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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The January 2017 issue of the Mayor's Newsletter brings some welcome news and events in town. My door is always open. Please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

Closter's Newest Restaurants

Closter welcomed the opening of two new restaurants, both quite different in their venues! The last week of January saw the opening of **Bareburger**, located in the Closter Plaza and **Azucar**, located on the corner of Schraalenburg Road and Demarest Avenue. **Bareburger** is known for its organic, sustainable menu selections. Bringing a flavor of Cuban cuisine to Closter, **Azucar** hosted a grand opening party. Senator Menendez and your Mayor were on hand to cut the ribbon and lead us in our traditional *Hip, Hip Hurray* welcome!

Closter's Volunteer Emergency Services:

The Borough of Closter has two of the most committed volunteer emergency service organizations in northern Bergen County. Closter's volunteer ambulance corps and fire department were founded on the premise that together volunteers can make a significant difference to the quality of services in the community and, indeed, they have. Since its establishment in 1893 the **Knickerbocker Hook & Ladder Company** is staffed solely by volunteers who donate their time, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, responding to 274 calls last year. Complementing the emergency fire services is the medical emergency response and rescue operations provided by the men and women of the **Closter Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Corps**. The Closter Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Corps, Inc. is the only department in Bergen County, and one of the few in the state that provides both ambulance service and heavy rescue, inclusive of cliff rescues and rappelling.

Closter's emergency service organizations are always interested in recruiting new members. Information for both of these organizations can be found by viewing the Borough's website, www.closternj.us. Support for our emergency services can come in many forms; a volunteer commitment or perhaps supporting these emergency services during their fund raising drives throughout the year.

Northern Valley League of Women Voters

The Northern Valley League of Women Voters invites you to a “*Discussion About Sexual Assault on College Campuses*” this Wednesday, February 1st, at 7:30 p.m. in the main meeting room of the Closter Public Library, 280 High Street. Liz Corsini, who directs sexual assault prevention/intervention efforts on high school campuses for the Bergen Family Center in Englewood, Helen Archontou, CEO of the B.C. YWCA and members of the B.C. Prosecutor’s Special Crime Victim Nurses and Prosecutor’s Office will be on hand to deliver this discussion. Included will be how to define “sexual assault” and what constitutes “consent”; the role of local law enforcement and campus administration, ways to prevent sexual assaults in NJ colleges and what legislation is needed

Belskie Museum of Art & Science

The Belskie Museum is pleased to present the third annual student art exhibit by the Bergen County Technical High School – Teterboro. On display will be works from the Fashion, Design & Merchandising, Commercial Art & Graphic Design, and Digital & Media Arts majors.

The Fashion exhibit is a manifestation of varied Disney princesses on a superior level. Students in Commercial Art utilize acrylics and mixed media to communicate dreams, laughter, smiles and giving hope. Digital & Media Arts use a looping DVD of short films, animations and static.

Exhibit Opening: Sunday, February 5th between 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 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

Environmental Commission

The Environmental Commission works to maintain and improve Closter’s sustainability through many projects such as conserving the walking and hiking trail system, supervising the MacBain Farm, reviewing building plans to insure sustainability, encouraging tree planting and delivering campaigns to encourage recycling and repurposing of materials. Closter’s Environmental Commission invites all of Closter’s residents, from high school students to our seniors, to participate in its activities and monthly meetings. The Environmental Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month. Residents are welcome to come!

Mark your calendars!! The **Northern Valley Annual Earth Fair, hosted by the Closter Environmental Commission, is Saturday, April 22nd.** Volunteers, vendors and a large array of activities are being planned for the delivery of the Annual Earth Fair located at and on the grounds of the Tenakill School between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The Northern Valley’s Environmental Commissions welcomes all volunteers to help with this event.

Closter Nature Center

The level of activities sponsored by and taking place at the Closter Nature Center are endless! February is full of activities, classes and after-school programs. This month’s after-school science program will focus on volcanoes! The *Winter Break Program* is scheduled for Monday, February 20th to Thursday, February 23rd. Classes are held by grade levels, so please see the Nature Center’s website for details. A *Winter Wonderland Hike* is taking place on Saturday, February 19th at 2:00. Come one, come all; layer up your warm clothes and join the folks at the nature Center for an afternoon forest adventure!

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.

Closter Food Pantry

Closter Food Pantry is seeking donations that will restock the empty shelves and assist our community families in need. Please visit the Borough's website (www.closternj.us) and click on the link to the Food and Assistance Board to view the lists of items that are needed to stock their shelves.

Closter PTO News

Save the Date!! The 16th Annual Closter PTO Dinner Dance, *The Grand Affair*, is being held on Friday, March 24th at the Time Hotel in Nyack, NY. Join in for an "opulent evening of dancing, dining, mingling and fundraising for our schools". Tickets and information are available on the PTO's website, www.closterpto.org.

Closter Recreation

Find some time and come take a walk on the walking/jogging path located at Ruckman Park, on the corner of Ruckman & Piermont Roads. The newly installed bollard style- low level LED path lights will illuminate your way as you find some time for fresh air and exercise. This lighting feature is an added benefit for all of our residents to utilize the park.

Visit the Closter Recreation website, www.closterrec.com, for all of the latest information on programs and registrations. The Closter Recreation Commission is pleased to announce a full day, 6 week, *Summer Recreation Program* run by the Commission! This program will be open to Closter Residents Only from June 26th to August 4th. The location will be Tenakill Middle School and Memorial Park. While the camp schedule is being developed, early details are available on the Closter Recreation website. Plans are still in effect to offer the FREE 9:30a.m. to noon summer rec program at Memorial, as in year past. The morning program is cancelled if it rains. The free program and the full day program will NOT intermingle!

Sports registration dates and clinics are posted on the Closter Recreation Website, www.closterrecom.

All the Best,



Mayor