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## MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The February 2020 issue of the Mayor's Newsletter brings some important messages, news and events in town. Please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

### **Closter PTO Annual Dinner Dance**

March 6<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Closter PTO's "A Hot Night in Havana". The dinner dance begins at 7:00 p.m. at *The Rockleigh* in Rockleigh, NJ. Dress for the tropics while joining friends and neighbors for a fun-filled evening of dancing, dining and fundraising. Tickets and information are available on the PTO's website, [www.closterpto.org](http://www.closterpto.org).

### **Closter's Historic Commission ~ Friends of the Lustron House**

The CHC's Friends of the Lustron House are celebrating spring with the "Hats Off to Mid-Century Fashion – from Easter bonnets to high fashion millinery". At its monthly Open House on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, from noon – 2:00 p.m., Closter's historic Lustron House will display a collection of authentic mid-century in the season of Easter bonnets and fashionable headwear. Many of the hats have been lent by NoNu Vintage, a shop on Madison Ave., in Dumont. Others have been given or lent to the Lustron collection and the public is invited to try them on, take selfies and have fun stepping back to fashionable times more than 60 years ago. The Lustron House is a 1950 all-steel pre-fabricated building located at 421 Durie Avenue and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Admission is free and all visitors are welcome to bring their own period hat!

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

The Belskie Museum presents the "**Bergen County Academies Student Art Exhibit**". This outstanding collection of work from 59 students at the Academy for Visual and Performing Arts features work including the American Art, Scholastic Art & Writing and Gutenberg Awards. The works are in a variety of mediums, including pencil, charcoal, intaglio, acrylic, wood, collage, Photo Shop, found objects and more. Styles range from realistic to abstract; themes represent many of the students' interests and perceptions.

Exhibit Opening is Sunday, March 1st between 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Museum hours are Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The exhibit closes March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Admission is free; hours by appointment can be arranged by calling the Belskie at 201-768-0286. Visit the Belskie Museum's website at [www.belskiemuseum.com](http://www.belskiemuseum.com)

### **Louis Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition**

Once again the League of Municipalities is proud to announce the Louis Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition for high school juniors and seniors planning to continue their education after high school. The scholarship information has been sent to the guidance office at NVRHS – Demarest, and is open for all *Closter* juniors and senior students. Completed applications and essays must be submitted in a sealed envelope on or before March 10<sup>th</sup> to Mayor John Glidden's office at the Closter Borough Hall.

### **Northern Valley Regional HS Demarest... ~~THE ADDAMS FAMILY~~**

Mark your calendars for the NVRHS – Theatre Department's all-school musical production, *The Addams Family* On March 5<sup>h</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and March 7<sup>h</sup> at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at [www.nvdtickets.com](http://www.nvdtickets.com). A fabulous production that is sure to please all who attend.

### **Closter Lions ~ Pancake Breakfast ~ Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>!**

It's time again to enjoy the delicious pancakes served by the Closter Lions! Just as good as the pancake breakfast is the comradery of friends and neighbors while supporting this extraordinary organization that assists many other organizations. The Closter Fire Department will benefit from the net proceeds of this event. Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm at Northern Valley Regional HS Demarest, 150 Knickerbocker Rd., Demarest. Donation \$8.00. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.closterrec.com](http://www.closterrec.com), or in person! Looking forward to seeing you there! Kids...come see a *real Firetruck*!!

### **Closter Shade Tree Commission**

In celebration of Arbor Day, the Closter Shade Tree Commission is sponsoring a 2020 Arbor Day Poster Contest for our students attending Hillside Elementary School. The theme, "*Trees Are Worth It*" will allow our younger residents to create an original artwork that shows why you think "*Trees Are Worth It*". Contest instructions are being sent to students through the school. Entries are due back to the classroom teacher no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be five winners; one winner representing each grade at Hillside. Winners will receive an award certificate at this year's Arbor Day Ceremony being held on April 24, 2020 and the STC will plant a shade tree on their street!

The Borough of Closter's Shade Tree Commission has been following the problem of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in an effort to assist with the management of this infestation affecting the beautiful ash trees located within our community. Members of the Closter Shade Tree Commission have inspected the ash trees and have found an infestation here. Letters have been sent to private property owners advising of the problem with their Ash trees. The Borough is working to remove diseased trees found on Borough property.

### **Closter Improvement Commission – International Day**

*Save the Date!* The CIC is hosting "International Day" on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 pm. This event will be held in Troy Hall at St. Mary's Church. It is the first time the CIC is hosting such an event intended to recognize and celebrate the diversification of nationalities of our Closter residents. Members of our community will showcase their culture and traditions, through food, crafts, and performances. Details of this event will be posted on the Borough's website.

## **Closter Boy Scout Troop 63**

March is a very busy month for *Closter's Boy Scout Troop 63*. Troop 63's *only fundraising event* is its Annual Beefsteak Dinner. This year's Beefsteak Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Harvest Church, 370 Demarest Ave., Closter. Tickets are \$40 and can easily be purchased online by visiting their website, [www.ClosterTroop63.org](http://www.ClosterTroop63.org).

Troop 63 is volunteering their services at the March 15<sup>th</sup> celebration of St. Patrick's Day taking place 4:00 – 8:00 pm the Church of St. Mary's, Legion Place, Closter and at the March 28<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry also at the Church of St. Mary, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Tickets and information for these events can be found at [www.stmarycloster.org](http://www.stmarycloster.org) or email [gditzel@stmarycloster.org](mailto:gditzel@stmarycloster.org).

To finish up a busy month of service, Troop 63 will be on hand volunteering on March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Closter Lions Pancake Breakfast. Consider supporting these events which provides opportunities for our Scout Troop to volunteer by participating in community activities.

## **Environmental Commission ~Closter Clean Up Day & Earth Day 2020**

“**CLEAN UP CLOSTER**” Join friends, neighbors, Scout troops or meet new neighbors and the members of the Closter Environmental Commission in “**CLEAN UP CLOSTER**”, an annual event to clean up our roadsides, parks and other public areas. On Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 a.m., meet at the historic Lustron House (421 Durie Avenue) or the Closter Nature Center (154 Ruckman Road). Refreshments and supplies will be provided – all you need to bring is yourself! As the weather warms, take this opportunity to spend a beautiful day outside helping your neighbors keep Closter the clean, green borough we all enjoy. Families are encouraged to participate; children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. The members of the Environment Commission look forward to seeing you there!

The **Northern Valley Annual Earth Fair** is Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Norwood Public School, 177 Summit St., Norwood. Come discover all things “green” and sustainable” at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Valley Earth Fair! This Earth Day event will feature “green” exhibitors, electric vehicles, live music, children's activities, educational presentations, live animals and so much more! This event is supported by the Closter Environmental Commission and other environmental groups from Cresskill, Demarest, Harrington Park, Haworth, Norwood, Old Tappan and Tenafly. Visit [www.nvearthfair.org](http://www.nvearthfair.org) for more information.

## **Closter Public Library**

Spring kicks into gear at the Closter Public Library with the Spring Book Sale on Friday & Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am -4:00 pm. There is a huge assortment of books available for sale! The library is hosting the “Prom & Cotillion Dress Drive”. Donations will be accepted through March. There are several activities at the library this month with ESL Advanced Conversation, Come Knit With Us, Mah Jongg, Yoga & Meditation, Adult Book Club, Home Staging and Mom's Night Out Book Club to name a few! A comprehensive calendar of activities is posted on the library's website ([www.closterpubliclibrary.org](http://www.closterpubliclibrary.org))

On Monday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. Meet the Author features Nancy Bilyeau, author of Dreamland. First and Third Friday Flicks are “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood” on March 6<sup>th</sup> and Ford vs. Ferrari on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Showtime is 1pm.

Check out the Children's programs offered at the library. There is something for children of all ages. [www.closterpubliclibrary.org](http://www.closterpubliclibrary.org); phone (201) 768-4197 or visit the library in person!

## **Closter Nature Center**

The Closter Nature Center is offering March After-School Programs. This month the focus is on what animals make good pets and why. From PreK – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. The Nature Center encourages everyone to register with Community Pass. <https://register.community.pass.net/Closter>. On Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, come “Meet the Animals of the CNC”! The collection of education animals delights children who come to the after-school programs and summer camp and now it’s time for everyone to meet them. The program is free, but donations are gladly accepted.

**Save The Date!!** The Soup supper will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Please consider joining us for this annual fundraiser either by making a soup or joining us for dinner. It’s a delicious time to share with neighbors, friends and family!

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 Recreation**

Save these dates!! Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Easter Egg Hunt beginning at 10 am sharp near the playground at Memorial Park. Opening Day for Little League and Girls Softball is Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. The Parade forms at 12:30 pm behind the Closter Borough Hall. It steps off promptly at 12:50 pm, proceeds through the center of Closter to the George Potterton Little League Field for Opening Day ceremonies.

Closter Recreation has a host of activities and events for all interests and age groups. Visit the Closter Recreation website, [www.closterrec.com](http://www.closterrec.com), for all of the latest information.

## **Closter Senior Shared Service**

In cooperation with Harington Park and Haworth, the Borough offers a shared transportation van for use by our senior residents. Please keep in mind this is a shared service, not to be confused with an “on demand” service. The service consists of trained and caring individuals who work to meet the needs of the participants. Following an inquiry for this service, residents can be registered. An instruction letter is mailed to the residents. Medical appointments take preference in the schedule. Patience is asked as you may need to arrive early to an appointment or wait for the van to return to pick you up. For residents interested in a door to door service, my office can provide information about the Ryde4Life transportation service, which is an on-demand, fee-for-service transportation service.

Should you have questions about this opportunity, please contact the Borough of Closter, Administrator’s office, Leslie Weatherly at 201-784-0600 x 304.

## **Closter Food & Assistance Board**

The Food & Assistance Boards works tirelessly throughout the year to assist residents in need. If you know anyone in Closter who may be in need and is hesitant to come forward, or just might not know how, please email us at [fabofcloster@gmail.com](mailto:fabofcloster@gmail.com) or call (201) 784-0600 x 429. All inquiries are received in complete confidence. The Closter Food Panty is located on the ground floor of Borough Hall. On the second Thursday of every month, the FAB hosts “Open Door Night” where families receive the no-perishable food items they need. First time visitors are welcome with a current form of photo ID and proof of residency.

Food Drives/Financial Donations are appreciated, and needed! If your family, employer, religious or other organization would like to host a food drive in the upcoming months, please contact us at [fabofcloster@gmail.com](mailto:fabofcloster@gmail.com) for more information. We will gladly help you plan a successful event!

Should you care to make a financial donation to the Closter Food Pantry, please make your check out to "Food & Assistance Board of Closter" and mail it to 295 Closter Dock Rd., Closter, NJ 07624.

The FAB welcomes the communities support and cooperation in sustaining this invaluable program. We can't thank our volunteers and donors enough!

### **Closter Fire Department**

Interested in joining an invaluable rescue and emergency service organization? The Closter Fire Department is seeking volunteers interested in becoming members of the Fire Department. Contact the Closter Fire Department at [firedept@closternj.us](mailto:firedept@closternj.us).

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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*Mayor*