

# **BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**

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## **MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The Mayor's Newsletter provides announcements and details on the numerous events taking place throughout the community. Please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

#### Hip, Hip Hooray....the Environmental Commission Does It Again!

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Environment Commission for another successful cleanup day held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. You help make Closter shine! The Environmental Commission had 130 volunteers who heled clean pre-identified sections of town and collected 60 plus bags of trash. Many of the volunteers were Commission members, Closter Council members, Scout volunteers and PAVA members. Masks and cigarette butts were collected in addition to plastic bags and soda cans.

These events help to create awareness within the community and foster a sense of responsibility for our environment. The next cleanup is planned for April 2022. We hope to have even more volunteers join us.



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#### **Closter Senior Club**

Looking for camaraderie in a new social outlet? The Closter Senior' Club is accepting new members (age 60+). Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. The Club meets from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Closter Senior Center, 4 Lewis Street (located behind Closter's Borough Hall). If you would like to attend, please call 201-768-5818. All "seniors" are welcome!

#### **Closter Police Department**

Daylight Savings Time is Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to reset interior and exterior timers for all light lighting devices. Utilizing both interior and exterior lighting is a strong deterrent in preventing criminal acts.

### Please, Remember to Lock your car doors and bring your key fobs inside!!!!

#### **Closter Shade Tree Commission**

Attention all Closter photographers: the Closter Shade Tree Commission is sponsoring a Fall Foliage Photo Contest! Snap a shot of a tree or trees in the Borough that best captures the spectacular colors of the season. Email your photo—along with a completed photo release form—to shadetree@closternj.us, and be sure to identify where in the Borough it was taken! The winner will have a shade tree planted on their street. *Contest ends Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, so please send your photos in*! Photo release can be found here: http://closternj.us/closter/Boards%20%26%20Commissions/Shade%20Tree%20Commission/Name%20-%20Photo%20Release%20Form.pdf

#### **Closter Fire Department**



The Closter VOLUNTEER Fire Dept ranks continue to dwindle. Your Fire Department is 100% volunteer and has been that way since 1893. The department relies and runs on help from its own residents in protecting our town. There is an <u>IMMEDIATE</u> need for new members.

We NEED YOUR HELP. Please consider JOINING us in serving our community. For more information you can visit us on the web at <u>www.closterfd.org</u> or email <u>secretary@closterfd.org</u>. Join an incredible organization and make a difference!!

#### Knickerbocker Hook & Ladder Companies Ladies Auxiliary

The Knickerbocker Hook & Ladder Companies Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a Food Truck/ Vendor Event Fundraiser on Saturday, November 27, 2021 from 10:00 am till 5:00 pm at the Closter Fire Department. There will be food trucks from Hold My Knots, Fire House Dogs and The Wicked Waffle Stick. Vendor representatives from SeneGence, Thirty-One, Zyia, PartyLite, Norwex, Touchstone Crystal, Pampered Chef and the Body Shop. As well as amazing crafters such as Sawdust Unlimited. (All participants are subject to change without notice) All are welcome, there is no admission fee.

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#### **Closter Public Library**

The library is now open from 9am-8pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. During November, the library will close at 5pm on November 24th and be closed on November 25<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.

Ever popular, First Friday Flicks is Friday, November 5 at 1pm. This month's feature is Queen Bees, a comedy/romance. Contact the library to sign up!

Toy Triage! Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from10am to 2pm. Bring your toys to our toy triage center. Real EMTs from the Closter Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Corps will be on standby for all toy related medical emergencies and repairs. More information about this event is available at the library.

Yoga and Meditation continue to be held on Wednesdays at 6pm; in-person at the library (masks required) or virtual via Zoom. Email the library at <u>circulation@closter.bccls.org</u> for info. The Short Story Club via Zoom is alternate Tuesdays beginning at 7:30 pm; email <u>Julia.nock@closter.bccls.org</u> for the zoom link and stories. Zumba via Zoom is a virtual class held on Thursdays from 4:30 – 5pm. Email Tim at <u>reference@closter.bccls.org</u> to register. The programs for youth services are too many to list. Please visit the website at ClosterPublicLibrary.org for information and registration for fall programs.

Belskie Wall Exhibit ~ *Lights and Blessings*, a solo exhibit by artist Jeannie Choe, is featured on the Belskie Museum's Wall in the library. This exhibit runs November 1 through December  $30^{th}$ . Come in to enjoy this amazing work.

#### **Closter Recreation**



*Halloween Parade!!* The Halloween Parade kicks off on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 a.m. behind the Closter Borough Hall. The parade will march through town and end up at Memorial Field for the annual costume judging contest. This will be the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Parade! Prizes will be given out in multiple categories, MOST BEAUTIFUL, MOST ORIGINAL, SCARIEST, and FUNNIEST and the overall BEST COSTUME will be awarded the TAAZ trophy. All children will receive TRICK or TREAT candy and very nice glow in the dark Trick or Treat bags for their adventures throughout the day.

Please visit the Closterrec.com website in the coming week/months for information on Winter sports registration which will include important information on Travel basketball tryouts.

#### **Closter Improvement Commission**

The 2021 Holiday Tree Lighting is planned for Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Pre-holiday music is planned to begin at 3:30 pm, followed by the 4:00 pm Welcome by Mayor Glidden. This year's event has a huge lineup of activities, including Santa! Families, friends and neighbors are all invited to join in the merriment of this holiday season. Look for the posters that will be out shortly and of course, social media will be flooded with information and details of this fun filled event. Ho Ho Ho!

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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 in Closter.

All the Best,

John Glidden

Mayor

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