



# BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

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## MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

This Mayor's Newsletter will be the first newsletter that I expect to share with you on a regular basis going forward. I will report on many issues occurring in or affecting the Borough. As always, my door is open, and feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

### **Closter Plaza**

Last week I was pleased to meet with the owner/developer of Closter Plaza, Edens, Inc. ([www.edens.com](http://www.edens.com)). As we can all see, there is fast building going on, and Edens reports that construction is on schedule. Whole Foods is expected to open on time which is scheduled for November 2016 – only 11 months away!

Edens further reports that leases have been signed with three eating establishments:

- 1) Distrito (Mexican) ([www.districtorestaurant.com](http://www.districtorestaurant.com));
- 2) Village Whiskey ([www.villagewhiskey.com](http://www.villagewhiskey.com));
- 3) Bareburger ([www.bareburger.com](http://www.bareburger.com)).

Another addition at the Plaza will be a Home Goods store ([www.homegoods.com](http://www.homegoods.com)). The new Home Goods will be located just to the west of Whole Foods in a portion of the prior K-mart space. In all there will be 40 stores in the new Closter Plaza, and Edens expects to issue a press release in the first quarter of 2016 as to the new leases that have been signed at that point.

You may have noticed the large piles of crushed stone in the construction lot. Edens reports that this is crushed concrete from the prior building foundations which are being recycled into concrete for the new foundation. Finally, Edens reports there will be 820 parking spaces in the new configuration where there were 720 spaces in the prior configuration. The Closter Building Department is closely monitoring construction with their required inspections at regular intervals and assuring compliance with the Closter Planning Board approvals. More information will be forthcoming as developments warrant.

**Swim Club**

I was pleased to receive a visit last week from Alpine Mayor Paul Tomasko with an interesting proposal for Closter. Mayor Tomasko indicated that the Borough of Alpine would like to make Alpine Swim Club memberships available to Closter residents. I toured the Alpine Swim Club with Mayor Tomasko and can report it is a fine facility. Closter residents should contact the Closter Recreation Commission for details and an application form. Further information will be posted on the Closter Borough Website and Facebook page as well.

**Closter Downtown Improvements**

A joint meeting of the Closter Mayor and Council and Closter Boards and Commissions occurred on November 21. At the meeting there was significant discussion of improvements to the Closter downtown area. These include enhanced parking, improvements to existing parking lots, as well as potential purchase of vacant land for parking. Also there was discussion of possible zoning changes to the commercial district to enhance private investment in our downtown. The Mayor and Council expect to meet with business owners, property owners and the Closter Chamber of Commerce in the near future to obtain input.

There are many more issues on which to report in Closter, and I will do so in the upcoming Mayor's Newsletters. Let me take this opportunity to wish all Closter residents a joyous Holiday Season and a happy and healthy New Year.



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