



BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

As we approach the first few days of 2017 and prepare for the New Year, I would like to extend sincere good wishes to all for a New Year filled with prosperity and good health. My door is always open, so please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600 x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

2017 Re-Organization Meeting

Please join the Council and community members on Tuesday evening, January 3rd as we move forward with great enthusiasm into 2017. The Borough's Re-Organization Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and is held in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of the Borough Hall. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided at the conclusion of the meeting.

Closter Plaza Reflections and Update

What a year it has been! *Hip Hip Hooray* was the Closter theme for the fall of 2016! The Closter Plaza officially opened for business with the long awaited grand openings of its anchor stores, Whole Foods, Target and Home Goods. The diverse array of services and the variety of shops that are now open provide something for everyone....Petco, 18/8, Rudy's, KidsVille, Massage Envy, Harmon Stores, and Chipotle, just to name few of the Plaza's shops. In the months to come, we are looking forward to welcoming Blue Mercury, Bare Burger, Distrito, Village Whiskey and Toy Genius. The folks at Edens are finalizing leases with several other retailers, which will become available when the leases are finalized.

The renovation and re-opening of the Closter Plaza is a tremendous milestone for Closter. Through years of planning, negotiating and preparing, bringing this project to fruition has proved to be a remarkable accomplishment in reinstating the Borough of Closter as the "*Hub of the Northern Valley*". Hip, Hip Hooray!

Belskie Museum of Art & Science

"*All The World's A Stage*" by the Performing Arts Department of the Bergen County Academies will open the 2017 season of the Martin Hicks Gallery at the Belskie Museum. Featured in this exhibit will be set and

costume designs, playbills, production photos, and Instagram Booth with dress up items for younger patrons, acting class work and performance video. Mannequins dressed in a variety of costumes will be accompanied by renderings and production photos to show the process of creation from page to stage.

Patrons attending the exhibit on Sunday, January 8th will enjoy the performers singing show tunes throughout the opening day! Exhibit Opening: Sunday, January 8th 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Museum Hours are Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free; hours by appointment can be arranged by calling the Belskie at 201-768-0286. www.belskiemuseum.com

Volunteerism

Closter is proud of the spirit of volunteerism, evident by the number of persons committed to supporting the Borough's Boards and Commissions, organizations and community groups. Our emergency service organizations, the Knickerbocker Hook & Ladder Fire Company and the Closter Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Corp, provide extraordinary emergency fire, ambulance and rescue services through the dedication of volunteers. The Borough is grateful for the commitment of these dedicated men and women and for the core of volunteers that strive to make Closter a thriving community.

Closter Food Pantry

With the holiday season coming to a close, the Closter Food Pantry is seeking donations that will restock the empty shelves and assist our community families in need. Please visit the Borough's website (www.closternj.us) and click on the link to the Food and Assistance Board to view the lists of items that are needed to stock their shelves.

On behalf of the Closter Council, I extend best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2017. Happy New Year!

All the best,



Mayor