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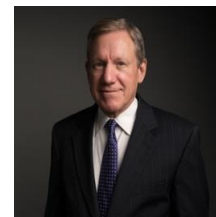
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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



August 28, 2019

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The August, 2019 issue of the Mayor's Newsletter is filled with upcoming town events and news. My door is open; please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

Annual Labor Day Events and Celebration

Saturday, August 31st through Monday, September 2nd - Veterans' Memorial Field

Scheduled Activities for the Closter Annual Labor Day Events

- Aug. 31 : (Sat) – 22nd Annual 4 person Volleyball Tournament – 11:00 a.m. NEW this year,
1st Annual Corn Hole Competition
- Aug. 31: (Sat) – Waldwick Band Concert; 7:00 p.m. at Lions Bandshell – Memorial Park
- Sept. 1: (Sun) – 38th Annual Dom Mircovich Memorial 5K Run – Jim O'Halloran Memorial Kids
Fun Run, 9:00 a.m.
- Sept. 1: (Sun)- Closter Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony – Closter Pubic Library*
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 2: (Mon) – 59th Annual Town Labor Day Celebration – beginning at 12:30 p.m.
kids rides, games, pony rides, two concerts, food & drink concessions
- Sept. 2: (Mon)- Closter Recreation Awards Ceremony – 2:30 p.m.
- Sept. 2: (Mon)- Two Rock Concerts; *The Frank & Beans Project* then *The Willies* 4:30 p.m.
- Sept. 2: (Mon evening) – Closter Annual Fireworks Display – approximately 9:00 p.m. (dark)

Rain date for activities is September 7th

Visit the Borough's website: www.closternj.us

Closter Wall of Fame at the Closter Public Library

The newly established Closter “WALL OF FAME” will focus and pay tribute to Closter residents who have/had resided in the Borough for a minimum of 35 years and have contributed greatly to the community. *The Closter Wall of Fame Committee* is pleased to invite all to attend the induction of members to the **WALL OF FAME Induction Ceremony on Sunday, September 1, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Closter Public Library**. This is just the first class of inductees in 2019, with many more deserving residents to be inducted in years to come.

*Alice Barkley
Andy Baron
Harold Benel
Allen Brewster Sr.
Jack Caldwell
Don Farrell
James Gordon, Sr.
Olaf & Ingeborg Hagen
Sophie Heymann
Tony Lupardi Sr.
Tommy McNamara
Lenny Albanese*

Town Hall Meeting on Closter Schools

Mayor John Glidden invites all residents to the Second Town Hall Meeting for a Discussion on our Schools. The date is Monday, September 9, 2019 at the Closter Senior Center, 7:00 p.m. This is another chance for the residents of Closter to come together and voice their opinions or concerns to those who can help create change. A panel discussion includes invited guests from School Administration, Board of Education, Closter PTO (includes Closter Schools and NVRHS). All residents are invited to attend this timely and important Town Hall meeting.

The Belskie Museum of Art & Science ~ “EXPOSED”

The Belskie Museum of Art & Science, 280 High Street, proudly presents “**EXPOSED**” an exhibit curated by Closter resident and Nikon professional, Tsun Tam. This extraordinary exhibit of photography opens on Sunday, September 8th between 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The diversity of work from area photographers will run from September 8th through September 29th. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free and while the museum hours are Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., hours by appointment can be arranged.

Closter’s 9/11 Memorial Service: Patriot’s Day, September 11th

Please join together as our community remembers *September 11th*. The 9/11 Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, September 11th in Remembrance Park at the 9/11 Memorial. Remembrance Park is located at the intersection of Cedar Lane and Harrington Avenue. The Closter 9/11 Memorial Service begins promptly at 8:30 a.m.

“Let our grief become strength, our remembrance hope, our unity an enlightened path toward peace”

Completed in 2004, the Closter 9/11 Memorial is dedicated to honoring and remembering all of the Americans whose lives were so profoundly affected as well as paying homage to all those whose sacrifices

have provided our cherished freedom. This memorial stands as a moment in time when at precisely 8:46 a.m., the moment the first plane hit the North Tower, shadows align and sunlight beams pass through a keyhole and illuminates an embedded piece of steel that was recovered from the World Trade Center, signifying the moment that all of our lives were forever changed.

Closter Ranked in top 10 of New Jersey Towns by NJ Monthly Magazine

We are delighted that NJ Monthly Magazine has ranked Closter as the Number 10 town in the State as to quality of life in New Jersey, NJ Monthly rated 513 towns in the State in five categories to represent the quality of life in New Jersey's 565 municipalities: home values, property taxes, crime rate, school performance and a lifestyle factor. It is interesting to note that Closter's median home value has increased 26.6% since 2016. We are truly blessed to live in a place like Closter! (www.njmonthly.com)

Closter Police Department

School is opening. To keep our pedestrians safe, the Closter Police Department is urging *everyone* to STOP for pedestrians in marked crosswalks (it is NJ State Law), observe speed signs, and put down the cell phone while driving. These infractions all come with heavy penalties, ranging from points on a driver's license to fines and or community service.

Residents are being urged to assist in protecting their property. Keep cars locked even when parked in driveways. Do not leave Key Fobs, Wallets, Cell Phone, I Pads, Handbags or any other items of value in vehicles. *Remember... see something, Say something!*

Closter Food & Assistance Board

Are "treasures" filling up your home? If so, consider supporting the Closter Food & Assistance Board by participating in the Annual Town –Wide Yard Sale that is sponsored by the FAB. The **8th Annual Closter Town-Wide Yard Sale** is **ONE DAY ONLY** on **Saturday, October 19th** (**optional rain date is Sunday, October 20th**). This is a rain or shine event. The registration fee for the yard sale benefits the programs offered through the Food & Assistance Board. **Registration is required.** Detailed information regarding registration will be posted on the Borough's website at www.closternj.us in September.

If your family, employer, religious or other organization would like to host a food drive in the upcoming months, please contact us at fabofcloster@gmail.com for more information and let us help you plan a successful event.

Closter's MacBain Farm Park

MacBain Farm Park, located at 203 Hickory Lane, has a wonderful assortment of beautiful fresh produce available to Closter residents. Closter's families may pick one red bucket of vegetables from the farm's large selection of lettuces, herbs, squashes, broccoli, zucchini, cabbages, eggplants, beans and tomatoes every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. (weather permitting). There is a list at the kiosk indicating the crops that are available for picking. The farm is staffed by volunteers, who host and mentor, as well as, work to maintain the farrows weed-free. Proof of residency (photo I.D. with address) must be presented for access to the picking area. In addition to providing Closter's residents with delicious produce, vegetables grown on the farm are provided the Closter Food Pantry and Senior Citizens Club.

Volunteers are welcome (children under age 12 are welcome *but* must be accompanied by an adult). Interested in volunteering? If so, send an email to envcomm@closternj.us; please write MacBain Farm/Volunteer in the subject line. Your inquiry will receive a prompt response.

Closter Public Library

Back-to-School is a busy month at the Closter Public Library. The Closter Public Library will be closed on Saturday, August 31st and Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day. On Tuesday, September 10th at 10:00 a.m., Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ's outreach team will walk you through steps for preparing to meet with a doctor, and other items of interest. On September 20th from 9 a.m. to noon, a representative from Senator Booker's office will be available to assist with questions regarding federal agencies, (i.e. Social Security, Medicare, VA, etc.) On Friday, September 24th, between 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. a representative from State Representative Holly Schepisi's office will be on hand to assist with questions regarding state services.

The Belskie Art Wall is featuring the works of Artist Stephanie Lee, reinterprets traditional Korean Folk Art through October. First and Third Friday Flicks are featuring "The Old Man & The Gun" on September 6th and "The Sisters Brothers" on September 20th – show time is 1:00 p.m. "Mom's Night Out Book Club" (Monday, September 23rd) at 7:00 p.m. features the work of Mary Beth Keane, author of Ask Again, Yes. Relax, De-Stress ~ Color, Yoga and Meditation, and *Mah Jongg*, are just a few of the activities offered in your library. Audiobooks and music albums can be borrowed directly on your Amazon Echo, Dot, Spt., and Show devices. If there is something you would like to see the library provide, please share your thoughts by email (closterpubliclibrary.org), call 201-768-4917 or, visit in person! Your ideas enhance our service.

Environmental Commission

An environmental tip from your Closter Environmental Commission! Please stop using caustic cleaners down your kitchen drains. Pour in baking soda followed by vinegar. Let sit for 15 minutes, then add hot water. A box of baking soda in your refrigerator takes care of unwanted odors.

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The Borough is moving forward in many positive directions. Volunteers are the backbone of any community and I encourage each of you to think of ways in which you can, as a volunteer, make a difference.

All the best,



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