



# BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

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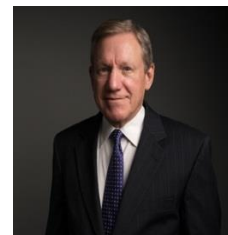
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## MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



March 31, 2018

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The March, 2018 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 three new businesses to Closter as they opened in the Closter Plaza. Following the traditional ribbon cutting, Gary's Wines & Marketplace, Mixology, and Mathnasium greeted customers on opening day with the sounds of the Closter cheer: *Hip, Hip Hurray* in the background! These businesses bring quite a variety of venues to the newly renovated Closter Plaza.

### **Annual Closter PTO Dinner Dance**

This year's Closter PTO Dinner Dance is titled: "*An Evening in Morocco*" and will occur Saturday, April 21st at the Alpine Country Club. This event is the Closter PTO's biggest fundraiser of the year and is open to all members of the Closter community. All money raised helps support the PTO mission of providing educational, cultural, and recreational programs and equipment for Closter Public Schools. In addition to enjoying a fun night of mixing, mingling, and dancing with delicious food and cocktails, guests will also get to bid on some fantastic raffle baskets and silent auction items. More information and the link to purchase event and raffle tickets can be found on the PTO website, [www.closterpto.org](http://www.closterpto.org)

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

*The American Dream ~ The Latino Experience in America* opens at the Belskie Museum of Art & Science on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> with a reception at 1:00 p.m. This exhibit features the works of contemporary art created by 17 immigrants and first generation American citizens who are part of the Latin American diaspora. The American Dream exhibit runs from April 8<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>. After the opening reception, museum hours are Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. The Belskie Museum is located at 280 High Street adjacent to the Public Library. [www.belskiemuseum.com](http://www.belskiemuseum.com)

### ***Save the Date Notice ... A Delicious Exhibit from the Tenakill Middle School Students!***

The Belskie Museum of Art & Science is pleased to be hosting the Tenakill Middle School's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibit which will open on Thursday, May 3rd. Under the guidance of art director, Joann Puleo, the Tenakill students have created an amazing exhibit of sculpture, drawing and painting exhibition featuring "baking". This year has an added feature as Closter student, Linsey Lam, grand prize winner of the Food Networks Kids Baking Championship. The art exhibit will feature a replica of Linsey's winning cake!

### **Environmental Commission**

#### ***New Date for Annual Town Cleanup – Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>***

The Closter Environmental Commission rescheduled the Annual Closter Clean-Up to Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please join friends and neighbors at the Closter Nature Center or the Lustron House (located on Durie Avenue and Legion Place) between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to join in for the annual cleanup to pick up trash on our roads and parks. Materials, including gloves, are provided. Refreshments will be available. While all are welcome, children under 14 must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Have an enjoyable time while KEEPING CLOSTER GREEN AND CLEAN!

**The Northern Valley Annual Earth Fair will be held on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** 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 Northern Valley Regional HS – Demarest campus. All are welcome to attend this event! The members of the Northern Valley's Environmental Commissions welcome all volunteers to help with this event.

### **2018 Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service**

Mark your calendars for the 2018 Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 promptly 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 2018 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 this event, please call the Borough offices at 201-784-0600 x 304. We welcome you!

### **Closter Public Library**

The calendar of activities at the Closter Public Library is a cultural, recreational and educational hub for the community. The Library is a comprehensive resource of information, technology and activity. Yoga, meditation, the monthly Coloring Club... all activities to benefit our residents are posted on the library's website. A special presentation, "Is My Teen's Craziiness Normal?" is being held on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The presentation is being given by Dr. Emily Becker-Weidman, an expert in adolescents and pre-teen behaviors.

***First Friday Flicks*** are another way to spend some time with friends while catching up on current films. April's feature films, *The Shape of Water* will be shown on Friday, April 6th and *Phantom Thread* will be shown on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Both films begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Library. All are invited!

## **Closter Nature Center**

Beginning on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Closter Library will host the Closter Nature Center's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Photography Contest & Exhibition. Open to all children and adults alike, the photos have been taken in all corners of the Nature Center, in all seasons of the year. The show can be seen during regular library hours during the month of April, with a reception on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Spring has sprung at the Closter Nature Center, which means it is time for the SOUP SUPPER! Join the volunteers of the Nature Center on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 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. Just before we start ladling soup, please join the members of the CNC for the big unveil of the "Mayer Loop Trail" sign! 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](mailto:CNCsummer@gmail.com).

The schedule for the after-school programs is available on the website of the Closter Nature Center. The activities don't stop there, Spring Break classes are April 9<sup>th</sup> – April 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Registration has begun for the CNC 2018 Summer Program. Please send inquiries to [CNCsummer@closternaturecenter.org](mailto:CNCsummer@closternaturecenter.org), or visit the CNC's website at [www.closternaturecenter.org](http://www.closternaturecenter.org) for a schedule.

## **Closter Recreation**

The spring is filled with extra activities for all ages throughout the town. This Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> is the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Memorial Park playground, beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m. (weather permitting). The annual Little League Parade and Opening Day are just a few weeks away! Please visit the Closter Recreation Commission's website, [www.closterrec.com](http://www.closterrec.com), for **all** of the latest information on programs and events. All information for sports registration, dates and clinics are posted on the Closter Recreation website, [www.closterrec.com](http://www.closterrec.com).

## **Closter Shade Tree Commission**

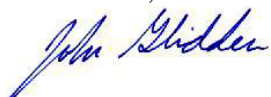
With spring is almost here, the Shade Tree Commission is suggesting it is a good time of year for a simple visual inspection of your tree's stems and branches before they are obscured by lush summer foliage. Visually scan the tree from bottom to top, circling the tree to view as many perspectives as possible. Besides identifying potential problems, such a tree inspection is an excellent way to consider proactively pruning young and mid-size trees to discourage weaknesses and encourage strong architecture and extended longevity. Proactive, conscientious tree care provides benefits to homeowners, business owners and to our environment.

## **Closter Tax Office**

During the week of March 26<sup>th</sup>, the Closter Tax Office mailed the Homestead Rebate tax bills, which are due May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Borough of Closter 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,



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**Mayor**