



BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

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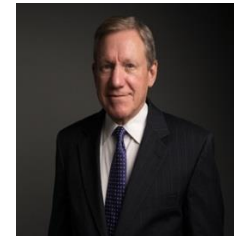
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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The April 2021 Mayor's Newsletter brings some welcome news and events in town. Please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

Our world certainly has experienced changes since March of last year. As a community, Closter is managing the pandemic well. We have been thrust into a world of communicating via Zoom and FaceTime. The governing body and I are extremely proud of our dedicated emergency services volunteers and Borough employees, who are driven to insuring the safety and services to our residents, businesses and visitors.

While vaccines are becoming available and more and more folks are being vaccinated, we are not out of the woods yet. Diligence is still required, as is social distancing, wearing masks *any time* in public and washing hands. These are critical elements in keeping the curve flat, avoiding a rebound of the virus and allowing an emergence from stay home. Face coverings remain a requirement in all grocery and stores.

KEEP CLOSTER BEAUTIFUL!!! Closter Clean Up Day –April 24th

The Closter Environmental Commission and the Closter Improvement Commission are hosting **CLEAN-UP CLOSTER**, an annual event to clean up our roadsides, parks, and other public areas. Join us for the 2021 Clean- Up Closter event on Saturday, April 24, 2021 between 10:00am and 2:00pm. This year there are three meeting locations: the historic Lustron House (421 Durie Ave), the Closter Nature Center (154 Ruckman Rd), and the front lawn of the Closter Senior Center (4 Lewis St). The rain date is May 1st.

Supplies for the clean-up will be provided; you only need to bring yourself! Safety protocol requires all participants to wear a mask/ face covering and maintain social distancing. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. This is a terrific way for students to count these hours toward community service. As the weather warms, take this opportunity to spend a beautiful day outside, meet new people and help “spring clean” and keep Closter the clean, green borough we all enjoy.

Visit www.closternj.us for updates and weather related changes. We look forward to seeing you there!

MacBain Farm

This year's winter weather has many of us longing for heat and sun, but the good news is that spring is here! Even though the weather is just beginning to warm up, Closter's MacBain Farm Committee is already hard at work preparing for a fruitful season at MacBain Farm. We're excited for another year of delicious vegetables, outdoor programs and meeting more Closter families!

It's too early to set an opening date for the 2021 picking season, but keep an eye out in late May for further information about opening day and registration. We look forward to seeing all of our Closter neighbors soon!

Closter Easter Parade

It was a beautiful Saturday for Closter to welcome the Easter Bunny to town. Following social distancing protocols, the Easter Bunny's tour of our town was shorter than previous years, but he certainly made the rounds! Many thanks to Jim Oettinger, Recreation Director (aka Easter Bunny), the Closter Fire Department, DTR Automotive., and the Mayor's car (appropriately decorated for the occasion) for hosting Closter's Easter Parade...59 miles of Closter streets in 3.5 hours. Many thanks to all of the tremendous volunteers who made the 2021 Easter Parade possible!



Closter Shade Tree Commission

Happy spring! Look for many of the Borough's ornamental cherry, pear and native serviceberry trees to bloom early in the season. Our latest trees, those planted this past fall, have begun to establish themselves and would benefit greatly from caring neighbors. The most important thing you can do is to water the tree. About 15-20 gallons of water, once a week in dry weather, between May and October (it's only 3-4 large buckets). Removing weeds from around the base of the tree will also help, as they steal much-needed nutrients and water. Replenishing the mulch around the tree helps suppress weeds, regulate soil temperature and adds nutrients. Use 2-3 inches of mulch in a "doughnut" shape, without touching the trunk of the tree.

What not to do??? Please, do **NOT** prune the tree! Borough experts will attend to that when the time is right. For more information, please contact the STC at shadetree@closter.us.

Closter Public Library

Welcome Back!! Beginning March 29th the library will reopen for inside browsing and borrowing of materials. We're happy to have up to 15 patrons in the library at a time and up to 30 minutes each. Some computers will be available for printing and job hunting, and the copier will be available. Notary service is by appointment only. We will continue to offer door side pickup for those who prefer it. We are remaining diligent about safety protocol; face masks are required at all times during library visits. Visit the website for more information at www.closterpubliclibrary.org.

Northern Valley Pen Pals is ongoing and a great way to connect or reconnect. Information is available on the Library's website. Yoga, Medication and Zumba continue via zoom, with pre-registration required (reference@closter.bccls.org). Registration for youth programs has begun. Please visit the website (closterpubliclibrary.org) for more information. And lastly, returning of books. The protocol is to accept returns in the book drop located outside the auditorium door.

Closter Fire Department

On Thursday, April 1st, the Closter Volunteer Fire Department eagerly welcomed the arrival of its new Pierce Enforcer Special Operations Air Unit Truck, Unit 765. Emergency Support Unit 765 includes: Enforcer Chassis, Cummins L9 450hp Engine, Pierce Command Zone, Onan 25kW Generator, Akron 8000 valves, Whelen Lighting, Seating Capacity for 8 (eight) and Custom Tool Mounting and Fabrication by Fire and Safety. The Enforcer Special Operations Air Unit Truck will service the needs of the community by providing air support during rescue operations and all of the necessary equipment the R.I.T. (Rapid Intervention Team) needs when responding to our community's calls for service.



The Borough of Closter 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,

Mayor