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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The Mayor's Newsletter provides announcements and details on the numerous events taking place throughout the community. Please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

Labor Day Weekend – 57th Annual Closter Labor Day Celebration

Join family and friends, meet new neighbors and celebrate Closter during the 57th Annual Labor Day weekend of festivities. A complete schedule of events can be found on the Borough's website, www.closternj.us. Activities begin on Saturday, September 2nd and close Monday night with the traditional fireworks display. There is something for EVERYONE!!... volleyball tournaments, concerts at the Lions band shell, 35th Annual Dom Mircovich Memorial 5K, Family Movie Night (feature film is *SING*) and of course the traditional Closter Labor Day Field Day of events on Monday.

Additionally, the 2nd Annual Closter vs Haworth Mayor's Challenge race is part of the 5K Run. The two teams consist of the Mayor, an employee and a resident of each town. The loser has to plant a tree in the other's town. Last year, the First Annual Mayor's Challenge was won by Closter... After that 2016 Race, the Mayor of Haworth planted a tree in Closter at the finish line of the Closter 5K Race in front of memorial Field.....*GO CLOSTER!!*

September 11th Memorial Service

The community is invited to gather in remembrance on *Monday, September 11th* for the 9/11 Memorial Service. The Closter's service is held at the 9/11 Memorial located on the corner of Cedar Lane and Harrington Avenue and begins promptly at 8:30 a.m.

Closter's September 11th Memorial was completed in 2004. The annual September 11th Service continues to honor and remember all of the Americans whose lives were so profoundly affected as well as pay homage to all those whose sacrifices have provided our cherished freedom. Signifying the moment that all of our lives were changed, this Memorial stands as a moment in time when at precisely 8:46 a.m. a beam of sunlight illuminates a piece of steel that was recovered from the World Trade Center.

On behalf of all of the volunteers that made this Memorial possible, we welcome you and your families and encourage your participation in this service.

Closter Police Department

Schools' Open!! Drive Carefully!! **Tuesday, September 5th is the first day of school.** Please help us keep our children safe... *Slow Down* – speed limits in school zones are reduced for a reason! *Watch for bicycles* – keep distance between your vehicle and a bicyclist; require your child wear a helmet! *Eliminate Distractions* – reduce risk by not using your cell phone, texting or eating while driving and allow extra time to transport to and from schools.

NJ State law states motorists must STOP for pedestrians in marked crosswalks. The failure to observe the law could subject the driver to one or more of the following – two points, costly fines (plus court costs), insurance surcharges or 15 days community service. Please help us to keep Closter's residents and visitors safe!

The Closter Police Department has announced a **Safe Exchange Zone** for conducting in-person internet transactions. Residents wary of transactions via the internet with an unknown buyer or seller will now be able to do so in the parking lot of the Closter Police headquarters located at 295 Closter Dock Rd. There is a Safe Exchange Zone sign in the parking lot denoting the area under surveillance. The Closter Police will not have a hand in any transactions, act as witnesses or be involved in authentication of any item.

Closter's Trails

New maps, new signs and refurbished trails provide an additional opportunity for enjoying the beautiful green spaces throughout the borough. The Closter Environmental Commission has been working on developing this passive recreational opportunity under the leadership of Sophie Heymann and Steve Isaacson. Closter's recreational trail system connects with the Demarest Nature Center as well as with the Closter Nature Center. Take a break and walk along these trails with your family to truly engage with our green areas...it's delightful! There is an excellent article on the front page of this week's *Suburbanite*. Thank you Sophie for pursuing your passion in keeping Closter green!

Belskie Museum of Art & Science

The Belskie Museum, Martin Hicks Gallery, is pleased to feature the exhibit "Nature" by six area artists renowned for their interpretations of nature with sculpture and painting. Join the members of the Belskie Museum and meet the artists at the exhibit opening on *Sunday, September 10th* between 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm. The Museum hours are Saturdays & Sundays, 1:00 pm – 5:00pm (hours by appointment can be arranged). Admission is free. Located adjacent to the Closter Public Library, www.belskiemuseum.com

Closter Public Library

The Library is excited to offer two new programs... "Come Knit With Us" begins Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. and French Literature in Translation – A Book Club will begin October 2nd at 10:00 a.m. Please call or email the library for more information. Friday Flicks for September are *Going in Style* and *Lion*, both at 1:00 p.m. on the first and third Fridays. The Library is planning the Fall Book Sale, which will be held on October 6th and 7th. These are just a few of the offerings our library provides as a cultural, recreational and educational center for the community!

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