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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The July 2016 issue of the Mayor's Newsletter is filled with news and events in town. As always, my door is open; please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

Closter Plaza

Construction at Closter Plaza continues to move along, making considerable progress. More businesses are moving into their new spaces and ribbon cuttings and mini-grand openings are taking place. Bareburger and Starbucks are recent additions. Edens, Inc., the developer, recently announced that construction is ahead of schedule and that Whole Foods and Target will open early on October 19th! We plan a major celebration and ribbon cutting for that date. Stay tuned for details.

2016 Closter – Haworth 5k Challenge: Closter Team in Training

As reported last month, the Boroughs of Closter and Haworth have entered into a challenge for their two 5K Races coming up in September. The Mayor of each Borough, along with a Councilperson from each Borough and one other resident from each Borough, will race in both races as teams. *The combined times of each team will determine the winner.* Our Closter teammates are training daily and can be seen early in the morning jogging around town. The first race is the Closter 5K on Labor Day Week-end, September 5th followed by the Haworth 5K on Saturday September 24th. All residents are encouraged to attend. GO CLOSTER!

Closter Volunteer Fire Department Is Looking for New Members

The Closter Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind all residents that the department is continually looking for new members to serve the community. Membership levels are at an all-time low and help is needed. No previous experience is necessary - The department will provide the training and camaraderie! The department is 100% volunteer and has been proudly serving the community since 1893. The department responds to an average of 275 calls a year which requires numerous man-hours to provide the service levels required by the community. All interested parties should submit inquiries via the contact info provided below. All applicants are required to be at least 18 to join the department; high school students may be eligible to join our junior program. Contact the Closter Volunteer Fire Department at: 201-768-3698 or fireprev@closterboro.com

The Belskie Museum Presents: “*The Return of the Ex-Madmen Who Create New Art*”!

The Belskie Museum of Art & Science, 280 High Street, Closter proudly presents “*The Return of the Ex-Madmen Who Create New Art*”! This is an amazing and inspiring exhibit by seventeen former art directors and creative directors whose careers were with the leading Madison Avenue advertising agencies. They are award winning creators of print and television ads in the 80’s, 90’s and 2000’s for virtually all the leading consumer product companies in America. “*The Return of the Ex-Madmen Who Create New Art*” opens on Sunday, September 11th between 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free and while the museum hours are Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., hours by appointment can be arranged.

Closter Nature Center's Annual Summer Program

The Closter Nature Center is accepting applications to its Annual Summer Program. The 10-week camp is open to children ages 4 to 14. There are two sessions – morning and afternoon that run from Monday through Thursday each week. Campers can sign up for one or more four-day weeks. Campers can hike, dig, wade in the water, and examine nature under the supervision of a trained naturalist and an assistant. Program details and registration information is available on the Nature Center’s website, www.closternaturecenter.org

The Closter Public Library

The Closter Public Library, located at 280 High Street in Closter offers an array of guest speakers, children’s programs, a comprehensive young adult library and the Belskie Museum Gallery wall. Additionally, your library card provides free access reserve passes for the Intrepid Museum (one ticket admits six people), and the Guggenheim Museum (one ticket admits four people); Rosetta Stone – learn a language at home, and E-Sources (downloadable books and magazines - ZINIO), streaming music. New books and audio books are available the day of release by the publisher. With all of these additional benefits available to library card holders, your library card is worth more than a \$1,000/year!

Closter Police Department

The Closter Police Department is reminding all of us New Jersey State law states all motorists **MUST** stop for pedestrians in a marked crosswalk. Failure to observe the law may subject the driver to one or more of the following – two points, \$200 fine (plus court costs), insurance surcharges or 15 days community service. The Police Department is also reminding our residents that under New Jersey State law, it is illegal for a person under age 21 to purchase, consume or possess an alcoholic beverage. Please help us to keep Closter’s residents and visitors safe!

Closter Senior Citizens' Club

Closter's Senior Citizens' Club is an active organization, holding bi-monthly meetings on the first and third (1st and 3rd) Wednesdays of every month at the Senior Center located behind the Closter Borough Hall. In addition to the bi-monthly social meetings, the Senior Club offers Bingo and light exercise classes. The Borough offers a variety of opportunities to our senior residents including support of trips, guest speakers and entertainment. Through the Closter Police Department senior residents can benefit from a daily call-in program referred to as "Operation Concern". Our police officers provide information on topics such as scams, robbery and ID theft as well as conduct scheduled DEA collections for the safe disposal of unused medications. The Borough's Health Department offers blood pressure screenings on the first Wednesday of the month at both the Closter Senior Club meeting and at the Closter Public Library. These are just a few of the activities available. Persons interested in obtaining information about the Closter Senior Citizens Club should call 201-768-4535.

Annual Labor Day Events and Celebration

Saturday, September 3rd through Monday, September 5th - Veterans' Memorial Field

Scheduled Activities for the Closter Annual Labor Day Events:

Sept. 3: (Sat) – 4 person volleyball tournament – 11:00 AM

Sept. 3: (Sat) – Waldwick Band Concert; 7:00 PM at Lions Bandshell – Memorial Park

Sept. 4: (Sun) – Annual Dom Mircovich Memorial 5K Run – Kids fun run, 8:30 AM, and the 5K run at 9:00 AM

Sept. 4: (Sun) – Movie Night at the Lions Band Shell – 7:30

Sept. 5: (Mon) – 55th Annual Town Labor Day Celebration – 1:00 PM start; Kids rides, concerts, recreation awards, food and drink.

Sept. 5th (Mon evening) – Closter Annual Fireworks Display – 8:30 PM (Dark)

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

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