



# BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

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## MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

August 31, 2022

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The Borough is pleased to be hosting two community events in September. We hope you will join in the Annual Labor Day Events, which this year Celebrates 61 Years of Labor Day Town Celebration. On Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> the community is invited to the Annual 9/11 Memorial Service.

### CLOSTER'S ANNUAL LABOR DAY EVENTS ~ CELEBRATING 61 YEARS!!

Closter is proud to host its **61<sup>st</sup> Annual Labor Day Town Celebration** on **Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**  
All events take place and/or start at Memorial Park, located on Harrington Avenue in Closter.  
Detailed Schedule is available on the Borough's website – [www.closternj.us](http://www.closternj.us) homepage

**Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** 10:00 am: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Corn Hole Tournament  
Registration via [closterrec.com](http://closterrec.com) \$20/team  
2-5:00 pm: Pre-race day pickup @ Runners' House, River Vale  
7:00 pm: *The Waldwick Band* at Closter Lions Band Shell

**Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 am: Jim O'Halloran Memorial Kids' Fun Run  
9:30 am: 41st Annual Dom Mircovich Memorial 5k Run  
Registration info – <https://runsighup.com/Race/NJ/Closter/ClosterLaborDay5K>  
Same day registration opens at 8:00am- PLEASE support all our sponsors!!

**Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> ~ 61st Annual Labor Day Town Celebration! New Start Time!!**

3:00 pm-8:15 pm ~ **FREE KIDS RIDES** generously sponsored by Brasserie Memere, EDENS Closter Plaza, Gary's Wines & Liquors, Locale Restaurant, Sear Steakhouse, Stern & Bow, The Hill ~  
*!!Many thanks to all of our Sponsors!!*

3:00pm Adult Egg Toss, 3:45pm Recreation Awards; 4:00pm Shoreline Anthem Band;  
7:00pm Willie Wilson/Tricia Wilson & The Willies; 8:30pm *Sharp* FIREWORKS!!  
[www.closterrec.com](http://www.closterrec.com). (Recreation weather line at 201-750-9507, mail box 6, for inclement weather status).

As always Closter's Volunteer Fire Dept. and Ambulance Corps will have a presence throughout the weekend of events. Please take a moment to introduce yourselves, get to know our volunteers and please consider supporting these organizations in any way that you can.

## Closter's September 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Remembrance Service

*Please join neighbors and friends, old and new, as we pay tribute on the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup>.*



*The Memorial acts as a sundial; at exactly 8:46 a.m. on every September 11th, sunlight passes through an aperture in the dedication stone, illuminating a fragment of World Trade Center steel.*

### **Closter Police Department**

Closter's Public Schools OPEN on Tuesday, September 6th. The Closter Police Department is urging *everyone* to please drive safely. NJ State Law requires motorists to STOP for pedestrians in marked crosswalks, observe speed signs, and put down the cell phone while driving. These infractions all come with heavy penalties, ranging from points on a driver's license to fines and or community service.

In an effort to reduce motor vehicle accidents and improve safety on our roadways we have upgraded several stop signs in the Borough. These new LED stop signs are solar powered and have motion sensors affixed to them to flash red when vehicles approach. These stop signs have been placed at the intersections of High St. & Closter Dock Rd., Demarest Ave. & Knickerbocker Rd., West St. & Harrington Ave. and Cedar Lane & Knickerbocker Rd. These stop signs will enhance visibility, in turn giving motorists advance warning of the approaching intersection. Closter's Police Department will continue to improve the Borough's roadways to make them safer for motorists and pedestrians.



## Belskie Museum of Art & Science

The Belskie Museum of Art & Science is pleased to present “*The Faculty of the Art School At Old Church*”, an exhibit by 43 talented faculty members of the Art School at Old Church in Demarest, NJ. This is the fourth time these two leading non-profit cultural institutions have collaborated on an art exhibit. It promises to be of great interest with a large and diverse display of many art forms by extremely talented artists who have developed their skills over many years and passionately share their knowledge with others through their instructional endeavors. On display will be a large collection of fine art & craft.

This exhibit runs from September 11<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. *Artist Reception is being held on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 1-5pm.* The museum hours (after September 11<sup>th</sup> opening) will be Saturdays & Sundays 2-4pm. While admission is free, Face Masks are required inside the museum. 280 High St., Closter, NJ. [www.belskiemuseum.com](http://www.belskiemuseum.com)

### Mayor’s Committee for the Arts

As part of Mayor Glidden's Committee for the Arts, the Improvement Commission was so proud to host a wonderful group of young talented musicians this past Sunday, Aug. 28th at the space between BareBurger and CMX Movie Theater. This is one of many Pop Up events held over the summer months.

The 12 piece violin orchestra named “understaffed”, was led by conductor Elliot Roman, a composer, flutist, and pianist who received his masters from Manhattan School of Music. Mr. Roman received the 2021 BMI Student Composer Award for his undergraduate orchestral thesis composition, *Tzirkkshpitz*, which was performed by Manhattan School of Music's Philharmonic Orchestra.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in Closter Plaza (near 19 Vervalen Street) as the *Purple Glove Band* rocks the plaza with classic rock! Be sure to stay tuned for dates of other Pop Up Events as they will continue to unfold throughout the coming months.

### PAVA (Pacific American Volunteer Assoc.)

The difference volunteers bring to our community is tremendous. Closter is fortunate to be the home of Elliot Lim, a senior at NVRHS and one of the NJ district presidents of the Pacific American Volunteer Association, PAVA World, which promotes volunteerism within local communities, preserves the environment through cleanup efforts and educates the youth on current issues. In Closter, PAVA has been active for the past three years, accomplishing weekly cleanups at local parks and churches, participating in the Closter Cleanup days, the Anti-Asian Hate event and in the parade on Memorial Day. On July 30<sup>th</sup> PAVA funded a garage sale at the Closter Commons with the intent to make donations in hopes of bettering the community. On September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, the governing body will be hosting members of PAVA as they present their generous donations to the Closter Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Closter Food & Assistance Board. The spirit and generosity of this organization is an inspiration to all.



## Closter Public Library

September's calendar is filled with opportunities for everyone, all age groups and a host of varied interests!

*Stuart Isacoff Musical Revolutions: A Presentation with Images and Music* – September 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Renowned author and long-time Closter resident, Stuart Isacoff, will be discussing his new book Musical Revolutions: how the sounds of the world changed.

First Friday Flicks take place on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm featuring *Downton Abbey – A New Era*. *The Short Story Club* meets via Zoom on alternate Tuesdays at 7:30 pm; Adult Book Club meets Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 3pm; Yoga and Meditation on Wednesdays at 6pm are hybrid and Mah Jongg is held on Thursdays from 12:30 – 3:30pm. Zumba via Zoom is Thursdays, 4:30-5pm. Visit the library's website, [closterpubliclibrary.org](http://closterpubliclibrary.org), newsletter signup to get the kids' newsletter. Fall registration begins September 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Bergen County – Annual Senior Citizens Festival

The Bergen Co., Division of Senior Services/ADRC is hosting its annual Senior Citizens Festival on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> (rain date Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>) between 10:00am and 2:00pm at the Van Saun County Park in Paramus. If you are 60+ years old, please join us for a special day including lunch, craft fair, music & entertainment, information tables and much more. For more information, please call Senior Services at 201-336-7416.

## Closter Fire Department

**The Closter Fire Department is currently in DIRE NEED of new members to help our community.** We can have all of the equipment in the world but without members it is useless. Volunteer members like you allow us to serve our community as we have proudly done for over the past 129 years.

# VOLUNTEERS WANTED

There is currently a **CRITICAL NEED** for volunteer firefighters in Closter. **YOU** can make a difference in our community, learn new skills and become part of a team & family.

**PLEASE consider joining us today !!**

Email [fireprev@closternj.us](mailto:fireprev@closternj.us) for more information or visit us on the web at <http://www.closterfd.org>



**We are proud to have been serving Closter as volunteers for 129 years & still counting.  
Be part of our future - WE NEED YOU !!**

As our world becomes more complicated with each passing year, our emergency calls for help increase. Today we respond to far more than just fires and alarms. We answer a myriad of unique requests, each and everyone just a little different from the last but one thing remains the constant - **One call does it ALL !** But we need volunteer members like you to help us continue to help our community for the next 129 years!

**PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US -WE PROMISE AN EXPERIENCE YOU WILL NOT FORGET!**

## Closter Food Pantry

The Closter Food Pantry is in need of several items to restock their shelves and meet the needs of its families. Here is a list of the Pantry's most needed items as of now: Shelf Stable Milk, oil, canned beans, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned salmon and canned chicken, mayonnaise, oatmeal, pancake mix/syrup, quinoa,

spaghetti – angel hair & linguine only, pasta sauce, shampoo, feminine hygiene pads, dish soap, multi-purpose cleaning spray and laundry detergent.

Donations can be left in the FAB's grocery cart which is located in the Lewis St. entrance of Borough Hall near the ground floor elevator. Please do not leave opened or expired items as we are not able to use them. Grocery gift cards or monetary donations are also appreciated and can be left in the silver box on the wall in the vestibule of the Lewis St. entrance of Borough Hall. Thank you for your support!

### **Closter Nature Center**

The After-School Nature Program (Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade) starts the week of 9/12. Mrs. Wonderwhy's Nature Fun Fridays for preschoolers starts on 9/9. For more information visit [www.closternaturecenter.org](http://www.closternaturecenter.org) or register online at [www.register.communitypass.net/Closter](http://www.register.communitypass.net/Closter). Trails - Volunteer Open House is Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm. We need your help!! The CNC needs to substantially expand our team of volunteers for trail maintenance and invasive species removal. Join us in this important work for the sustainability of our 136 acre forest and 3 miles of hiking trails. The Spotted Lanternfly Zoom Presentation will be held on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. Paul Kurtz from the NJ Dept. of Agriculture will be presenting a program on the Spotted Lanternfly. The Closter Public Library and Closter Environmental Commission are our event partners. This program is FREE! Registration link: [closternaturecenter.org/?event=spotted-lanternfly-zoom-program](http://closternaturecenter.org/?event=spotted-lanternfly-zoom-program).

Education programming is currently supported with a generous grant from Orange & Rockland. Any questions or for more info, please email [programdirector@closternaturecenter.org](mailto:programdirector@closternaturecenter.org).

### **Closter Elks**

On September 6<sup>th</sup> from 3-8pm, the Closter Elks is sponsoring a blood drive with Vitalant. This important drive will be held at the Elks Lodge located at 148 Railroad Avenue in Closter. For more information, please call the toll free number for Vitalant, 1-877-258-4825.

### **Public Notice**

#### **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**

On July 16, 2022, 9-8-8 became the nationwide 3-digit dialing code for crisis and suicide prevention, replacing the 1-800 number currently used by the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. When dialed, 9-8-8 connects the caller with the crisis/suicide prevention system. This will allow anyone in the U.S. to call 9-8-8 and get help designed specifically for someone dealing with a mental health crisis. Recently the New Jersey Department of Human Services hosted a [webinar](#) with a [PowerPoint](#) presentation that you can review. Questions can be sent via email to [988Questions@dhs.nj.gov](mailto:988Questions@dhs.nj.gov). This direct connection to accessible and compassionate support and resources will be open to anyone experiencing emotional distress or those worried about a loved one. We encourage you to share this information with your Municipal Manager and Health Officer. **Contact:** Paul Penna, Senior Legislative Analyst, [ppenna@njlm.org](mailto:ppenna@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x110.

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Volunteerism is the spirit and backbone of any township. Closter is fortunate to have a dedicated core of passionate community members interested in projects that support and enhance a wide range of community programs and activities. Thank you Volunteers! *Closter is a better community because of you!*

All the Best,



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**Mayor**