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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

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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.

A 2023 SPOOK-TACULAR EVENT

THE CLOSTER RECREATION COMMISSION & THE CLOSTER PTO PRESENT HALLOWEEN PARADE, STREET FESTIVAL & CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Begin a new tradition for Halloween with the Closter Recreation Commission/Closter PTO Fall Festival and Classic Car show!! The Annual Halloween Parade will form at 10:30am and kick off at 10:45am SHARP on Sunday, October 29th from the Closter Borough Hall. The parade will march through town to Memorial Field for the annual costume judging contest where prizes will be given out in multiple categories, MOST BEAUTIFUL, MOST ORIGINAL, SCARIEST, and FUNNIEST and the overall BEST COSTUME will be awarded the TAAZ trophy. Memorial Park is the home of Closter's Halloween Festival and Car show.



Please note that Harrington Ave from West Street to Cedar Lane/Old Closter Dock Road will be closed for this event

Northern Valley Regional H.S. at Demarest



Reserve your tickets now!!

The students of Northern Valley Regional H.S. – Demarest will be performing the play, *PUFFS, Or: Seven Increasingly Eventful Years At A Certain School of Magic and Magic* on Thursday, November 16th, Friday November 17th and Saturday, November 18th.

All performances begin at 7pm. Seniors – please join the open dress rehearsal on Wednesday, November 15th at 6pm which is free for anyone 65+.

Tickets can be purchased at: <https://nvd.booktix.com/dept/>

Veterans Day ~ Saturday, November 11, 2023

Leroy S. Mead Post 111 – Honoring Our Veterans on Veterans Day

The members of the Leroy S. Mead Post 111 are inviting the community to join them for the Veterans Day Service on the morning of Saturday, November 11th at 11:00am.

Please find a moment for this service being held in Veterans Monument Park located on Herbert Ave.

Please arrive at 10:45am. The service is held rain or shine.



Closter Police Department

Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, November 5th is not only a convenient reminder to reset the interior and exterior lighting in your homes, but it is a good reminder to change the batteries in smoke and CO2 detectors. Best practices have found the utilization of both interior and exterior lighting is a strong deterrent against criminal acts.

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

Belskie Museum

New York Society of Women Artists Unveils “*The Gift*”: A showcase of Artworks Celebrating Life’s Most Valuable Treasures” exhibiting at the Belskie Museum from November 5th through 26th. In this Season of Giving, the NYSWA honors its past and celebrates the future by “gifting” through visual storytelling. *The Gift* is comprised of 48 artworks by 23 painters and sculptors, each adding a unique perspective of what is deemed important in life by the artist.

Opening Reception is Nov. 5th 1-4pm. Museum hours after opening are Saturdays & Sundays 2-4 pm. www.belskiemuseum.com Located at 280 High Street, Closter.

Closter Fire Department



**CLOSTER VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**What if the SIREN
SOUNDED & NO ONE
CAME ?**

We have a DIRE NEED for Volunteers

THINK ABOUT JOINING !!

<http://www.closterfd.org>

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 130 years.

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!

Knickerbocker Hook & Ladder – Ladies Auxiliary – Marketplace Event on Saturday, Nov. 25th



Closter Public Library

The Public Library will close at 5pm on Wednesday, November 22 and will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd to celebrate Thanksgiving. New to the Closter Library patrons is free access to everything the NY Times offers (NY Times subscribers are not eligible). For more information, visit closterpubliclibrary.com or contact the library. Technology Help is available Mondays from 7-8pm to teach seniors technological basics on cell phones, Zoom and more. The adult Health & Wellness Program is Wednesday, November 1st between 10:30am-11:30am. First Friday Flicks on November 3rd at 1pm features *Barbie*. The Short Story Club via Zoom meets alternate Tuesdays at 7:30p and the Adult Book Club meets on Wednesday, November 15th at 3pm.

Yoga & Meditation are alternating Wednesdays at 6pm. Thursdays at 12:30 is the start of the Knitting & Craft group followed by Zumba via Zoom at 4:30pm. The Hoopla BingePass is filled with activities, including streaming Hallmark movies. Log into Hoopla to explore all the services available with your Closter Library Card. The Closter Public Library's Youth Services Programs are too many to list! Please visit closterpubliclibrary.org and sign up for the newsletter for the current activities.

The Belskie Art Wall in the Closter Library is featuring Dora Espinoza's "Man On Woman" exhibit from November 6th ~ December 22nd. This exhibit is made of 100 photographs & interviews of a diverse group of men, born in each year of the 20th century. Visit during the regular library hours Monday through Saturday.

Closter Food & Assistance Board (FAB)

Neighbors helping Neighbors! The holiday season creates an extra need for families receiving assistance from the Closter Food & Assistance Board. The FAB is holding the **13th Annual Neighbor to Neighbor Holiday Gift Program Food Pantry**. The Neighbor to Neighbor Holiday Gift Program provides holiday gifts to households who receive assistance through the Food Pantry. If you can assist in bringing some holiday cheer to a neighbor in need, please email the FAB at fabofcloster@gmail.com. Write “Neighbor to Neighbor” in the subject line. Your generosity is greatly appreciated in supporting the mission of the FAB in filling the baskets of our neighbors experiencing food insecurity especially during this holiday season.

The FAB will be collecting **frozen turkeys or turkey breasts** on **Sunday, November 12th between 10-4** in front of the Closter Senior Center at 4 Lewis St. A shopping cart will be outside of the Senior Center for easy drop off.



Closter Nature Center

The After-School Nature Program (PreK-4 to 6th grade) is a 4-week session that begins on November 14th. “Teacher’s Convention Break Program” (PreK-4 to 6th grade) is Thursday, November 9th. “Bats, Bats, Bats!” (all ages) NJ’s Batman, Joseph D’Angeli, visits the Closter Nature Center on Sunday, November 5th at 2pm. Fun for the whole family! “Closter History Hike” at the CNC (Adult Program) is Sunday, November 12th at 1pm. Admission is free and donations are graciously accepted! No registration is necessary.

“*Music By The Pond*” is Sunday, November 19th, 4:00-6:00pm. Join our musical hosts for a jam session. Admission is free; donations further our mission and are greatly appreciated. No Registration Necessary.

For more information, visit our website at www.closternaturecenter.org or sign up directly on Community Pass at <https://register.communitypass.net/closter>. Volunteers are always needed (teens and adult opportunities) www.closternaturecenter.org/volunteer Questions? programdirector@closternaturecenter.org

Closter Recreation

Please visit the Closter Recreation website, www.Closterrec.com, in the coming week/months for information on Winter sports registration.

Closter Shade Tree Commission

The Commission’s Fall Foliage Photo Contest is currently underway. Submissions will be accepted through November 10. More information can be found [here](#).

In other tree-related news: Our community was awarded a \$48,000 “Trees for Schools” grant to purchase and plant trees near Tenakill School! The program is a joint effort of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Sustainable Jersey and The College of New Jersey.

The grant will be administered by the Closter School District and the Shade Tree Commission will manage the project, in partnership with the Environmental and Recreation Commissions, the Department of Public Works and under the auspices of the Borough. Thank you to all involved!

An Important Message from the Tax Collector's Office

2023 Property Taxes are due Wednesday, November 1, 2023. Added Assessment Bills were mailed. Please note **both bills** are due on November 1st.

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*).

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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**