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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.

Hip, Hip, Hooray!

It was exactly one year ago the Borough of Closter welcomed both Whole Foods and Target to the newly renovated Closter Plaza. The first of many grand openings took place on October 19, 2016. Since the first ribbon was cut and the "hip, hip, hoorays" filled the air, the number of retailers and restaurants has grown significantly. As Edens has indicated, plans with the completion of the movie theatre and gourmet liquor shop are moving along quickly.

Closter Police Department

"Operation Take Back New Jersey" is Saturday, October 28th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Closter Police Department – Garage/Parking Lot behind the Closter Borough Hall. Turn in UNUSED or EXPIRED medication for safe disposal. The Closter Police Department has worked in support of the *National Take Back Initiative* to invite the community to take a visible stand against drugs by disposing of unwanted and unused prescription drugs. Closter police officers will be on hand to assist with the safe disposal of medication. *No questions will be asked.*

Daylight Savings Time ends on Saturday, November 4th. With the clocks being set back an hour, evening darkness arrives an hour earlier. The Closter Police Department is reminding all residents and businesses to reset the timers on both interior and exterior lighting. Drivers and pedestrians alike should increase their diligence when driving or walking during the earlier dusk hours. This is the perfect time to replace the batteries in smoke and carbon dioxide (Co2) detectors. Utilizing lighting is one way of deterring opportunities for criminal acts.

Closter Lions Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, October 29th 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Following tradition, the last Sunday in October is the traditional date for the Closter Lions Pancake Breakfast! Join friends and neighbors on Sunday, October 29th at Northern Velley Regional HS – Demarest.

Breakfast will be served between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Tickets are \$7.00 at the door; children 4 and under are free.

The Closter Lions have hosted pancake breakfasts to raise funds for the Lions Club Charitable Foundation for more than 50 years. The funds raised by this group of dedicated volunteers directly benefit dozens of sight-related charities. Please consider supporting the local chapter of the Lions Club as they work to maintain their continued support of persons with visual impairments.

Closter Recreation

The 61st Annual Halloween Parade will take place on Sunday, October 29th beginning at 12:30 p.m. The parade will assemble in the parking of the Borough and kick off at 1:00 sharp, marching to Tenakill Middle School. There will be a costume contest following the parade with trophies awarded in categories such as: "Most Beautiful, Scariest, Funniest and Most Original". The grand prize "Taaz Trophy" will be awarded to the Best Overall Costume. The PTO Halloween Fair, located in the Tenakill gym, begins immediately following the costume contest. In the event of rain, the parade will be cancelled, but the PTO Halloween Fair will begin at 1:00 p.m. This is sure to be an event filled with lots of Halloween tricks and treats!

Belskie Museum of Art & Science

Join the members of the Belskie Museum of Art & Science during the 3rd Annual Holiday Art & Craft Show & Sale. The selection of these unique pieces of art will include jewelry, ceramics, pottery, painting, photography and fashion accessories from 15 local artists. The doors open at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 12th. After the opening, hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. through December 3rd. Admission is free. All artwork is being offered for sale. Come early to select holiday gifts from these one of a kind pieces. There is something for everyone! www.belskiemuseum.com

Closter Public Library

November is a busy time at the Closter Public Library. Come watch *The Beguiled* on Friday, November 3rd at 1:00 or *Spider-man: Homecoming* on Friday, November 17th. Relax, de-stress, color on Wednesday November 15 at 11:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. Interested in knitting or would you like to learn how to knit or crochet? The group meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. The Northwest Wind Quintet will be playing classical pieces on Saturday, November 11th at 2:00 p.m. This is just a sample of the activities that are taking place at the Library this month. A complete calendar of activities is available at www.closter.bccls.org The Library will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22 and

2017 Closter Food and Assistance Board

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and the Closter Food Pantry is seeking donations to assist our community families who are in need. Closter is fortunate to have volunteers who work tirelessly to assist our residents in need. The Food & Assistance Board maintains a list of items that are needed to stock their shelves. Please visit the Borough's website (www.closternj.us) and click on the link to the Food & Assistance Board.

Closter Nature Center

The November schedule of the Closter Nature Center is filled with activities for young and old. The focus this coming month is "furry friends" with weekday classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Sunday, November 12th has a presentation on honey bees at the cabin beginning at 3:00 p.m. Visit the nature center website at www.closternaturecenter.org or call Marc Gussen at 201-750-2778 for more information.

Closter Improvement Commission: Story Telling Contest

The CIC is pleased to be holding a story-telling contest. In a release prepared by the CIC, “the Commission recognizes that it is the diversity of the people who live here that makes this town special. And, despite our differences, it is the commonality of being human that allows us to empathize, cry and laugh with each other. The CIC is inviting people of all ages and in all neighborhoods to submit a story in Closter’s first annual story-telling contest. The title of the story should be “My Experience of Closter, NJ”. From the entries that are submitted, seven will be chosen by the Commission to be read aloud on Sunday, November 19th at the Borough Hall at 7:00 p.m. The top three storytellers (as decided by the CIC) will receive a gift certificate each. All seven storytellers will be recognized. Mr. Tatum, the Principal of Tenakill Middle School, will host this event.

Please send your written story to the Borough of Closter, 295 Closter Dock Rd., Closter, NJ 07624, Attn: Maria Kim, postmarked by Saturday, November 11th. Stories can also be emailed to maria.kim.closter@gmail.com by Monday, November 13th. Submitted entries will not be returned. A person can submit more than one story. Please make sure your email and contact information is included. People whose stories are chosen to be shared during Closter’s Story Hour will be notified by November 16th and the storyteller must be able to read the store on November 19th to be considered for the prize. For questions regarding the event, please contact Maria Kim at 201-660-7708.

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 in Closter.

All the Best,



Mayor