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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

September 30, 2021

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.

Hats off to Hillside Elementary School: A 2021 Blue Ribbon School

It is with great pride we announce that Hillside Elementary School has been named as a 2021 National Blue Ribbon Schools Award winner by the U.S. Department of Education. Hillside Elementary School was among 325 winners nationwide announced by the U.S. Secretary of Education, Miguel Cardona, on September 21, 2021. On behalf of the governing body, I commend the entire Hillside Elementary School community. To receive the National Blue Ribbon Schools Award takes an incredible amount of dedicated educators, supported by the interests of our Closter families.

Congratulations to each and every member of the Hillside Elementary School for a job well done!

Korean Hanbok Day ~ October 21, 2021



Mayor John Glidden Joins the Korean American Youth Council in declaring October 21, 2021 as Korean Hanbok Day in Closter.

MacBain Farm Annual Harvest Festival

Closter's families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of pure autumn fun at the Annual Harvest Festival held at the MacBain Farm. Mark your calendars for an afternoon filled with delightful fall traditions such as pumpkin picking, pumpkin painting, s'mores, cider, music and more. The Festival is being held on Saturday, October 23rd between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm at the MacBain Farm, 203 Hickory Lane. There will be a huge array of arts and crafts, making masks, cards and more plus decorating pumpkins! Hosted by the Closter MacBain Farm Committee. *(rain date will be posted on the Borough's website)*

Closter Police Department

An important message from the Closter Police Department

Lock your car doors and bring your key fobs inside!!!!

As the end of Daylight Savings Time approaches (Sunday, November 7th), evening darkness begins to arrive earlier, the Closter Police Department is reminding residents and businesses of the importance in resetting interior and exterior timers for all light lighting devices.

Drivers and pedestrians are being urged to increase their diligence when driving, walking or jogging during the earlier dusk hours. The end of Daylight Savings Time is the perfect time to replace the batteries in smoke and (Co2) carbon dioxide detectors. Utilizing lighting is a strong deterrent in preventing criminal acts.



Crossing someplace other than an intersection accounts for more than 70% of child pedestrian deaths. Take the extra time to cross at the corner. Get more tips at: safekids.org/walkingsafelytips #PedestrianSafety

Closter Shade Tree Commission

Top on the Shade Tree Commission's list this month? Getting the word out about the spotted lanternfly, an invasive bug that is attacking a growing list of trees, including maples, oaks, beech, as well as many fruit and ornamental trees.

The bugs first arrived in Pennsylvania in 2014 from East Asia and have been spreading throughout New Jersey. In the last month, several lanternflies were spotted in Closter! The most important thing you can do? **If you see something, say something.** The NJ Department of Agriculture is asking for the public's help in reporting all sightings. (www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/pests-diseases/spotted-lanternfly).

The second most important thing? Destroy the eggs that are laid beginning in September, before they have a chance to hatch in the spring. The egg masses can be found on trees, under bark, lawn furniture, cars, trailers, outdoor grills, and on other surfaces. For a quick tutorial on how to scrape and then dispose of the eggs, check out this [3-minute video](#), "Have You Seen This Insect", which can be found under Shade Tree on the Borough's website.

Closter Fire Department

Interested in making a difference? Visit www.closterfd.org



Closter Public Library

Welcome back! Library hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am-8pm. The library will be closed on Monday, October 11th for Columbus Day. October's First Friday Flicks is featuring *Blithe Spirit* on Friday, October 1 at 1pm. Storm King Art Center passes are available; contact the library for more info! Yoga and meditation are on Wednesdays beginning at 6pm; in-person at the library or virtual via zoom. Registration is required. The Short Story Club is meeting via Zoom on alternate Tuesdays at 7:30pm and of course Zumba via zoom at 4:30p-5:00p on Thursdays is available. All programs require registration, so please visit the library or the website, Closterpubliclibrary.org, for details and sign ups.

The Children's Programs at the library are filled with amazing activities. Come see our beautiful butterflies! Come visit the Children's library or go to the link to watch <https://youtu.be/8QUR0jZm-14> or the Library's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/closterpubliclibrary>. Be amazed at their beauty!! A complete calendar of activities including the Children's Programs at the Closter Public Library is available at www.closterpubliclibrary.org or calling the library at 201-768-4197.

Closter Recreation



Halloween Parade!! The Halloween Parade kicks off on Sunday, October 31st 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 65th 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.

Labor Day Weekend in Closter...what a fabulous weekend of activities for all ages. From 5K runs, The Waldwick Band, Willies, Shoreline Anthem, No Co Catering, pony rides, kiddie rides, a friendly tug of war, sports awards presentations and of course, a fabulous fireworks display to close the weekend! Many thanks to each and every one of you for making this weekend happen and celebrating Closter in true Closter tradition.



(L – R): Recreation Director Jim Oettinger, Retiring Closter Recreation Coaches: Liz Carpenzano, Alfredo Freyre, Mike Argenziano, and Mayor John Glidden

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,

Mayor