



# BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

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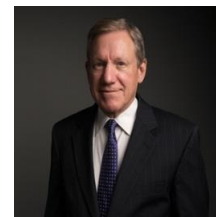
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## MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



July 31, 2019

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The August 2019 issue of the Mayor's Newsletter is filled with upcoming town events and news. My door is open; please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

### **Closter Schools Panel Discussion – August 5, 2019**

Mayor John Glidden will hold a Panel Discussion on the state of Closter Schools on August 5, 2019 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Closter Senior Center Building. Topics will include the future growth of our schools, safety issues, programmatic issues, as well as the gathering of issues which Closter residents feel are the most pressing concerning Closter Schools. Members of the Panel include Greg Lambert, Board President, Vincent McHale, Superintendent, and the leaders of the Closter PTO and Closter Korean Parents Group.

### **Annual Labor Day Events and Celebration**

Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> through Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> - Veterans' Memorial Field  
*Scheduled Activities for the Closter Annual Labor Day Events*

- Aug. 31 : (Sat) – 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual 4 person Volleyball Tournament – 11:00 a.m. NEW this year,  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual Corn Hole Competition
- Aug. 31: (Sat) – Waldwick Band Concert; 7:00 p.m. at Lions Bandshell – Memorial Park
- Sept. 1: (Sun) – 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Dom Mircovich Memorial 5K Run – Jim O'Halloran Memorial Kids  
Fun Run, 9:00 a.m.
- Sept. 1: (Sun)- Closter Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony – Closter Pubic Library  
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 2: (Mon) – 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Labor Day Celebration – beginning at 12:30 p.m.  
kids rides, games, pony rides, two concerts, food & drink concessions
- Sept. 2: (Mon)- Closter Recreation Awards Ceremony – 2:30 p.m.
- Sept. 2: (Mon)- Two Rock Concerts; *The Frank & Beans Project* then *The Willies* 4:30 p.m.
- Sept. 2: (Mon evening) – Closter Annual Fireworks Display – approximately 9:00 p.m. (dark)

*The Closter Wall of Fame Committee announces the initial class of members to the WALL OF FAME on Sunday, September 1, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Closter Public Library. This induction will include 11 persons who have given so much to the Borough over their lifetimes. Their honor is long overdue and will be enshrined at the Library for all to enjoy. Look for more details during August!*

Rain date for activities would be September 7th and 8<sup>th</sup>

Visit the Borough's website: [www.closternj.us](http://www.closternj.us)

### **The Belskie Museum:**

“*Scandinavian Roots*” an exhibit and sale of breathtakingly stunning Norwegian Art and Crafts opened at the Belskie Museum, 280 High St., Closter, on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> and runs through August 25<sup>th</sup>. This exhibit features the fine art and crafts by eight artists of Norwegian ancestry who reside in the Tri-State area and Maryland. The array of work includes paints, quilts, wood carving, pottery, stained glass and rosemaling. Odd and Doris Andersen have curated a collection of intriguing works.

Museum hours are Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 1-5 p.m. (hours by appointment can be arranged). Admission is free. [www.belskiemuseum.com](http://www.belskiemuseum.com) contact @belskiemuseum.com or call 201-768-0286.

### ***Save the Date!!***

The Belskie Museum of Art & Science, 280 High Street, proudly presents “**EXPOSED**” an exhibit curated by Closter resident and Nikon professional, Tsun Tam. This extraordinary exhibit of photography opens on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> between 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The diversity of work from area photographers will run from September 8<sup>th</sup> through September 29<sup>th</sup>. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free and while the museum hours are Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., hours by appointment can be arranged.

### **Closter's 9/11 Memorial Service: Patriot's Day, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

*“we will never forget”*

Completed in 2004, the Closter 9/11 Memorial is dedicated to honoring and remembering all of the Americans whose lives were so profoundly affected as well as paying homage to all those whose sacrifices have provided our cherished freedom. This memorial stands as a moment in time when at precisely 8:46 a.m., the moment the first plane hit the North Tower, shadows align and sunlight beams pass through a keyhole and illuminates an embedded piece of steel that was recovered from the World Trade Center, signifying the moment that all of our lives were forever changed.

*“Let our grief become strength, our remembrance hope, our unity an enlightened path toward peace”*

Please join together as our community remembers *September 11<sup>th</sup>*. The 9/11 Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> in Remembrance Park at the 9/11 Memorial located at the intersection of Cedar Lane and Harrington Avenue. The Closter 9/11 Memorial Service begins promptly at 8:30 a.m.

### **Closter Police Department**

Closter Public Schools **OPEN** Thursday, September 5th. To keep our pedestrians safe, the Closter Police Department is urging *everyone* to please drive safely. NJ State Law requires motorists to STOP for pedestrians in marked crosswalks, observe speed signs, and put down the cell phone while driving. These infractions all come with heavy penalties, ranging from points on a driver's license to fines and or community service.

Residents are being urged to assist in protecting their personal property. Keep cars locked, even if the cars are parked in driveways. Key fobs, wallets, handbags and other items of value should not be left in vehicles. Using precautions that make it difficult for criminals will deter crime.

### **Closter Food & Assistance Board**

It's never too early to start gathering "treasures" to participate in the Town –Wide Yard Sale that is sponsored by the Food & Assistance Board. The **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Closter Town-Wide Yard Sale** is **ONE DAY ONLY** on **Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**. This is a rain or shine event. The registration fee for the yard sale benefits the programs offered through the Food & Assistance Board. *Registration is required.* Registration forms will be available in mid-September. Detailed information regarding registration will be posted on the Borough's website at [www.closternj.us](http://www.closternj.us).

### **Closter Environmental Commission**

An environmental tip from your Closter Environmental Commission. "Turn the key... be idle free"! Please turn off your engine if stopped for more than 30 seconds. Idling harms your engine and exhaust systems. It also hurts our air quality and the environment. In most cases, NJ State Law prohibits idling for more than 3 minutes!

### **Closter's MacBain Farm Park**

The MacBain Farm Park, 203 Hickory Lane, is a unique treasure established and supported by the Borough of Closter. Closter families may pick a small red bucket full of vegetables from the farm's 5.5 acres of lettuces, herbs, squashes, broccoli, zucchini, cabbages, eggplants, beans and tomatoes every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday between 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Each family is allowed one red bucket per day. We ask that you follow a few simple rules which will allow all to enjoy this beautiful space, which are: Picking on the farm is for Closter residents only; all visitors must sign in before entering through the gate; photo ID with address is required; select only ripe, fully-grown vegetables. Please bring our own bags, the MacBain Farm is a plastic-free operation. The farm is staffed by volunteers who host and mentor, as well as, try to maintain the farrows weed-free. Caretaker John McCaffrey offers a wealth of knowledge and expertise in developing this gem! *The MacBain Farm is pet-free; no pets are allowed.*



## **Closter Public Library**

August is the beginning of “Back-to-School” month at the Closter Public Library. “*Mom’s Night Out Book Club*”, *Relax, De-Stress, Color, Yoga and Meditation*, the *Adult Summer Reading Program* and *Mah Jongg*, are just a few of the activities offered in the library. Alexa, meet Hoopla! Hoopla now supports Amazon Alexa devices! You can play borrowed audiobooks and music albums directly on your Amazon Echo, Dot and Show devices. August’s First and Third Friday Flicks are taking place on Friday, August 2, featuring *The Mustang* at 1:00 p.m. and on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> the movie is *The Artic* at 1:00 p.m. A special presentation is schedule for Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00... Senior Healthy Lifestyle: Fall Prevention and on

Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. the Blood Pressure Nurse will be on hand. The library offers free hotspots for use on vacation or in the car. Contact the Library for more information.

Please help us get the word out about the library’s newest service for those who are homebound. We would like to assist with a free home delivery. Contact the library for this service. If there is something you would like to see the library provide, please share your thoughts by email ([closterpubliclibrary.org](mailto:closterpubliclibrary.org)), calling the library at 201-768-4917 or visiting in person! Your ideas enhance our service.

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.

All the best,



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