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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The month of April is filled with activity. It's an exciting time in Closter! 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.

2017 Bergen County Historic Preservation Awards

The *2017 Bergen County Historic Preservation Award* cited in the category Restoration Project, is being awarded to the Borough of Closter for its commitment in the preservation and restoration of the Closter Borough Hall and for the planned restoration of the Closter Plaza sign.

The awards presentation and reception will be held on Thursday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 113 Engle St., Englewood, NJ. All are Welcome!

Grand Openings in Closter

The list of businesses calling Closter "home" continues to grow. This week *Orangetheory Fitness* will be the newest business opening its doors in the Closter Plaza. With the traditional "*Hip, Hip Hurray*" Closter is pleased to welcome the folks of Orangetheory Fitness. Edens continues to bring an array of new merchants to the Plaza, so stay tuned for updated information!

On Saturday, April 29th, *I Heart Yoga* will open its doors with a traditional ribbon cutting at 8:45 a.m. The studio is located at 265 Closter Dock Road. Join in as we welcome *I Heart Yoga* to Closter.

Closter – "Keep It Green"... *Arbor Day, Annual Clean-Up & the Northern Valley Earth Fair*

As a community Closter is committed to maintaining, enhancing and preserving our environment. Last week Closter was the host community for the *Northern Valley Earth Fair*, which despite Mother Nature's challenging weather; the fair was a well-attended event. The volunteers of the NVEF coordinated an array of activities, informational exhibits and entertainment for all. Thank you NVEF!

The National Arbor Day Foundation has named Closter a Tree City USA for the 17th consecutive year. To maintain this status, the Borough must meet certain criteria, such as devoting a certain portion of its budget to tree planting and care and following its adopted tree ordinance.

The Closter Shade Tree Commission is honoring **Arbor Day** with an annual tree planting at both of our schools on Friday, April 28th. While assisting the Shade Tree Commission with planting, the students will

learn about the species of trees being planted. The traditional Arbor Day event is just a part of Closter's commitment to being a Tree City USA community.

On the heels of the Northern Valley Earth Fair, the volunteers of the Environmental Commission have organized **Closter's Annual Clean-up Drive on Saturday, April 29th**. This rain or shine event begins at 10:00 a.m. and concludes at 2:00 p.m. Families of all ages are welcome to help clean up and beautify our lovely town; (children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult). Come to the Closter Borough Hall or Closter Nature Center for gloves, tools and trash bags. Refreshments, pride and smiles are available to all participants!

American Legion Leroy S. Mead Post 111

The Leroy S. Mead Post 111 is hosting the Annual Beefsteak on Friday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's Church Hall, 230 High Street is the place to be for this delicious fundraising event. Tickets (\$40.00) and/or information are available by: contacting Tom Pierro, 201-768-8379, stopping at *WARDS 5&10* located on Closter Dock Road, or through a member of the American Legion. Please note that *advance sales* are required.

2017 Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service – Monday, May 29th

There are only **31 days** until the 2017 Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service on Monday, May 29th, held in honor of the 18 Closter residents who gave the ultimate sacrifice in World War I, World War II and Vietnam, as well as those residents currently serving.

The annual parade kicks off at 10:00 a.m. from the parking lot of St. Mary's Church and concludes at Veteran's Memorial Park where the Memorial Day Service begins immediately. Following the Memorial Service, participants and spectators are invited to the Closter Elks Lodge for refreshments.

Please join the community's spirit and commitment in honoring the service men and women of our Armed Forces by participating in the 2017 Memorial Day events. Line the streets along the parade route, fly the American flag from homes and businesses, and attend the Memorial Day service. Interested in participating in the parade... please call the Borough offices at 201-784-0600 x 304. All are welcome!

Closter Recreation

Sunday, April 23rd marked the official opening of Closter's Little League. The annual Little league Parade from the Closter Borough Hall parking lot to Veteran's Memorial Field for the Opening Day Festivities was well attended by Closter Little leaguers. Opening Day Ceremonies included a celebration of Closter's Challenger program and the ceremonial "First Pitch" by the Mayor.

Closter Police Department

The Closter Police Department will be conducting the annual "**Operation Take Back New Jersey**" on **Saturday, April 29th between 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Residents are encouraged to clean out their cabinets and take this opportunity to safely dispose of any unused or expired medication. Closter police officers are on hand to assist with the safe disposal of medication. **Operation Take Back** is being held in the garage/parking lot of the Closter Borough Hall, 295 Closter Dock Road.

Belskie Museum of Art & Science

The Martin Hicks Gallery at the Belskie Museum is pleased to announce the **15th Annual Exhibit of Art By Students** of Closter's Tenakill Middle School and the **17th Annual Exhibit of Art By Students** of Northern Valley Regional H.S. at Demarest.

The Tenakill Middle School opening reception is Thursday, May 4th from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. This exhibit runs through May 14th.

The NVRHS - Demarest opening reception is Thursday, May 18th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The exhibit runs through May 28th.

Museum hours are Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free; hours by appointment can be arranged by calling 201-768-0286; www.belskiemuseum.com; email – belskiemuseum@hotmail.com

Closter Board of Health

The Board of Health would like to remind all dog owners that dog licenses must be renewed by May 15th. A summons will be issued if the dog license is not received by this date. If you have any questions, you may call (201) 784-0600 x 493.

Closter Public Library

The Closter Public Library is committed to providing the best materials, reference assistance, programs, classes and events to all. Join the team at the library on Saturday, May 6th at 2:00 p.m. as Closter resident John Gavalchin presents a concert of music that we know from popular culture. Pieces include Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy Liszt and more. There will be something to delight everyone.

First Friday Flicks are another way to spend some time with friends while catching up on current films. The feature film on Friday, May 5th at 1:00 is *Hidden Figures*.

Closter Nature Center

The activities and educational classes continue this spring with this month's "Pond Life" after-school program. Classes are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, depending age groups. Registration is required; call Marc at (201) 750-2778 to reserve a place in class. The Closter Nature Center Annual Meeting takes place on Thursday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. Ryan Hasko of the NJ Audubon Society will be one of the guest speakers. Interested in *Bird Watching*? Join naturalist Nancy Slowik on Saturday mornings at the Nature Center. Please visit, www.closternaturecenter.org, for an array of activities and registration details.

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.

All the Best,



Mayor