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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



February 28, 2023

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

February 2023 issue of the Mayor's Newsletter brings some important messages, news and events in town. Please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x 500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

“Friends of the Hess Lustron House” ~ A Tribute to *Sophie Heymann*

Closter's historic mid-century style Lustron House Museum is free and open to the public every second Saturday of the month from noon to 2:00 p.m. The next open date is Saturday, March 11th. This month the Lustron House Museum will be open for a Special Exhibition, “*Sophie Heymann ~ Her Life & Legacy*”. For this special event, the Lustron House will be open on *both* Saturday and Sunday, March 11th and 12th from noon to 2pm. All are welcome to visit. 421 Durie Avenue, the corner of Durie Ave. and Legion Place.

Visit the Facebook page: “Friends of the Hess Lustron House” or email lustronfriends@gmail.com for more information.

Closter's Ground Hog Day Celebration

Amid famous predictors, Punxsutawney Phil and Staten Island Chuck, is Closter's very own groundhog, *Closter Chuckie*! On February 2nd *Closter Chuckie* came out of his burrow saw his shadow and declared six more weeks of winter! Joining Closter Mayor John Glidden are Councilwoman Victoria Amitai and Closter Library Director Ruth Rando in celebration of Groundhog Day 2023!



The Mayor's Committee for the Arts

The Mayor's Committee for the Arts will be hosting an entertaining array of indoor "pop-up" musical events in the Community Room of the Closter Public Library. All of these performances will be held on Saturdays and will begin at 2pm. The scheduled performances are as follows ~ March 4th – Robbie & Amy; March 18th ~ Aronson Twins, April 1st - Understaffed: Elliot Roman and May 6th ~ CJC Music School: Sung Chung. Join friends and neighbors as these talented artists entertain audiences of all ages!

Closter Police Department

Alarm Registrations were due on or before March 1st. This is a borough ordinance for operating all residential, corporate or business alarms. The Annual Alarm System Application must be filed with the CPD on or before March 1st and accompanied by an annual fee of \$50.00 payable to the Borough of Closter. Applications for the 2023 Alarm Registration are available on the homepage of the borough's website, www.closternj.us.

Closter Food & Assistance Board

The Closter Food and Assistance Board is very grateful for the support it receives from the community which enables us to provide for families in need. To help us keep our shelves stocked, please consider donating from our most needed item list.

Items can be dropped off, Monday through Friday, in the cart located near the elevator in the Lewis Street entrance of Closter Borough Hall. Again, we thank you!

Ramen (both cup noodles and in packages); Pasta sauce; Cereal; Canned fish and meats; Oatmeal; Past; Snacks (granola bars, pretzels, dried fruit, nuts, etc); Canned vegetables other than green beans; Canned beans; Sugar; Flour; Salt

Closter's MacBain Farm

On March 2nd at 10:00am, the Borough will hold a Q&A session for any party considering responding to the currently outstanding *Request for Proposal* relating to the future management and operation of the MacBain Farm. Borough Administrator Winters and Borough Attorney Bailey will participate and answer questions. The session will be held via Zoom, and interested parties may obtain the link by applying to the Borough Administrator's office.

Closter Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Corps ~ Serving Closter & Alpine since 1936 ~



Need to borrow a wheelchair, cane or crutches? If you live in Closter or Alpine we **encourage you to take advantage of our loan closet! The CVARC accepts donations of** gently used wheelchairs, canes and crutches. (We cannot accept other medical equipment such as commodes, etc.)

In January 2023, alone, the CVARC responded to 53 unique calls; volunteered 287.6 total work hours, and added 692 miles to its vehicles! The volunteer members of the CVARC are always ready and prepared there to assist in every way possible

In an emergency, dial 911 • [201-768-3339](tel:201-768-3339) • cvarcnj@gmail.com

Closter Fire Department

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. PLEASE consider joining today. Email secretary@closterfd.org for more information or visit on web at www.closterfd.org

EMERGENCY

**The Closter Volunteer Fire
Department is in
DIRE NEED of NEW
MEMBERS**

Our membership ranks are at an **ALL TIME LOW** -
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS like YOU !!

*You Can Have All The Trucks & Awesome Tools
In The World But You Can't Have A Fire
Department WITHOUT PEOPLE !*

Please consider joining us for a unique opportunity like
no other..... All while becoming part of an extended
family and helping your neighbors and community !



**<http://www.closterfd.org>
FB, IG, Twitter @closterfd**

Closter Recreation Commission

Registration for spring baseball and softball is now open for children in grades k-8. In addition registration for Closter's FULL DAY Summer Recreation program is also open for children entering 1st grade -8th grade in the fall school year 2023. You can find all registration information on the Closter Rec website at closterrec.com

Save The Dates:

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday April 8th at Memorial Park more details will be published next month

Joe Accordino Jr. Memorial Fishing contest Saturday May 13th 9am-12noon, Ruckman Pond. This great annual event is co-sponsored with Closter PBA Local 233

USA Patriots Amputee Softball Games ~ Saturday, May 27th and Sunday, May 28th. More details will be available in the coming months.

Closter Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Closter Public Library will be holding its Annual Book Sale on Saturday, March 25th (9am-4pm). The sale includes books for adults, children, teenagers, large print books for seniors, audio books, and videos. Foreign language books (Hebrew and Korean) are also available. Please bring your own satchel-cash only. All proceeds to the sale are going to Closter Public Library.

Knickerbocker Hook & Ladder Ladies Auxiliary

Come on out and join the fun as the Knickerbocker Hook & Ladder Ladies Auxiliary host “*Dancing through the Decades*” at the Closter Fire Department!! For information on this event, email Michele at shell286@hotmail.com.



Closter Public Library

March at the Library means it's time for the Spring Book Sale! Mark the calendar for March 25th from 9am-4pm. Stop in and browse the huge selection of books for sale all which go to supporting the library. First Friday Flicks are on Friday, March 3rd at 1pm featuring the movie, *The Fabelmans*. Library activities continue with the Short Story Club via Zoom, alternating Tuesdays from 7:30pm-9pm, the Adult Book Club on Wednesday, March 15th at 3pm; Yoga and Meditation on Wednesdays at 6pm (hybrid), the Knitting and Craft Group on Thursdays at 12:30-3pm, Zumba via Zoom on Thursdays from 4:30-5 and, of course, the extensive youth services programs featured on our website!

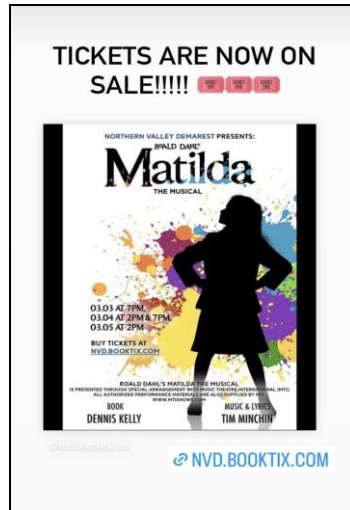
The Saturday concert series continues on March 4th with Rob & Amy, American Roots and on March 18th with the Aronson Twins. Concerts begin at 2pm!

Belskie Museum of Art & Science

The Belskie Museum of Art & Science proudly presents the “Sixth Annual Bergen County Technical H.S. – Teterboro Exhibit, “*Themes Behind The Scenes*”. The exhibit opens on Sunday, March 5th from 1-4pm. The exhibit features the works from the Fashion Design & Merchandising, Commercial Art & Graphic Design and Digital & Media Arts majors. The fashion exhibit is an interpretation of themes behind classic movies, with the students taking the opportunity to discover and examine the distinctive storylines and characters. Following the March 5th opening, the museum hours are Saturdays & Sundays from 2-4pm or by appointment. www.belskiemuseum.com 201-768-0286

Northern Valley Regional HS – Demarest

Northern Valley Demarest will have the musical Matilda, performing on Friday, March 3 at 7pm, Saturday, March 4 at 2pm and 7pm, and Sunday, March 5 at 2pm. Please go to NVD.BOOKTIX.COM to book tickets.



A message from Closter Public Schools

The Closter Public Schools are congratulating its students, parents, teachers, staff, administrators and the Board of Ed for their collective work in ensuring that Closter is consistently among the best performing school districts in NJ! On Jan. 6, 2023, The Record published an article about NJ Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) scores from spring 2022 for grades 3-8. NJ public school districts were ranked based on English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics scores. Closter performed very well with the tenth-highest scores in ELA and the twelfth-highest scores in Mathematics!

A reminder – Kindergarten Registration is open for the 2023-2024 year; visit www.closterschools.org to register.

Closter Nature Center

The March After-School Nature Program (Pre-K, 4 to 6th grade) starts the week of 3/7. This month's after-school focus: Volcanoes! (Education programming currently supported with a generous grant from Target.) Forest Ecology Lecture and Hike: "Our Forest in Crisis" a Two-Day Program. This two-part program with Naturalist Marc Gussen will expose participants to the many pressures our forest faces and a course of action for protecting the woods we love. Part One: Lecture: (Thursday, March 23rd, 7 pm), Admission: \$10 for Members/ \$15 for Non-Members; Part Two: Forest Ecology Hike: (Sunday, March 26th, 2 PM) Admission: Donations happily accepted!

For more information, go to: <https://closternaturecenter.org/events-list-futurepast/> Register for programs at: <https://register.communitypass.net/Closter> Questions? Email programdirector@closternaturecenter.org

St. Paul's Concert Series

Join the members of St. Paul's Church, 171 Closter Dock Road, for the St. Paul's Concert Series – 2023. The concert series opens on **March 19th** at 4pm with a performance by guest artist, *Tomas Rodriguez*. Tomas is a NYC based guitarist and music instructor who will be performing a unique repertoire that is rooted in his ancestry and guided by a diverse style of music. The **July 9th** concert, also at 4pm, features *Mark Wright*, a pianist well known to many residents, will feature music of the 1920's and 1930's as well as some favorite

Americana tunes. The *All Season Chamber Players*, now in its 42nd season, is a leading chamber music ensemble in our area. This concert is planned for **October 15th** at 4pm.

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The Borough of Closter is moving forward in many positive directions. Volunteers are the *backbone* of our community; I encourage each of you to think of ways in which you can, as a volunteer, make a difference in Closter.

All the Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Blidder". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J".

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*Mayor*