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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The March 2017 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.

Closter's Newest Addition to its Merchants

The middle of March was a time for welcoming two new businesses to Closter as they opened for business in the Closter Plaza. Following the traditional ribbon cutting, The Bar Method and the Cycle Bar greeted customers on opening day with the sounds of the Closter cheer: *Hip, Hip Hurray* in the background! These businesses bring a variety of venues in which to find the exercise that suits your interests and needs.

Construction continues on the movie theatre. The exterior of the theatre will be terraced with plants and outdoor pergolas for dining, and the interior will house the box office, seating, tables, as well as a restaurant with a full bar. There will be five auditoriums with extra plush leather lounge-type seating, allowing patrons to bring food to their seats while enjoying the show.

Belskie Museum of Art & Science

"Dynamic Dimensions", an exhibition of dynamic work, opens Sunday, April 9th at the Martin Hicks Gallery at the Belskie Museum of Art & Science. More than 40 featured artworks are in various mediums including sculpture, ceramic, traditional folk painting, oil painting, watercolor and collage.

Exhibit Opening: Sunday, April 9th 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

Closter Chamber of Commerce – “Pot Luck” Dinner and Music

The Closter Chamber of Commerce will be holding its first 'Pot Luck' dinner on Friday, March 31st, 6:30-8:30pm at the Closter Elks. Food will be provided by Closter Chamber Restaurant and Catering Members. Live Music provided by 5 Track Mind - a local rock band. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Chamber website (<http://www.closterchamber.org/pot-luck-diner--music.html>) for \$10:00 or \$15 at the door.

Environmental Commission

APRIL 22nd is right around the corner. The **Northern Valley Annual Earth Fair, hosted by the Closter Environmental Commission, is Saturday, April 22nd.** Join the volunteers and vendors in a huge assortment of activities brought by the Northern Valley Earth Fair. The fair is being held on the grounds of the Tenakill School between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend this event! The members of the Northern Valley's Environmental Commissions welcome all volunteers to help with this event.

2017 Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service

It is with tremendous pride and spirit that the Leroy S. Mead Post 111 American Legion, the Closter Elks Lodge 2304 and the Borough of Closter host the 2017 Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service on Monday, May 29th. The parade and memorial service are one of the ways the community reflects its respect and honors 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 parade begins at 10:00 a.m. and concludes at Veteran's Memorial Park where the Memorial Day Ceremony begins. Following the service, parade participants and spectators are invited to the Closter Elks Lodge for complimentary 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, attend the Memorial Day service. If you are interested in participating in this event, please call the Borough offices at 201-784-0600 x 304. We welcome you!

Closter Public Library

The Closter Public Library is the cultural, recreational and educational center for the community. We are committed to providing the best materials, reference assistance, programs, classes and events to all. Learning about a new computer? Technology help is available Mondays between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Need your blood pressure checked? The Nurse is available on April 7th between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Yoga, meditation, the monthly Coloring Club... all activities to benefit our residents are posted on the library's website. A special presentation, "Acupuncture Can Straighten You Out" is being held on Tuesday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m. Our library offers something for everyone!

Two important events impacting the Library: The Library will be closed on Friday, April 14th for Good Friday. On Tuesday evening, April 18th, the Church of St. Mary is requesting patrons using the Library, Museum and Tenakill School to find alternate parking as the Church is celebrating Mass with the Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark. A reception will follow this special Mass. St. Mary's Church is anticipating this will be a busy time for the Church.

First Friday Flicks are another way to spend some time with friends while catching up on current films. The feature film on Friday, April 7th at 1:00 is *Fences*.

Closter Nature Center

Springtime is the SOUP SUPPER at the Closter Nature Center. Join the volunteers of the Nature Center on Sunday, April 2nd from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Soup Supper has brought members and friends together for more than 30 years. The charge is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. Pay at the door. Also available, for only \$5 extra, are beautiful re-usable soup mugs with the CNC logo. All proceeds go to support the Nature Center's education programs. To participate, please contact Adri Turrell at CNCSummer@gmail.com.

Celebrating the magic of spring are the April After-School Programs at the Closter Nature Center. The activities don't stop there, Spring Break classes are April 10th – April 13th. All of this information is available on the Nature Center's website, www.closternaturecenter.org or by calling the Nature Center at 201-750-2778; ask for Marc.

Tuesday, April 25, Rudy's Pizzeria in Closter Plaza and the Nature Center are joining forces by sponsoring a fundraiser. All customers who present a coupon (www.closternaturecenter.org) will have 10% of their bill donated to the Nature Center. You must present the coupon to qualify, so please mark the date to dine in or out! Many thanks to the Rudy's team for recognizing and supporting another Closter treasure.

Closter C.L.A.W.S

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! Visit www.clawsadopt.org or call CLAWS at 201-769-0200 for more info.

Closter Recreation

The spring is filled with extra activities for all ages throughout the town; the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Little League Parade and Opening Day are just a few! Please visit the Closter Recreation website, www.closterrec.com, for all of the latest information on programs and registrations. All information for sports registration, dates and clinics are posted on the Closter Recreation Website, www.closterrec.com.

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 in at WARDS 5&10 located on Closter Dock Road, or through Legion members. Advance sales, please.

All the Best,



Mayor