

*It's Christmas Season
in
Clinton!*



12 Days Left!!



CLINTON LIONS CLUB CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROJECT

NANCY WRIGHT
426-8845



Contributions for the *Lions Club Children's Christmas Project* may be dropped at one of the locations mentioned below until **Monday, December 12th**. Contributions should be unwrapped toys, scarves, mittens, hats and socks or other gifts appropriate for children of all ages. Contributions of cash, which will be used to purchase gifts for the program, may be dropped off only at the Clinton Town Office. All other contributions may be dropped at:
**GALUSHA'S ~ TRADEWINDS MARKET
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**

The Lions Club would like to thank all those that have contributed so generously to the *Children's Christmas Project* in years past and present to make the program a success for Clinton's children!



Although Officer Karl Roy has been with the **CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT** since 2013 he became a full time officer after graduating from the Maine Police Academy in May, 2016.



Officer Gordon Mank



Clinton PD will answer 7,000 calls in 2016

Meet our newest full-time member of the **CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Gordon is a Mainer - born and raised in Rockland. He is a Marine veteran and a graduate of the Maine Police Academy. Gordon has 25 years of law enforcement experience and served as a sergeant in the Lincolnville Police Department for several years. Gordon is married - has three children and 2 grandchildren. Gordon currently lives in Unity.

HOLIDAY RECYCLING AT THE TRANSFER STATION

Remember recycling all your Holiday clutter is **FREE!**

- Recycle Gift Wrapping Paper
- Recycle Cardboard Gift Boxes
- Recycle Wreathes & Christmas Trees

Call: Gerald at 426-8187



Maine Law Requires all Dogs to be Licensed by December 31st.

Each dog **MUST** have a current rabies certificate in order to be licensed in the State of Maine. Please be sure to bring the most current certificate with you to the Town Clerk's Office if your rabies certificate has expired during the last 12 months.

The law allows the month of January to be the grace period for dog owners that did not meet the December 31st deadline. However, that grace period is **NOT** extended to **Wednesday, February 1st!** The State of Maine requires a **\$25 Late Fee** on dogs not lawfully licensed by that date.

No Exceptions!



There is **ONLY ONE WAY** to contact Clinton's Animal Control Officer (ACO)

Call Police Dispatch at 426-9192
Dispatch will contact the ACO
and send him to your location.



Animal Control Officer

CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26th

MONDAY, JANUARY 2nd

A Memorial Stone Gift to Clinton



At their October 19th committee meeting the **Clinton High School Reunion Committee** gifted the Town of Clinton with a beautiful memorial stone for the Clinton High School Building. The stone is made of black granite which had been quarried in the Republic of China and engraved in Pennsylvania with a likeness of the building which served as the Clinton High School from 1902 to 1966. The memorial stone is permanently located at the town office building to the left of the main entrance.

The Town of Clinton is grateful for the Committee's thoughtfulness in creating a lasting piece of history that will be cherished for years to come.

We are now accepting personal hygiene items.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 13th ~ Tuesday, December 27th

Your Text Here

Please Remember to add
CLINTON FOOD BANK
to your Holiday Giving List!

The Food Bank would like to thank the many individuals and groups that have contributed so generously to the needs of those less fortunate. If you have questions or need to make a donation contact

Pam Nuite at 314-4095





The Boston Post Cane

The *Boston Post Cane* tradition dates back to 1909, when Edwin A. Grozier, the publisher of Boston's premier newspaper, "The Boston Post", sent his ornate canes to Boards of Selectmen of various towns, requesting that they present them to their oldest male citizens. It was not until 1930 that Select Boards began allowing women to receive the canes. At its peak popularity 700 New England towns presented the beautiful Boston Post Cane to their oldest citizen. Currently only 475 New England towns are on record for continuing the tradition - 222 of them in Maine.



In the Town of Clinton 93 year old **Mary Garnett** has the honor of being the most recent Boston Post Cane recipient. Town Manager Pam Violette and the Clinton Historical Society President, Blair "Buddy" Frost awarded the cane to Mary recently at a luncheon held in her honor.

REMEMBERING THE BAKER STREET SCHOOL

Historical information provided by Cheryl Dickey-Whitish, Librarian

It may not be common knowledge that the current Town Office Building is located on the lot that until 1966 was the location of the Baker Street School which would ultimately become the Clinton High School.

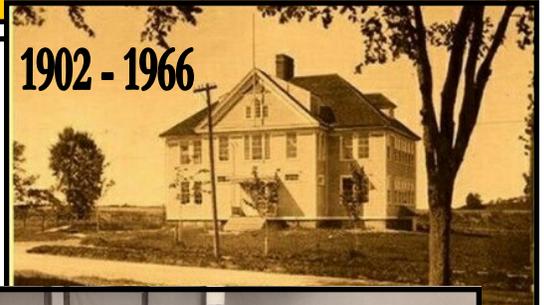
In 1902 the town purchased two pieces of land for \$600 on Baker Street and for an additional \$7,434 built a yellow three story 68 x 40 building with three rooms on each of the first and second floors and one large "commercial" room on the third floor. Twenty years later in 1922 this room was divided into two rooms to accommodate the annoying sound of the new typewriting class. The privy was in a building in back of the school on the right hand side of the lot.

The building essentially remained unchanged until 1917 when Frank L. Besse donated funds to install indoor plumbing and central heat. The following year Mr. Besse had the building wired for electricity, and in 1922 he installed a drinking fountain.

An athletic program was started in 1923 with the first season being boys and girls Basketball. Baseball and softball were also played at the school for many years but was supported by the community rather than the school budget. The great Depression brought some tough times for the school, teachers took pay cuts, and some classes were cut — including the typing class. However, in 1931 the town raised money for new desks and in 1933 the Department of Education gave the town of Clinton a brand new Ford bus. Clinton formed a small bus fleet and transported students for nearly 10 years until deciding to contract out to a private bus service.

For the first 40 years the Baker Street school building housed all twelve grades but as rural school houses overcrowding became an issue leading to the construction of the Clinton Elementary School on Morrison Avenue in

1941 for the first, second and third grades. In 1952 the elementary school was enlarged to move the fourth, fifth and six grades out of the Baker Street School building. Then in 1960 the seventh and eighth grade left the Baker Street School thereby officially creating the Clinton High School. The last high school class to graduate from the Clinton High School was in 1966. The sixth, seventh and eighth grades were moved back into the Baker Street School until 1975 - the same year the building was destroyed by arson on July 25, 1975.



School Mascot - 1941



A special "Thank You" to Mary Dee Mock for decorating the planters at the Town Office Bldg. for the holidays!
We are looking GOOD!



At their October 11th meeting
The Board of Selectmen honored
Fire Chief Gary Petley
with a plaque for his
twenty-five years of service to the
Clinton Fire & Rescue Department

Clinton Fire & Rescue Department

The members of Clinton's Fire & Rescue Department would like to wish all the residents of Clinton a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Code Enforcement

Along with addressing nuisance properties, which is going well, and our regular duties, we will be pursuing compliance in two additional directions in the near future.

The first is **CAMPERS ARE NOT DWELLINGS**. We have several campers being used as a full-time residence, or just as extra bedroom space. For several reasons this is not allowed because it is a serious threat to public health and safety. I will be visiting these locations during the months of December and January. Each location will be treated individually and the welfare of citizens and their neighbors will be a priority. One issue with regard to using a camper as an additional bedroom is whether or not the septic system for the primary residence has been designed to accommodate an additional bedroom. If, the septic design is not adequate a new septic system will be required. Otherwise it will be necessary to condemn the building to which the camper is attached.

The second area of concern is the compliance with **BUILDING PERMITS**. Maine law requires a building permit when a structure is attached to a piece of land. So, **if you had a pre-built shed or building delivered, you need a building permit**. Anyone who does not have a building permit for any type of structure on their property will be charged a double fee along with any additional cost to the town. Anyone who steps forward prior to our visit will not be charged a double fee. For those of you who have already come forward - Thank You.

Finally, enjoy your Holidays however you celebrate them. However, please take a minute to add a little safety to your home. Fire & Smoke detectors, chimney cleaning, and carbon monoxide detectors make life easier and safer for you and your family!

Frank Gioffre
Code Enforcement Officer - 877-5235

Spirit of America Award

On October 11th the Board of Selectmen presented the Maine Spirit of America Foundation Award to Clinton Firefighter Anthony Barton for commendable community service. During 2016 Anthony organized a community safety plan which resulted in the installation of 100 free smoke detectors in Clinton households provided by the American Red Cross. Clinton is grateful to have such a community minded firefighter!





Mooving About Town

Maine natives David and Nancy Smith, own and operate *David's Custom Woodworking* right here in Clinton. They love living in our bustling small town and keep themselves busy in retirement by pursuing the hobbies they have loved for a lifetime which have now become a lifestyle.

David has been a woodworker all his life. David now spends his time making guitars and inlaid cutting boards. His guitars, both acoustic and electric, are all made by hand using exotic wood thus creating a very unique high quality product. David does not stain the several varieties of wood that he uses in the production of the guitars.

The cutting boards are beautifully inlaid with contrasting wood varieties and are all made by hand with only wood varieties indigenous to Maine - each one sealed with walnut oil to create a safe food surface. Truly beautiful pieces for any kitchen.

Influenced by her Grandma, Nancy is also a very talented crafter - making handbags, purses and wallets from a huge array of fabrics. I was amazed at the variety of styles and colors in her collection. Each purse and wallet is made with painstaking care and skilled workmanship. I was very impressed with the neat organization or materials within the workspaces. That attention to the small details of the craft, of course, explains the resulting high quality workmanship.

David and Nancy do not sell online but you can be sure to find them at craft fairs across the State of Maine selling the products of their own hands and creative designs. Maine made by two very talented Clinton residents. Not only are their products of the highest quality Nancy and David themselves are very nice people. I was warmly welcomed into their home and their excitement to share their craft and the pride in their creations came through.

I hope that when our readers next find their way to a craft fair someplace in Maine they will look for *David's Custom Woodworking* products and *Nancy's beautiful bags and purses.*



Have Happy Holidays
and a
Great New Year!

Pamela Violette
Town Manager

