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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

September, a wonderful month with two community events! We hope you will join in the Annual Labor Day Events organized for September 2nd through the 4th. Closter's September 11th Memorial Service is Monday, September 11th at Remembrance Park located on Harrington Avenue.

CLOSTER'S ANNUAL LABOR DAY EVENTS ~ CELEBRATING 62 YEARS!!

Closter is proud to host its **62nd Annual Labor Day Town Celebration** on **Monday, September 4th**

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 homepage

Saturday, September 2nd - 4th Annual Corn hole Tournament 10:00 am

Sunday, Sept. 3rd - 42nd Annual Dom Mircovich Memorial 5k Run 9:30 am preceded by the Kid's Fun Run 9:00 am and 3/4 Boys Baseball All Star Game at 4:00pm; 5/6 Boys Baseball All Star Game at 6:30pm – Both games are at George Potterton Little League Field – Memorial Park!

Closter's 62nd annual Labor Day Town Celebration will take place ON Labor Day, Monday, September 4th from 3pm-9pm culminating with Fireworks at approx. 9:00pm (dark)

Schedule of events *FREE KIDDIE RIDES ALL DAY LONG, Free Pony Rides 4pm-7pm*

3:00pm Adult Egg Toss

3:30pm Recreation Awards

4pm Music by "THE KOOTZ"

5pmish - Closter Fire Department Wet Down

6:15-6:45pm Willie Wilson Farewell Concert - Willie Wilson is retiring after entertaining Closter residents for over 30+ years!!

7:15-9pm Music by Shoreline Anthem

9:00 p.m. (Approximately) Fireworks!!

Food & Drink available from 3pm-8:45pm – Come Hungry! Stop down and see friends and family from years past and celebrate at the longest running town celebration in North Jersey.

A note of thanks and appreciation to the Sponsors of the Labor Day Kiddie Rides ~ This support is an ardent example of community commitment! When patronizing these remarkable sponsors ~ The Hill, EDENS-Closter Plaza, Sear Steak House, Brasserie Memere, Stern & Bow, Gary's Wine & Market Place and First Commerce Bank, please acknowledge their support. A special shout out to the Closter Coaches Association who also donated funds to help sponsor the free rides for the kids!

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As always Closter's Volunteer Emergency Services, the Fire Dept. and Ambulance Corps will have a presence throughout the weekend of events. Find a minute to introduce yourselves and get to know our volunteers. It's a great time to consider supporting these amazing organizations in any way that you can.

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

*Please join neighbors and friends, old and new, as we pay tribute on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup>.*



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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 Wednesday, September 6th. The Closter Police Department is asking *everyone* to please increase diligence in driving 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.

The CPD is urging all drivers to observe the crosswalks for pedestrians and to *STOP* for pedestrians. Safety of our children and pedestrians is everyone's responsibility.

<https://www.njoag.gov/about/divisions-and-offices/division-of-highway-traffic-safety-home/division-of-highway-traffic-safety-pedestrian-safety/>

A Message from the Tax Collector ~

*** NEW ONLINE FEATURE FOR PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS ***



Visit [www.https://www.closternj.us](https://www.closternj.us)

Paying your taxes on line? Through online payments, you can now become a registered user and schedule Auto Pay. Property owners will receive an email notification that the payment is scheduled to be processed. This feature will allow the tax payer time to act, make changes or cancel, if necessary.



Belskie Museum of Art & Science

“Art & Design Studio of Rockland” is the September exhibit at the Belskie Museum. This delightful collaboration of work by ten artists will feature a collection of approximately 35 works of oils and multimedia. The Art & Design Studio, located in Nanuet, NY, offers children, teens and adults a complete fine art education.

This exhibit runs from September 10th – October 1st, 2023. *Artist Reception is being held on Sunday, September 10th, 1-4pm.* The museum hours (after the September 10th opening) will be Saturdays & Sundays 2-4pm. While admission is free; (hours by appointment can be arranged). 280 High St., Closter, NJ. www.belskiemuseum.com

Mayor’s Committee for the Arts

A special September performance, arranged by the Mayor’s Committee for the Arts, is being held for the Spectrum community only. This engagement has been arranged with The Purple Glove Band to perform at the Spectrum for Living, Closter Intermediate Care Facility.

Last Thursday evening, August 24th, was in full swing at the Senior Center as Mayor Glidden's Committee for the Arts proudly hosted *Reflections Jazz and Swing Orchestra*, a group of extremely talented musicians. This is one of the many Pop- Up Events that have been featured around town during the summer of 2023.

Be sure to stay tuned for dates of upcoming fall Pop- Up dates. Events are posted on the Closter website, social media and Closter Library for information as these delightful events continue to unfold throughout the coming months.

Closter Public Library

September’s calendar is filled with opportunities for everyone, all age groups and a host of varied interests! In that vein, September is Library Card Sign up MONTH! For the month of September the replacement fee for library cards will be waived. If you’ve been avoiding the library because of a lost library card, come back to us this month for free!

Patrons may have noticed we are in the process of reorganizing the Adult section of the library to serve you better. Fiction has moved to the front of the stacks; non-fiction is sliding into the back. It will be more convenient to the silent study section...please be patient until this project is completed. Technology help is available on Mondays from 7-8pm. Learn how to use cell phone, text, surf the internet, Zoom and more. The Adult Health & Wellness Program is Wednesday, September 2nd from 10:30-11:30 am. The First Friday Flicks will feature “About My Father” on September 1st at 1pm.

The Short Story Club, via Zoom; the Adult Book Club, Yoga & Meditation (alternating Wednesdays); Knitting & Craft Group on Thursdays at 12:30, Zumba via Zoom on Thursdays are ongoing programs. Beginning on September 5th through October 28th the artwork of Closter artist, Andrew Weatherly will be exhibited on the Belskie Museum's Art Wall located in the library.

Please visit the library's website at www.closterpubliclibrary.org for details on dates, time and registration, which begins on September 15th at 10:00am.

Labor Day weekend - Saturday, September 2 through Monday, September 4th – will find the Library closed in honor of Labor Day

Closter Food Pantry

Thank you to everyone who donated gift cards for FAB's Back-To-School fundraiser! We raised over \$1,300 and were able to help the children of 10 families get the supplies they need to start school in September. The smiles on the faces of both the parents and children, when receiving the cards, were priceless! Thank you for making a difference in your neighbor's lives!

Please consider donating our most needed items before our distribution on September 14th! With families on vacation in July and August...our shelves are low!!!! 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 of non-perishable items can be left in the FAB's grocery cart, conveniently located on the ground floor of Borough Hall in the Lewis St. entrance near the ground floor elevator. Remember, the FAB cannot accept opened or expired items. Grocery gift cards or monetary donations are also appreciated and can be left in the silver mail box located on the wall in the vestibule of the Lewis St. entrance of Borough Hall. Please mark the envelope "FAB". *Thank you for your continued support!*

Closter Nature Center

NEW this FALL! Semester-long programming for our after-school nature classes begins on September 12th. Plan your child's schedule in advance with our block sessions. Sign-up early and save 10% on the full semester package.

For more information, visit our website at www.closternaturecenter.org or sign-up directly on Community Pass: <https://register.communitypass.net/closter>.

Volunteers are needed (both teens and adult opportunities) – visit closternaturecenter.org/volunteer. Any questions or for more info, please email programdirector@closternaturecenter.org.

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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