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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



April 30, 2018

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am pleased to be providing the Mayor's Newsletter which is designed to highlight and inform our residents with information on the activities and events taking place in Closter. My door is always open, so please feel free to contact me at 201-784-0600 x 500 with concerns or suggestions.

~IMPORTANT NOTICE~

“Operation Take Back New Jersey”

Turn in your UNUSED or EXPIRED medication for safe disposal

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Closter Police Dept. ~ Garage/Parking Lot

295 Closter Dock Road, Closter

Belskie Museum of Art & Science

May is student art month at the Belskie Museum!

The Belskie Museum of Art & Science is pleased to be hosting the Tenakill Middle School's 16th Annual Art Exhibit. This delightful exhibit opens to the public on **Thursday, May 3rd** with an opening reception between 7:00- 9:00 p.m. Under the guidance of Tenakill Middle School's art director, Joann Puleo, the Tenakill students have created a delicious exhibit of sculpture, drawing and painting featuring “baking”. This year's exhibit includes a replica of the award winning cake baked by Tenakill student, Linsey Lam, grand prize winner of the Food Networks Kids Baking Championship. This exhibit is too scrumptious to miss!

The Martin Hicks Gallery at the Belskie Museum is pleased to be hosting the 18th Annual exhibit of art by the students of Northern Valley Regional High School at Demarest. Meet some of the talented artists in this exhibit at the opening reception which is Thursday, May 17th from 7-9 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 201-768-0286; email belskiemuseum@hotmail.com. www.belskiemuseum.com.

Closter – “Keeping It Green”... *Arbor Day*

Closter is proud to once again receive the distinguished recognition from the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA. To maintain this status, the Borough must meet certain criteria, such as devoting a certain portion of its budget to tree planting and care and following its adopted tree ordinance.

The Closter Shade Tree Commission honored **Arbor Day** with the annual tree planting at both of our schools on Friday, April 27th. Students assisted the Shade Tree Commission with planting while learning about the species of trees being planted. The traditional Arbor Day event is just a part of Closter’s commitment to being a Tree City USA community.

Closter Recreation

Sunday, April 29th ...an important day in Recreation’s baseball and softball programs for our Closter residents! The Opening Day parade begins at 12:30 p.m. from the parking lot behind the Borough Hall and proceeds to the ball fields at Veterans Memorial Park on Harrington Avenue. Opening Day ceremonies begin shortly after the parade.

Closter Recreation’s Challenger Baseball/T-Ball Program for Differently-Abled students begins on Saturday, April 28th at 9:30 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Field. Additionally, the Spring Challenger Track Program runs on Wednesdays at NVRHS – Demarest. Information and dates for this program are on the Recreation’s website, www.closterrec.com.

Youngsters can enjoy a morning of fishing on Saturday, May 12th at the Annual Joe Accordino, Jr. Memorial Fishing Contest that will be held from 9am-12noon @ Ruckman Pond, Closter Nature Center. This event is open to Closter Residents.

2018 Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service – Monday, May 28th

In honor of the 18 Closter residents who gave the ultimate sacrifice in World War I, World War II and Vietnam, as well as those countrymen currently serving, it is with pride the 2018 Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service will be held on Monday, May 28th.

The annual Memorial Day Parade steps off at 10:00 a.m. from the parking lot of the Church of St. Mary on Legion Place and High Street. The Memorial Day Service will begin immediately following the conclusion of the parade at Veteran’s Memorial Park. All are encouraged to attend the service honoring our fallen servicemen and women. Mayor’s Trophy will be awarded to the best use of ‘red, white & blue’!! Following the Memorial Service, participants and spectators are invited to the Closter Elks Lodge for refreshments.

Please join the community’s spirit and commitment in honoring the service men and women of our Armed Forces by participating in the 2018 Memorial Day events. Line the streets along the parade route, fly the American flag from homes and businesses, and attend the Memorial Day service. Interested in participating in the parade... please call the Borough offices at 201-784-0600 x 304. All are welcome to join!

Closter Nature Center

Spring at the Closter Nature Center provides an assortment of activities for everyone. May’s after-school programs provide exploring the world of amphibians, and the Spring Birding Experience will provide a birding adventure with well-known naturalist Nancy Slowik. Registration for the 2018 summer program is open and the CNC Annual Meeting and Lecture is schedule for May 2nd at the Cabin. This extensive array of activities and educational classes can be viewed on the CNC website, www.closternaturecenter.org.

Closter PTO

The Closter PTO has several activities planned for May. Join friends and meet new ones at the Military Bridge, Friday, May 4th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Tenakill Middle School Gym. Later in the month, the PTO will host the Mother's Day Plant Sale on Friday, May 11th. The sale begins at 8:30 and ends at 3:30 in the Hillside Elementary School small gym. And lastly, the PTO Spring Fair is going to take place on Saturday May 19th

Closter Police Department

The Closter Police Department is requesting all members of the community to exercise measures that will assist in deterring thefts of property and vehicles. *Lock all vehicles, remove the valuables from vehicles and remove the key fobs. Using outdoor lighting, referred to as dusk to dawn or motion sensor lighting, keeping indoor lights on timers, newspapers and mail from accumulating when the house is vacant and utilizing alarm systems* are all examples of measures to deter criminal activity. Remember, burglary is a crime of convenience. Remove the opportunities of becoming a victim. Be of assistance by reporting suspicious activity to the Closter Police Department. Like them on Facebook; Follow them on Twitter!

Closter Public Library

The Closter Library is a "happening place", chock full of activities and programs designed to meet an array of interests for residents both young and older. The Library is committed to providing the best materials, reference assistance, programs, classes and events to all. The list of interests is quite comprehensive so it is best to visit the library or its website at www.closter.bccls.org for the upcoming calendar of events.

First & Third Friday Flicks are another way to spend some time with friends while catching up on current films. This popular program will feature *The Post* on Friday, May 4th at 1:00 p.m. and *The Greatest Showman* on Friday, May 18th at 1:00 p.m. All are invited!

Closter Historic Preservation Commission

Closter's Historic Preservation Commission will be honored on May 10 for its on-going educational efforts. This year's project involved focusing on the history of Blanch Avenue, the oldest east-west road in northeastern Bergen County. Signs will be mounted on the road to encourage viewers to read a special web site about the road's history. Through the efforts of Dr. Arthur Goldberg, former Borough Historian, a plaque and map of the road is on view at the Norwood Borough Hall. Norwood shares this roadway with Closter. Closter's Historic Preservation Commission is recognized as being among the foremost such commission in the State of New Jersey, and has received many previous awards.

All the Best,



Mayor