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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.

Fall Festival – MacBain Farm

Closter's Environmental Commission will be hosting the 10th Annual Mac Bain Farm Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 14th (rain date Sunday, October 15th) at the Mac Bain Farm located at 203 Hickory Lane. Join in for a family afternoon of s'mores, cider, pumpkin picking & painting, storytelling and music. The MacBain Farm Fall Festival takes place from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A wonderful way to welcome fall!

Village School

The Borough of Closter is pleased to announce it has entered a contract to purchase the property known as Village School located at 511 Durie Avenue. The Borough is anticipating the redevelopment of the Village School property will meet the affordable housing obligation that all municipalities in the State of New Jersey are required to meet. There are many pieces of this project that are being explored to offer our community the all-encompassing options to meet the State's legal requirements, while addressing the court mandated affordable housing plan.

When the Borough has reached agreement with the Courts and has a draft Housing Plan available, it will hold public hearings before the Closter Planning Board. These meetings will be noticed and open to the public. Thereafter, it is anticipated the Courts will approve the plan and certify the Borough's Affordable Housing proposals.

Closter Police Department

The Closter Police Department is announcing a new initiative...*"baseball trading cards featuring Closter police officers"*. The baseball trading cards will feature biographical details on each of the borough's 20 police offices. Baseball P.D. Cards are a new tool used by many police departments in the region to enhance communication and strengthen the support through the schools, particularly with students in grades K-4. It is hoped a new line of communication will be opened for our residents.

A **Safe Exchange Zone** for conducting in-person internet transactions is available to residents. 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. Please note ~ the Closter Police will not have a hand in any transaction, act as witnesses or be involved in authentication of any item.

Please help us keep Closter's residents and visitors safe! 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.

Belskie Museum of Art & Science

The Belskie Museum, Martin Hicks Gallery, is pleased to feature the exhibit “Art Center of New Jersey” by twenty-eight local artists renowned for their work in sculpture, printmaking & watercolor. Join the members of the Belskie Museum and meet the artists at the exhibit opening on *Sunday, October 8th* 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 Recreation

Closter's Labor Day weekend celebration was attended by many residents, friends and families. The 5K had record attendance of participants and onlookers as did the concerts, festivities and fireworks. The weekend was a HUGE success, enjoyed by all, as we celebrate our community.

Winter sports registration for children in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade will open on Sunday, October 1st. Please visit the Closter Recreation website at www.closterrec.com for further details.

This year's 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. This is sure to be an event filled with lots of Halloween tricks and treats!

Closter Public Library

The Library is busy planning the Fall Book Sale on October 6 & 7 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. There is something for everyone! The Library is planning its Fall Book Sale, which will be held on October 6th and 7th. On Saturday, October 7th the Library will host Jane Williams & Friends in Concert. First and Third Friday Flicks, “The Big Sick” premieres on Friday, October 6th at 1:00 and “Maudie” on Friday, October 20th at 1:00. The Closter Public Library is a cultural, recreational and educational center for the community! A complete calendar of events is available at www.bccls.org.

Chamber of Commerce Meet & Greet

Join the members of the Closter Chamber of Commerce for their annual “night under the stars” on Thursday, October 5th. The Fall BBQ & Chamber Meet & Greet begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Barn, located at 570 Piermont Road. Tickets are available through the Chamber's website, www.closterchamber.org/BBQ or can be purchased at the door. The rain date is October 12th. Great food, music and camaraderie

Shout Out – Councilman Robert Di Dio Named to State Board of Pharmacy

Closter Councilman Robert Di Dio was recently appointed to the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy by Governor Christie. The Board of Pharmacy is the oldest professional licensing board in New Jersey and was established in 1877 to protect the public by regulating the dispensing of prescription medications. Bob previously taught pharmacy management at a local university and was a pharmaceutical consultant assisting and advising pharmacies and hospitals throughout New Jersey and New York.

All the Best,



Mayor