



# BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

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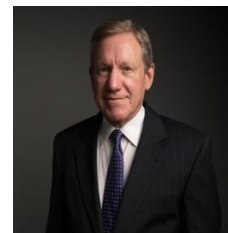
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## MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



November 26, 2019

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The holiday season is here and it is filled with activities and events taking place throughout the borough. The Mayor's Newsletter contains information about our town. As always, my door is open; please contact me at 201-784-0600 x 500 with ideas or concerns related to the Borough.

### **Closter's Annual TREE LIGHTING at the Closter Borough Hall**

Friends, families and neighbors are all invited to enjoy the annual Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. near the front of the Closter Borough Hall. This year's Tree lighting is sure to make you feel merry and bright! There will be performances by the Blue Chip Chorus and more that are sure to warm you up and make you bright. The CIC will be hosting a Gingerbread Contest, where donations will help benefit the Closter Food Pantry. In addition the P.B.A. will have a drop-off station for new, unwrapped toys to be distributed to those children in need during the Annual P.B.A. Toy Drive. The CIC is planning "reindeer games", light refreshments and a special appearance by Santa Clause!

The Borough would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Lupardi Family, who year after year, insures our tree has lights. *No "bah hum bugs" here!*

### **Belskie Museum – UNIQUE ARTISAN SALE – ONE DAY ONLY!**

November 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 a.m. is a very special shopping day at the Belskie Museum. It's the first event of its kind curated by Closter's Bonnie Holl.... An extraordinary *One Day Only Sale!* The "*Unique Artisan Sale*" will feature a wide variety of original artwork, prints, pottery, notecards, scarves, accessories, jewelry, woodwork, photography, pet portraits, numerology, books and much more. These unique gifts for the holidays are created by our very own local artists, many of whom have exhibited at the Belskie Museum. Shop local! There will be refreshments and music and, a *Free Gift with Purchase Over \$100*. It's a fabulous event. 280 High St. Closter, NJ.

## **Annual Menorah Lighting**

The Chabad Shul of Closter will be holding its annual public Menorah lighting on the lawn of the Borough Hall on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The Chabad Shul invites all to the festival of lights celebration filled with song and cheer!

## **Closter Call for Volunteers**

The spirit of volunteerism is throughout Closter, strengthening our quality of life within our community. There are two core groups of dedicated volunteers who require the support of the community in order to continue to provide the extraordinary services that we, as a community, rely on. These men and women are volunteers of the *Closter Volunteer Fire Department* and *Closter Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Corps*. Please consider supporting these volunteer services through contributions, donations or joining.

The **Closter Volunteer Fire Department** is in extreme need of new members. “You provide the time, we will provide the training, the camaraderie, and a “feel good helping your community experience”! If you are interested in exploring this challenge some more, please visit the Department’s website at <http://www.closterfd.org> for more information”.



## **Tenakill Middle School TREP\$ Program**

TREP\$, short for enTRIPreneur\$, is a project-based learning program that teaches middle school students how to start their own businesses. They learn the lessons at school, and apply them at home as they build their businesses with the support of their families. The entire school community comes out to enjoy the TREP\$ Marketplace, where the young entrepreneurs launch their businesses together. Please consider supporting the 6<sup>th</sup> grade entrepreneurs on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Tenakill Middle School. Bring your family to do some holiday shopping and marvel at the wonderful products and services our students have to offer. Doors are open from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (Please remember it is a cash only event!!)

## **Closter Girl Scouts**

Closter Girl Scouts Troop, Kindergarten Daisy Troop 98006, is learning all about reusing resources and reigniting imaginations through the Lego Replay program. Please consider supporting the efforts of the Daisy Troop by dropping off Legos as part of the Lego Replay Program. Gently used Legos are cleaned, sorted and then distributed to Teach for America and to the Boys & Girls Clubs. Types of Legos accepted: any type, big bricks, small bricks, Duplo. Full sets are not required and there is no need to sort them. Collection boxes will be located at Hillside Elementary School (in the main office), the Closter Public Library and Rudy’s Pizzeria in the Closter Plaza.

Your Lego donations will help our Daisy Girl Scouts learn all about giving back to our community.

Closter's Girl Scout Troops are very excited to share a town-wide kindness project with the community. At the Campfire in November, the Closter troops started painting *kindness rocks* and will begin putting the rocks around town. They hope you will smile when you find one and request that you leave it where you find it so they can bring a smile to other neighbors. Feel free to post the kindness rocks project on social media with the hashtag #ClosterRocks.



The Closter Girls Scouts are holding the Annual Town Wide Holiday Party on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. If you have a daughter interested in Girl Scouts, please join the Girl Scouts at the Senior Center for fun, games and cookie decorating.

### **2019 Closter Food Pantry**

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and the Closter Food Pantry is seeking donations to assist our community families in need. Please visit the Borough's website ([www.closternj.us](http://www.closternj.us)) and click on the link for the Food and Assistance Board. Here you will be able to view the lists of items that are needed to stock their shelves. Closter is fortunate to have volunteers on the Food & Assistant Board who work tirelessly to assist our residents in need.

### **Warning by the Closter Police Department**

While the holiday season is a joyful time, the hustle and bustle creates opportunities for increased criminal activity. The Closter Police Department is requesting all residents and businesses are diligent in their efforts to protect properties by setting lights on timers, both interior and exterior, picking up packages, mail and newspapers and removing valuables from vehicles in driveways. Utilizing lighting, setting alarm systems and locking vehicles aids in deterring opportunities criminals look for. The holiday season is a prime time for scams – phone scams, computer scams door to door scams, etc. Please remain diligent and remain very aware by carefully reading emails, reviewing credit card accounts and researching home repair offers. Remember, when an offer sounds too good to be true, there is a good chance it is a scam of some sort.

### **Closter Nature Center**

December is a month filled with events and activities for all. After-school programs include "Rocks & Minerals", explore the amazing world of geology. Class begins on December 10<sup>th</sup> for two weeks. The *Holiday Break Classes* offer four days of nature exploration and animal fun here at the CNC. Depending on your schedule, signup can be for one or more days. The "Welcome Winter Hike" is being held on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3 p.m. All are invited! Layer up your winter clothes, meet at the cabin and join in for an afternoon forest adventure. These are just a sampling of the extensive schedule of programs offered at the Closter Nature Center. Register for the Nature Center Programs is required by registering online at <https://register.community.pass.net/Closter>, or calling Marc Gussen at 201-750-2778. There is *always* an activity or class at the Nature Center.

## **Closter Public Library**

The Library has asked that an important message be shared with all who access the services of the Library: “Beginning November 1, 2019, Macmillan limited libraries to purchase only ONE COPY of each new eBook title for the first eight weeks after its release. Additional copies will then be available for two years of access at a price quadruple consumer prices. This discriminatory trade practice limit’s the library’s ability to offer eBooks to our patrons. Please consider joining the more than 100,000 readers, authors, library staff and patrons from all 50 states who have signed the American Library Association’s #eBooksForAll petition at <https://ebooksforall.org>.”

Looking for an activity on a Friday afternoon? Look no further than the first and third Friday Flicks! *Luce* is the feature film December 6<sup>th</sup> and *Once Upon A Time In Hollywood* is the film on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Both films begin at 1:00 p.m. Patrons can borrow a T-Mobile hotspot to use wherever there is T-Mobile service. A *U.S. 2020 Census Taker Recruiting Event* is planned for Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 a.m. *Mom’s Night Out Book Club* is Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This month’s selection is Mark Sullivan’s book, *Beneath a Scarlet Sky*. The library is a cultural mecca that features variety of classes and, of course, an extensive array of Children’s programs! During the holiday season, the Library closed on Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25. [www.closterpubliclibrary.org](http://www.closterpubliclibrary.org) or 201-768-4197.

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. Together we can make a huge difference in our community.

On behalf of the Council and the Borough’s employees, I extend warm wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.

All the best,



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Mayor