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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am pleased to be providing the Mayor's Newsletter designed to inform our residents with information on the activities and events taking place in Closter. My door is always open, so please feel free to contact me at 201-784-0600 x 500 with concerns or suggestions.

Closter's Annual Labor Day Events ~ CELEBRATING 60 YEARS!!

Closter is proud to host its **60th Annual Labor Day Town Celebration** on **Monday, September 6th**

All events take place and/or start at Memorial Park, located on Harrington Avenue in Closter

Friday, September 3rd at 7:00 pm: ~Annual Coaches BBQ softball game ~
for all Closter coaches & their families

Saturday, September 4th at 10:00 am: 2nd Annual Corn Hole Tournament
double elimination; teams of 2 need to enter via the
Closter Rec website Community pass program. \$25/team

Saturday, September 4th at 7:00 pm: *The Waldwick Band* at the Closter Lions Band Shell

Sunday, September 5th at 9:00 am: Kids Fun Run
9:30 am: 40th Annual Dom Mircovich Memorial 5k Run
Registration info – <https://runsighup.com/Race/NJ/Closter/ClosterLaborDay5K>

Monday, September 6th beginning at 12:30 pm: **60th Annual Labor Day Town Celebration!**
Magic Show 12:30pm; Kids races 1:30 pm; Annual Rec Awards 2:30 pm; Tug of War 3:30pm;
Shoreline Anthem Rock Band 4:00pm; Wet Down 5:30 pm; The Willies Rock Band 7:00pm; food &
drink sales throughout the day, culminating with fireworks at dark (around 9:00pm).

ALL events start and take place at Closter Memorial Park located on Harrington Ave. in Closter The Labor Day weekend of events are a great Closter tradition that young and old will remember for the rest of their lives!! For more information visit the Closter Rec website! Check the Rec weather line at 201-750-9507, mail box 6, if there is a question regarding the status of activities due to inclement weather.

Closter's September 11th ~ Remembrance Service

Please join neighbors and friends, old and new, as we pay tribute on the 20th Anniversary of September 11th.



The Memorial acts as a sundial; at exactly 8:46 a.m. on every September 11th, sunlight passes through an aperture in the dedication stone, illuminating a fragment of World Trade Center steel.

Senior Van Transportation Service

The Borough of Closter offers a joint service for Senior Van Transportation to Closter residents who are non-driving seniors in need of transportation to medical appointments, grocery stores, senior activities and more within a ten mile radius of Closter. Together with Haworth and Harrington Park, the shared service program is helping to meet the needs of our residents. Medical appointments take preference during scheduling of transportation, and patience is asked as you may need to arrive early to an appointment or wait for the van to return to pick you up. The service consists of trained and caring individuals who work to meet the needs of the participants.

To participate in this program, persons *must be seniors who are non-drivers (or temporarily unable to drive), independent to walk to the vehicle and depart the vehicle unassisted and who are flexible in the pick-up, drop-off times for medical appointments.* The Senior Van service operates Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Reservations must be made 48 hours in advance.

If you, or a neighbor or family member, are interested in learning more about the program, or would like to sign up, please contact the Administrator's office, Leslie Weatherly at 201-784-0600 x 304.

Closter Fire Department

Help us Help YOU!! The Closter Volunteer Fire Department is in need of Volunteers! Interested in joining an invaluable rescue and emergency service organization? The Closter Fire Department is seeking volunteers who are committed to becoming members of the Closter Fire Department. Closter's Fire Department stands ready, willing and able, around the clock, to meet the needs of Closter's residents and businesses. The CFD, an all-volunteer fire department, has served the Borough of Closter for more than 128 years -- 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year through storms, holidays and pandemics. New members receive training, equipment and an opportunity to serve the community while developing comradery with fellow firefighters.



This irreplaceable emergency service needs members who will join us in our commitment to respond to the emergency calls during times of need. Contact the Closter Fire Department at firedept@closternj.us.

Closter's MacBain Farm

Closter's MacBain Farm, a jewel of Closter, is open for picking! Each Closter household can register to pick one bucket of fresh vegetables once a week from the posted pick list. So far there are many lettuces, plus arugula, parsley, basil, chives, mint and cucumbers. Beans, squash, eggplant and tomatoes will be ready to pick soon. New crops this year include celery and okra. Watching the plants in all stages of development, from seedling to flower to ripe vegetable is fascinating. The cucumber plants are especially beautiful.

Proof of Closter residency is required at registration and registration is required to pick vegetables. Households that registered in 2020 will not have to fill out a new registration form, but will need to show a driver's license or other documentation of current Closter residency to complete the registration process. The Farm is always in need of volunteers to pull weeds, stake tomatoes and help at check-in. Anyone interested in volunteering can sign up during the Farm's open hours or email volunteers.macbainfarm@gmail.com.

The MacBain Farm, located at 203 Hickory Lane, is open Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 9am-1pm and 4pm-6pm. Parking is on Hickory Lane.

Closter Recreation

Registration for fall soccer for all children in grades k-8 is now open. Recreation's website, <https://www.closterrec.com>, contains information on fall sports and other recreation camps, clinics and important information. This website is updated often with information, so please check back often

“Operation Backpack” ~ Closter’s Junior Girl Scout Troop 97190

The Closter Junior Girl Scout Troop 97190 is working towards earning the Girl Scout Bronze Award this year. For the Bronze Award, our troop created "**Operation Backpack**" – a back-to-school supply drive. We have **32 students** in the Closter Community who would benefit from **Operation Backpack**. We are working with Hillside Elementary School, Tenakill Middle School, and the Closter Food Pantry.

Troop 97190 is filling 32 new backpacks with Ward's 5 & 10 school supply box, masks, wipes, hand sanitizer, notebooks, pencils, pens, erasers, fidgets, stickers, snacks, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

How to Support Operation Backpack:

- **School Supplies: Amazon Wish List:** <https://amzn.to/3iCrSse>
- **Target or Amazon Gift Cards: Goal - One \$50.00 gift certificate for each of the 11 High School students**
- **Wards 5&10 Gift Card**
Drop off new school supplies at:
 - **Closter Food Panty Cart at City Hall**
- **Wards 5&10 School Supply Boxes** <http://wards5and10.com/tenakill.html>
(Please put Girl Scouts in the name field)
**Kindergarten - 1, 2nd Grade - 3, 3rd Grade - 3, 4th Grade - 3,
5th Grade - 2, 7th Grade - 6, 8th Grade – 2**

Troop contact: troop97190@gmail.com. <https://www.facebook.com/ClosterJuniorGirlScoutTroop97190>

Closter Food and Assistance Board

The Closter food pantry is collecting non-perishable donations. Should you like to donate non-perishable food items, the FAB has a grocery cart located near the elevator on the ground floor of the Closter Borough Hall (Lewis St. entrance). Donations of non-perishable items that are not expired and in good shape are needed.

Closter Public Library

Welcome Back! You can come in and study, read a newspaper, use a computer, borrow library items. Come and visit us! Please remember masks are required for all patrons when visiting the library. First Friday Flicks will be featuring “The Father” on Friday, August 6 at 1:00 pm. Attendance is limited to 15 people, so please contact the library to sign up). Mah Jongg is held in the library’s community room on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm. Yoga and meditation are held on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. Please inquire at the Reference desk for class information. Zumba is being held via Zoom on Thursdays at 4:30. Registration is required so please contact Tim at the Reference desk. All of the library’s Youth Services Programs are available on the library’s website, www.closterpubliclibrary.org. It’s sure to be a fun filled month for our children! Patrons are welcome to drop off donations of books in good condition and current. We appreciate your cooperation!

Closter's Shade Tree Commission

Hot enough for you? One of the many benefits of the Borough's street trees: they lower summer air temperatures! Because of the heat-absorbing materials in our cities and towns (think sidewalks, roadways and roofs) temperatures are considerably higher in less developed areas. The technical term is the "urban heat island (UHI) effect." Planting more trees is one way to reduce the UHI effect. In addition to providing shade, trees also cool the air through "sweating" moisture into the atmosphere. Studies have shown that trees and vegetation can help decrease summertime temperatures by as much as 9 degrees which can in turn dramatically reduce your air conditioning costs.

Covid-19 Updates

The Borough of Closter closely follows the recommendations of the CDC and health professionals. Closter's public buildings were opened on July 6th. Masks are required in *all* public areas of *all* public buildings and social distancing in group meetings is encouraged.

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Volunteering enriches our communities in numerous ways. Closter has in incredible core of dedicated volunteers in a wide range of activities... including emergency services, scout leaders as well as boards and commissions. I urge each and every one of you to consider ways in which you can make a difference. Our Fire Department and Ambulance Corps are just two of the incredible organizations needing volunteers!

All the Best,



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**Mayor**