

# The Clementonian

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## The Lakes of Clementon

Clementon has many lakes within its boundaries. These lakes were actually the driving force behind the towns development as a hub. The lakes were formed in the early 1700's by damming the north branch of Timber Creek. By the 1800's, the Clementon Lake grist mill was a meeting place for the locals.

The below 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 Historial Society.

Creative license was taken by the editors of this article to bring some of the locations up to date with current names/places and for the sake of brevity.

### Bottoms Lake

Abel Bottoms was born in England in 1855 and moved to Clementon in 1885, where he operated a general store and carried on a considerable contracting business, having constructed some forty buildings and dwellings in ten years. He also officiated as the first postmaster of Clementon, receiving his appointment during President Cleveland's first administration in 1886.

Having purchased the land and water power privileges in 1890, he proceeded to erect a dwelling, barn, shop, store, and hosiery mill at the dam site of the lake that now bears his name. The bridge dwelling still stands on the hilltop next to the borough garage.

Meanwhile, Mr. Bottoms had obtained a contract to construct a system to be completed in 1896, the well and filter beds being located at the lake site. The water storage tank was constructed of wood, it held about 5,000 gallons and was located on Berlin Road near the present location of the Community Church. Waterpower operated the pumping station, however, a one-cylinder kerosene engine was on stand-by for emergency use.

### Walt Whitman Visits

The grist mill was a busy place and the center of activity for the surrounding farm areas. They not only ground grain the farmers brought to the mill, but they delivered

feed to a large area, going as far away as Egg Harbor City with deliveries.

The Grist Mill also had its cultured side. During the warm summer months, a frequent visitor to the mill was Walt Whitman. He became very good friends with Mr. Gibbs and his eldest son, James. When the last part of "Leaves of Grass" was published, part of which was reported to have been written in the quiet woodland solitude at the Indian Spring, he presented them with an autographed copy. Whitman's main interest in Clementon was the benefit he found in the rushing water of Indian Spring. He would stroll from the Stafford Farm in Laurel Springs to Clementon, shed pants and shoes, and sit at the edge of the spring to allow the water to flow forcefully over his aching limbs.

### Rowands and Charcoal

The production of charcoal was very important to the economy of South Jersey. Clementon was represented in this industry by the Rowand family. First was Hillman Rowand who owned the tract of timberland along the stream flowing into Timber Creek from what is now known as Pine Lake. He produced bulk charcoal and operated a charcoal crushing plant, by waterpower, from the stream alongside the present Lindenwold Middle School.

Next to carry on the industry was John R. Rowand, who owned the timberland on the north side of Long-A-Coming (now Berlin) Road, extending from what is now Higgins Avenue, eastward beyond Smith Terrance and and to the north as far as Leewood Village. The main house still stands in its original location, down in the hollow, just off Berlin Road, east of Higgins Ave.

The business continued until the early 1940's, not only producing pulverized charcoal, but supplying the United States Mint at Philadelphia with charcoal to feed the furnaces used in smelting precious metals.

The original mill was destroyed by fire in 1898 and a new one erected in its place. The only remains of the industry that once thrived here is the small pond bearing the Rowand name, some stone of the mill foundations and two small spillways over which the water gently flows.

## **Food Pantry**

Since May, residents of Clementon have been donating food and volunteering their time at the Friends of Clementon Food Pantry, located at St. Mary's Church at 33 Berlin Road.



Pantry hours are as follows:  
Wednesday - 5pm to 7pm  
Saturdays - 8am to 10am

Donations can be made by calling 856-209-2165 or emailing [donations@friendsofclementon.com](mailto:donations@friendsofclementon.com).

If you can volunteer, sign up for a shift at [friendsofclementon.ivolunteer.com](http://friendsofclementon.ivolunteer.com).

## **Senior Affairs**



The Camden County Division of Senior and Disabled Services is prepared to ensure that no senior goes hungry during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. All residents previously enrolled in the Camden County Nutrition Program have automatically begun receiving home delivery of meals this week, and seniors in need of meals – for any reason – can call the Division at 856- 374-MEAL (856-374-6325) to make immediate arrangements.

Are you a senior citizen (aged 60 and over) with a physical disability, looking for assistance with basic needs such as food, housing, and medical services? Or maybe you need to find someone to do some minor repair work around your home? Or perhaps you'd just like to find out about how to volunteer your time in the community, or where to go to socialize and have some fun?

The Camden County ADRC Division of Senior Citizen and Disabled Citizen Services can serve as your doorway to connect you with all the above and more. The aim of this Aging and Disability Resource Connection ("ADRC") program is to connect both seniors and adults with disabilities with a full range of the services, public and private, needed to live independently and thrive within their community. It also strongly supports everyone's right to be in control of making their own personal care decisions based on assessed need, informed choice and community service availability.

## **Resident Spotlight**

### **Marines**

Lance Corporal Michael Andrescavage of Garfield Ave. completed his service in July and is now Honorably Discharged

Sergeant Jeffery Warner of Garfield Ave., is stationed in New York.

### **Army National Guard**

Specialist Ariam Escobar of Niagara Ave. was promoted to E-4, and is working as 91b Wheel Mechanic, based in Cherry Hill.

Daniel Silvia of Niagara Ave. began basic training in August. He will be serving as infantry.

### **Army**

Specialist Kyle Skwira of Spring Lake Dr. is stationed at Fort Bliss, TX.

### **Navy**

ITS2 Wayne Nolasco of Niagara Ave. was promoted to Petty Officer 2nd Class. He received both Navy and Marine Corps achievement medals for his service during a recent deployment. He is currently stationed at Pearl Harbor, HI.

### **Air Force Reserve**

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

### **Air Force**

Airman Jared Beadling of Lake Ave. recently graduated JAG Corps School and is being stationed in Germany.

### **Degree Completion**

Larena Davis of Delaware Ave recently obtained her Doctorate Degree in Counselor Education and Supervision. She is currently the Director at The Recovery Village at Cooper. She has dedicated her career to helping those suffering with addiction and their families finding healing in recovery.

## Planning & Zoning

At the virtual June Meeting of the Joint Planning/Zoning Board, Phase 2 at Leewood Village was approved for approximately 45 new units.

The new construction at the site of the old Silver Lake Inn will be two buildings of retail stores, possibly including a dollar store. A new Barber Shop is set to open in Clementon Plaza. The Pasta E Caffè di Marco is now open in the Country Corner Plaza for takeout and delivery, offering delicious Italian entrees and pasta specialties, as well as subs, wraps and paninis.

## Sustainable Jersey

Last month, thanks to all of the hard work on behalf of the Green Team, Clementon submitted their certified application for Bronze status with Sustainable Jersey.



The submission date, and subsequently the review period, were delayed due to COVID-19, but are currently under review. Sustainable Jersey will notify Clementon of its

decision toward the beginning of August. Clementon was able to submit documentation for the following actions:

- Animals in the Community Education
- Companion Animal Management Pledge & Plan
- Enhanced Licensing Compliance
- Pledge Supporting NJ Wildlife
- Wildlife Interaction
- Community Education and Outreach
- Innovative Community Project
- Diversity on Boards and Commissions
- Municipal Communications Strategy
- Public Engagement in Municipal Government
- Digitizing Public Information
- Sustainable Land Use Pledge
- Environmental Justice in Planning & Zoning
- Energy Efficiency for Municipal Facilities

If we obtain Bronze Level acceptance, an announcement will go on the borough website!

To learn more about this program, visit [www.sustainablejersey.com](http://www.sustainablejersey.com). To volunteer or be on the Green Team, contact Holly Strobl at 856-261-4394 or [h.strobl@clementon-nj.com](mailto:h.strobl@clementon-nj.com) or Christopher Hammond at 215-500-1599 or [c.hammond@clementon-nj.com](mailto:c.hammond@clementon-nj.com)

## Clementon Elementary School

Please feel free to visit our website [www.clementon.k12.nj.us](http://www.clementon.k12.nj.us) to see all information and updates regarding our school, including information concerning restart during Covid-19.

Important Dates to Remember:

- 09/08/20 - School Reopens for the 2020-2021 School Year
- 09/23/20 - Early Dismissal at 12:40pm  
Back to School Night (tentative)
- 10/09/20 - Early Dismissal at 12:40pm
- 10/12/20 - School Closed (Columbus Day)
- 10/30/20 - Early Dismissal at 12:40pm
- 11/05/20 - School Closed (NJEA Convention)
- 11/06/20 - School Closed (NJEA Convention)
- 11/19/20 - Early Dismissal at 12:40pm  
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/20/20 - Early Dismissal at 12:40pm  
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/23/20 - Delayed Opening - 2 Hours  
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/24/20 - Delayed Opening - 2 Hours  
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/25/20 - Early Dismissal at 12:40pm
- 11/26/20 - School Closed (Happy Thanksgiving)
- 11/27/20 - School Closed (Happy Thanksgiving!)
- 12/23/20 to 01/01/21 – School Closed (Winter Break)
- 01/04/20 – School Closed (Staff In-service)
- 01/05/20 – School Reopens (Happy 2021!)
- 01/18/20 – School Closed (MLK Day)

## Clementon Fire Rescue

Clementon Fire Rescue is always looking for volunteers. Want to see what it's like before joining? Stop in whenever the doors are open and speak with the membership. You may even catch them during a training exercise - you'll get a good idea of what it's like.

Think firefighting may be a little much but still want to support the firefighters? There is a social side you could join instead of being a firefighter. The social side hosts various fundraisers through the year.

Take a look at the website at [www.clementonfire.com](http://www.clementonfire.com) or contact [mhummel@clementonfire.com](mailto:mhummel@clementonfire.com)

## Public Works

In the past several months, the Borough of Clementon has experienced a fluctuation in our recycling tipping fees (the cost per ton to dispose of our recyclables). One of the main reasons that our fees have increased at times is from improper residential recycling.

We are kindly asking all residents to follow the rules of recycling; we want to make single-stream recycling easy for you!

The Borough of Clementon accepts the following recycled items:

- Rinsed plastic or glass bottles, jars, and jugs.
- Rinsed aluminum and steel cans.
- Clean paper and cardboard

The Borough does NOT accept plastic bags of any kind. These bags should be recycled at your local supermarket or big box store. If you aren't sure whether or not a piece is recyclable, just remember this...

### **WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!**

Proper recycling will not only aid in preserving the environment but will also help to keep the cost down for all of our residents and business owners.

If you have any questions or concerns related to recycling, please call the Clementon Borough Department of Public Works at 856-784-0495. We would like to thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation

## Tax Office

**Please note that due to Covid-19 the borough offices are closed. However, we are here to answer your telephone calls and emails. Payments may be mailed in, paid online ([www.clementon-nj.com](http://www.clementon-nj.com)), or put into our drop box, which is located in the front of the building to the left of the front doors.**

**The Tax Lien Sale will be held on October 1, 2020 for unpaid 2019 tax, water, sewer or CCMUA charges. Notices have been mailed to those who are in danger of the lien sale.**

## Tax Office (con't)

Property taxes are billed once a year (normally July) and are due quarterly. The due dates for taxes are:

- February 1
- May 1
- August 1
- November 1st.

Note: 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:

- Senior Citizen must be at least 65 years old with an income limit not to exceed \$10,000 (**excluding Social Security**).
- Permanently and totally disabled, **any age** with an income limit not to exceed \$10,000 (**excluding Social Security**).
- 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 website at <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/index.shtml>

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

## **Bureau of Fire Safety**

Due to Covid-19, the Annual Senior BBQ for the residents of Wooster Towers was cancelled.

The Bureau of Fire Safety is by appointment only. You may call or email at any time and someone will be back to you as soon as possible. Please keep in mind the Bureau of Fire Safety operates on a part time basis.

If you are selling your residence, you must receive a Certificate of Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detector Compliance ("Certificate") to take with you to Settlement. To apply for the Certificate, you must complete an Application and Certification in Lieu of Inspection for Certificate of Smoke Alarm, Carbon Monoxide Alarm and Portable Fire Extinguisher Compliance ("Affidavit"). Once you have completed the Affidavit (including settlement date and notarization), the document should be returned to this office with the correct payment as shown on the Affidavit. You can mail the Affidavit to this office or drop it in the Drop Box that is to the left of the front doors of the Borough Hall.

If you own a business located in the Borough of Clementon, registrations are now past due. If you have not made your payment, you are urged to do so as soon as possible. Inspections are ongoing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call at 856-783-0284, Extension 123.

## **Office of Emergency Management**

The Clementon Office of Emergency Management is seeking volunteers to help in emergency situations.

The OEM is looking for people willing to come out in storms or severe weather conditions to assist with damage assessment, help with shelter, or cooling center operations.

There will be training regarding damage assessment at a later time. The dates will be announced on the FaceBook page (Borough of Clementon Office of Emergency Management) once we are permitted to gather with no social distancing.

## JUST FOR FUN

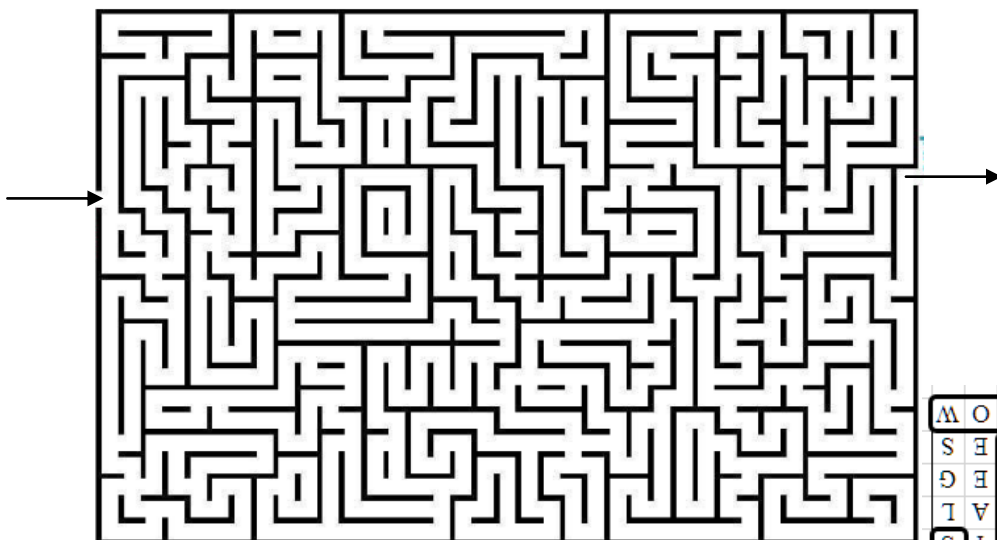
### Brainteasers:

1. What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it?
2. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday?
3. Which one is correct, "The yolk of the egg is white" or "The egg yolk is white?"
4. How high would you have to count before you use the letter "A"?

### Word Search - The Big Bang Theory:

T	N	E	B	R	A	S	K	A	S	A	O	I	A
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E	A	G	E	S	L	Z	T	I	W	O	L	O	W

PHYSICS	THEORY
LEONARD	WOLOWITZ
BAZINGA	STUART
NEBRASKA	HOWARD
PASADENA	AMY
BIG BANG	OCD
SCIENCE	CALTECH
RAJESH	SPACE
PENNY	SCIENTIST



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- Brainteasers:
1. A promise
  2. Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow
  3. Neither, the yolk of an egg is yellow
  4. One thousand

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