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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The February, 2018 issue of the Mayor's Newsletter offers an array of information on events and happenings in town. Please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

An Important Reminder from the Closter Fire Department

Daylight Savings Time is Sunday, March 11th. While turning the clocks forward one hour (spring ahead!) is important, the Closter Fire Department places equal importance on the replacement of batteries in all residential and commercial smoke detectors and CO2 alarms. The importance of maintaining these detectors in good working order is a major issue when assisting residents and businesses in the event of an emergency.

Annual Closter Clean-Up – Saturday, March 24th

The Closter Environmental Commission is conducting its Annual Spring Cleanup Drive on Saturday, March 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Staging stations will be at the Closter Nature Center Log Cabin and the Lustron House on Durie Avenue. Gloves, pickup tools and bags will be provided to participants and refreshments will be available. Experience is not required, but enthusiasm is! Children under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Join the volunteer members of the Environmental Commission, Nature Center and Scouts. Details can be found on the Borough's website, www.closternj.us.

Belskie Museum of Art & Science

The Belskie Museum is pleased to present "*Freedom – An Artistic Interpretation*" Exhibit in the Martin Hicks Gallery at the Belskie Museum of Art & Science. This outstanding collection of art is co-curated by Sheryl Intrator-Urman and Fred Spinowitz. Exhibit Opening: Sunday, March 4th between 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. 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

Dog and Cat Licenses

A message from the Board of Health: Closter's Borough Code requires the renewal of dog and cat licenses on an annual basis. Dog licenses must be renewed on or before April 1, 2018. Licenses are mandated by the State of New Jersey as a vehicle for the protection of our Borough residents, guests and visitors. All dogs are required to have current licenses and dog tags. Summons for unlicensed dogs will be issued after April 1st. Please contact the Board of Health should you have any questions. 201-784-0600 x 493.

Closter PTO – Save The Date!!

Save the Date!! The Annual Closter PTO Dinner Dance, is planning to be held on Saturday, April 21 at the Alpine Country Club in Demarest. This evening of dancing, dining, mingling and fundraising for our schools is an incredible evening. More details will follow shortly. Tickets and information will be available on the PTO's website, www.closterpto.org.

Village School

As reported in the December issue of the Mayor's Newsletter, the Borough is proceeding with the development of the Village School as an affordable housing project to meet our State-mandated obligation. Recently the Borough issued permits to proceed with asbestos remediation, and that work has begun. Shortly we will be entering into an agreement with the Bergen County Housing Authority to design and build the project. When the Borough has finalized its Affordable Housing Plan, public hearings will be held before the Planning Board and Mayor and Council.

Project Graduation – Northern Valley Demarest 2018

The NVD Project Graduation committee is pleased to be offering an array of events this spring. Join friends, neighbors and students in the Senior Fashion Show on March 8th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at nvnet.seatyourself.biz or contact nvdpg2018@gmail.com with questions. The Harlem Wizards vs. The Northern Valley All Stars will have an afternoon of basketball fun designed to benefit NVD Project Graduation 2018. Tickets are online at www.harlemwizards.com. The 2018 Project Graduation Spring Boutique is taking place on April 22nd at 10:00 a.m. More details are available on www.dmhs.nvnet.org

Environmental Commission

The **Northern Valley Annual Earth Fair**, hosted by the volunteers and members of the Northern Valley Earth Fair organization welcomes volunteers and vendors for the 2018 Earth Fair. This year's fair will be located on the grounds of the Northern Valley Regional Demarest High School, Demarest Campus, on Saturday, April 21st, between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. All are welcome; volunteers are sought to assist with this event.

Closter's Environmental Commission invites all of Closter's residents, from high school students to our seniors, to participate in its activities and monthly meetings. Residents are welcome to participate in the Environmental Commission meetings which are held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month.

Closter Public Library

The Library appreciates the patience and understanding that has been shown during the changeover of the State delivery system. The Staff is happy to report things are improving, and they are optimistic services

will be back to normal within the next few weeks. In the meanwhile, visit the library's website, www.closter.bccls.org for an array of services, information and the calendar of events. AtoZ World Travel, World Book online, e-books and audiobooks are just a few of the resources waiting to be explored.

Join friends and neighbors for *First* and *Third Friday Flicks*. This month's films are "*Murder on the Orient Express*" on March 2nd and followed by "*Darkest Hour*" on March 16th. Show time is 1:00 p.m. On Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m. the Library is presenting guest speaker, Eric Nelsen from the Palisades Interstate Park Commission. Eric will be bringing the story of the Palisades to life through a visual presentation. "From fishermen's villages to palatial estates, the epic struggle to preserve the ancient cliffs and the thriving beaches and campgrounds of the Depression and New Deal era", *The Unknown Palisades: A Slideshow Through Time* is a presentation not to be missed!

Closter Nature Center

This month the Closter Nature Center will focus on what animals make good pets and why. Students will learn about responsibility and the work required in taking care of animals. Registration is required! Come one, come all; layer up your warm clothes and join the folks at the nature Center for the "Last Chance Winter Hike" on March 18th at 2:00 p.m.

It's that time again for the Second Annual Photography Contest and Exhibition which will be held at the Closter Public Library during the month of April. Susan McTigue (msmct4@aol.com) is coordinating this exhibit, which is certain to be amazing. Please visit the Nature Center website or email Susan for details on submitting photographs taken at the Nature Center.

CNC 2018 Summer Program registration will begin in March. Please email cncsummer@gmail.com for information and registration. Dates for the weekly program begin June 25th through August 30th

All of this information is available on the Nature Center's website, www.closternaturecenter.org or by calling the Nature Center at 201-750-2778; ask for Marc.

Closter Recreation

The Closter Recreation Commission is more than sports. Community activities such as the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for **March 31st** at 10:00, Opening Day Parade for Little League and Girls Softball on April 29th and the Annual Joe Accordino Jr. Memorial Fishing Tournament on Saturday, May 12th all fall under the umbrella of the Commission. For a comprehensive list of activities, programs, concert series, sports and registration information, please visit the Closter Recreation website at www.closterrec.com.

Closter Plaza News

The Closter Plaza is getting full! Three new businesses have recently opened and they are scheduled for the well-known Closter Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in March. All are invited to attend! The schedule follows:

Thursday, March 8th at 11:00 a.m. - "Mathnasium" Grand Opening/ Ribbon Cutting
Monday, March 12th at 10:30 a.m. - "Mixology" Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting
Friday, March 16th at 5:30 p.m. - "Gary's Wine" Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting

The Borough of Closter 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 with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Mayor