



# BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

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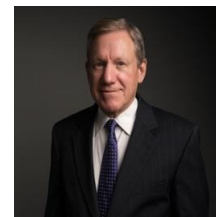
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## MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



August 31, 2018

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The August, 2018 issue of the Mayor's Newsletter is filled with upcoming town events and news. My door is open; please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

### **Annual Labor Day Events and Celebration**

Saturday, September 1st through Monday, September 3rd - Veterans' Memorial Field

*Scheduled Activities for the Closter Annual Labor Day Events*

- Sept. 1: (Sat) – 4 person Volleyball Tournament – 11:00 a.m.
- Sept. 1: (Sat) – Waldwick Band Concert; 7:30 p.m. at Lions Bandshell – Memorial Park
- Sept. 2: (Sun) – Annual Dom Mircovich Memorial 5K Run – Kids fun run, 9:00 a.m.;  
the 5K run at 9:30 a.m.
- Sept. 2: (Sun) – Movie Night at the Lions Band Shell – 7:30 p.m.  
*Disney Pixar "CoCo"*
- Sept. 2: (Sun)- Closter Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony – Closter Pubic Library  
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 3: (Mon) – 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Labor Day Celebration – beginning at 12:30 p.m.  
kids rides, games, pony rides, two concerts, food & drink concessions
- Sept. 3: (Mon)- Closter Recreation Awards Ceremony – 2:30 p.m.
- Sept. 3: (Mon evening) – Closter Annual Fireworks Display – approximately 9:00 p.m. (dark)

*Rain date for activities would be September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>*

*Visit the Borough's website: [www.closternj.us](http://www.closternj.us)*

### **The Belskie Museum Presents: "Art & Design Studio of Rockland"**

The Belskie Museum of Art & Science, 280 High Street, proudly presents "The Art & Design Studio of Rockland"! The exhibit of work in a huge variety of mediums, opens on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> between 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. This incredibly diversified exhibit will run from September 9<sup>th</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free and while the museum hours are Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., hours by appointment can be arranged. [www.belskiemuseum.com](http://www.belskiemuseum.com) or call 201-768-0286.

## **Closter's 9/11 Memorial Service: Patriot's Day, September 11<sup>th</sup> “we will never forget”**

Completed in 2004, the Closter 9/11 Memorial is dedicated to honoring and remembering all of the Americans whose lives were so profoundly affected as well as paying homage to all those whose sacrifices have provided our cherished freedom. This memorial stands as a moment in time when at precisely 8:46 a.m., the moment the first plane hit the North Tower, shadows align and sunlight beams pass through a keyhole and illuminates an embedded piece of steel that was recovered from the World Trade Center, signifying the moment that all of our lives were forever changed.

*“Let our grief become strength, our remembrance hope, our unity an enlightened path toward peace”*

Please join together as our community remembers *September 11<sup>th</sup>*. The 9/11 Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> in Remembrance Park at the 9/11 Memorial located at the intersection of Cedar Lane and Harrington Avenue. The Closter 9/11 Memorial Service begins promptly at 8:30 a.m.

## **The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Tax bill is due and payable on or before September 12, 2018.**

As some residents may be accustomed, the final bill (just mailed) *does not contain a grace period*. Therefore, payment must be received by the Tax Office on or before **September 12, 2018**.

## **Upcoming Fall Election – Vote-by-Mail Ballots**

Due to concern over foreign interference in our US elections, many residents have expressed concern for the need for paper back-up ballots. As such, the Mayor and Council has made provision for Vote-by-Mail ballots for the upcoming fall election. If you wish to obtain a VBM ballot, please contact the Borough Clerk's Office at Borough Hall.

## **Closter Police Department**

School is opening. To keep our pedestrians safe, the Closter Police Department is urging *everyone* to drive safely, STOP for pedestrians in marked crosswalks (it is a State Law), observe speed signs, and put down the cell phone while driving. These infractions all come with heavy penalties, ranging from points on a driver's license to fines and or community service.

Residents are being urged to assist in protecting their property. Keep cars parked in driveways locked. Key fobs, wallets, handbags and other items of value should not be left in vehicles.

## **Closter Food & Assistance Board**

It's never too early to start gathering “treasures” to participate in the Town –Wide Yard Sale that is sponsored by the Food & Assistance Board. The **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Closter Town-Wide Yard Sale** is **ONE DAY ONLY** on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a rain or shine event. The registration fee for the yard sale benefits the programs offered through the Food & Assistance Board. *Registration is required*. Detailed information regarding registration will be posted on the Borough's website at [www.closternj.us](http://www.closternj.us).

### **Closter's MacBain Farm Park**

The MacBain Farm Park is a unique treasure established and supported by the Borough of Closter. Closter families may pick a small red bucket full of vegetables from the farm's 5.5 acres of lettuces, herbs, squashes, broccoli, zucchini, cabbages, eggplants, beans and tomatoes every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The farm is staffed by volunteers, who host and mentor, as well as, try to maintain the far rows weed-free. It is a wonderful opportunity to teach children where their veggies come from, as well as the work necessary to make the produce grow. Volunteers are welcome (children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult if under 14); contact Sophie Heymann at [heymannsophie@gmail.com](mailto:heymannsophie@gmail.com) or call 201-768-4876. The farm experience is for residents only in addition to helping the Closter Food Pantry and Senior Citizens Club.

### **Closter Public Library**

Back-to-School is a busy month at the Closter Public Library. "*Mom's Night Out Book Club*", *Relax, De-Stress, Color, Yoga and Meditation*, the *Adult Summer Reading Program* and *Mah Jongg*, are just a few of the activities offered in the library. On August 1<sup>st</sup>, the Library began offering the streaming video service Kanopy. Alexa, meet Hoopla... Hoopla now supports Amazon Alexa devices! You can play borrowed audiobooks and music albums directly on your Amazon Echo, Dot, Spt., and Show devices. If there is something you would like to see the library provide, please share your thoughts by email ([circulation@bccls.org](mailto:circulation@bccls.org)), call 201-768-4917 or, visit in person! Your ideas enhance our service.

### **Bergen County Environmental Health**

The County of Bergen's Environmental Health Department is seeking assistance in identifying the invasive long horned tick and other tick species found in New Jersey. PA Tick Surveillance Program has been started that will allow residents to submit a tick for identification. Inquires can be made by calling the BC Environmental Health Department at 201-634-2804 or visiting the web page, [www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions](http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions). Please note tick identification results are not diagnostic of disease in humans or animals. If you think you may have contracted a tick-borne illness, seek medical attention.

### **Eagle Scout Project – Troop 63**

The highest honor in scouting, the Eagle Scout award is a display of community service at its best. Alec Gerszberg, an Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 63 in Closter, is working to create a pollinator garden at Closter's Hillside Elementary School. This intriguing project brings a new level to horticulture education. Please visit the website, [www.polarengraving.com/closterboyscouttroop63](http://www.polarengraving.com/closterboyscouttroop63) for details and information.

### **Northern Valley Greenway**

The Northern Valley Greenway is a concept for an 8-mile-long, linear park running through six towns in Bergen County: Tenafly, Cresskill, Demarest, Closter, Norwood & Northvale. It will be built on an existing unused section of CSX Transportation's Northern Branch Corridor rail line north of Englewood. The Greenway will have something for everyone – walk, stroll, run, bike, rollerblade, picnic, dogwalk, relax, exercise, sunbathe or nap. The Northern Valley Greenway held its kick-off meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the old train station in Demarest. Mayor John Glidden, Councilwoman Jannie Chung and Councilman Scott Devlin participated in the kick-off meeting. Please visit: <https://www.northernvalleygreenway.org/>

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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.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Glidden". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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*Mayor*

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