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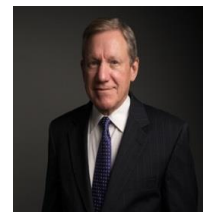
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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

October 28, 2022

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 concerning the Borough.

Invitation to the Unveiling of Closter's New Pocket Park Wednesday, November 2nd at 4:15pm

All are invited to the unveiling of Closter's new Pocket Park on **Wednesday, November 2nd at 4:15pm**. Closter's Pocket Park is located near 217 Closter Dock Road (next to the Empty Vase). Pop-up performance of American Root Music, Robbie, Amy & Marion to begin at 4:15. This lovely restoration was made possible by the generosity of AARP through the AARP Community Challenge Grant and the hard work of the members of the Closter Improvement Commission. All are welcome!

Closter Halloween Parade

The 66th annual Halloween Parade sponsored by the Closter Recreation Commission was held on Sunday, October 30th. Costume judging by Mayor John Glidden produced winners in the following categories: Most Beautiful, Funniest, Scariest, Most Original, and for the annual TAAZ Trophy – Best Costume. The Halloween Party sponsored by the Closter PTO followed the judging and a great time was had by all!!



Veterans Day ~ Friday, November 11th ~



Leroy S. Mead Post 111 – honoring our Veterans on Veterans Day

The community is invited to join the members of Leroy S. Mead Post 111 on Friday, November 11th at 11:00 a.m. in Veterans Monument Park, Herbert Ave., Closter for the 2022 Veterans Day Service

Mayor’s Committee For The Arts

As part of Mayor Glidden’s Committee for the Arts, the Improvement Commission is pleased to host the CJC Music School’s performance on Saturday November 12th at 3pm. This lively outdoor performance will be held at the Whole Foods outdoor patio in Closter Plaza, 45 Vervalen St. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the BareBurger’s covered outdoor dining area.

Closter Police Department

Daylight Savings Time is Sunday, November 6th. Reset the interior and exterior timers for all lighting devices. Utilizing both interior and exterior lighting is a strong deterrent in preventing criminal acts. It is a good time to change the batteries in smoke and CO2 detectors!

Please, Lock your car doors and bring your key fobs inside!!

A Message from the Tax Collector’s Office

2022 Property Taxes are due **Tuesday, November 1, 2022**. Property tax payments can be made online through the Borough’s website at www.closternj.us. Tax payments may be left in the **silver TAX Drop Box** located on the wall in the Lewis St. vestibule of Borough Hall (please do not leave cash).

Belskie Museum

“*Awaited Awakening*” is on exhibit now through November 6th. The works of fifteen accomplished artist members of the National League of American Pen Women founded in 1897 initially 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.

Closter Fire Department



The Closter VOLUNTEER Fire Dept ranks continue to dwindle. Your Fire Department is 100% volunteer and has been that way since 1893. The department relies and runs on help from its own residents in protecting our town. There is an IMMEDIATE need for new members.

We NEED YOUR HELP. Please consider JOINING us in serving our community. For more information you can visit us on the web at www.closterfd.org or email secretary@closterfd.org. Join an incredible organization and make a difference!!

Knickerbocker Hook & Ladder Company - Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Closter Fire Department will be hosting the Firehouse Marketplace on November 26 from 11am – 6pm at the Closter Fire Department, 100 Ruckman Rd. Handmade crafters, many types of vendors, pictures with Santa, pottery demonstration, great food and more. Free parking and admission. Visit the FB page for vendors – Facebook.com/ClosterLadiesAuxiliary

Closter Public Library

The Public Library will close at 5pm on Wednesday, November 23 and will be closed on Thursday, November 24th to celebrate Thanksgiving. The BCCLS App is now available to use on your mobile device to search the catalog, check your library card and check out items. Go to the App Store or the Google Play Store to download the app.

First Friday Flicks, November 4th at 1pm, will feature *Top Gun Maverick*. The Short Story Club is meeting via Zoom on alternate Tuesdays from 7:30-9pm. The Adult Book Club meets on November 16th at 3pm, *Horse*, is this month's book. Yoga and Meditation remain on Wednesdays at 6pm in person or virtual. Mah Jongg is being played on Thursdays from 1-3pm and Zumba via Zoom is on Thursdays, 4:30-5pm. The Belskie Art Wall is featuring *WHY WATERCOLOR* by Evelyn Stokvis. A beautiful collection of work! You can support the Library throughout the holiday shopping season by joining Amazon Smile and designating the Friends of the Closter Public Library as your charity. Visit smile.amazon.com to begin.

Closter Historic Preservation Commission

Everyone is invited to the unveiling and dedication of Closter's first Borough sponsored historic market, to be held Sunday, November 13th at 1:00 pm. The marker and dedication will be at the corner of Blanch Avenue and Piermont Road. This beautiful and informative historic marker commemorating the rich history of Blanch Avenue will be dedicated to the memory of former Borough Historian, Arthur Goldberg, M.D. The event is organized by the Closter Historic Preservation Commission..

Closter Improvement Commission

The 2022 Holiday Tree Lighting is being planned for Sunday, December 4th. Pre-holiday music is planned to begin at 3:30 pm, followed by the 4:00 pm Welcome by Mayor Glidden. Join Closter's families, friends and neighbors in the merriment of this holiday season as there will be music, hot chocolate, Santa and more! Look for the posters that will be out shortly and of course, social media will be flooded with information and details of this fun filled event. *Ho Ho Ho!*

Closter Nature Center

The After-School Nature Program (Pre-K4 to 6th grade) starts the week of 11/7. This month's after-school focus: Native American Survival Skills! Mrs. Wonderwhy's Nature Fun Fridays for preschoolers starts 11/4. For more information go to: <https://closternaturecenter.org/events-list-futurepast/> Or register online at: <https://register.communitypass.net/Closter> (Education programming currently supported with a generous grant from Orange & Rockland.)

The First Thanksgiving (Family Program) — Sunday, November 20th from 3-4pm. The history of our Thanksgiving staples: the origins of corn, turkey, squash and America's favorite holiday- Thanksgiving! Space is limited, Pre-registration is required. Register online (Adult/Community Programs) (communitypass.net).

Fundraiser: Join Us for Wine Tasting at Gary's — Wednesday, November 9th at 7pm. All Donations Directly Benefit Closter Nature Center. The event is hosted by Closter's own: Gary's Wine & Marketplace. Space is

limited, \$30 suggested donation, participants must be at least 21 years of age. RSVP required at: closternaturecenter.org/?event=wine-tasting-at –garys. Questions? programdirector@closternaturecenter.org

Environmental Commission

Fall is upon us! As you winterize, your Closter Environmental Commission suggests leaving some leaves in your garden beds and on non-grassy areas of your property to provide needed habitat for next spring's pollinators. Current best practices from environmental and governmental organizations suggest that raking (not blowing) leaves into garden flower and vegetable beds is an excellent way to create healthy soil and increase the pollinators we need in the spring that overwinter underground or curled into the leaves. Leaves provide a layer of warmth for the roots of trees and shrubs during the winter as well. Here is some information from the US Fish and Wildlife Service: [♪ Don't stop believin'! DO stop de-leafin! 🍂](#)

And while you are out enjoying the Fall, stop by the Buzzoni Farm Park to see the goings on (from Closter Dock Road, take Piermont Road north; turn left on Blanch Avenue, then follow to the end of the street). Many thanks to Eagle Scout James Song for the wonderful handmade benches that have been added around the pond. A new pollinator garden, funded through the Association of NJ Environmental Commissions and the Borough, is in the process of being established. And did we mention that the pond at Buzzoni is a habitat for the eastern red newt? Buzzoni Farm Park is part of the Cross-Closter Trail System (follow the white and blue trail blazes), and you can follow the Dr. Arthur F. Goldberg trail all the way to the Closter Nature Center. Finally, this fall and next spring will be key planting times for the Buzzoni Pollinator Garden. If you would like to volunteer to help establish the garden, please contact the EC at envcomm@closternj.us.

Closter Recreation

Registration for winter sports is now open on the Closter Rec Website at closterrec.com . Please register for individual sports for children in grades K-8. Winter sports being offered are wrestling, indoor soccer and basketball.

Closter Shade Tree Commission

The Commission is overseeing this fall's street tree plantings throughout the Borough. While the Commission handles planting and all future pruning, homeowners are welcome to help with watering of these young trees, particularly when temperatures are above 40 degrees. 2-3 times a month will help "tree"mendously with the establishment of the tree. A reminder that the Commission's Fall Foliage Photo Contest is drawing to a close on November 4th. Be sure to get your submission in! Details are available on the Borough's homepage, www.closternj.us.

Questions? Please reach out to the STC members at shadetree@closternj.us

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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,



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**Mayor**