Permanently and totally disabled, any age with an income limit not to exceed $10,000 (excluding Social Security), or
C. Veterans with active wartime service.

The Property Tax Reimbursement program is separate from the programs listed above. It is designed to reimburse Seniors and Disabled persons for property tax increases. Benefits available under this program may be affected by State budgetary constraints. For more information, please visit www.njtaxation.org.

Income limits apply and all income is included regardless of your marital/civil union status. You must report the combined income. Please check income limits at the time of applications.

Limited applications are available at Clementon Borough Hall. You can also get an application by calling 1-800-323-4400.

If you have questions concerning the tax office, please call Jo Ann Watson at 856-783-0284, Ext. 115, who will be happy to help you in any way she can.

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**Special Events Committee**

The Special Events Committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7pm in the courtroom of Borough Hall. Volunteers are always welcome. We are always looking for fresh ideas for town events throughout the year.

Here is a listing of what is planned so far throughout the year. More information will be available as each event draws near.

March 15 (Friday) - St. Patricks Party
  Clementon Community Center
  8pm - 11pm, $15 pre-order, $20 at the door
  Contact Meghan Milano for tickets/information

April 13 (Saturday) - Bunny Hop Brunch
  11am to 1pm

May 9 (Thursday) - Mom's Craft Night
  6pm to 8pm

June TBD - Bike-A-Thon

July 13 (Saturday) - Block Party
  at Dougherty Field, Time TBD

August 14 (Wednesday) - Movie Night
  Time/Place TBD

September 27 (Friday) - Back to School Dance
  5th - 8th Grade, 7pm to 9pm

October 27 (Sunday) - Trunk or Treat
  at Clementon Park, 6pm to 9pm

November 9 (Saturday) - Veterans Breakfast
  9am to 11am

December 12 (Thursday) - Canvas Night 21+
  6pm to 8pm

Event times will be updated as planning continues for the year. Unless otherwise noted, all events will be at the Community Center in the back of the fire hall. Flyers and event pages will be available with final information at least 30 days prior to the event.

Please feel free to visit our Facebook page or contact us at the below emails:

Facebook:
  www.facebook.com/Clementon-Borough-Special-Events-Only-180469275819093/

Email:
  Meghan Milano: m.milano@clementon-nj.com
County Happenings and Links

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event
FOR CAMDEN COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY NO BUSINESSES
Hours: 8:30am - 3:00pm - Rain or Shine

March 23: Cherry Hill Public Works Complex
1 Perina Blvd.
April 13: Collingswood Public Works Complex
713 N. Atlantic Ave.
May 18: Atco Parking Area
Corner of Atco Ave & Raritan Ave.
June 22: Gloucester Twp, Camden Cty College
Parking Lot off Peter Cheeseman Rd.
Sept. 14: Pennsauken Sanitary Landfill
9600 N. River Rd.
Oct 19: Camden County Public Works Complex
2311 Egg Harbor Rd., Lindenwold

Electronics Recycling
FOR CAMDEN COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY NO BUSINESSES

April 27: Camden County Public Works Complex
2311 Egg Harbor Rd., Lindenwold
8:30am - 12:30pm
June 22: Camden County College
200 College Dr., Gloucester Twp.
8:30am - 3:00pm
Nov 2: Camden County Public Works Complex
2311 Egg Harbor Rd., Lindenwold
8:30am - 12:30pm

Please visit the Camden County website (www.camdencounty.com) for a list of what may and may not be brought to the recycling events and for other activities/events.

School District and Elementary School

Information/forms are located on the website at www.clementon.k12.nj.us. If you do not have access to a computer please contact the school at 856-783-2300, Ext. 1026 and the information can be mailed to you.

Listed below are major upcoming events for the spring/summer of 2019. Details, dates and times can be found on the website, in addition to other events and activities. Dates/times are subject to change.

Building Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am-4:00pm (Closed Fridays during summer recess)

March
15 ...... SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY – Mismatch Day (Wear your clothes mismatched)
20 ...... Spring Picture Day (Individual, School Activity, Grade 8 Graduation Make-ups and Grade 8 Group Picture)
27-29. Annie Jr. Performances

April
4 ...... Art Show/Game Night
18 ...... School Spirit Day – Twin Day (Dress as Twins)
19-24: School Closed – Spring Recess

MAY
3-8...... PARCC Testing Grades 3-8 (ELA)
8 ...... NJHS Induction Ceremony (Grades 6-8)
13-15. PARCC Testing Grades 6-8 (Math)
13-16. PARCC Testing Grades 3-5 (Math)
24 ...... 12:40PM Early Dismissal
27 ...... School Closed – Memorial Day
31 ...... School Spirit Day - School Colors (Wear Burgundy & Gray/White) Field Day Grades K-5

June
3-5...... Science Assessment Grades 5 & 8
4...... Spelling Bee Grades 6-8
6 ...... Athletic Awards Grades 6-8
7 ...... School Spirit Day – Traveler Day (Dress as a tourist)
11 ...... Talent Show Grades 6-8
12 ...... 12:40PM Early Dismissal
.......... Grade 8 Promotional Exercises
13 ...... 12:40PM Early Dismissal Last Day of School!

July
5 ...... 2019-2020 School Year Registration Opens

August
1 ...... 2019-2020 Lunch Applications Mailed to all households NOT Direct Certified by State of New Jersey
26 ...... 2019-2020 Homeroom Assignment/Important School Paperwork Mailing (TENTATIVE)

Other Important Date (Dates to be announced)
April/May: Preschool and Kindergarten Registration
July August: Summer Programs for Students
September: 2019-2020 School Year Begins

Donations Accepted for the following:
CES is collecting the following items (drop your donation off at the Main Office):
• Used toner cartridges
• Used batteries
• Used eyeglasses
CONTACT INFORMATION

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Clementon, NJ 08021

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 7am - 5pm
Wednesday: 7am - 8pm
Friday: Closed

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Are the horizontal lines in this image parallel or do they slope down?

Can you find the dog?

Answers on next page
Parallel or Sloping:
This is a popular, simple optical illusion that uses black and white effectively to confuse our perceptions of what we are seeing. Because we are trying to rationalize either the black vertical lines or white vertical lines, we cannot make sense of the untidiness of the columns and, to our eyes, the horizontal lines are sloping downwards. Our eyes naturally follow the powerful vertical lines. In fact, the horizontal lines themselves are perfectly straight and measuring them would prove that they do not slope down at all.

Find the Dog:
He is walking away from the camera, his nose to the ground and he is wearing a dark collar. At first, our eyes may be drawn to the distinctive area of shadow in the background of the image, because the rest of the photograph is so sketchy. By focusing on the center, however, you can soon find the dog.