



# BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

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## MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



May 27, 2016

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

This month's 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's Memorial Day Parade and Service:**

It is with tremendous pride that the Leroy S. Mead Post 111 American Legion, the Closter Elks Lodge 2304 and the Borough of Closter are hosting the 2016 Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service on Monday, May 30, 2016. With respect and 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 who are currently serving our Country, the 2016 Memorial Day Schedule of Events is as follows:

8:30 a.m. *Leroy S. Mead Post 111, American Legion Memorial Service*  
Veterans Monument Park, Herbert Avenue & Closter Dock Road

9:00 a.m. *Closter Fire Department Service*  
100 Ruckman Road

10:00 a.m. *Memorial Day Parade*  
Participants assemble at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Mary's Church parking area;  
The parade steps off at 10:00 a.m.

Route: The parade begins on Legion Place at High Street, continues east on High St. to Closter Dock Rd., bearing left; then proceeds north on Closter Dock Rd., then West onto Harrington Avenue, concluding at Veteran's Memorial Park

The Memorial Day Ceremony is held on the north side of Veteran's Memorial Park and begins immediately following the conclusion of the parade. Please join in the community's spirit and commitment in honoring the service men and women of our Armed Forces by lining the streets along the parade route and displaying American flags. Residents are invited to the Closter Elks for refreshments following the Memorial Day Ceremony.

### **Mollicone Park Rededication**

A ceremony rededicating the memorial to Lt. Donald A. Mollicone, a Borough resident who sacrificed his life in the Vietnam War, will be held on Sunday, May 29 at 12 noon in the Closter park that bears his name. Jason Lee, 17, who recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, refurbished Lt. Mollicone's memorial as his Eagle Scout Project. Three new commemorative kiosks, a flagpole and a walk-in area for visitors to view the kiosks are major elements of the memorial. Jason enlisted the help of local businesses as well as fellow Boy Scouts to help him refurbish and build the structures. Please join the Borough of Closter in this important event.

### **Closter Plaza**

As many of you have read in recent articles, Rudy's, Massage Envy and Kidville are moved into their new locations and open for business! The construction continues to move along, making considerable progress. As more businesses move into their new spaces, ribbon cuttings and mini-grand openings will be taking place. Edens is committed to bring a blend of retailers that will provide a large selection of services to the community.

### **Closter Chamber of Commerce**

The Closter Chamber of Commerce is an active membership of retailers and businesses in town. They are sponsoring the Uncommon Crafts at the Closter Commons (courtyard) on June 12<sup>th</sup> and, of course, the annual Closter Sidewalk Sale which is scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. It was exciting to see the celebration of Nonna Clementina's grand opening in its new location 309 Closter Dock Road as well as welcoming Belle Tu, 229 Closter Dock Road, to the community last week. Please take a moment and visit the Chamber's website, [www.closterchamber.org](http://www.closterchamber.org) to familiarize yourself with the Chambers' activities.

### **Closter Annual "Hoe Down"**

Get out your boots and dust off your cowboy hats... the Closter Improvement Commission invites all folks, all ages, to its 2<sup>nd</sup> Country Western Hoe Down! Festivities are planned for Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at Veterans' Memorial Park. Family square and line dancing, petting zoo, pony rides, pie eating contests, delicious BBQ, yodeling and face painting and a mechanical bullride just to name a few of the activities. Bring blankets and lawn chairs and dress to impress in country western! (Just in case, the rain date is June 12<sup>th</sup> between noon and 3:00 p.m.)

### **Closter is Named Tree City USA**

Closter has been named a Tree City USA city by the Arbor Day Foundation for the 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive year in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. Closter achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements. Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

### **Closter Nature Center**

The Closter Nature Center has announced its summer events:

- June After School Classes: PK-Kindergarten
- CNC'S ANNUAL POND CELEBRATION - Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 1-4 PM
- Closter Nature Center 2016 Summer Camp

For more information please go to: [www.closternaturecenter.org](http://www.closternaturecenter.org)

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

*“Salute to Women in the Arts”* Exhibit, June 5<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. The Martin Hicks Gallery at the Belskie Museum of Art & Science presents an exhibition by 29 artists, all of whom are members of Salute to Women in the Arts. SALUTE was formed in 1974 when it saw the need for an organization representing women in the arts in northern NJ. The exhibit will include painting, mixed media, photography, assemblages and collages among other art forms. The *“Salute to Women in the Arts”* exhibit opens on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Belskie Museum hours are Saturdays and Sundays, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The Belskie Museum is also pleased to be exhibiting a selection of work from local artist, Andrew Weatherly. Selections from *“The Art Beyond A Syndrome”* will be featured in the Closter Library’s gallery during the months of June and July.

Admission to both the Belskie Museum and Library gallery are free. Appointments can be made to visit the museum outside of regular hours by calling 201-768-0286. [www.belskiemuseum.com](http://www.belskiemuseum.com)

### **National Trails Day**

Closter’s Environmental Commission and the Closter Nature Center invite you to walk (or jog or stroll) along its many lovely wooded trails. Join us on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> to learn more about Closter extensive trail system and explore the beautiful woodlands in our community. The Closter Environmental Commission will host the day and be stationed at the Closter Nature Center Cabin, located at the Closter Nature Center on Ruckman Road beginning at 10:00 a.m. and concluding at 4:00 p.m. On Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, the Closter Nature Center will host its annual “Pond Celebration” around the pond in front of the cabin from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Activities will include canoe rides, arts & crafts geared to younger children. Members of the CNC will offer information about the ecology of the Nature Center and its trails. Trail maps will be provided.

### **Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars**

*Details will be posted on the Borough’s website, [www.closternj.us](http://www.closternj.us)*

- **Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Rededication of Mollicone Park, noon**  
*(please park on Eckerson Avenue)*
- **Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Memorial Day Services & Parade**  
8:30 a.m. American Legion Memorial Service, Veterans Park  
9:00 a.m. Closter Fire Department Service, Closter Firehouse  
10:00 a.m. Memorial Day Parade  
Memorial Service follows the Parade at Memorial Field
- **Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> - National Trails Day**  
Meet at Closter Nature Center Cabin beginning at 10:00 a.m. -  
concluding at 4:00 p.m. Trail Maps will be provided

- **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – Closter Nature Center “Pond Celebration”**  
**1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Canoe rides, arts & crafts, trail maps!**
- **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – Belskie Museum of Art & Science Exhibit Opening**  
**“Salute to Women in the Arts”, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Closter’s Country Hoe Down sponsored by the CIC,**  
**Join friends and neighbors in a country hoedown!**
- **Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Closter Chamber of Commerce**  
**“Uncommon Crafts at the Closter Commons” 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

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,



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Mayor

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