



# CLAYTON NEWSLETTER

Fall  
2019



*The Borough of Clayton's community newsletter, bringing information right to your doorstep*

## A Message from Mayor Tom Bianco

Residents of Clayton, serving as your Mayor over these past two terms has been such a rewarding experience for me. I am truly grateful to be able to serve such hardworking and amazing people. I've lived in Clayton for over 30 years, and I can't see myself calling any other place home. The sense of pride and community we have is something we all should be proud of. There's nothing we can't overcome together. From coaching Clayton soccer and Little League, to serving as School Board President and Council President, all the way to being your Mayor, I've seen it all. Clayton is a strong and growing community that will prosper for years to come. We've accomplished so much over the past eight years; we've built and outfitted a dog park, replaced the playground with a brand new ADA-compliant one and resurfaced the basketball courts at Autumn Pasquale Memorial Park, opened a senior citizen center, and started this Borough newsletter, all while maintaining a 0% increase in the local purpose tax for residents. That's what I call progress! I look forward to what the future holds for Clayton and serving in any way I can.



*The Borough of Clayton is well into the process of converting existing street lights into energy efficient LED lights. As of today, 214 street lights have been submitted to Atlantic City Electric and are waiting to be scheduled for replacement - that's over one-third of our street lights! Switching to the LED lights will bring Clayton over \$5,000 in monthly energy savings, for an annual savings of over \$60,000. The Borough also will receive a total rebate of \$120,000 from New Jersey's Clean Energy program for making the switch. These savings will have the conversion paid off in a little over 7 years! The Borough of Clayton remains committed to doing our part to reduce energy waste and create a cleaner environment.*

# Falling into Fall Fest

On Saturday, October 19th, the Borough hosted the annual Fall Festival! Activities included the Pumpkin Express train rides, a Story Witch, and the first pet costume contest! Congratulations to our winner Kimbah, a truly spooky dog. We had something for everyone! This was such a fun time, and we hope you all enjoyed it. A big thanks to the Special Events Committee for planning this event for our community, we appreciate everything you do!



## Safety at our Schools

Mayor Bianco, Council Members, Superintendent Nick Koutsogiannis, and Chief Davis have worked together to hire a second Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO III) for the Clayton School District. Retired Officer Richard Lunt was hired in September, and joins Retired Officer James (Jay) Dever, who became a SLEO III for the Clayton High School/Middle School this past April. The governing body and Clayton School District were eager to hire a second SLEO III to provide a police presence in both the elementary school and the HS/MS. Our SLEOs are tasked with keeping Clayton children safe and providing a secure learning environment for them.

## Recycling 9-1-1!

The Borough of Clayton needs everyone's help to clean the recycling stream. Contamination of the recycling stream is causing damage to recycling sorting centers and adding to our rising refuse costs. How can you help? It's easy! NEVER throw plastic bags/packaging in your cart. Remove all food and liquids – do a quick rinse. Recycle items loose in the cart. Plastic bags can be recycled at various retail locations such as ACME.

Please recycle only these items in your recycling cart: plastic bottles #1 & #2, flattened cardboard and paper, glass bottles and jars, and metal food cans. Please remember, household trash cannot be placed in recycling carts!

## Fall Leaf Collection

Leaf collection begins the week of October 28th and runs through December 20th. (*see [www.claytonnj.com](http://www.claytonnj.com) for the full schedule*)

NJ Storm Water Regulations require that leaves be placed at the curb no sooner than seven days prior to pick-up and no closer than 10 feet to storm drains. Leaves are not to be raked into the street or roadway. They are to be placed at the curb. No bagged leaves will be accepted.



# Clayton Business Profiles:

## Clayton Liquors - Est. 2014

Clayton Liquors was established in 2014 with one mission: to bring a high-quality liquor store to the Clayton area. The Owners' passion for excellence is what inspired them in the beginning and it continues to drive them today. They pride themselves in the superior experience of shopping in their liquor store, and in the long-term relationships they've built with their customers. People come back to Clayton Liquors because they know they'll find what they're looking for on its shelves. For example, they have their own growlers and crowlers for rare craft beers. They will help you find everything that fits your desires. Stop by to see for yourself! You can find them on Instagram "@ClaytonLiquors".

### Hours of Operation:

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 am - 10:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

## Want to be featured?

If you're a local business owner in Clayton and would like to be featured in our quarterly newsletter, please contact Borough Hall at (856) 881-2882 or stop in anytime during Borough business hours and pick up a business profile form. What better way to get the word out about your business than to tell everyone in your community about it!

## Hydrant Flushing Information

The Borough would like everyone to know we have recently completed hydrant flushing in the borough. This may have led to low water pressure and slight discoloration in your water. We advise residents to check their water and run taps until its clear. Hydrant flushing is normally done in April and October each year and lasts about three weeks. Clayton's Public Works Department does this to make sure the hydrants are working properly. It is also done for taste and odor control of our water. See [www.claytonnj.com/public-works](http://www.claytonnj.com/public-works) for schedules and more information. The Borough's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is posted there as well.

## Sinful Art Tattoo - Est. 2007

Owned and operated by Pete Delia, Sinful Art Tattoo is a premier tattoo studio in Clayton that was established in 2007 and has been growing ever since. Skilled artists can help you with any style of tattooing you may want. Boasting a clean, professional, and friendly atmosphere, Sinful Art makes sure even first-time customers feel completely comfortable throughout the whole process. Ask any of their previous customers and you'll quickly find out they are a true gem of Clayton. You can check out some of their work on Instagram "@Sinfulart\_tattoo" or stop by the studio and talk to them in person.

### Hours of Operation:

Tuesday - Saturday: 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm

## Twin Kiss - Est. 1955

The ice cream stand opened in 1955 and has been serving the Clayton area ever since! There have been just two owners in 64 years - George and Mary Kasper, who ran it for 46 years, and John and Stacy Chamberlin, who have owned it the last 18 years. Twin Kiss is one of Clayton's favorite places to cool off on a hot summer day and gather around with their friends and family. It's hard to find even a single Clayton resident who hasn't been there. Twin Kiss' sherbet is handmade, as is its vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, and pumpkin ice cream! Twin Kiss is truly a landmark of Clayton.

### Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday: 11:00 am - 10:00 pm

Saturday - Sunday: 11:00 am - 11:00 pm

# Committee Spotlight

(Pictured left to right: Pat Gannon, Jeanne Schoellkopf, Jean Mervine, Walter Seitz, Councilman Frank Rollo, June Salvatore, Joe Salvatore)

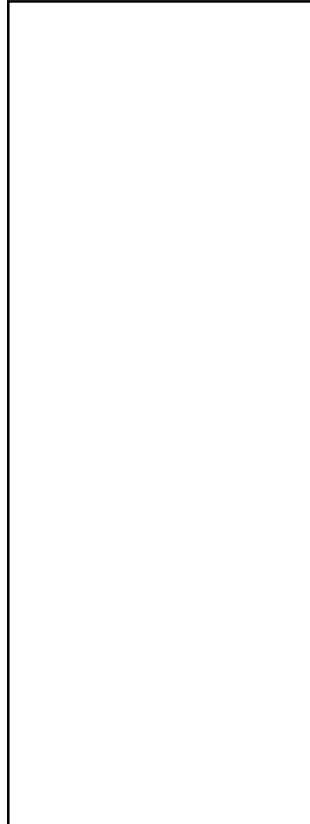


Mayor and Council would like to thank the Clayton Historic Advisory Committee for everything they do in the borough and with the museum! Your hard work does not go unnoticed.

This weekend at Fall Fest, Mayor Bianco and Special Events Committee Members were honored with a U.S. House of Representatives Proclamation from Congressman Jeff Van Drew. An honor truly deserved for such a hardworking committee!

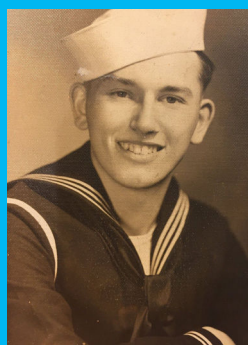


(Pictured left to right: Mayor Tom Bianco, Julie Brown, Rose Mathews, Caitlin Mathews, Marie Cerone, Dr. Anthony Cerone, Councilwoman Darlene Vondran)



## Remember to Vote!

The Borough would like to remind everyone that election day is Tuesday, November 5th! Be sure to get out to the polls and make sure your voice is heard. Every vote counts, don't waste yours!



## Harold is Home!

Harold K. Costill has finally come home, and he has been laid to rest. He has been interred in the Costill family plot in Cedar Green Cemetery.

# Clayton Senior Center

Another BIG thank you to the girls of Clayton Girls Scout Troop 66049 for their most recent donation of games and books to the Clayton Senior Citizen Center.

The Clayton Senior Citizens Center is located at 1 Garwood Blvd. and provides a packed schedule of events for our senior citizens.

### Hours of Operation:

- Monday - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Tuesday - 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Wednesday - 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Friday - 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

# Senior Center Event Schedule:

### - Movin' and Groovin Walkers

When: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday  
Time: 9:00 am

### - Tai Chi Exercise

When: Monday from September 9th through December 16th  
Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

### - Sing Along

When: 1st Wednesday of each month  
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

### - Clayton Senior Citizen Group

When: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month  
Time: 11:00 am

### -The Good Reads Book Discussion Group

When: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, starting Nov. 6th  
Time: 11:00 am to 12:30 pm