



# BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

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## MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The Mayor's Newsletter provides announcements and details on the numerous events taking place throughout the community. Please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

### MacBain Farm Annual Harvest Festival

The Annual Harvest Festival at the MacBain Farm is only two weeks away! Mark your calendars for an afternoon filled with delightful fall traditions such as pumpkin picking and painting, s'mores, cider, music and more. Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the MacBain Farm, 203 Hickory Lane; hosted by the Closter Environmental Commission.

### Closter Police Department

"Operation Take Back New Jersey" is **Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** at the Closter Police Department – Garage/Parking Lot behind the Closter Borough Hall. Turn in UNUSED or EXPIRED medication for safe disposal. The Closter Police Department has worked in support of the *National Take Back Initiative* to invite the community to take a visible stand against drugs by disposing of unwanted and unused prescription drugs. Closter police officers will be on hand to assist with the safe disposal of medication. *No* questions will be asked.

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. With the clocks being set back an hour, evening darkness arrives an hour earlier. The Closter Police Department is reminding all residents and businesses to reset the timers on both interior and exterior lighting. Drivers and pedestrians alike should increase their diligence when driving or walking during the earlier dusk hours. This is the perfect time to replace the batteries in smoke and carbon dioxide (Co2) detectors. Utilizing lighting is one way of deterring opportunities for criminal acts.

### Closter Lions Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Following tradition, the last Sunday in October is the traditional date for the Closter Lions Pancake Breakfast! Join friends and neighbors on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at Northern Valley Regional HS – Demarest.

Breakfast will be served between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Tickets are \$8.00 at the door; children 4 and under are free.

The Closter Lions have hosted pancake breakfasts to raise funds for the Lions Club Charitable Foundation for more than 50 years. The funds raised by this group of dedicated volunteers directly benefit dozens of sight-related charities. Please consider supporting the local chapter of the Lions Club as they work to maintain their continued support of persons with visual impairments.

### **Closter Recreation**

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Halloween Parade will take place on **Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 12:00 p.m. The parade will assemble at 11:45 a.m. in the parking lot of the Borough and kick off at 12:00 sharp, marching to Tenakill Middle School. There will be a costume contest following the parade with trophies awarded in categories such as: “*Most Beautiful, Scariest, Funniest and Most Original*”. The grand prize “*Taaz Trophy*” will be awarded to the Best Overall Costume. The PTO Halloween Fair, located in the Tenakill gym, begins immediately following the costume contest. In the event of rain, the parade will be cancelled, but the Recreation Costume Contest will take place at 12:30 p.m. at Tenakill School. The PTO Halloween Fair will begin at 1:30 p.m. This is sure to be an event filled with lots of Halloween tricks and treats!

### **Belskie Museum of Art & Science**

The Belskie Museum of Art & Science is pleased to be exhibiting an extraordinary collection of the work of Kurt Haiman, a well know artist throughout in our area. This solo exhibit of Kurt’s work, *A Lifetime of Pen & Ink*, is a comprehensive selection of 32 plates on archival stock.

This is an exhibit you will not want to miss! The exhibit opens on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> with an artist reception beginning at 1:00. Light refreshments and wonderful comradery are offered. Kurt Haiman; *A Lifetime of Pen & Ink* will be on exhibit through October 28<sup>th</sup>. Visit [www.belskiemuseum.com](http://www.belskiemuseum.com)

### **Closter Public Library**

The Closter Public Library has a full calendar of activities and programs scheduled for October. Patrons can borrow Criterion Collection classic films, PBS programs and Great Courses using your library card and Kanopy, or stream current music and movies using Hoopla. *Come Knit With Us* meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m.-8:45 p.m. Interested in Mah Jongg? Then Tuesdays is for you!. First and Third Friday Flicks this month are quite popular. Come watch *Hearts Beat Loud* on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 or *Don’t Worry, He Won’t Get Far on Foot* on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy learning about memoir Writing at a workshop on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. or at a Financial Planning Workshop on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This is just a sample of the adult activities that are taking place at the Library this month. A complete calendar of activities including the Children’s Programs at the Closter Public Library is available at [www.closter.bccls.org](http://www.closter.bccls.org) The Library will be closed on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day.

### **2018 Closter Food and Assistance Board**

The Closter 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Wide Yard Sale will be a ONE DAY ONLY event taking place on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Your registration and donation of \$20.00 to the Closter Food Pantry not only covers the garage sale permit fees, but puts your address on the 2018 TWYS map, advertising it in local papers, online and through the CFP network bringing more traffic to your sale. Registrations are due by Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and the Closter Food Pantry is seeking donations to assist our community families who are in need. The CFP collects frozen turkeys for the families they serve. Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> is the drop off date for donated turkeys between 7:00 a.m. -5:30 p.m. in the Borough Hall. Once again, the CFP is participating in the Neighbor to Neighbor Gift Program. Information is available on the borough's website, ([www.closternj.us](http://www.closternj.us)) and click on the link to the Food & Assistance Board.

### **Closter Nature Center**

The October schedule of the Closter Nature Center is filled with activities for young and old. The focus this coming month is "furry friends" with weekday classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> has a presentation on honey bees at the cabin beginning at 3:00 p.m. Visit the nature center website at [www.closternaturecenter.org](http://www.closternaturecenter.org) or call Marc Gussen at 201-750-2778 for more information.

### **Closter Improvement Commission: Story Telling Contest**

Before print and social media, the tradition of storytelling was a frequent mode of communication widely used in most cultures so that history and/or traditions of one generation were passed down to the next. Although not commonly practiced today, the Closter Improvement Commission (CIC) believes that this sharing of culture and information is not something solely relevant to the past. In our fast-paced, ever changing world, it is a reminder for us to slow down, breathe and take the time to listen to others because after all, we can learn a thing or two by simply listening.

Hence, the CIC is hosting a storytelling contest on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Closter Borough Hall and it invites all New Jersey residents to submit a story. The title of this year's storytelling contest is, "An Important Story I Want to Tell".

Please submit the story by November 1<sup>st</sup> to the Closter Borough Hall to be considered for the grand prize of \$100.00. (The address is 295 Closter Dock Road, Closter, NJ 07624 Attention: Closter Improvement Commission). The top ten storytellers will be invited to share his or her story live with audience members on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. More than one story can be submitted. For questions regarding the contest, please contact CIC Chairperson Maria Kim, at [maria\\_kim1@outlook.com](mailto:maria_kim1@outlook.com) or at 201-660-7708.

### **Closter Shade Tree Commission**

Do you have ash trees on your property, or do you know the whereabouts of ash trees in Closter? The Emerald Ash Borer is here. Emerald ash borer adults are small, metallic green insects which kill ash trees. We are seeing ash tree crown die back, and death. Ash tree look-a-likes are Boxelder Maple, Black Walnut and Hickory. Please consult your professional licensed arborist.

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 in Closter.

All the Best,



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**Mayor**