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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

With the arrival of the 2019, I would like to offer good wishes to all for a prosperous new year filled with good health and prosperity. My door is always open, so please call my office to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

This month's newsletter is one of reflection and moving forward. *"Perseverance and spirit have done wonders in all ages"* ~ George Washington.

2019 Closter Mayor and Council Re-Organization Meeting

On Wednesday January 2, 2018, the annual Council Reorganization Meeting will take place in the Closter Council Chambers at 7:30 PM at Borough Hall. Mayor John Glidden, Councilwoman Jannie Chung and Councilwoman Alissa Latner will be sworn in to their next terms. The meeting will take place in the Council Meeting Chambers located on the second floor of the Borough Hall. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

Volunteerism

Closter is a better place to live and to raise a family because of its strong spirit of volunteerism. Our emergency services organizations are prime examples of what positive commitment and impactful service provides to a community. The Borough's Boards and Commissions, organizations and community groups, all serve and offer participation in community events, affairs and development.

The members of the Closter Fire Department and the Closter Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Corps devote endless hours of dedication to servicing, training and drilling in order to provide extraordinary 24/7 emergency fire, ambulance and rescue services. The commitment and dedication of these steadfast men and women are the very backbone of our thriving community. Without them, we would feel a significant loss.

Belskie Museum of Art & Science

“*Growth and Change: An Artistic Interpretation*” opens the 2019 season of the Martin Hicks Gallery at the Belskie Museum. Featured in this exhibit is the original collection of art, both two and three dimensional, by 39 talented artists curated by Cheryl Intrator Urman and Fred Spinowitz. Join these talented artists when this delightful exhibit opens on Sunday, January 6th between 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Belskie 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 the Belskie at 201-768-0286. www.belskiemuseum.com

Closter Stigma Free Committee

Happy New Year wishes from the Closter Stigma Free Committee. The Committee is hosting a Community Potluck Supper on January 6th at 4:00 p.m. at the Closter Senior Center, 4 Lewis St. Closter. Guests are requested to contribute a dish or make a donation to the event. To register for this event, RSVP to elizabethkayzman@gmail.com and indicate what dish you will be bringing.

Northern Valley Greenway

The Northern valley greenway project 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 the existing unused section of CSX Transportation’s Northern Branch Corridor rail line north of Englewood through the center of Closter and up to the New York State Line. It will have something for everyone – walk, stroll, run, bike, rollerblade, picnic, dog walk, relax, exercise, sunbathe or nap. Year-End Donations are happening now. Please share on your feeds and with friends to remind them to donate to the Northern Valley Greenway project by 12/31 to have their donation counted toward the 2018 tax year. Plus prizes: www.nvgreenway.org/prizes Thanks! [#nvgreenway](https://twitter.com/nvgreenway) [#railstotrails](https://twitter.com/railstotrails) [#givetoget](https://twitter.com/givetoget).

A French Bistro Comes to Closter

The owner of the Closter Plaza, Edens, Inc. has announced the signing of a French Bistro Restaurant to be located in the northeastern most space of the Plaza, near the movie theater. It will contain large outdoor seating area for summer dining. While the restaurant hasn’t been officially named, we point out that the new owner is the Executive Chef of Chakra Restaurant on Route 4 in Paramus. The new restaurant expects to be open for business for summer, 2019.

The Harold Hess Lustron House

The Hess Lustron House (the “House of Tomorrow”) opened to members of the public on December 8, 2018. It is a pre-fabricated house made of a maze of yellow enamel and steel – renovated and opened four years after it was saved from the wrecking ball. The Friends of the Lustron House and the Closter Historical Society welcomed visitors to the House which is one of the last two pre-fab post WWII manufactured homes remaining in Bergen County. Many thanks to all the volunteers who made this day possible and special thanks go to Mike Pisano who has volunteered many hours as volunteer caretaker of the House. For more information, visit Lustron-Friends@gmail.com, or visit their Facebook page at “Friends of the Hess Lustron House”.

Temple Beth El

Temple Beth El of the Northern Valley proudly welcomes clarinetist Benjamin Baron and pianist James Rensink at the temple's guest artist Shabbat on Friday, January 4th at 7:30 p.m. Ben has performed as principal clarinet of the Philharmonic Orchestra of the America and the Chamber Orchestra of New York. To begin this special evening, a mini-concert will be held from 6:30-7:00, followed by a wine, fruit and cheese Pre-Neg at 7:00 p.m. For further information please visit Temple Beth El's website at ww.tbenv.org

Trivia Night at Tenakill School

The Closter Parent Teacher organization ("PTO") is pleased to announce a Trivia Night – Brain Challenge, the Ultimate "Live" TV Game Show at Tenakill School Auditorium on Friday, January 11, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Trivia Night is for students in Grades 1-4. Every Student goes home with a prize. Admission is free but registration is required. Registration closes on Tuesday, January 6, 2019.

Closter Nature Center

January at the Closter Nature Center! This month's after school program will focus on "Winter Wonderland" at the CNC. Classes begin January 8th for Pre-K through 6th being held on Tuesdays – Thursdays. Registration is required, so please call the Nature Center at 201-750-2778 for information. On Sunday, January 20th from 6:30-8:00 p.m., the CNC will host the Full Moon Hike, with Bonfire! Meet at the cabin and hike for about a half hour. The 3rd Annual Closter Nature Center Photography Contest & Exhibition will be held at the Closter Library for the month of April, 2019. The contest is open to children and adults alike! All photos must be taken at the Nature Center during any season of the year (past and present). For detailed information, contact Susan McTigue at msmct4@aol.com. All participants will pay a \$10 entry fee (for up to two photos) as a tax-deductible contribution to the Nature Center.

Closter Public Library

Happy New Year from the Closter Library staff and volunteers! The schedule of First and Third Friday Flicks: On January 4^h, the feature film is *Crazy Rich Asians* and on January 18th, *Blackklansman* premieres. Film time is 1:00 p.m. The library continues to provide cultural, recreational and educational programs, with the best materials, reference assistance, programs, classes and events. From *Come Knit With Us*, *Mah Jongg*, *Blood Pressure Nurse*, *Yoga and Meditation*, to presentations, the Closter Library has it all. On Thursday, January 10th at 11am, "The Art of Aging: Mindfulness" will be presented. "This Is My Country – Uniting America with Song" is scheduled for Saturday, January 12 at 2:00 pm. Please visit the library's website for some exciting new offerings

Closter Reflections

Closter has experienced tremendous milestones this year through years of planning, negotiating and preparing, which have brought improvements to our residential areas, commercial business districts and our infrastructure. Closter Plaza, the acquisition of the Village School, the municipal upgrades, completion of several key road projects and the recognition as one of the top towns in which to live, are just some of the milestones that Closter realized in 2018. We are most proud of the quality of education in our schools and the success of our students. Closter is a community fortunate to have a wealth of resources, opportunities, assets and reserves that allow continuous growth.

The members of the Closter Council: Victoria Amitai, Jannie Chung, Alissa Latner, Delores Witko, Scott Devlin, Joe Yammarino as well as myself, offer warm wishes for a happy, healthy and a prosperous New year in 2019. We gratefully acknowledge Closter's staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to make Closter the exceptional community that it is. Closter's governing body is steadfast in its commitment to cohesively work together, bring new initiatives to the table and support the development of numerous projects and functions, all are designed to continue a prosperous and flourishing community.

Happy New Year!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Glidden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Mayor