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History

The below information is derived from the book by Danielle Burrows - "Images of America: Clementon." In this book Ms. Burrows credits John Fisher for a good deal of the information. Information was also derived from Clementon Historical Museum.

It is necessary to clarify the distinction between the historical implication of the name "Clementon" and the boundaries of the borough that bears the same name today: Clementon Township, as incorporated by New Jersey's senate and general assembly in 1903 included vast areas of land that would eventually be designated as the boroughs of Clementon, Laurel Springs, Stratford, Somerdale, Hi-Nella, Lindenwold, Pine Hill, Pine Valley, and Magnolia. In 1913, Laurel Springs was the first of these areas to distinguish itself from Clementon Township by incorporating as an independent borough. When road and school bills failed to pass in Clementon Township, each of the above-listed regions followed Laurel Springs' lead and successfully pushed for separate governments. On February 13, 1925, "an Act to incorporate the Borough of Clementon in the County of Camden, and to fix the boundaries thereof," was passed by the legislature, establishing Clementon as a borough comprised of just less than two square miles.

The majority of Clementon Township's early activity and prosperity occurred in and around its downtown, which today falls within the boundaries of the modern-day borough of Clementon. Consequently the borough of Clementon boasts a rich history, the earliest of which predates photographs.

Newman's Mills, as Clementon was initially known, referred to early settler Andrew Newman's acquisition of more than 200 acres of land in the early 1700s. Prior to Newman's arrival, the land informally belonged to the Lenni-Lenape tribe of Native Americans, who were the first humans to inhabit much of southern New Jersey.

There is a quote at the library attributed to the original owners - Lenni-Lenape Indians: *"Not one drop of our blood have you spilled in battle and not one acre of our land have you taken, but with our consent."*

Newman dammed and harnessed the waters of the north branch of Timber Creek. On the two resulting bodies of water, he built a gristmill and sawmill; they were situated on Clementon Lake and Bottoms Lake, respectively.

Around 1800, Samuel Clement, a surveyor from Haddonfield, purchased much of this land. Clement's Town, as it became known, soon became home to a glassworks factory that produced flat and hollow glassware under the management of William Stanger of Glassboro. Stanger was one of seven brothers known regionally for their glassblowing expertise. Clementon's abundance of fine white sand - a crucial ingredient of glassmaking - served as a lucrative asset long after the glassworks shut its doors in the 1820s; the same was shipped by carload to glassmaking factories until the late 1920s.

On June 6, 1815, the headline of a notice appearing in the Philadelphia-based *United States Gazette* read: "To Be Sold At Private Sale - The Village of Clementon." The notice stated that Clementon's "natural qualifications for a manufacturing town are not easily to be exceeded," and outlines Clementon's selling points, including its gristmill, proximity to water, dwellings, sawmill, and general helping of oak and pine trees.



*Little Briar Mill
Mill Dam Road + Barfield Ave
Clementon, NJ. © 1900*

Resident Spotlight



Lance Corporal Michael Andrescavage of Garfield Ave. is now married currently stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC.



Jeffery Warner of Garfield Ave., has re-enlisted for another tour and has returned to the US, now stationed in New York.



Private First Class Ariam Escobar of Niagara Ave. was promoted to E-3, and is working as 91b Wheel Mechanic, based in Cherry Hill.



Private First Class Andrew Rafter of Garfield Ave. is currently stationed at Fort Bliss, TX in the Signal Corps.



Specialist Kyle Skwira of Spring Lake Dr. was promoted to E-4 and is stationed at Fort Bliss, TX. He is preparing for an upcoming deployment with the Air Defense Department.



Petty Officer 3rd Class Wayne Nolasco of Niagara Ave. recently returned from a six month deployment aboard the USS Mississippi. He is stationed at Pearl Harbor, HI.



Airman First Class Gregory Beadling of Lake Ave. is currently deployed to a classified location.



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



Airman First Class Matthew Poulton of Princeton Ave. is currently stationed at Osan AFB, Korea.

Sustainable Jersey



Celebrating Progress, Envisioning the Future

Clementon has recently registered and passed municipal resolution to obtain Sustainable Jersey certifications. This significant designation will demonstrate Clementon's

dedication to sustainability. Once established, Clementon will take various actions to become greener and more sustainable, beginning with priority actions, in categories like:

- Climate Adaption: Flooding Risk
- Diversity on Boards and Commissions
- Energy Tracking and Management
- Energy Efficiency for Municipal Facilities
- Fleet Inventory
- Green Business Recognition Program
- Municipal Carbon Footprint
- Natural Resource Inventory
- Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal
- Recycling and Waste Reduction Education and Compliance
- Sustainable Land Use Pledge
- Water Conservation Ordinance

As various certification levels are obtained (bronze, silver, and gold), Clementon will qualify for special priority access to grants provided to the borough, towns, schools, and community-based projects.

Certification begins with the establishment of a **Green Team**, which can be comprised of municipal staff, elected officials, and volunteer members of community boards and commissions (Environmental Commission, Shade Tree, Economic Development, Health and Welfare Boards, Arts and Recreation, Planning and Zoning, Historic, Agricultural and Open Space, Senior Citizens, for example). The team may also invite representatives from schools, local businesses, or faith-based groups. Residents are also important partners in sustainability efforts. This team works together to create a set of goals, policies, and actions that sets the tone for the entire program.

To learn more about this program, visit www.sustainablejersey.com. To volunteer or be on the Green Team, contact Holly Strobl at 856-261-4394 or h.stroble@clementon-nj.com or Christopher Hammond at 215-500-1599 or c.hammond@clementon-nj.com

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 Leshar Senior Center located at 49 Berlin Rd.

Feel free to join us for Bingo every Tuesday from 10:30am to 2:00pm

If you've got Spring Fever and feel like wandering outside the Borough, here are some local events taking place:

Lecture Series: Turmoil in the Middle East

March 5 at 6:30pm
Cherry Hill Public Library
1100 Kings Highway North
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

Penn grad student and two-time Fulbright Scholar, Adam Grode, is a Silk Road Ethnomusicologist and through stories and songs will provide a living soundtrack for the rich cultural heritage and musical traditions of Central Asia's oases and steppe.

For more information - www.camdencc.edu/civicenter

Chair Yoga for Seniors

March 11 & 25
April 8, 22
May 6

and

Meditation & Healthy Lifestyles for Seniors:

March 18
April 1, 15 & 29
May 13

All are from 11:00am to 12noon

80 Broadacres Dr.
Gloucester Twp, NJ
(next to Cherrywood Development)

These classes are designed to help develop a practice of using Yoga and Meditation/Healthy Lifestyles at home, work, or any time of the day. Yoga increases flexibility, strength, endurance, concentration, memory, lubricates the joints and decreasing stress and lowering blood pressure. All classes will be done seated on chairs with the opportunity for people of all levels, dressed in clothing of their choice, to participate. Class sizes are

limited so register early. To register, call 856-435-5734 or email recdept@glotwp.com.

Make & Take

April 1, 7:00pm to 8:30pm
Cost: \$20/person
Camden County Environmental Center
1301 Park Blvd
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Learn to make more plants from the ones you already have or just purchased! This session will explain the basic propagation methods. Each participant will have hands-on experience in taking cuttings from a selection of plants and you will be taking your newly propagated plants home.

Earth Festival

May 2, 10:00am to 3:00pm
Camden County Environmental Center
1301 Park Blvd
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Camden County Earth Festival featuring Green Garden Fair. More details are coming soon. Please look at CamdenCounty.com/EarthFestival.

Camden County Senior Citizen Day Center

Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm
512 Lakeland Rd., Ste. 200
Blackwood, NJ 08012
856-374-6005

This program includes door-to-door transportation, lunch and nutrition program, ceramics, woodworking, needlecraft, sewing, painting, board and parlor games, movement programs, educational and community service programs, health screening information and referral services, social services assistance, daily grocery and personal shopping trips.

Eligibility Criteria: Resident of Camden County, at least 60 years of age, self-medicating, ambulatory, and socially functioning.

Environmental Commission

The Clementon Environmental Commission meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm downstairs in the Community Center at the corner of Gibbsboro and White Horse Aves. We are members of the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) and The South Jersey Land and Water Trust.

Some things we are trying to achieve in 2020:

- We have met with and will continue to meet with administrators from our neighboring towns to get input on their strategies for success on projects that they have completed.
- Representatives from SJL&WT will be assisting us in surveying the streambeds and helping us with a plan to clean and beautify them. Our main focus will be the stream running from Clementon Lake down to the Borough Hall.
- We are working with the borough engineer as a first step to updating our Open Space Plan. This is a vital document that, once completed, will allow us to focus on grant access.

Please feel free to visit our website at: <https://clementonenvironmental.weebly.com/> for photos, detailed information on the various Open Space areas in Clementon, and links to the agencies that monitor them.

Items will be updated as we update the Open Space Plan.

We would like to thank all of our volunteers and Council for their support in our endeavors. We will be asking for volunteers to help with some upcoming projects (Community Garden, cleanups, etc.). Check us out on Facebook for ways you can help!

Remember, our natural areas are a special part of Clementon - Please share ideas on ways to keep them clean, safe and beautiful!

Special Events Committee

The Special Events Committee meets every third Tuesday of the month in the Courtroom at 6:00pm. Please feel free to attend if you are interested in helping with any event.

The schedule of events for 2020 is as follows:

March 13 (Friday) - St. Patty's Day Party
8:00pm to 12:00am,
\$20.00 in advance, \$25.00 at the door
Must be 21 or over to attend

April 5 (Sunday) - Bunny Brunch
11:00am to 1:00pm
Free for Clementon residents
Open to all ages
May 14 (Thursday) - Mom & Me Craft
6:00pm to 8:00pm
Matching paintings for Mom and 1-2 children
\$2.00 per person
June 6 (Saturday) - Community Yard Sale
June 14 (Sunday) - Clementon Day
3:00pm - Scavenger Hunt
5:00pm - BBQ at Dougherty Field
July 9 (Thursday) - Movie Night
7:00pm to 9:00pm
Free for Clementon Residents
August - Date TBA - National Night Out
September 25 (Friday) - Back to School Dance
7:00pm to 9:00pm
Grades 5 through 8
October 30 (Friday) - Trunk or Treat/Dance
6:00pm to 8:00pm
November 12 (Thursday) - Holiday Craft
6:00pm to 9:00pm
BYOB and Snacks
\$10 per person
Must be 21 or over to attend
December 12 (Saturday) - Tree Lighting/Parade/ Party
Times: TBA

Events are held at the Community Center behind the Fire Station on Gibbsboro Road unless otherwise stated.

As the events get closer, more information will be available either through a flyer or on Facebook.

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

Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/470227110156596/>

Email:
Meghan Milano: m.milano@clementon-nj.com

Clementon Fire Rescue

"The mission of Clementon Fire Rescue is to promote Fire Prevention, Self-Preservation, and to Protect Life and Property from destruction by fire in a professional, well trained, safe and efficient manner and to provide other fire safety and community services to the residents and visitors of Clementon."

Clementon Fire responded to 420 calls for service in 2019. These calls ranged from those involving fire inside property, motor vehicle crashes with/without entrapment, alarm activations, brush/woods responses, investigations, and animal rescues, along with spills and leaks of hazardous fluids. Our dedicated members handled each of these incidents with no injury to themselves or additional injury to those involved. This is in large part due to their commitment to continuous training in varying aspects of the fire service. Our motto when it comes to this is: "don't train until you get it right, train until you can't get it wrong."



We also had four new members graduate the Firefighter I course at Camden Counties Regional Emergency Training Center. This course provides over 180 hours of instruction both academic and practical in the varying aspects of fire behavior and extinguishment. It is both physically and mentally challenging. Again, congratulations to them for completing this rigorous task.

Our membership has improved; however, we still need additional volunteers. Want to see what it's like before joining? Stop in whenever our doors are open and speak with the membership. You may even catch us during a training exercise, so you'll get a very good idea of what it's like. Thinking firefighting might be a little over your head? We have a social side also. This branch helps support the firefighting men and women providing additional items the municipality might not be able to acquire. They host varying fund raisers throughout the year. Check out our website at www.clementonfire.com to see what's scheduled.

As we move forward in this new decade, we will continue to provide a community driven service - one entrenched with Pride, Ownership and Dedication.

Clementon Fire Company

We are the "social" side of Clementon Fire Rescue, and support the firefighters in all they do. Are you interested in helping support the firefighters of our town? We are always looking for new members. We meet the first

Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. If interested, please contact mhummel@clementonfire.com.

Hoagie Sales are coming, look for us! We have tentative Hoagie Sales schedule for March 14th and April 18th. Don't forget you can always pre-order on our website www.clementonfire.com.

Municipal Alliance

Clementon Municipal Alliance Welcomes all Seniors to Join Us!

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2020
Time: 11:00am to 12:30pm
Place: Clementon Senior Center
49 Berlin Rd
Clementon, NJ

What: Lunch and Learn about:

- Medicine Safety
- Prescription interactions with alcohol
- Addiction warning signs and risk factors
- Personal wellness and stress reduction
- Asking the right questions to your providers.

The Lunch and Learn is presented by Lori Tedesco Singley, Director, Educare. If interested, RSVP to Peggy Giordano at p.giordano@clementon-nj.com or call 856-783-0284, Ext. 121

Clementon Library

On March 21, 2020, the Clementon Memorial Library is hosting its first annual Arts and Craft Fair at the Clementon Fire Hall at 165 Gibbsboro Rd., from 10:00am to 3:00pm. There will be handmade art, crafts, décor, fabric art, jewelry, clothing, pottery, woodworking, and more!



Public Works

Spring approaching means yardwork, which means getting rid of debris that may have accumulated over the past year. The town is broken into 4 zones and every zone has a different pickup week which can be found in your recycling guide. If you need a recycling guide, please contact the Public Works Department. The first week of leaf collection will begin on April 6 and end on May 29. All residents are reminded to put their leaves out to the curb line in either neat trash free piles or untied bags one week prior to the scheduled pickup. We cannot be sure which day of the week we will be in your zone. Any leaf piles with trash or other debris will not be picked up.

Brush pickup will follow the leaf schedule throughout the season, weather permitting. Brush should not be placed out more than one week prior to your scheduled pickup. Place all cut ends facing the same direction making for quicker pickups. Place all logs in a separate pile.

Clean Communities will be October 3 and 4 from 9am to 3pm behind the library. There will be several dumpsters placed for **Clementon Residents Only** to take trash they have laying around the yard. You will be required to show proof of residency.

The Clementon Public Works Department is working on a few programs that will allow residents additional ways of cleaning up their neighborhood. If you have an idea on a way to improve the look of the community, please contact the Public Works Department.

Recycling has become a large part of our daily lives. Not only does it help the environment, but it helps save tax dollars. Again, we emphasize the Borough has gone single stream. This means you can put all cardboard, cans, 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) we ask you to call to schedule a pickup and not just place by the curb. We try to do pickups every Wednesday. Any questions, feel free to contact the Borough garage at 856-784-0495.

Recycling has changed in what can be placed in your recycling containers. We will be delivering new flyers that will explain what can and cannot be recycled. There is an old saying with regards to not knowing what can be discarded...If in doubt, throw it out. In regards to the new recycling laws, residents will receive citations for not following the proper procedures.

Clementon Youth Athletic Association

First, thank you for your continued support of the CYAA. Our officers for 2020 are:

President - Daniele Aubry
Vice President - Rob Freiling
Secretary - Nicole Allen
Treasurer - Kirsten Hoy

Currently, we are preparing for Spring Ball, with opening day scheduled in April, 2020. We are very excited to welcome back many players from the 2019 season, as well as all new players joining us this year. Looking forward to fall, we will continue our soccer program. We all hope to implement a new Fall Ball Clinic! This will include baseball and softball, focusing on conditioning, improving the basis in batting and fielding, and boosting confidence.



High school students, get your volunteer hours with us! We are always looking for volunteers of all kinds. If interested in volunteering or inquiring about our Fall Ball Clinic, soccer any other activities, please reach out on either our Facebook page at "CYAA Clementon Youth Athletics Association" or email us at cyaabulldogs@gmail.com

Planning & Zoning

New member, Preston Shover, was sworn in at the January meeting of the Planning and Zoning Board.

The board also voted in Bach Associates as our Planning/Zoning Board Engineer.

The Planning/Zoning solicitor Peter Rhodes, Chairman Joseph Feldman, Vice Chairman Ed Kunkel and Board Secretary Christopher McKelvey were all re-appointed for 2020.

What is the Census and Why is it Important?

A census is a procedure that acquires information about people in a given population, and the data collected impacts the design and implementation of policies and laws in governmental sectors including education, housing, transportation, health, and environmental protection. The census is also used as a tool to measure the effectiveness of past policies within these government realms. Aside from state and local government use, businesses can also use census data to assess markets and consumer demand to make decisions involving investments and new product development.

The American census has a history almost as long as the nation's. Due to the Constitutional requirement for a population count, the first census was recorded in 1790. Although the US census has long played a role in Congress's work, the permanent Census Bureau wasn't created until over one hundred years later in 1902; the census became part of the Department of the Interior and the following year the Department of Commerce and Labor, and finally the Department of Commerce where it has since remained.

From a simple head count that only included measures of race, age, and sex conducted by 650 enumerators in 1790 to a decennial (every ten years) report that includes over 200 different surveys, facilitated by over 635,000 enumerators today, the census has changed throughout time in order to accurately and effectively measure the demographics of the American people. Today, the census includes surveys such as the Current Population Survey, the Survey of Income and Program Participation, and the American Housing Survey. It covers more than 98% of commercial activity in the United States, and provides policy makers with demographic and economic characteristics of people living in the US.

Arguably the most important role of the census is population apportionment. Apportionment determines how the 435 members of the House of Representatives will be divided among the states. Contrary to senators, of which every state has two, the number of representatives per state are determined solely based on population. Today, each member of the House represents roughly 700,000 constituents.

The census provides policy makers with accurate demographic information of their constituents so effective and representative policies may be enacted and federal assistance may be distributed. Each question on the census aids policymakers in the distribution of over \$400 billion of funding for communities across the

country. These policies can affect many aspects of citizen's lives ranging from housing districts and one's representative to allocations for highways, healthcare, hospitals, and schools. The allocation of funds can change dramatically based on population trends.

The census reports human population trends, a central focus of PopEd curricula. In order to create relevant materials to teach about population and human impact on natural resources, environmental quality, and human well-being, the Population Education program relies on data supplied by the US census.

All Americans, whether they know it or not, benefit from the census and indirectly rely on census data.

Camden County Events

This is only a small listing of what is happening in Camden County. For more information, please visit the website at www.camdencounty.com/events.

2020 Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Camden County Residents Only

No Businesses Accepted

8:30am to 3:00pm - Rain or Shine

- March 21 - Cherry Hill Public Works Complex
1 Perina Blvd., Cherry Hill
- April 25 - Collingswood Public Works Complex
713 N. Atlantic Ave., Collingswood
- May 16 - Atco Parking Area
Corner of Atco Ave & Raritan Ave.
- June 13 - Camden Cty College
Parking Lot off of Peter Cheeseman Rd.
- September 26 - Pennsauken Sanitary Landfill
9600 N River Rd., Pennsauken
- October 17 - Camden Cty Public Works Complex
2311 Egg Harbor Rd., Lindenwold

2020 Electronic Recycling Events

Camden County Residents Only

No Businesses Accepted

Rain or Shine

- April 4 - Camden Cty Public Works Complex
2311 Egg Harbor Rd., Lindenwold
8:30am to 12:30pm
- June 13 - Camden County College
Parking Lot off of Peter Cheeseman Rd.
8:30am to 3:00pm
- November 7 - Camden Cty Public Works Complex
2311 Egg Harbor Rd., Lindenwold
8:30am to 12:30pm

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

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