



# BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

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## MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The February 2017 issue of the Mayor's Newsletter brings some welcome news and events in town. Please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

### ***An Important Reminder from the Closter Fire Department***

Daylight Savings Time is Sunday, March 12th. As important as it is to turn the clocks forward one hour, (spring ahead!) it is equally important to replace the batteries in all of the household and residential smoke detectors and CO2 alarms. Keeping these detectors in good working order will assist residents and businesses in the event of an emergency.

### **Closter's Newest Addition to its Merchants**

Closter welcomed the newest retailer in the Closter Plaza, *Blue Mercury*, with the traditional ribbon cutting followed by the *Hip, Hip Hurray!* Shoppers and visitors alike enjoyed a wide selection of product samples and gift bags during the recent opening of this lovely store. Edens continues to secure new retailers for the few available shops.

### **Closter Joins Neighboring Towns in "Greenway" Project**

Closter has joined Tenafly, Cresskill, Demarest, Norwood and Northvale to turn our abandoned railroad into a Greenway project. All towns have separately passed a resolution supporting the project. The land, consisting of 8 miles of 60' wide track would be made over for recreation purposes into trails for running or riding a bike. CSX Railroad owns the land which has not had trains running there for over 50 years. The six town group is forming a committee to complete a plan, negotiate with CSX and apply for grant funding to purchase the land and build the facilities.

## **Belskie Museum of Art & Science**

The Belskie Museum is pleased to present "*Personal Renaissance*" *A Juried Exhibit* in the Martin Hicks Gallery at the Belskie Museum of Art & Science. This outstanding collection of personal art interpreted in numerous mediums by 28 artists from the Tri-State area refers to reflection on the artist's past works and its impact on the ideas of their current works.

Exhibit Opening: Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> between 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. 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 the Belskie at 201-768-0286. [www.belskiemuseum.com](http://www.belskiemuseum.com)

## **Closter PTO – Save The Date!!**

Save the Date!! The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Closter PTO Dinner Dance, *The Grand Affair*, is being held on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Time Hotel in Nyack, NY. Join in for an "opulent evening of dancing, dining, mingling and fundraising for our schools". Tickets and information are available on the PTO's website, [www.closterpto.org](http://www.closterpto.org).

## **Northern Valley Coalition**

The Northern Valley Coalition and the NVOT PTSO are hosting "*Valley's Got Talent*" on Saturday, March 18, 2017 from 5-7PM at the Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan located at 100 Central Avenue with the help of the parent organizations from all 7 Northern Valley towns – Closter, Demarest, Harrington Park, Haworth, Northvale, Norwood and Old Tappan. The winners from every town's elementary school and middle school, as well as the high schools talent contests will be competing against each other for the final Valley winners in each age category.

The judges will be our mayors and resident members from all 7 towns; Mayor John Glidden from Closter, Mayor Ray Cywinski from Demarest, Mayor John Smart from Haworth, Mayor James Barsa from Norwood, Mayor Stanley Piehler from Northvale, Mayor John Kramer from Old Tappan, and NVRHS Board of Education representative John Schettino from Harrington Park. There will be a cheering section for each town so residents can cheer on their school and town. Admission is \$5 at the door and children under 2 years old are free. All proceeds will go to NVC for future community events.

## **Environmental Commission**

The **Northern Valley Annual Earth Fair, hosted by the Closter Environmental Commission, is Saturday, April 22nd.** Volunteers, vendors and a large array of activities are being planned for the delivery of the Annual Earth Fair located at and on the grounds of the Tenakill School between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The Northern Valley's Environmental Commissions welcomes all volunteers to help with this event.

Closter's Environmental Commission invites all of Closter's residents, from high school students to our seniors, to participate in its activities and monthly meetings. The Environmental Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month. Residents are welcome to come!

## **Closter Public Library**

The activities and classes offered at the Closter Public Library continues to grow. Friday, March 10 and Saturday March 11 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. is the Spring Book Sale. You can assist the Library in this important fund-raising event by volunteering to help for 2 hour shifts on either or both days. It's fun! Work with our library staff while volunteering in the sale! Great deals on books, DVDs and tapes generally priced at only \$.25-\$.75 each!

Frustrated with Technology???. Technology assistance is available on Monday evenings between 6:30-7:30 p.m. In addition to technology help, the Blood Pressure Nurse is available on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:30 – 11:30; Yoga and Meditation is held on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (see schedule on the library website), and enjoy a relaxing, de-stressing coloring event on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – noon or 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The library supplies it all

First Friday Flicks are another way to spend some time with friends while catching up on current films. The feature film on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 is **Manchester by the Sea**.

### **Closter Nature Center**

The list of activities and classes sponsored by and taking place at the Closter Nature Center are endless! Come one, come all; layer up your warm clothes and join the folks at the nature Center for an afternoon forest adventure!

All of this information is available on the Nature Center's website, [www.closternaturecenter.org](http://www.closternaturecenter.org) or by calling the Nature Center at 201-750-2778; ask for Marc.

### **Closter C.L.A.W.S**

The Closter Animal Welfare Society was founded 40 years ago as a lost pet service. CLAWS is not a shelter. This amazing group of volunteers devotes their time and efforts to rescuing and fostering abandoned or unwanted cats and dogs in the Bergen County area. Their dedicated network of volunteers works to find the best permanent homes for these animals.

CLAWS hosts weekly pet adoptions at the Closter PetCo in the Closter Plaza. Stop by on Sundays between 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and meet the volunteers and pets for adoption. Interested in volunteering or making a donation? The website is filled with information!

Please visit [www.clawsadopt.org](http://www.clawsadopt.org) or call CLAWS at 201-769-0200 for more info.

### **Closter Recreation**

The Closter Recreation Commission is more than sports. Community activities such as the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00, Opening Day Parade for Little League and Girls Softball on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Annual Joe Accordino Memorial Fishing Tournament on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> all fall under the umbrella of the Commission. For a comprehensive list of activities, programs, concert series, sports and registration information, please visit the Closter Recreation website at [www.closterrec.com](http://www.closterrec.com).

All the Best,



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Mayor