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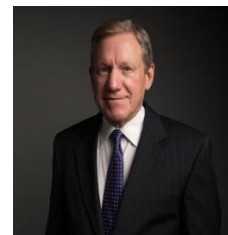
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## MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



January 31, 2019

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The January, 2019 issue of the Mayor's Newsletter brings some welcome news and events in town. My door is always open. Please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

### **Closter Plaza's Newest Addition! Lululemon**

Hold the date for the newest ribbon cutting at the Closter Plaza! Lululemon will be opening its doors shortly. This upscale, designer features the latest in yoga and running attire for both women and men. Lululemon is located in the middle of the Plaza, near Gary's Wines. Details of the ribbon cutting will be included in the February newsletter. We expect to cut the ribbon around March 1<sup>st</sup> followed by a celebration.

### **Closter's Volunteer Emergency Services:**

The Borough of Closter was founded on the premise that together volunteers can make a significant difference to the quality of services in the community, and, indeed, they have. Since its establishment in 1893 the **Knickerbocker Hook & Ladder Company** is staffed solely by volunteers who donate their time, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, responding to 285 calls last year. Complementing the emergency fire services is the medical emergency response and rescue operations provided by the men and women of the **Closter Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Corps**. The Closter Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Corps, Inc. is the only department in Bergen County, and one of the few in the state that provides both ambulance service and heavy rescue, inclusive of cliff rescues and rappelling.

To maintain the high level of services that these two organizations provide, Closter's emergency service organizations regularly recruit new members. Information for both of these organizations can be found by viewing the Borough's website, [www.closternj.us](http://www.closternj.us). Support for our emergency services can come in many forms; a volunteer commitment or perhaps supporting these emergency services during their fund-raising drives throughout the year.

## **Closter Police Department & PBA 233 ~ Valentine's Gala**

Join the members of the Closter Police Department and Northern Valley PBA 233 as they begin their fundraising campaign for 2019 and support of various charities in our community. The main event this year is the Valentine's Gala at the Rockleigh Country Club on February 9th. The Valentine's Gala begins at 7:00 p.m. and festivities include a delicious cocktail hour, three course dinner, music to dance the night away, and a huge selection of gifts being raffled; all the ingredients for a fabulous evening. Tickets are available by calling 201-768-5000 ext. 412 or by emailing [PBA233Tickets@gmail.com](mailto:PBA233Tickets@gmail.com).

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

Join the volunteers of the Belskie Museum as they welcome the work of seven incredible artists in the new exhibit, "*Up Close & Personal*", curated by Judith Peck, Professor of Art Emerita-Ramapo College. This interesting exhibit offers painting, photography, mixed media and sculpture. On display will be works from Tjokorda Gde Arsa Artha, Les Howard, Myra Kooy, Judith Peck, Jerome Schwartz Brian Tepper and Arny Weinstein..

Exhibit Opening: Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> between 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 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](http://www.belskiemuseum.com)

## **Closter Planning Board**

The Closter Planning Board's Master Plan Subcommittee is hosting an open discussion on the re-examination of the Borough's Master Plan. This discussion will take place on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, in the Tenakill Middle School's auditorium, beginning at 7:30 pm and concluding at 10:30 p.m. All Closter residents and business owners are invited to attend.

A re-examination of the Master Plan is mandated every ten years. This plan will review many items of interest to Closter residents such as: 1) More Sidewalks in town, 2) More Recreation Areas and Parks, 3) Should we build more larger homes or smaller homes, 4) Should we encourage more businesses or fewer, and 5) Do you have any ideas for improving Closter?

## **Closter Environmental Commission**

The Environmental Commission works to maintain and improve Closter's sustainability through many projects such as conserving the walking and hiking trail system, supervising the MacBain Farm, reviewing building plans to insure sustainability, encouraging tree planting and delivering campaigns to encourage recycling and repurposing of materials. 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. The Environmental Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month. Residents are welcome to come!

**Mark your calendars!!** The Northern Valley Annual Earth Fair is Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Tenafly Middle School, 10 Sunset Lane, Tenafly. Volunteers, vendors and a large array of activities are being planned for the delivery of the Annual Earth Fair. The Northern Valley's Environmental Commissions welcomes all volunteers to help with this event.

## **Closter Nature Center**

February is filled with wonderful activities at the CNC! Volcanoes!! "Watch Out – Mount Closter is about to erupt again!" Classes are being held the week of February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> for PK-K through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Registration is available online at [register.communitypass.net/Closter](http://register.communitypass.net/Closter), or in person, with Marc Gussen at

201-750-2778. Additionally, the CNC will provide a program, "Primitive Technology" on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. for adults and teens covering the history of primitive technology.

During the February School break, February 19<sup>th</sup> – February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the CNC will offer a variety of programs tailored to fit your schedule with the flexibility to attend one, two, three or four of the days.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual CNC Photography Contest & Exhibition will be held at the Closter Library during 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. There is a \$10.00 entry fee for up to two photos. Entries must be received at the Library by March 29<sup>th</sup>. Contact Susan McTigue at msmct4@aol.com.

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

### **Closter Food Pantry**

Closter's Food and Assistance Board does an outstanding job assisting our families and neighbors. To maintain this high level of assistance, the FAB is seeking adult volunteers and potential board members to join us in providing food for the families we serve on a regular basis. There are openings for a wide range of opportunities such as weekly bakery pickups, weekly bread/bagel sorting, daily cart checks at Borough Hall and monthly/quarterly newsletter writing. There are so many to thank for the incredible service this volunteer committee offers.

**Save the Date...** Closter's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale will be Saturday, October 19, 2019. Participating in the Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale is an easy (and productive) way to support the Food and Assistance Board while cleaning out the closets!! The Food and Assistance Board's 2019 Quarterly Newsletter is available on the Borough's website, ([www.closternj.us](http://www.closternj.us)); just click on the link to the Food and Assistance Board to view the lists of items that are needed to stock their shelves.

### **Closter Public Library**

Check out the Children's programs at our Public Library. The calendar is chock full of activity! The programs and activities in February are sure to educate and entertain. From A to Z Travel and Consumer Reports to Technology Help on Monday evenings and Wednesday afternoons, to Mah Jongg on Tuesdays, Yoga, Meditation, ESL Classes, Mom's Night Out Book Club and the Adult Book Club, the Closter Public Library has it all!

February's First and Third Friday flicks feature "*The Wife*" on February 1<sup>st</sup> and "*Bohemian Rhapsody*" on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Show time is 1:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> the library will be presenting "Steps to Selling & Buying A Home" at 7:00 p.m. Visit the library at [www.closterpubliclibrary.org](http://www.closterpubliclibrary.org) and enjoy all the resources the library has to offer.

All the Best,



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Mayor