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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



May 28, 2021

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

This issue of the Mayor's Newsletter is filled with news and events taking place in town. As always, my door is open; please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

Covid-19 Update

As most folks are aware, businesses are opening up, precautions are relaxing and access to vaccines has increased. Closter is pleased to have participated with Holy Name Hospital and the Closter Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Corps in administering the Pfizer vaccines on the 27th of May. This partnership in caring for community is another example of the hard work and dedication of our volunteer services, outside of responding to emergencies.

There is a comprehensive resource for Covid information which can be found on the State of New Jersey's website, www.covid19.nj.gov, including resources for testing and vaccines.

Memorial Day Parade 2021

The Borough of Closter is continuing its longstanding tradition of honoring our armed forces on Memorial Day. The parade will take place on Monday, May 31st beginning at 10:00 am. This year the parade will begin on Vervalen Street, near the Target parking lot, and march through town ending at Memorial Park. Residents are asked to consider viewing the parade from the center of town, and to follow the procession to Memorial Park for the Memorial Day Service, which begins at the conclusion of the parade.

Closter is proud to announce this year's Grand Marshal is John Hernandez, a retired US Marine and Closter resident who has continued to do a tremendous job of hanging and maintaining over 150 American Flags on throughout our neighborhoods on the West side of town..

All organizations are welcome to join in the parade. The Mayor's trophy will be awarded to the most patriotic group in the parade!! Contact Jim Oettinger at joettinger@closternj.us for participation!

Closter Recreation Commission – Memorial Day Weekend 2021

Friday, May 28th PBA Officer of the Year/Comedy Night/Dinner –Open Bar
at the Temple Emanu-El 180 Piermont Road 5:30pm
Limited # of tickets available thru Thursday 5/27-6pm.
Tickets \$50.00 per person.

Saturday, May 29th

USA Patriots Amputee Softball Game Gates Open 6pm
Willies Band 6:15pm
Team Intros 6:50pm
First Pitch 7:05pm
(USA Patriots vs Bergen County All Stars)
Tickets \$8.00 in Advance thru Friday- \$10.00 at the gate.

Sunday, May 30th

Pancake Breakfast Closter Senior Center, 4 Lewis Street.
3 limited seats seatings - 50 people max per seating
7am-9am, 9am-10:30, 10:30-12noon
Tickets \$10.00 Children under 5 Eat for Free

For tickets or info on any of these events, Please visit Closter Recreation's Website at <https://www.closterrec.com> or email closterrecjim@aol.com

Closter Shade Tree Commission

The Commission wishes to thank all those who participated in this year's Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremonies at Hillside and Tenakill Schools. Commissioner Anthony Lupardi, Sr. was recognized on Arbor Day for over 40 years of service to the Borough. Thank you, Tony!

The Borough appreciates all of the attention Closter's residents pay to their front yards. The STC has a very successful pruning program in place to maintain and Closter's street trees. Pruning is done on an annual basis, by voting district, to insure the health of Closter's streetscape. The Borough engages certified arborists to prune its street trees. Property owners are requested to refrain from pruning or topping recently planted/young trees, as these trees are included in the STC's district pruning program. The health and beauty of the Borough's street trees adds value to all of Closter's properties.

Questions? Concerns? Please reach out to the Shade Tree Commission via email at shadetree@closternj.us.

MacBain Farm

Closter's MacBain Farm, one of the jewels of Closter, will be open as of June 26th. Residents are invited to come and register. As the season starts, leafy greens are the order of the day, while tomatoes, squash and more will be ripening on the vines for future picking. Each Closter household can register to pick one bucket of fresh vegetables once a week from the posted pick list. Proof of residency is required at registration and registration is required to pick. 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. The MacBain Farm, 203 Hickory Lane, is open Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 9am-1pm and 4pm-6pm.

Closter Public Library

The Closter Public Library is open to the public. You can come in and study, read a newspaper, use a computer, or borrow library items. Mah Jongg is being held in the community room on Tuesdays at 1:00pm. Yoga and meditation (via Zoom) are Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Registration is required – reference@closter.bccls.org. The Short Story Club is taking place on alternate Thursdays between 3-4:30pm; email Julia.nock@closter.bccls.org for the zoom link and the stories. Zumba via Zoom is taking place on Thursdays from 4:30-5:00pm Registration is required at reference@closter.bccls.org. Enjoy this virtual Zumba class, taught by Janet Weller, who is a Closter resident and certified professional trainer.

Regarding programs for our youth, please visit the library's website at Closterpubliclibrary.org for a full schedule of classes and events.

The Library is now accepting donations of books; however the Covid-19 pandemic has created the need to limit the number of donations at this time. Therefore, the Library is accepting donations with the following criteria: Only 2 bags per family per day; Bags must be left outside the front door between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. No tapes, audio or video; magazines, items in poor condition or items that are dated and no longer relevant.

The Library continues to serve as a cultural, recreational and educational center for our community. We strive to provide the best materials, reference assistance, programs, classes and events to all.

Closter Health Department

The Board of Health is holding a free rabies clinic on Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm in the Closter Borough Hall parking lot near the Senior Center. The following measures are required:

- 1) Dogs must be restrained with a **non-retractable leash** for quick and easy transfer to the veterinarian or technician for vaccination.
- 2) Cats must be transported in suitable carriers or containers to prevent escape.

For more information please call the Closter Board of Health at 201-784-0600 x 493 or email jbae@closternj.us.

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
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