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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

This issue of the Mayor's Newsletter is filled with news and events taking place in town. As always, my door is open; please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

Closter's Memorial Day Parade and Service:

The Leroy S. Mead Post 111 American Legion, the Closter Elks Lodge 2304 and the Borough of Closter are hosting the 2018 Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service on Monday, May 28, 2018. In honor of and with respect for the 18 Closter residents who gave the ultimate sacrifice in World War I, World War II and Vietnam, as well as those residents who are currently serving our Country, the Events are as follows:

2018 Memorial Day Schedule of Events

8:30 a.m. American Legion, Leroy S. Mead Post 111 Memorial Service
Veterans Monument Park, Herbert Avenue & Closter Dock Road

9:00 a.m. Closter Fire Department Service
100 Ruckman Road

10:00 a.m. Memorial Day Parade
Participants *assemble at 9:30 a.m.* in the St. Mary's Church parking area;
The parade steps off at 10:00 a.m.

Route: The parade begins on Legion Place at High Street, (St. Mary's parking lot) continues east on High St. to Closter Dock Rd., bearing left; then proceeds north on Closter Dock Rd., then west onto Harrington Avenue, concluding at Veteran's Memorial Park

The Memorial Day Service is held on the north side of Veteran's Memorial Park and begins immediately following the conclusion of the parade. Please join in the community's spirit and commitment in honoring the service men and women of our Armed Forces by lining the streets along the parade route and displaying American flags. All residents are invited to the Closter Elks for refreshments following the Memorial Day Service. ***This event is rain or shine.*** In the event of an extreme weather condition, i.e. lightning, the Memorial Day Service will be moved indoors to the Closter Elks Lodge on Railroad Avenue. An update will be posted on the Borough's website.

Closter Annual “Hoe Down”

Dust off your cowboy hats and get your dancing boots on.... the Closter Improvement Commission invites all residents to its Country Western Hoe Down! Festivities are planned for Friday, June 1st between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at Veterans' Memorial Park. Family square and line dancing, petting zoo, pony rides, delicious BBQ and face painting just to name a few of the activities. Bring blankets and lawn chairs and dress to impress in country western! *Kickin' Nash* is the feature band. (Just in case, the rain date is Sunday, June 3rd noon to 3:00 p.m.).

Closter Plaza

What happens when *Edens* (Closter Plaza) + *Arts Unbound, Inc.* get together? *The answer....*a one of a kind Art Show & Sale in Closter Plaza! *Arts Unbound*, a nonprofit visual arts organization that promotes the work of artists with disabilities and emerging senior artists, has worked with artists in Bergen County for years, but has never had a physical location in the area. This is about to end, if only temporarily.

Arts Unbound is opening a pop-up shop in Closter Plaza (between Cardtore and Marcia's Attic) the weekend of June 1-3. The shop will officially open on Friday, June 1 at 1 pm. The public is invited to join artists, volunteer and staff for an opening celebration from 5-7 pm. The shop will remain open Saturday, June 2 from 10am-6pm and Sunday, June 3 from 10am-4pm. Volunteers from the Belskie Museum of Art & Science are assisting with the installation of the art and staffing the shop during the weekend. Jazz musician Joel Zelnik will be performing for visitors on Saturday between 11:00am and noon. Learn more about Arts Unbound at www.artsunbound.org

Closter is Named Tree City USA

Closter has been named a Tree City USA city by the Arbor Day Foundation for the 17th consecutive year in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. Closter achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements. Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

A note from the Shade Tree Commission... “Summer is almost here and Closter's tree canopy is full and lush. A tree is a natural air conditioner. The evaporation from a single tree can produce the cooling effect of 10 room-size, residential air conditioners operating 20 hours a day. An abundant canopy ensures that summer temperatures are at least 6 to 8 degrees lower than in neighborhoods without trees. More good news is that trees and other vegetation slow heartbeats, lower blood pressure, relax brainwave patterns and enhance a community's respiratory health. Let's help keep our community healthy and nurture our trees!”

Closter Nature Center

The list of classes and programs offered by the Closter Nature Center is tremendous...including the innovative educational classes announced for the summer. Celebrate Pond Day at the CNC on Sunday, June 3rd between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. To name a few, the Closter Nature Center has announced its summer events.

- June After School Classes: Pre-Kindergarten and above
- CNC'S ANNUAL POND CELEBRATION - Sunday, June 3rd from 1-4 pm
- Closter Nature Center 2018Summer Camp

Enrollment and registration information can be found on the CNC's website, www.closternaturecenter.org or by emailing cncsummer@closternaturecenter.org or admin@closternaturecenter.org.

The MacBain Farm

Closter's MacBain Farm, situated on five and a half acres of Borough parkland on Hickory Lane, is operated as a working farm under the oversight of the Closter Environmental Commission. The MacBain Farm is open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for all visitors, but *only Closter residents have the privilege of picking a bucket full of the myriad vegetables and herbs growing profusely and organically on the farm.* Visitors must bring a form of identification. One bucket per day per family is the limit.

To keep the farm in full production the Borough needs farm volunteers to aid in the controlling of weeds, staking tomatoes, planting and seeding second round crops and to monitor the fields against illegal harvesting. Families are welcome, but children under age sixteen need to be accompanied by an adult.

Volunteers who wish to act as farm hosts can sign up for specific times and on the days the farm is open to the public. If you are interested in participating and you would like to learn more, or volunteer, please get in touch with Sophie Heymann at heymannsophie@gmail.com or call 201-768-4876.

Belskie Museum of Art & Science

The Martin Hicks Gallery at the Belskie Museum of Art & Science proudly presents an exhibition by the artists of the "*Jewish Home Of Rockleigh*" beginning Sunday, June 3rd. This incredible array of work is sure to inspire the viewers. The opening reception for this exhibit will be held on June 3rd is between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. The Belskie Museum is open on Saturday and Sundays from 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Admission to both the Belskie Museum and Library gallery are free. Appointments can be made to visit the museum outside of regular hours by calling 201-768-0286. www.belskiemuseum.com

Upcoming Events

Details will be posted on the Borough's website, www.closternj.us

Monday, May 28th ~ Memorial Day Services & Parade

8:30am American Legion Memorial Service, Veterans Park

9:00am Closter Fire Department Service, Closter Firehouse

10:00am Memorial Day Parade

Memorial Service follows the Parade at Memorial Field

- **Friday, June 1st, 6:00-9:00pm. ~ Closter's Country Hoe Down**
Veterans Memorial Field, Harrington Avenue
Rain date, Sunday, June 3rd noon-3 p.m.
- **Friday, June 1st, 1-7pm ~ Arts Unbound Pop-Up Gallery at the Closter Plaza**
Opening Friday, June 1st 1-7pm; Saturday, June 2nd 10am-6pm; and
Sunday, June 3rd 10am-4pm; in the Plaza near Cardtore
- **Sunday, June 3rd – Closter Nature Center "Pond Celebration"**
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Canoe rides, arts & crafts, trail maps!
- **Sunday, June 3rd – Belskie Museum of Art & Science Exhibit Opening**
"Jewish Home of Rockleigh", Opening 1-5 p.m.

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

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