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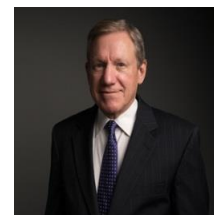
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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



May 28, 2019

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

This issue of the Mayor's Newsletter is filled with news and events taking place in town. As always, my door is open; please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

A MAJOR CLOSTER EVENT: WOUNDED WARRIOR USA PATRIOTS

Closter is honored to be the host community of the USA Patriots Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Game. This weekend of events being held at Veterans Memorial Park is:

Friday, May 31st PBA Officer of the Year/Comedy Night/Beefsteak Dinner
at the Closter Elks (Limited to the first 130 people).

Saturday, June 1st

9:30-10:30 am Challenger Baseball Game (USA Patriots practice w/Challenger All Stars)
5:00 -7:00 pm Fun Activities for Kids / Food
5:30- 6:00 pm *Al Baffa* Memorial Tree Planting Ceremony (Playground)
6:00 pm Wounded Warriors arrive at Memorial Field – All residents urged to attend at this time.
6:20 pm Willies Band
7:00 pm USA Patriots/Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball Team Introduction
7:30 pm USA Patriots / WWAST Game
(USA Patriots vs Bergen County All Stars)

Sunday, June 2nd

7:30-11:30 am Closter Elks Breakfast at the Closter Elks Lodge on Railroad Avenue

To purchase tickets for the game and other fundraising events, sponsor ads, and learn how you can be involved, visit closterrec.com or email closterrecjim@aol.com

Closter's Annual Country Hoe Down

Dust off your cowboy hats and get your dancing boots on.... the Closter Improvement Commission invites all residents to its Country Western Hoe Down! Festivities are planned for **Friday, June 21st** between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at Veterans' Memorial Park. Family square and line dancing, petting zoo, pony rides, delicious BBQ and face painting just to name a few of the activities. Bring blankets and lawn chairs and dress to impress in country western! (Just in case, check the Borough's website for weather updates).

Closter is Named Tree City USA

Closter has been named a Tree City USA city by the Arbor Day Foundation for the 18th consecutive year in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. Closter achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements. Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

Closter Nature Center

The list of classes and programs offered by the Closter Nature Center is tremendous...including the innovative educational classes announced for the summer. Celebrate Pond Day at the CNC on Sunday, June 3rd between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. To name a few, the Closter Nature Center has announced its summer events.

- June After School Classes: Pre-Kindergarten and above
- Closter Nature Center 2019 Summer Camp

Enrollment and registration information can be found on the CNC's website, www.closternaturecenter.org or by emailing cncsummer@closternaturecenter.org or admin@closternaturecenter.org.

Belskie Museum of Art & Science

Opening on June 2nd and running through 23rd is a fascinating exhibit of work "*Sculptor Affiliates of the Art Center of Northern NJ*". This exhibit offers varied expressions of three dimensional art executed by ten Sculptor Affiliate members. Sculptor Affiliates was started in 1972 and since then has existed as an umbrella organization under the Art Center of Northern New Jersey, a non-profit art school and gallery. Its mission is to educate and inform the public how to make three dimensional art, how to view it and how to love it! Work includes handmade paper & mixed media sculpture, cardboard, clay & sand, fabric, metal, paper & mesh, stone & glass, stone, painted fiberglass and bronze, painted wood and clay.

All are invited and encouraged to explore the world of sculptors. An Artist Reception is Sunday, June 2nd between 1-5 p.m. Admission is free. The Belskie Museum is located adjacent to the Closter Public Library at 280 High Street. www.belskiemuseum.com or call 201-768-0286.

Closter Public Library

The Closter Public Library continues to expand its educational center with tools and materials for all. New to the Library is a Magnifisight Explorer! The Magnifisight Explorer is a magnifier that is designed to assist individuals with sight impairment to zoom in on difficult to read materials. Stop in and ask one of the librarians to show you how it works. Home-bound? If you are home-bound and unable to come to the library to pick up materials, please contact the library for information about home delivery. On June 18th, 19th & 20th from 10 am – 2 pm, the Bergen County Clerk's Satellite Office will be set up at the Closter Library.

First and Third Friday Flicks feature *The Upside* on June 7th and *The Mule* on June 21st. Showtime is 1:00 pm.

From yoga to Mah Jongg, having blood pressure checked by the nurse or taking ESL Classes, summer is very busy season at the library. It's a great time to brush up on technology with help available on Mondays from 7:30-8:30 pm and Wednesdays 1:00-3:00 p.m. Join author Joan Arnay Halperin on Tuesday, June 11th at 7:00 as she discusses her book "*My Sister's Eyes*".

The **Library's Summer Book Sale** is taking place on Friday and Saturday, June 14th and 15th between 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. The assortment of material is huge! Pick up some bargains while supporting the library. Check out the Children's Programs at www.closterpubliclibrary.org.

New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission –Mobile Agency Unit

Save the date. The NJMVC Mobile Agency Unit is scheduled to be in Closter on July 18th from 10 am-2 pm. This "Agency on Wheels" offers an opportunity for drivers to renew their license, obtain a duplicate license, provides residents with photo identification (non-driver ID cards), registration renewal, or surrender license plates. Drivers may obtain a "Persons with a Disability", Purple Heart or Disabled Veteran placard. The NJMVC Unit will be set up in the parking lot at Borough Hall.

Closter Recreation's Summer Concert 2019

Closter is fortunate to have businesses provide support of community sponsored events and wishes to thank the folks at First Commerce Bank, 530 Piermont Road, and Closter for their generous contribution in sponsoring *The Willies Band*!

Enjoy an evening with friends and neighbors during the Closter Summer Concerts held on Friday evenings, beginning on June 14th. *The Willies* are the band opening this terrific lineup of summer entertainment. The Willies, who have appeared throughout North Jersey for more than 28 years, will open the Closter Summer Concert Series at Closter' Veterans Memorial Field.

Back by popular request is MOVE! The Band. This "good time" rock band is the #1 dance engine on the scene today and features a variety of popular music. Led by Closter resident Joel Zelnik, MOVE! The Band features Richard Frank, the NYC metro area Country/Western expert, plus music for all ages.

Later in the month, Joe Delia and the Thieves will be performing, as will TK Walker and Shaved Ham Band, the My Anxiety Band and The Dashboard Dogs. The complete listing of concerts is posted on the Borough's website under Recreation – Events!

Upcoming Events

Details are posted on the Borough's website, www.closternj.us

- **Friday, June 14th 7:30-9:30 pm ~ *The Willies***
Band Shell at Veterans Memorial Field
(Opening of Summer Concert Series ~ visit Borough's website for list of summer concerts)
- **Friday, June 21st 6:00-9:30 pm ~ Closter's Country Hoe Down**
Veterans Memorial Field, Harrington Avenue
Rain date, Saturday, June 22nd noon-3 p.m.
- **Sunday, June 30th 2:00 pm ~ MOVE! The Band**
Band Shell at Veterans Memorial Field
(Tenakill Middle School Auditorium if it rains)

Closter 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,



Mayor

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