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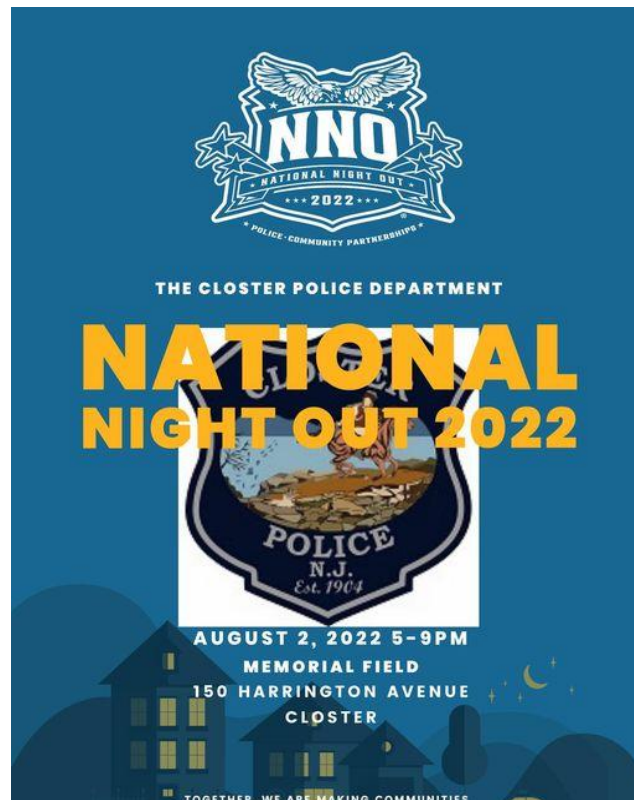
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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am pleased to provide the Mayor's Newsletter designed to inform our residents with information on the activities and events taking place in Closter. My door is always open, so please feel free to contact me at 201-784-0600 x 500 with concerns or suggestions.

National Night Out

Our first ever National Night Out! Tuesday, August 2nd come down to Memorial Park and get to know your Police, Fire, Ambulance and DPW!! #nno #nationalnightout #closter



Closter's Annual Labor Day Events ~~ 2022

Borough of Closter

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Closter New Jersey

BIG NEWS for Closter's town celebration on Labor Day Weekend in Closter!

We hope everyone can come and enjoy some family fun. Finalized plans will be published in the coming weeks, posted on the Borough and Recreation websites as well as social media.

Saturday, September 3rd at 10:00 am: 3rd Annual Corn Hole Tournament (\$20/team)

Sunday, September 4th at 9:00 am: Jim O'Halloran Memorial Kids Fun Run

at 9:30 am: 41st Annual Dom Mircovich Memorial 5k Run

Run registration info can be found on the Closter Rec website. And this link for Runsign up: [Closter's Dom Mircovich Memorial 5K - 41st Annual & Jim O'Halloran Kids Fun Run \(runsignup.com\)](http://Closter's Dom Mircovich Memorial 5K - 41st Annual & Jim O'Halloran Kids Fun Run (runsignup.com))

Monday, September 5th: New Start Time is 3pm! New format for town wide celebration!

FREE KIDDY RIDES from 3pm-8:15pm, FIREWORKS 8:30pm SHARP!

Tentative timing of events ~ 3pm Adult Egg Toss, 3:45pm Rec Awards, 4pm Music at the Band Shell; 7pm The Willies, 8:30pm ~ SHARP ~ Fireworks!! Food & Drink will be available 3pm-8:30pm

ALL events start and take place at Closter Memorial Park located on Harrington Ave. in Closter. For more information visit the Closter Rec website! (Check the Rec weather line at 201-750-9507, mailbox 6, if there is a question regarding the status of activities due to inclement weather).

Closter's September 11th ~ Remembrance Service

Please join neighbors and friends, as we pay tribute on the 21st Anniversary of September 11th.



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.

A Message from the Tax Collector's Office

Third Quarter 2022 Taxes are *due by 3:00 pm on Wednesday, August 10, 2022*. Property tax payments can be made online by visiting the Borough's website at www.closternj.us. Another payment alternative is to leave your payment in the *silver TAX drop box* on the wall located in the Lewis St. vestibule of Borough Hall (please do not leave cash; it will not be accepted at this time).

Closter Stormwater Management

Recently Closter has experienced rainstorms of unprecedented intensity. In particular, the area at and below Alpine has been hit the hardest with stormwater runoff. A one-inch rainfall dropping in minutes, not hours, is not absorbed and creates overflow damage to properties. Both Boroughs are in compliance with State requirements and enforce all wastewater runoff ordinances. In both Boroughs, all new construction requires the installation of seepage pits. As a general rule-of-thumb, all seepage pits should be opened, inspected and cleaned twice annually, and after any storm event yielding two-inches or more of rainfall. Closter's Mayor and Administrator have met with Alpine's Mayor and Administrator to assess the problems and work towards viable solutions.

Closter's MacBain Farm



Closter's MacBain Farm, a jewel of Closter, is open for picking! Each Closter household can register to pick one bucket of fresh vegetables once a week from the posted pick list. The list changes weekly but typically includes some variety of lettuces, arugula, parsley, basil, chives, mint, dill, cucumbers, beans, squash, hot and sweet peppers, and eggplant. Tomatoes are almost ready and when they are, they are the stars of the farm. Watching the plants in all stages of development, from seedling to flower to ripe vegetable is fascinating. The cucumber plants are especially beautiful.

Proof of Closter residency is required at registration and registration is required to pick vegetables. Households that registered in 2020 or 2021 will not have to fill out a new registration form, but will need to show a driver's license or other documentation of current Closter residency to complete the registration process. The Farm is always in need of volunteers to pull weeds, tomatoes and help at check-in. Anyone interested in volunteering can sign up during the Farm's open hours or email mcbfarm@closternj.us.

The MacBain Farm, located at 203 Hickory Lane, is open Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 9am-1pm and 4pm-6pm, weather permitting. Parking is on Hickory Lane.

Closter Fire Department



This irreplaceable emergency service needs members who will join us in our commitment to respond to the emergency calls during times of need.

Please, contact the Closter Fire Department at firedept@closternj.us.
"We Need YOU!"

Closter Recreation

Fall Soccer registration is now open on the Closter Rec website – www.closterrec.com. Please visit the Closter Rec website not only for Rec registration for fall soccer, but in the coming weeks, there will be additional programs offered for the kids for the fall season! Check back often!!

Closter Food and Assistance Board

The Closter food pantry is collecting non-perishable donations. Should you like to donate non-perishable food items, the FAB has a grocery cart located near the elevator on the ground floor of the Closter Borough Hall (Lewis St. entrance). Donations of non-perishable items that are not expired and in good shape are needed.

Office of Emergency Management

OEM works to assist Closter residents who, due to physical limitations, may not be able to self-evacuate in an emergency condition and may require assistance. This need may be due to medical equipment or lack of proper transportation during an emergency. Closter residents who would like to be included on the OEM evacuation assistance list should contact Leslie Weatherly at 201-784-0600 x 304. (All information is strictly confidential and will be kept in the OEM files to be used in emergency situations only).

Closter Police Department

The Closter Police Department has teamed up with [7-Eleven](#) for 2022 Operation Chill! Officers will be issuing 7/11 Operation Chill Coupons to kids throughout the community. This program is aimed to enhance the relationship between the youth in the community and the Closter Police. Kids who are seen by a police officer exhibiting good behavior, performing good deeds, practicing bicycle safety, helping a neighbor, etc. will be issued a 7/11 Free Slurpee Coupon!

Closter Public Library

Check your email on Sunday evenings for a list of popular items coming out on Tuesday. You can click the pictures to reserve the items! First Friday Flicks ~ August, 5th at 1pm~ feature film is *Nightmare Alley*. The Short Story Club via zoom takes place on alternate Tuesdays at 7:30pm. Email Julia for the story and zoom link. The Adult Book Club will meet on August 17th at 3pm to discuss *Hidden Power* by Kati Marton. Yoga, meditation and Zumba all continue this month. Please contact the library for further information.

Mah Jongg, for the experienced player, is held on Thursdays, 12:30-3:30pm. Passes to the Storm King Art Center are available through the library. *Storiescape*, Sueim Koo's paintings, are featured on the Belskie Art Wall through September 3rd. It's a beautiful exhibit of abstract landscapes representing her emotions and memories. Summer programs for our youth services are currently in session. The Closter Library is a "hub" to cultural, recreational and education materials! Come visit us in person or online!

Closter's Shade Tree Commission

A message from the Shade Tree Commission ~ "*Trees need love too!* Showing them your appreciation by watering during the spring and summer months will help them develop into mature trees capable of overcoming dry periods. The current drought we are in can be very hard on trees. If a newly planted tree or sapling does not get enough water, it can easily perish. You can help by watering young trees at your home 1-2 times per week during dry times. Children can be involved in watering too. It's a great opportunity to share the benefits of healthy trees and can instill an appreciation that lasts a lifetime".

Closter Nature Center

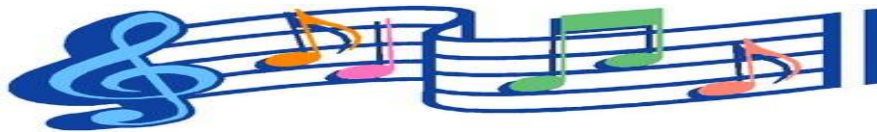
The Summer Program is in full swing, the children are having a blast!!! Limited spots available through August 25th for children ages 4-14. To register please go to: <https://register.communitypass.net/Closter>, our online registration and payment system. Keep an eye open for our *New* Pop-Up Nature Guide Station! With art supplies, a typewriter, magnifying glasses, games, books, and more this stand will typically appear on Thursdays near the picnic tables. Other dates may be announced on social media — follow us on Facebook and on Instagram @ClosterNatureCenter. See you soon!!

Volunteers Needed. The Closter Nature Center depends on the support of our neighbors for everything from stuffing envelopes to building bridges. Current volunteer opportunities include a variety of trail maintenance jobs. For more info - <https://closternaturecenter.org/volunteer-positions-available/>.

Closter Environmental Commission

Display Garden of Native Grasses and Groundcovers: The Environmental Commission has planted a display garden of native grasses and ground covers at MacBain Farm, with nine native grasses and groundcovers that can be used to replace portions of existing turf lawn with New Jersey native plants. Lower impact landscaping with native grasses and groundcovers uses less water, does not need herbicides and pesticides, and helps avoid erosion by absorbing storm water. The display garden will allow residents to see what the plants look like from season to season as they mature. Information on the plants, including height, spread, light and moisture requirements, bloom color, deer resistance, and mowing tolerance is available. If you are considering reducing your lawn size by adding native plantings, stop by MacBain Farm at 203 Hickory Lane and take a look! Contact the Environmental Commission at envcomm@closternj.us.

Closter Improvement Commission



~ Mayor's Committee of the Arts ~

The following Pop-Up performances have been confirmed for end of July, August & September.

Sat., July, 30th, 2pm: *Clifton Lewis & Victoria Casella*, Cabaret, near Rudy's Ristorante & Pizza, located in the Closter Plaza

Tues. Aug. 2nd, 5pm: *National Family Night Out* at Memorial Park located on Harrington Ave., National Anthem will be sung by *Olga Xanthopoulou*.

Thurs., Aug. 4th, 5pm: *Ellen Lutvak & Michael Pisano*, pottery demonstration & guitar music, near Brasserie Memere, in the Closter Plaza

Sat., Aug. 20th & Sat., Aug. 27th at noon: *Gymnastics* at Ruckman Park

Sun., Aug 28th, 1pm: *Elliot Roman*, conductor, String Orchestra, near Bareburger in Closter Plaza

Sat., Sept. 17th, 2pm: *Classic Rock Cover Band*, near Brasserie Memere in Closter Plaza

Volunteer needed!! Looking for someone to run our PA system for our outdoor pop up concert in Closter Plaza Saturday, September 17th at 2pm. Purple Glove Band has 5 mics for vocals, drum kit, amps for 3 guitars and bass amp. Email mayorscommitteearts@gmail.com

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**Volunteering** enriches our communities in numerous ways. Closter has in incredible core of dedicated volunteers in a wide range of activities; including emergency services, scout leaders as well as boards and commissions. I urge each and every one of you to consider ways in which you can make a difference. Our Fire Department and Ambulance Corps are just two of the incredible organizations needing volunteers!

All the Best,

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**Mayor**