



# BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

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## MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



November 30, 2016

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The Mayor's Newsletter for November 2016 contains important information about town-wide events and news. 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.

### **Hip, Hip, Hooray! Closter welcomes *TARGET* and *HOMEGOODS***

In addition to the start of the holiday season, the month of November brought the grand openings of the new Target and HomeGoods stores in the Closter Plaza. We are very excited about the array of services and the shopping options afforded to our residents. The Target team has already shown its commitment to the community by participating in the Closter Lion's Pancake Breakfast which was held in October. It is awesome to know the sense of corporate responsibility to the community rings loud and clear!

### **SECOND ANNUAL CLOSTER TREE LIGHTING! December 6, at 7:00 PM**

Ring in the holiday season on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> with friends and neighbors. The Borough of Closter's 2016 Tree Lighting takes place on the front lawn of the Closter Borough Hall, 295 Closter Dock Road. Festivities begin at 7:00 p.m. There will be performances by the Blue Chip Chorus, Harvest Church Choir, and Soloists. Photos with Santa, a DJ, cookies, and a sing-a-long led by the Closter Girls Scouts. Everyone is invited to join in the cheer, the music and the refreshments as we light up the holiday season! This is a rain or shine event.

### **The Belskie Museum's *Holiday Art & Exquisite Craft Sale*: December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

Looking for a special holiday shopping event! The curators of the Belskie Museum are hosting the *Annual Belskie Museum Art & Craft Show & Sale*. This fabulous selection of these unique pieces of art includes jewelry, ceramics, pottery, painting, fashion accessories and quilts from 18 local artists. The Belskie's doors are open between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. *All of this extraordinary work is being offered for sale.* Come early to select holiday gifts from these one of a kind pieces. There is something for everyone!  
[www.belskiemuseum.com](http://www.belskiemuseum.com)

## **Closter Nature Center**

The Closter Nature Center is sponsoring its first Photography Show and Contest during the month of January 2017. Open to children and adults, all photos must be taken at the Nature Center during any season of the year (past and present). The exhibition will be displayed at the Closter Public Library, 280 High Street during the month of January. Details for the Closter Nature Center Photo Exhibit & Competition, including registration, entry fee and printing services can be found on the Nature Center's website, [www.closternaturecenter.org](http://www.closternaturecenter.org) or by emailing Susan McTigue at [msmct4@aol.com](mailto:msmct4@aol.com).

The Closter Nature Center is pleased to be offering an array of activities with a combination of after-school activities, holiday break classes, a Holiday Bird Count and Family Nature Hike! Registration for all of these wonderful programs should be made directly with the Closter Nature Center by calling Marc at the Nature Center, 201-750-2778 to reserve a place in a class. For more information on the *Holiday Bird Count*, please contact Mary Mayer at [marym812@aol.com](mailto:marym812@aol.com). Plan for joining in for a fun and educational time at the Nature Center this December!

## **New Concert Series: "Music Lab", Live at Temple Beth El of the Northern Valley**

Temple Beth El of the Northern Valley announces a new Concert Series: "MusicLab" with the generous support of Closter's Whole Foods Market. The concert will feature **THE JAZZ PASSENGERS** on Saturday, January 14, 2017 with doors opening at 7:30pm and performance beginning at 8pm. General admission tickets on sale online for just \$10 now through December 15, 2016. Advance tickets are also available in person at Temple Beth El during regular office hours. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door for \$20. Buy your **MusicLAB: THE JAZZ PASSENGERS** tickets today at [www.tbenv.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.tbenv.brownpapertickets.com) or [www.tbenv.bpt.me](http://www.tbenv.bpt.me).

## **Senior Volunteers Needed for Senior Transportation Pilot Program**

The Borough of Closter is embarking in a *pilot program* with the existing Senior Van Service offered with Harrington Park and Haworth. This *pilot program* will offer Closter residents who are non-driving senior residents, with transportation assistance to local medical appointments. The criteria of the program is limited to Closter senior residents who are, non-drivers, able to walk to the vehicle and depart the vehicle unassisted, and are flexible in pick-up, drop-off times for medical appointments. The senior van service will operate Monday through Friday and will require a reservation made 48 hours in advance.

If you, or a neighbor or family member, are interested in learning more about the *Senior Transportation Pilot Program*, please contact my office at 201-784-0600 x 304. The first six or eight residents who contact my office and who meet the general guidelines of the Senior Transportation Pilot Program will be considered for this test program. We are hopeful that the success of this program will permit us to broaden the range of the service in the future.

## **Closter Police Department**

The Annual P.B.A. 2016 Toy Drive is in full swing! *New, unwrapped toys* for children that will benefit youngsters who are in hospitals, agencies, as well as our military families can be dropped off at the Closter Police Department Headquarters or at the numerous businesses in town supporting the Annual Toy Drive.

The holiday season can also be a time for increased criminal activity. With this in mind, the Closter Police Department is reminding residents and businesses that increasing lighting in and around homes and businesses with interior lamps and outdoor lighting can help deter activity. Utilizing lighting helps to discourage

criminal acts. This time of year is also a prime time for scams, so please, be diligent and be aware. Recent warnings about utility scams, including a PSE&G scam, have been in the news. Residents are urged to “think before immediately reacting” to a phone demand for money or a lottery winning. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is a scam of some type.

***Patience, Please!***

The opening of our Closter Plaza and its popular venues is going to bring increased traffic to Downtown Closter. In November, the Mayor and Council commissioned a traffic study to determine the new traffic patterns. At the completion of this study, we will be able to determine where we can locate a new stop light, stop signs and intersection configurations. Please have patience until the work is complete.

**2016 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 to the Food and Assistance Board to view the lists of items that are needed to stock their shelves. Our Food & Assistant Board volunteers are working tirelessly to assist our residents in need.

In closing, I am joined by the members of the Closter Council and our Borough’s employees in extending warm holiday greetings to all. May each of us find good health and happiness in the coming New Year.

Happy Holidays,



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*Mayor*