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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



February 29, 2024

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

February 2024 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.

~ NOTICE ~

TOWN HALL MEETING ~ MARCH 4th at 7pm OVERVIEW of PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

Monday, March 4th at 7:00pm is the date of the **Town Hall Meeting** designed to provide an overview of property tax assessments. This presentation, which is being given by Closter Tax Assessor, Angela Mattiace, and representatives of Appraisal Systems, the Borough's assessment contractor, will deliver an overview of the appraisal process used to establish Closter's property/real estate values.

This meeting is a *general information only* meeting. Questions and concerns pertaining to individual properties *will not be addressed* at this time.

The Town Hall Meeting will be held in the Closter Senior Building, 4 Lewis St. which is located directly behind the Closter Borough Hall.

Closter's Ground Hog Day Celebration

In the company of widely known predictors, Punxsutawney Phil and Staten Island Chuck, Closter has its very own groundhog, *Closter Chuckie*. On February 2nd, Ground Hog Day, *Closter Chuckie* visited to Hillside School accompanied by his handler, Mayor Glidden, Councilwoman Victoria Amitai and Closter Public Library Director, Ruth Rando. When *Closter Chuckie* emerged from his burrow, no shadow did he see! Thus, it was declared an early spring it would be! Click on the [link](#) to see Closter Chuckie's visit to Hillside School!

Celebration of Lunar New Year ~ The Year of the Dragon

Lunar New Year is a celebration of the arrival of spring and the beginning of a new year on the lunisolar calendar. It is an important holiday throughout China, South Korea, Vietnam and countries with significant Asian populations. As in years past, members of the Closter Council had the distinct honor to participate in the lively celebration and welcome the New Year with the students and teachers at Hillside Elementary School. There were dragon dances, music and performances which were enjoyed by all!



Councilman Chris Cho



Councilwoman Anna Maroules



Mayor John Glidden



Closter Police Department

Alarm Registrations were due on or before April 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 April 1st. The annual fee of \$50.00 is payable to the Borough of Closter. Applications for the 2024 Alarm Registration are available on the homepage of the borough's website, www.closternj.us.

Closter Food & Assistance Board

The Closter Food & Assistance Board is holding its annual Easter Drive! The *FAB* has two new ways to support the mission of the FAB's Food Pantry.

- (1) You can donate \$25 or \$35 grocery store gift cards for holiday hams and turkeys. Please label the envelopes "Food Pantry Easter" and drop in the silver box inside the side entrance of Borough Hall, or
- (2) You can purchase Easter treats from the pantry's Amazon wish list. Shop: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1OMKE0A9MEPD2> now through March 1st.

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, the CVAC encourages 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 2024, alone, the members of the CVARC responded to 64 unique calls; volunteering for a total of 215 work hours! The volunteer members of the CVARC are always ready and prepared to assist in every way possible

In an emergency, dial 911 • 201-768-3339 • cvarcnj@gmail.com

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:

Saturday, March 30th at 11:00am *Easter Egg Hunt* at Memorial Park (weather permitting).

Sunday, April 28th ~ Opening Day Parade for Little League and Girls Softball –. Assemble at 12:30 behind Borough Hall; the parade starts at 12:50pm sharp.

Saturday, May 11th 9am-12noon ~ *Joe Accordinio Jr. Memorial Fishing* contest at Ruckman Pond. This great annual event is co-sponsored with Closter PBA Local 233.

Closter Public Library

This March the Library is pleased to feature the following Special Programs:

Saturday, March 9th at 2pm: *“American Ladies of Song”* presented by Francine & Joel Music on. This delightful collection of some of the greatest female singers in American history is hosted by Francine & Joel Zelnik. Delve into the rich history of American music and experience these incredible “American Ladies of Song”.

Saturday, March 16th at 2pm: *“Foil Figures In Action: A Fun-Filled Way to See Problems & Resolve Them”* on. Author talk and project with Dr. Judith Peck

Saturday, March 16th at 9-4pm: Spring Book Sale from 9am-4pm

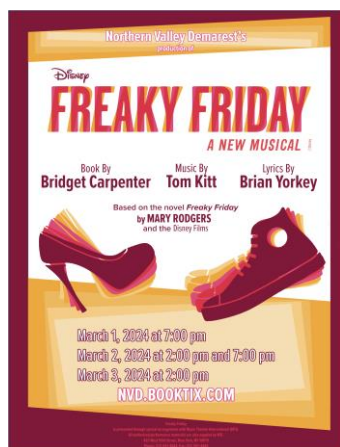
Regular programs include the First Friday Flicks, Short Story Club, Adult Health & Wellness Program on the first Wednesday of the Month at 10:30, Adult Book Club, Technology Assistance, and more. Visit the Closter Public Library's website, www.closterpubliclibrary.org for details on programs and services.

Belskie Museum of Art & Science

The Belskie Museum of Art & Science presents the “Seventh Annual Bergen County Technical H.S. – Teterboro Exhibit.. The exhibit opens on Sunday, March 10th from 1-4pm. On display will be the vibrant world of creative student works from the Fashion Design & Merchandising, Commercial Art & Graphic Design and Digital & Media Arts majors.

Following the March 10th opening, the museum hours are Saturdays & Sundays from 2-4pm; (Hours by appointment can be arranged). www.belskiemuseum.com 201-768-0286

Northern Valley Regional HS – Demarest



Mark your calendars for the NVRHS – Theatre Department’s all-school musical production, **“Freaky Friday”** on March 1st – 3rd. Performance times are: March 1st – 7pm, March 2nd – 2pm & 7pm and March 3rd – 2pm

A free performance for senior citizens (65+) is planned for Thursday, February 29th at 6pm. The Saturday, 2pm Kids Matinee has special pricing for kids under 10 years old! Contact Chris Eftychiou at NVDTickets@gmail.com with questions about these special performances.

Purchase tickets at NVDBookTix.com
Box Office Contact: nvdtickets@gmail.com

Come on out and enjoy this fabulous production!

Closter Nature Center

Sunday, March 17th from 4pm – 5:30pm ~ *Music by the Pond* on includes musicians, professionals, amateurs, friends and family as they share music. Free, although donations are appreciated.

Wednesday, March 20th at 7pm ~ *Our Forest in Crisis: A Lecture* on. This lecture will expose the many pressures our forest faces and a course of action for protecting the woods we love. Cost \$10 for Members/\$15 for non-Members.

Thursday, March 21st at 7pm ~ *Conservation & Foresight: The History of American Parks*: This presentation is being given by Public Historian Francesca Costa. In the Cabin, light refreshments will be provided. Admission is by Donation. Suggested Donation: Members \$5; Non-members \$10

The After-School Nature Program – Spring Session III begins April 2nd for PreK-4 to 6th Grade. Registration is required. For more information, Email programdirector@closternaturecenter.org

The Mayor’s Committee for the Arts

The Mayor’s Committee for the Arts is planning a full array of entertainment this spring and summer at the Closter Plaza. These outdoor “pop-up” musical events are certain to be enjoyed by all. The final schedule of “pop-up” concerts will be posted shortly.

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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,

Mayor