



# The Clementonian

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## A Bit About Our Town

### **Arthur R. Eldred: America's First Eagle Scout**

Arthur Eldred was born in Brooklyn, NY on August 16, 1895. While still a young boy, he lost his father and was raised by his mother in Oceanside, Long Island. He joined a newly formed Boy Scouts of America troop, founded by his brother, in 1910. In later life, his son Arthur said that he thought that his father joined the troop because he enjoyed the male companionship that was missing because of the loss of this father.

As an active Boy Scout, he began to work on the merit badges necessary for Eagle Scout. He completed all 21 merit badges within a 2-year period. In an August, 1912 issue of Boy's Life, Eldred was listed in the Honor Roll section as having received the following merit badges: Civics, Cooking, Cycling, Electricity, Firemanship, First Aid to Animals, Gardening, Handicraft, Horsemanship, Interpreting French, Life Saving, Painting, Pathfinding, Health, Farming, Public Health, Swimming, Chemistry, Dairying, Business, and Plumbing.

Because there was no local court of honor, he had to get affidavits from local men who examined him for the merit badges. He did have to undergo a board of review by members of the National Staff of the BSA to see if he was properly qualified. Following a rather rigorous examination he was notified by letter, dated August 21, 1912, that he had received the honor of becoming the first Eagle Scout in America. He had to wait several months before receiving his award because the die for the Eagle Scout Badges had not been cast yet. Later in the same month, he was presented with a second award, the BSA Honor Medal, for saving another scout from drowning.

A highlight of Arthur's scouting career was to serve in the honor guard for General Robert S. Baden Powell, the founder of the Boy Scout Movement, who arrived from England for a multi-city lecture tour. Powell stopped, shook the hand of a blushing Arthur, and chatted with him about his merit badges.

In later life, Arthur attended Cornell University where he studied agriculture. During World War II, he joined the Navy and served on a submarine chaser in Greece. Following this, he married Mildred Gibbs and became a resident of Clementon. Mildred was the daughter of W.T. Gibbs, the owner of Clementon Amusement Park. They had two sons who both became scouts. One of the sons, Willard, also became an Eagle Scout. Arthur helped to found BSA Troop 77 in Clementon, and served as the Scout Master. He became a member of the Camden County Scout Council and also served as a member of LCCRHS Board of Education. He resided in Clementon for 24 years until his death on January 4, 1951.

## Office of Emergency Management

The Clementon Office of Emergency Management has been setting up cooling stations in town. Miles Dumbleton, the Director, reminds us that high heat indexes occur during the afternoon and into the evening. Heat and humidity may cause heat stress during outdoor exertion or extended exposure. If you do plan on being outside during high heat days, drink plenty of water, take frequent breaks, and try to stay in the shade. Heat stroke is no joke. If you have any questions, please contact borough hall at 856-783-0284. In an emergency, please call 911.

## Resident Spotlight



Lance Corporal Michael Andrescavage of Garfield Ave. is currently stationed in North Carolina, after an extended deployment in Asia.



Jeffery Warner of Garfield Ave was promoted to Sergeant. He is stationed in Okinawa, Japan. Jeff was recently instrumental in a water rescue while off duty surfing in Japan; he was able to swim out and pull a local man to safety before the Coast Guard arrived to rescue two American airmen trapped in a rip current (per military news website Dvidshub).



19 year old Ariam Escobar of Niagara Ave. graduated from the Army National Guard in June as PV2 and is currently in training to become a 91B mechanic.



19 year old Andrew Rafter of Garfield Ave. completed US Army Basic Training in April, and is currently stationed at Fort Gordon, GA as a private.



Wayne Nolasco of Niagara Ave. is currently deployed aboard the USS Mississippi. He recently qualified as a Submarine Specialist, Petty Officer 3rd Class



Airman First Class Gregory Beadling of Lake Ave. is currently an active reservist.



**U.S. AIR FORCE**

Airman Jared Beadling of Lake Ave. is currently stationed in North Dakota.



**U.S. AIR FORCE**

19 year old Airman Matthew Poulton of Princeton Ave. completed Air Force Basic Training in June, and is currently stationed at Kessler AFB in Mississippi for tech school.

## Environmental Commission

The Clementon Environmental Commission meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm, at the lower level of the Community Center. We are members of the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) and The South Jersey Land and Water Trust.

We are an active Commission, working on various projects this year. We have installed bat boxes in the Pillings Lake bed and in the Butterfly Garden on Garfield Avenue. We continue to do the quarterly Adopt a Road Cleanup on Atlantic Avenue and sponsor nature walks in the Fall and Spring. We are also researching grants to have our Environmental Resource Inventory updated, and for some beautification projects in the Borough. We will be asking for volunteers to help with some upcoming projects. Check us out on Facebook or at <https://clementonenvironmental.weebly.com/> for photos of past projects, and ways to help on future ones. There you will also find detailed information on the various Open Space areas in Clementon and links to the agencies that monitor them.

Our natural areas are such a treasure – Please share ideas on ways to keep them clean, safe and beautiful! Feel free to come to a meeting to share ideas and concerns, and help us come up with creative solutions to issues within the borough.

## Senior Affairs

The senior Affairs Committee is always looking for new members. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 6:00pm in the John Leshner Senior Center located on Berlin Rd.

Feel free to join us for the upcoming events:

November 9, 2019: Senior Wellness with Lisa

May 2, 2019: Wellness and Luncheon with Lori

## **Special Events Committee**

Clementon Fall Fest 2019 is in the works! This is our 3rd Annual Clementon Fall Fest. We strive to celebrate our community and the longstanding tradition of entertainment and amusement within. Held at Clementon Amusement Park, Fall Fest features vendors, a car show, beer garden, crafts, a chili cook-off, and much more! It's free to attend and guests are welcome to the park rides and attractions for just \$10.00. This makes our festival one of the largest in South Jersey!

For more information or to be a part of the event, please go to [CBFallFest.com](http://CBFallFest.com).

Other events are as follows:

September 21 (Saturday) - Town wide yard sale  
September 27 (Friday) - Back to School Dance  
5th - 8th Grade, 7pm to 9pm  
October 19 (Saturday) - Clementon Fall Fest 2019  
October 27 (Sunday) - Trunk or Treat  
At Clementon Park, 6pm to 9pm  
November 9 (Saturday) - Veterans Breakfast  
9am to 11am  
December 1 (Sunday) - Christmas Parade  
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/](http://www.facebook.com/Clementon-Borough-Special-Events-Only-180469275819093/)

Email:  
Meghan Milano: [m.milano@clementon-nj.com](mailto:m.milano@clementon-nj.com)

## **Clementon Youth Athletic Association**

The CYAA is happy to announce we have brought back soccer to the lineup of programs offered. We currently have five new board members: Kirsten Hoy, Farah Widmann, Amanda Darhun, Jackie Santillian, and John Misiolek.

John comes to use from the MattyMi Sports Foundation. This Foundation is in memory and honor of Matthew Misiolek. He was a wonderful young man who had a passion for sports. Matthew grew up in Clementon and attended Overbrook High School. He was captain of the baseball and soccer teams. The Foundation assists youth athletic associations, towns, schools, and church organizations to purchase sporting equipment, run sport camps, and upgrade and maintain athletic facilities. The MattyMi Sports Foundation has been critical in helping the CYAA get back on its feet. They have provided us with baseball and soccer equipment and uniforms.

If you would like to help coach or join the board, please reach out to us on the Facebook CYAA page. You can also email us at [clementoncyaa@gmail.com](mailto:clementoncyaa@gmail.com).

We look forward to growing this organization once again and to providing sports to local children at an affordable price.

## **Municipal Alliance**

On August 29th, we "Lit up the Lake" in honor of those lost to the disease of addiction. Many thanks to Lost Souls Recovery, SJRR, Liberty Wellness, Rob Lutman and Clementon Park for making this a special event.

Like our Facebook page - Borough of Clementon Municipal Alliance - for updates on upcoming events.

## Historical Commission

The Clementon History Museum is a wonderful place to visit. They have memorabilia and photos from many years ago. A large part of the collection came from John Fisher, our town historian.

The Commission not only holds our town treasures, but also tries to keep active in our community. In 2015, they received a donation from a former resident and decided to give scholarships to deserving high school students from Clementon. Over the years, they gave six scholarships.

The Commission decided to use the remainder of the money for a more local and tangible project. On June 24, 2019, a letter from the Friends of the Clementon History Museum to the Clementon Board of Education, stated the following (exactly as written, and in entirety):

*The staff, of the Clementon History Museum, in 2015, received a sizeable monetary gift from the Joseph L. Carley Foundation. The foundation was noted for presenting monetary gifts to local organizations in the Millville area. Mrs. Marie Aspell Carley, following the death of her husband, has managed this foundation. She was a former resident of Clementon and was evidently impressed with the way its history was being preserved, so she chose our museum as a recipient of a monetary gift.*

*In deciding what do to with such a large gift, the museum staff proposed a way in which we could stay within the spirit of the foundation, highlight the museum, and help some young people of our town. Over the last four years we were able to give scholarship money to six students who were residents of Clementon and were graduating from Overbrook High School. While this was helpful to a few students, we searched for a way to reach more students. It was suggested, by several people, that we could reach more students, by donating the remaining funds to the CES music program.*

*We hope, therefore, that you will accept this check for \$2000 for use in your music program. Our only request is that the money only be used for tangible items, such as musical instructions that can be used, by students, year after year, in honor of Mrs. Marie Aspel Carley*

*J. Bruce Mumie, President*

The Museum is open every Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm. To arrange for evening hours or groups, call:

Bruce or Marian Mumie - 856-784-0728 or  
Doris Venuti - 856-783-1798

## Tax Office

Property taxes are billed once a year (normally July) and are due quarterly. The due dates for tax are: Feb 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. There is a ten day grace period.

You may pay in person or by mail. We also accept online payments for tax, water and sewer. Please visit our website at [www.clementon-nj.com](http://www.clementon-nj.com). Please scroll down and the information will be on the left hand side of the page. If you are paying by mail and wish to obtain a receipt, please send a stamped self-addressed envelope with your payment.

To qualify for a \$250.00 property tax deduction:

- A. Senior Citizen must be at least 65 years old with an income limit not to exceed \$10,000 **(excluding Social Security)**.
- B. Permanently and totally disabled, **any age** with an income limit not to exceed \$10,000 **(excluding Social Security)**.
- 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.

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 application.

Limited applications are available at Clementon Municipal Building. You can also get an application by calling 1-800-323-4400 or visit the Web site at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/propfrez.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/propfrez.shtml).

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

## Public Works/Water/Sewer

Recycling has become a huge part of our daily lives. Not only does it help the environment, but it helps save tax dollars. Remember, the Borough has gone single stream. This means that you can put all cardboard, cans, glass, plastic, and paper in the same container. Recycling is collected every other week throughout the town. The Borough Public Works Department will collect other recycling materials such as tires, concrete, bricks, stumps and used motor oil. For electronics (anything with a cord or battery), it is asked that you call to schedule a Wednesday pickup (do not place these items at the curb).

All residents are reminded to put their leaves out to the curb line in neat, trash free piles or untied bags one week prior to the schedule pickup. Public Works cannot be sure which day of the week pickup will be. Any leaf piles with trash or any other debris will not be picked up. If you miss the fall pickup, you will have to compost your leaves on your property until spring pickup.

Leaf pick up is as follows:

Zone 1:

Begins October 7, November 4 and December 2

Zone 2:

Begins October 14, November 11 and December 9

Zone 3:

Begins October 21, November 19 and December 16

Zone 4:

Begins October 28, November 25 and December 23

Brush can be placed at the curb line throughout the entire year. Public Works will follow the zones created for the leaves during the year. It would be appreciated if residents could put all cut ends facing the street, as this will make for quicker pickups. All logs should be placed in separate piles.

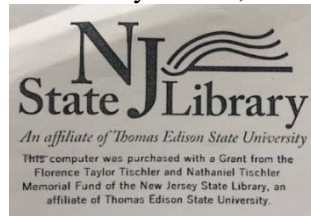
Clean Communities will be on October 5-6 behind the library. Hours are 9:00am to 3:00pm. There will be several dumpsters for residents to take any trash laying around their yard. **You will be required to show proof of residency prior to dumping.** No one is permitted to dump outside of the designated hours. When this date is confirmed, it will be posted on the digital sign in the center of town and on the municipal web page.

With the coming winter also comes the possibility of snow. In the event of a significant snowfall, we ask that all residents with available driveways park their vehicles in their driveway. This will allow the plowing to be expedited and the road to be cleared more effectively. Signage will also be posted on certain roadways requesting that residents park on a designated side due to difficulties in navigating plows on dead end and narrow roadways. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

For any questions regarding the Public Works Department, feel free to contact Robert Freiling, Supervisor, at 856-784-0495

## Clementon Library

The Clementon Memorial Library was the recipient of a NJ State Library Grant! The grant, along with graciously donated computers from Clementon Elementary School, added several working computers as



well as software to our library's resources. Thank you NJ State Library and CES!

The library now sells envelopes in three sizes, making it easier for our residents to get tasks done all in one spot. Come to the library on October 12 for the Third Annual Literacy Day. Share a story, browse many community resources, and watch Maria perform!

# JUST FOR FUN

## Brainteasers:

1. You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?
2. I can run but not walk. Wherever I go, thought follows close behind. What am I?
3. What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?

## Symmetrical Word Box:

The answer to 1 across is the same word as the answer to 1 down; 2 across is the same as 2 down; etc.

	1	2	3	4
1				
2				
3				
4				

1. matter unit
2. lion handler's task
3. warning sign
4. fix

## Word Puzzles:

1. I have two U.S. coins that add up to fifty-five cents. One is not a nickel. What coins are they?
2. A woman gave birth to two sons who were born on the same hour of the same day of the same year but were not twins. How is this possible?
3. A certain five letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it. What is the word?
4. You are a bus driver. AT the first stop of the day, eight people get on board. At the second stop, four get off and eleven get on. At the third stop, two get off and six get on. At the fourth stop, thirteen get off and one gets on. At the fifth stop, five get off and three get on. At the sixth stop, three get off and two get on. What color are the bus driver's eyes?

**Brainteasers:**

1. An ear of corn. (Could also be: a chicken)
2. A nose
3. A towel

**Word Puzzles:**

1. A nickel and a half dollar. Only one is not a nickel
2. They are 2 of triplets.
3. Short
4. Whatever your eye color is. You are the driver.

**Symmetrical Word Box:**

1. atom
2. tame
3. omen
4. mend

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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