

# CURRENTLY CLOSTER

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## Renewing Closter



Alice Barkley Square ;  
 Harrington Street &  
 Old Closter Dock Road

It is the intention of the Borough to supplement the announcements on our web site with more detailed information and bring the human interest side of the story to light.

We welcome any tidbits that you might like included, and any questions that you would like answered. We would also welcome news about any of our residents who have garnered some special honor or participated in an unusual event. This newsletter is being posted on the Official Website of the Borough, [www.closternj.us](http://www.closternj.us) as well as being sent directly to all residents whose e-mail address we now have. If you would like to receive this newsletter, which will be published quarterly, please reply with your name and email address.

*Sophie Heymann.*

Mayor of Closter

## Closter Marketplace

Progress is blossoming in all directions. Demolition is about to begin at the Closter Plaza, and that is helping to revitalize the rest of our business district, as many of the Plaza's shops have relocated elsewhere in Closter. For instance, #1 Chinese has moved to the Closter Commons, Bobbie's Golden Hangar

is at the former PC Warehouse store located on Oakland Avenue, the Spring Restaurant is anchoring on Main Street, Murphy's Fine Wines & Liquor now occupies the former Closter Bootery store located on Closter Dock Rd, Northern Valley Opticians has moved to the Heidenburg Plaza, Tiger

Kim's Marshal Arts Studio is relocated on Homans Avenue, joined by the Closter Art & Frames which is now at 1 Ruckman Road. Rudy's Restaurant is moving to a temporary store in the Plaza. Callahan Jewelry has already moved near Harmon's and the Closter Bowtie Cinema.

### Special points of interest:

- **Plans are afoot for renovating Village School into housing units, both market rate and low income housing.**
- **The Lustron House on Durie Avenue is slated to become a Closter Historic site, open to visitors.**
- **Borough Hall will undergo exterior renovations beginning this summer.**

### Reaching out to YOUR Legislators

Perhaps you have a problem or suggestion that goes beyond Closter's boundaries. You may want to reach out to one of your State legislators.

The easiest way is e-mail.

Sen Gerald Cardinale :  
[sencardinale@njleg.org](mailto:sencardinale@njleg.org)

Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi:

[aswschepisi@njleg.org](mailto:aswschepisi@njleg.org)

and

Assemblyman Robert Auth :  
[asmauth@njleg.org](mailto:asmauth@njleg.org)

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## Our Roads and Sidewalks

The winter has taken a terrible toll on New Jersey's roads. Actually, Closter has suffered less than most places because we have kept up both renovation and repair of our roads in a timely fashion.

At this point in time, we have only a few roads that have not been resurfaced within the past ten years: Hickory Lane, Homans Avenue and Vervalen Street among them. We will go through total rebuilding of Hickory Lane this year. In anticipation of some changes in the placement of sidewalks and other ameni-

ties, there will be a presentation on May 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Council chambers (2nd floor) of the Closter Borough Hall. Residents of Hickory Lane as well as nearby residents are welcome.

The Closter DPW Department will be filling potholes as the weather warms and permits the work to be done.

Additionally, the Borough will also invest in extensive professional crack sealing on all our roads.



**“This gift to the town by the Closter Lions’ Club also serves as one of Northern Jersey’s premier exhibition galleries”**

## Belskie Museum of Art & Science

[www.BelskieMuseum.com](http://www.BelskieMuseum.com)

The Belskie Museum of Art & Science is located adjacent to the Closter Public Library and across from Tenakill Middle School. This attractive and modern 3,500 sq./ft. building was built in 1993—entirely by the Closter Lions Club at no cost to the citizens of Closter—to be a repository of the lifetime works of Abram Belskie, a renowned

sculptor who lived in Closter from 1930 until his death in 1988. The Mayor & Council, the Closter Library Board and the Closter Lions Club each appoint 2 members to the Board of Directors to serve 3 year terms and this Board is presently assisted in the operations of the Museum, a not-for-profit corporation, by approximately 13 additional volun-

teers. There is no paid staff at the Belskie Museum. This gift to the town by the Closter Lions Club also serves as one of Northern New Jersey’s premier exhibition galleries, available to quality artists for exhibition and sale of their works. The Belskie Museum has become one of the most desirable exhibition spaces from 2001 through this year. Complimentary wine & cheese receptions are held the first day of each exhibit and are open to the public free of charge.



**The Adoration**  
Donated by Myron J. “Mike” Lewis  
Located in front of the Belskie Museum

## Closter Nature Center

**May/June Events at the Cabin, Ruckman Road**

**Fishing Contest is May 10th Residents only**

Friday, May 2nd, 7:30 p.m. “How Climate Change Will

Impact NJ” - Annual meeting, lecture by Dr. David Robinson, NJ State Climatologist

Sunday, May 4th, 1:30 p.m. meet at Nature Center to car-pool to Piermont, NY to hike along the marshes

Saturday, May 31st, 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. Morning Bird Walk; free to members, \$5 for non-members

Sunday, June 8th 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Annual “Pond Celebration” - Canoe rides, microscopes, tie dye shirts, hikes, artwork, and more. Free.



## Closter Farmers' Market 2014

Come say hello to the returning vendors and welcome the vendors new to the Closter Farmer's Market.

**Sunday, April 13th  
until**

**Sunday, Nov. 2nd**

Open EVERY SUNDAY. We have over 15 vendors bringing the freshest fare from two states. We have a new veggie farmer, John from DO RE ME Farms with

some usual and unusual vegetables. Come meet our new 28 time award winning chocolate vendor, Lisa Mecray Rogers, from Luxx Chocolate. The tastiest, prettiest chocolates you have ever seen! Warm welcome to Orchards of Conklin Fruits, Gourmet Nuts, Pickles & Olives, Lupardi's, Best of Bergen Empanada Mania, Yogi's Choice Skincare, Mora's Vintage Meat Marjan, bringing us a special treat

all the way from Kinderhook, NY, Dutch Treats, small exquisite savory and sweet tarts, Ol Darling Handmade Soaps. And more! More and more vendors are joining us weekly! Register for \$10.00 Green Acre Bucks to spend at the Market at the Market Manager Tent. Winners weekly. Like us on Facebook, spread the word bring friends and family. Like us on Facebook. For info, call Kathy 201-543-8233; closterfm@gmail.com



## Food & Assistance Board

If you are planning to make a donation to the Closter Food Pantry (CFP), we WELCOME any non-perishable, unopened, unexpired items that are typically found in a grocery store; from toilet paper to tuna, toothpaste to tomato paste and from Triscuits to tartar sauce, our families have a use for everything! Historically, items we need

most include coffee, cooking oils, mayonnaise, canned fruit, chicken/beef soups, complete pancake mix and canned meats and fish. The CFP donation cart is located next to the pantry on the ground floor level of Borough Hall near the elevator. If you would like to make a financial or grocery store gift card

donation, please include your name and address on the envelope and place it in the lockbox located next to the Lewis St. entrance of Borough Hall. Once a month we host "Open Door Day" sessions where families can come and select the items they need. The schedule is posted on the CFP bulletin board.

**First-time visitors are welcome with a current form of photo I.D. and proof of residency. Contact us at [fabofcloster@gmail.com](mailto:fabofcloster@gmail.com) or 201-784-0600 x429.**

### MEMORIAL DAY

**Monday, May 26, 2014**

**Flags will be distributed along the parade route.**

**Fly an American flag from your home to honor our service men and women**

The Leroy S. Mead Post 111, Closter Elks Lodge 2304 and the Borough of Closter are combining all resources to provide the 2014 Memorial Day Parade followed by the Memorial Day Service at Veterans Memorial Park.

**The Parade will assemble in the parking lot of the**

**Church of St. Mary at 9:30 a.m. and step-off promptly at 10:00 a.m. The parade will follow the route it has historically followed, marching down High Street to Closter Dock Road, past Borough Hall and Veteran's Park, west onto Harrington Avenue and ending at Veterans Memorial Park for**

**the Memorial Day Service.**

We encourage all volunteer organizations to participate and welcome antique cars! If you are interested in participating, please contact Leslie Weatherly at 201-784-0600 x 482. Please join us in honoring the men and women of our military.



## Reminders from the Closter Police Department

The Closter Police Department conducts numerous community based programs designed to promote the safety and well-being of residents, visitors and businesses.

Dial 911 for  
**EMERGENCY**

201-768-5000  
*non-emergency*

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All individuals, corporations or businesses operating any **alarm device** must obtain a valid permit on an annual basis. Due February 1st.

Residential & commercial **building street numbers** must be visible from the road and maintained in good repair (B.O. 147-9j) Clear visibility reduces the response time in an emergency.

Warmer weather and upcoming holidays increase the number of gatherings, parties and overnight visitors. **Overnight parking** is prohibited between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Monday—Saturday and between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Sunday on any street in Closter.

BO 67-14b prohibits **alcohol consumption or possession of alcohol** on private property under the age of 21. It is a criminal offense in the state of NJ to serve alcohol to anyone who is under the legal age of 21. NJ 2C:33-17b prohibits making home or property available for the purpose of allowing minors to consume alcohol.

### Closter's Improvement Commission & Environmental Commission's Green Team ~ offering improvements in a variety of ways



*Cultural Arts* in our community are everywhere in our community. The Closter Music Festival will again take place in the fall. This three-day event, chaired by Andy Albaum, brings a refreshing variety of talent to the stage and is well attended by audiences of all ages.

In addition, the CIC is preparing for a community day of music and art this spring. Tentatively scheduled for June 1st, the festival will be held at the Closter Commons Mall. The rain date is scheduled for June 15th. CIC is proud to have the partnership of the Barn and the Art School at Old Church. Come enjoy pottery demonstra-

tions, balloon art, crafts and other live performances. More information will be available in the near future.

*Sustainability*...it is our main concern! The Closter Green Team, coordinating efforts with the Environmental Commission, held a successful Octoberfest. The team is working with surrounding towns on the first Northern Valley Earth Fair, which will be held on April 26th in Norwood. The Closter Town-Wide Cleanup, between 10:00a.m. and 1:00p.m. is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd. All are invited to meet at the Borough Hall or Boy Scout Cabin at Ruckman Pond to join in this clean-up event. Our

hope is that highly visible clean-up events will encourage residents to buy products with less packaging and use fewer single-use plastic bags and bottles. With help from the DPW, commissions and council members, the Green Team is working toward certification with Sustainable Jersey. By working closer with our DPW, we hope to instill a stronger presence in our schools. Many thanks to the Closter Girl and Boy Scouts for their support and to the Closter Nature Center for cooperation we well as the Bergen County Health Department for clean-up supplies. *The Closter Green Team is always looking for new members. We encourage you to contact us through Facebook!*

