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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The Mayor's Newsletter provides announcements and details on the numerous events taking place throughout the community. Please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue pertaining to the Borough.

Election Day

Election Day is next Tuesday, November 5th. Questions about the location for your voting district? Voters can find answers on the NJ State website, <https://voter.njsvrs.com/elections/polling-lookup.html>, or by contacting the Closter Borough Clerk's office for assistance.

I urge all residents to exercise their right and duty to vote.

Closter Police Department

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3rd. Darkness falls an hour earlier with the clocks being set back an hour. The Closter Police Department is reminding all residents and businesses to reset the timers on both interior and exterior lighting. Utilizing lighting is one way of deterring opportunities for criminal acts. Drivers and pedestrians alike should increase their diligence when driving or walking during the earlier dusk hours.

Closter's Fire Department reminds everyone that Daylight Savings Time is the perfect time to replace the batteries in smoke and carbon dioxide (Co2) detectors.

Belskie Museum of Art & Science

Join the members of the Belskie Museum of Art & Science as they welcome the artists from the "National League of American Pen Women". This accomplished group of sixteen artist members, founded in 1897, when women journalists were not permitted to join the National Press Club. It eventually became a professional organization for women writers, artists and composers. The works on display include painting, sculpture, copper etchings, mixed media and Chinese brush/ink. The exhibit runs from November 3-24th with

an opening reception November 3rd between 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Museum hours are weekends, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. We are available to meet special requests for visiting by calling 201-768-0286.

Save the Date Saturday, November 30th. The Belskie Museum is excited to offer a “*Unique Artisans Cash & Carry Sale*” event on November 30th between 10 am – 6 pm. This is a Holiday cash and carry sale you will not want to miss. The “Unique Artisans” sale features an outstanding array of local artists just in time for the holidays with gift items and works of art such as jewelry, sculpting, pottery, prints, photography, pet portraits, numerology, ceramic tiles, note and holiday cards, just to name a few. Receive a free gift with purchases over \$100.00. Light refreshments will be served.

In addition to the exhibits housed in the Belskie Museum, patrons are invited and encouraged to visit the Art Walk located in the Closter Library. Exhibits are rotated monthly, so be sure to take a look when you are at the library. Visit www.belskiemuseum.com for more information.

Veterans Day Anniversary Dinner

The Closter American Legion Post, Leroy S. Mead Post 111, will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion throughout the 2019 year. The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veteran’s organization, committed to mentoring our youth and the sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism, honor and devotion to fellow service members and veterans.

Post 111 will be celebrating its own 100th Anniversary of attaining an American Legion Charter. On November 11th, 2019, Veterans Day, Post 111 will be celebrating with a full dinner, entertainment and live music at the Estate at Florentine Gardens, 97 Rivervale Rd., River Vale, NJ from 6pm to 10pm. Anyone interested in joining in the remembrance is welcome to attend. The fee is \$45 per person which covers the cost of the event. For more information email ClosterPost111@gmail.com or call 201-256-1039. Responses should be made by October 31st.

Closter Public Library

Jam packed with activities and program for everyone, the Closter Public Library. Is a cultural and recreational center for our community Plan a visit to the Library and enjoy the First (and Third) Friday Flicks at 1:00 p.m. So find a friend and come on down on Friday, November 5th to enjoy the screening of *Red Joan*. Friday, November 15th will feature “*The Art of Racing in the Rain*”.

If a movie isn’t your thing, relax with the Come Knit with Us group on Tuesdays at 7:00pm. Blood Pressure will be taken by the nurse on Wednesday, November 6th between 10:30-11:30 a.m. The Mom’s Night Out Book Club is discussing the *Handmaid’s Tale* on Monday, November 15th at 7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg is being played on Tuesdays between 12 – 3:00 p.m. and of course, yoga and meditation are Wednesdays at 6:00 .m. (*please see the schedules posted at the library for these programs*).

The Library will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27th † for the Thanksgiving Holiday. A complete calendar of activities is available at www.closterpubliclibrary.org. There is so much more available at the Library... Hot Spots, Streaming Music, Movies, ESL and more!

Closter Improvement Commission: Annual Tree Lighting

Annual Tree Lighting: Save the Date!!! The Annual Tree Lighting will be held on Sunday, December 8th at 4:30 p.m. at the Closter Borough Hall. All residents are invited to join in the merriment as we sing carols, enjoy the sounds of choral groups and music groups. A great way to ring in the holidays!

2019 Closter Food and Assistance Board

Many thanks to all residents who participated in the FAB Town-wide Yard Sale. It was another absolutely terrific event. The holiday season is rapidly approaching and the Closter Food Pantry is seeking donations to assist our community families who are in need. Too much trick or treating? Drop a bag of sweet treats in the shopping cart and they will be added to the holiday bags for our clients!

Monday, Nov 25th - 7am through 5:30 pm - people can drop off turkeys or turkey breasts in our donation cart in Borough Hall, ground floor. Volunteers will be moving the turkeys to refrigeration all day. *We have fewer families than last year so please check on our Facebook page before you bring over your turkey - we will post if we reach our limit and cannot accept any more.* In that case, please consider taking the turkey to Center for Food Action in Englewood - they serve ALL communities within Bergen County. Turkeys require refrigeration and they will be distributed that night. So nothing should be left in the cart after 6pm on Monday or else it won't make it to a family.

The Food & Assistance Board maintains a list of items that are needed to stock their shelves. Please visit the Borough's website (www.closternj.us) and click on the link to the Food & Assistance Board.

Closter Nature Center

The November Vacation Nature Program at the CNC is being held on November 7th and November 8th. These "break" programs are a great way to spend time learning while on vacation. November is a time for after school programs as well so, please find a minute to obtain detailed information and registration information that is posted on www.closternaturecenter.org. Looking for a lovely place to take a hike? Visit the Nature Center and enjoy the trails and walkways, wild life and fauna. There are so many wonderful programs taking place at the CNC this month. Visit the nature center website at www.closternaturecenter.org or call Marc Gussen at 201-750-2778 for more information.

Please Use Caution: DEER on our Roadways

Day light savings time and deer mating season can wreak havoc on our roadways. The NJ DEP is urging drivers to be cautious. White-tailed deer become more active during mating season, also known as the fall rut. During this time of year deer are more apt to suddenly run onto roadways as bucks pursue does, creating the increased risk of collisions. Being cautious will become even more important when daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 3rd causing commuters to align with the periods when deer are most active and lighting conditions may be most difficult for driving.

Tips for drivers:

- If traveling after dark, use high beams when there is no oncoming traffic or vehicles ahead.
- Remember: The driver in front of you might have to stop suddenly; don't tailgate.
- Report any deer-vehicle collision to a local law enforcement agency immediately

Important Notice

ONLINE PROPERTY TAXES

You can now look up current property taxes, account history and pay current taxes online. One-time payments can be made online with a credit card, debit card or e-check. To access the application use the following link: <https://wipp.edmundsassoc.com/Wipp/?wippid=0207>

Paying in person, credit cards are now accepted!

Reminder... Property taxes are due on or before 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12th

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 in Closter.

All the Best,



Mayor