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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It's almost December 2017. How quickly this year is going! The Mayor's Newsletter is filled with information about our town. Please feel free to contact me at 201-784-0600 x 500 with ideas or concerns related to the Borough.

Hip, Hip, Hooray! Closter Plaza's Dancing Diamonds Sign

Just before the official start of the holiday season, the folks at EDENS brought the community together on the evening of November 21st to officially light the Closter Plaza "Dancing Diamonds" sign. The "Dancing Diamonds" sign stood as an icon for the Vervalen Street shopping center for 60 years. Closter Plaza developer, EDENS', has a strong commitment to Closter in developing a state of the art shopping experience. They heard the pleas for preserving this piece of local history and worked hard to bring the request to fruition. The link below will bring you to a Smile box video. Enjoy the photos of the lighting!

<http://play.smilebox.com/SpreadMoreHappy/4e4455344e4463774d5452384e7a59784d6a41784d6a493d0d0a?title=CLOSTER%20PLAZA%20SIGN%20UNVEILING-11-21-17&image=4e4455344e4463774d5452384e7a59784d6a41784d6a493d0d0a.jpg>

New Movie Theater at Closter Plaza

EDENS is working to complete the CMX Cinemas movie theatre with an anticipated opening in time for the new Star Wars film: "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" in mid-December. May the force be with you!

Third Annual TREE LIGHTING at the Closter Borough Hall

Join in with family, friends and neighbors as Closter's Improvement Commission welcomes all with songs, music and refreshments in the Annual Tree Lighting on December 7th at 7:00 p.m. This festive gathering is sure to bring a holiday spirit to town! Once again the Blue Chip Chorus will be singing and Triple Platinum will be playing music. *No "bah hum bugs" here!*

Closter Pack 20 Cub Scouts and *Second Chance Toys*

The Pack 20 Cub Scouts are participating in a collection of *gently used* (still functioning) plastic toys which will be given to the “*Second Chance Toys*” organization who donates them to community organizations servicing children in need. Coming to the Tree Lighting? Consider donating a *gently used, slightly worn* toy to Cub Scouts at the Tree Lighting on December 7th. Scouts will be there to accept your donations or starting Monday, December 4th and ending Thursday, December 7th at the Tree Lighting, a box will be available in the front door lobby (near the Mayor’s office) of the Borough Hall. It is clearly marked “Closter Pack 20 Cub Scouts” - *Second Chance Toys*.

Photos with Santa at Petco

Pet photos with Santa! Closter’s local Petco store, located in the Closter Plaza, will be holding a benefit to support the local homeless pets in our area. Watch your favorite Petco store partners transform into Santa. 100% of your \$9.95 donation benefits our local C.L.A.W.S. through the Petco Foundation. Saturdays, December 2nd, 9th and 16th at 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please see the Petco calendar of events for the C.L.A.W.S adoption dates.

2017 Closter Food Pantry

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and the Closter Food Pantry is seeking donations to 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. Our Food & Assistant Board volunteers are working tirelessly to assist our residents in need.

Closter Police Department

The holiday season brings joys, but also a prime opportunity for increased criminal activity. The Closter Police Department is reminding all residents and businesses to set the timers on interior lamps and outdoor lighting and increase home and business lighting. Utilizing lighting helps to deter opportunities for criminal acts. Try to pick-up packages, mail and newspapers. This is also a prime time for scams, so please, be diligent and be aware. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is a scam of some type.

Closter Recreation – Winter Sports Program

Registration for the Closter Recreation Winter Sports Program is now open. If you haven’t registered yet, please visit the Closter recreation Website at www.Closterrec.com.

Closter Nature Center

The Closter Nature Center has some amazing after-school programs. Interested in geology, classes during the holiday break, counting birds??? The Nature Center has something for everyone. As a special event this year, on Saturday, December 16th 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the CNC is going to participate in the Bergen County Audubon’s Annual Christmas Bird Count. We need spotters with binoculars and while learners are very welcome, we hope several experienced folks will join in. Meet at the cabin. To register for the Nature Center Programs, call Marc Gussen at 201-750-2778 or visit <https://register.capturepoint.com/Closter> or visit the Cabin on Ruckman Road. There is always an activity or class at the Nature Center.

Closter Public Library

The Closter Public Library is continuing its First and Third Friday Flicks. December 1st features *Wind River* at 1:00 p.m. and December 15th features *The Women's Balcony*. Showtime is 1:00 p.m. The library is a cultural, educational and recreational center that features a multitude to classes, from “*Come Knit With Us*”, *Relax, De-Stress, Color!!*, *Yoga and Meditation*, *Violin Studio Students Holiday Recital*, *Piano Students Winter Recital*, and of course, The monthly Blood Pressure nurse visit between 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6th.

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. Together we can make a huge difference in our community.

On behalf of the Council and the Borough's employees, I extend warm wishes to all residents of Closter for a happy and healthy holiday season.

All the best,



Mayor