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Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 25th

Closter's **2015** Memorial Day Parade will kick off at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25th. The Parade will assemble in the parking lot of the Church of St. Mary at 9:30 a.m. The parade will continue on the route it has followed historically, marching east on High St. to Closter Dock Rd., past the Borough Hall and Veteran's Park, west onto Harrington Ave. and conclude at Veterans' Memorial Park for the Memorial Day Service. Antique cars are welcomed! We encourage *all volunteer organizations and residents* to participate! Please contact Leslie Weatherly, 201-784-0600 x 482, if interested in participating.



John C. Glidden, Jr. Mayor

Closter Lions Club ~ Pancake Breakfast

The Closter Lions will be hosting the semi-annual Lions' Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, March 29th.**

Doors open at 8:00 a.m. until noon. Donation of \$7.00 (children under 5 yrs. old are free)



Net proceeds will benefit the *numerous* charities supported by the *Closter Lions Charitable Foundation*

Community Blood Services Mobile will be on site for blood drive

Northern Valley Reg. High School cafeteria
 150 Knickerbocker Rd,
 Demarest, New Jersey

Mark Your Calendars

- Closter Lion's Club Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast—Sunday, March 29th
- Annual Fishing Contest for K-8th grade residents Saturday, May 9th .
- Annual Closter Recreation Commission Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 4th
- Closter Farmers Market—Best of Bergen 2014! St. Mary's Church parking lot Open year round, EVERY Sunday, rain or shine from 9:00-2:00! Starting Sunday, April 5th 10:00-3:00 !

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Recreation News

The Closter Recreation Commission is hosting the annual **Easter Egg Hunt** on **Saturday, April 4th**. Join us at 10:00 a.m. in Closter's Veterans Memorial Park near the children's playground. The park is located between Harrington Ave. & Old Closter Dock Rd. Parking is available near the playground and Closter Lion's Band shell.



Save the dates! **Sunday, April 26th** is the **Opening Day Parade for Little League and Girls Softball**. Parade participants must gather at 12:30pm in the parking lot of the Closter Borough Hall as the parade kicks off at 12:50 SHARP, proceeding through the center of town to the George Potterton Little League Field for the opening day ceremony. **Saturday, May 9th, Annual Joe Accor-dino Jr. Memorial Fishing Contest**, 9:00am-noon held at Ruckman Pond at the Closter



Nature Center. Closter students, grades K-8th, are invited to participate in this event. Join us for a day filled with fun, prizes and fishing stories! Co-sponsored by the Recreation Commission & Closter Police Dept. P.B.A.

Belskie Museum of Art & Science www.Belskie Museum.com

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



Scroll over the above 2 photos for larger viewings of the museum's interior.

sculptor who lived in Closter from 1930 until his death in 1988. The Museum is a not-for-profit corporation and is run by approximately 20 volunteers. **Spring Exhibits:** March 15th-April 5th: Bergen Tech H.S. Art Dept.; April 12th—May 3rd The Jewish Federation; May 7th—May 17th: Tenakill School Art Class; May 20th—May 31st: NVRHS 15th Annual Student Art Show; June 7th-28th The Beauty of Water Color

Closter Public Library ~ BCCLS Member

As part of the Bergen County Cooperative Library System (BCCLS), the Closter Public Library participates in resource sharing among 75 towns in northern NJ. This includes reciprocal borrowing of books, CDs, DVDs and databases; buying as part of a consortium; sharing a circulation, cataloging system and networked PCs; and, receiving training and technology support. In this way, the Library supports Closter's role as a leader in Shared Services to practice good stewardship of resources while maintaining a high quality of life and services in our community.

Every summer the library offers a children's program to encourage reading for pleasure as a way to retain reading skills. The 2015 theme is **Every Hero Has A Story**. We will be focusing on everyday heroes. We would like to offer a program in which money is donated to the Closter Food Panty based on the number of pages read this summer. We think this would be a great opportunity for Closter children to learn how their efforts benefit their community. We are looking for individuals or businesses who are interested in pledging to donate money to the Food Panty based on the amount of reading participants do in the program. For more information on this program and more, visit our website at www.closter.bccls.org or call the Library at 201-768-4197 or email the children's librarian, Emily Orr, at emily.orr@closter.bccls.org.



Closter's Green Team

Town Clean Up ~Saturday, March 28th

Northern Valley Earth Fair ~Saturday, April 25th

The Closter Green Team and students from Tenakill Middle School are planning to show the movie "Bag It" at TMS. The Team is working on a plastic bottle cap art exhibit for Earth Day and for exhibition at the 2nd annual Northern Valley Earth Fair. This year the NV Earth Fair will be sponsored by Old Tappan on Saturday, April 25th (www.nv-earth-fair.org). The Earth Fair committee is looking for volunteers and exhibitors; please look at the website and see the various ways you can participate!

The Tenakill Green Team is working with master gardener, Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg, planting milkweed at the Buzzoni Farm. Milkweed is the only plant on which the Monarch butterfly lays its eggs. The Monarch is being considered for inclusion on the Endangered Species list. Milkweed has been eradicated along most of the Monarch's migration route, creating a devastating loss of food and habitat.

The annual Town Clean-Up will be on Saturday, March 28th. We hope to see many resident volunteers, come rain or shine! The Closter Green Team welcomes new members ~ Please join us!

Food & Assistance Board

To assist the FAB, the Closter Public Library is sponsoring its *summer reading program* in which money will be donated to the Food Pantry based on the number of pages the children read this summer. It's a fantastic chance for Closter children to learn how their efforts benefit their community. The Library is looking for individuals or

businesses who are interested in pledging to donate money to the Closter Food Pantry based on the amount of reading participants complete in the summer program.

For more information or to pledge your support, please contact the Children's librarian, Emily Orr, at the Closter Public Library- 201-768-4197.

If you know anyone in Closter who may be in need and is hesitant to come forward, please contact us at fabofcloster@gmail.com (201) 784-0600 x 429. All inquiries are received in complete confidence. The CFP is located on the ground floor of Borough Hall near the elevator. All donations are welcome!

First-time visitors to the Food Pantry are welcome with a current form of photo I.D. and Proof of Residency. Contact us at fabofcloster@gmail.com or 201-784-0600 x429.



The ***Closter Senior Citizens Club*** conducts meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of every month beginning at 1:00 at the Seniors' Building, 4 Lewis St. Meetings include presentations by guest speakers and entertainment programs. Light refreshments are available at noon, before the meetings. An exercise class on Mondays and Thursdays begins at 10:00 a.m.. Blood pressure screening, administered by a registered nurse is available from noon to 1:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. Bingo for club members is provided on the fourth Wednesday at 12:30. The annual membership fee is \$15.00 for seniors who are 60+ years of age and who reside in Closter and adjoining towns. Prospective members may attend a meeting prior to joining. Need information? Ann Brewster, Club Secretary, can be reached at 201-784-0971 or 201-768-4535.

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Reminders from the *Closter Police Department*

Overnight parking is prohibited between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any street in Closter.

Burglary is a crime of convenience. The use of an alarm system, lights on timers, stopping mail, newspapers & packages and asking neighbors to keep an eye on your property all help to make your property less of a target.

Household and driveway repairs are some of the most common scams used by criminals to steal your hard-earned money. Do not provide any information to anyone unless you have solicited information from them. Telephone scams may ask you to wire money for the “aid of a loved one”; these thieves are professionals and good at what they do, so before you wire any money, check with family or friends to confirm a problem; then come to the Police Department.

Borough Ordinance 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.

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

**Dial 911
Emergency**

Closter Nature Center

The Nature Center Assoc. and Director/Naturalist Marc Gussen welcomes everyone in the community to explore our 136 acres of ponds and woodlands. Visit our website (closternaturecenter.org) or the cabin door at Ruckman Pond for the notice of upcoming events, trails and more! Come enjoy and discover the beauty of Closter's nature center.

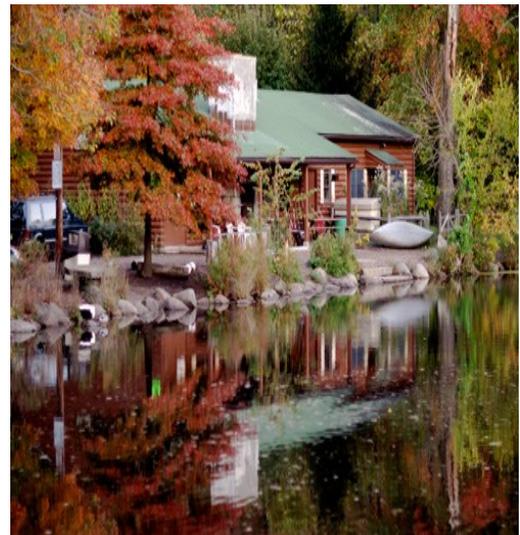
After-school classes every month; 1 day per week

Annual Soup Supper, Sun. April 12, 5-7 p.m. Enjoy dozens of homemade soups and breads. Adults \$10; Children \$5.

Spring Bird Walk, Sat. May 16, 8:30-10 a.m. (see website in May for details)

Pond Celebration, Sun., June 7, 1-4 p.m. Canoe rides, tie-dying, many activities for families.

Summer Camp; weekly sessions thru summer. Very popular with all ages 4-14. Registration form on Website after March 1st.



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Recognized for Her Spirit of Volunteerism

On January 31st, Closter's Mayor and Council, friends, dignitaries, Board and Commission members, volunteer groups and families gathered to honor former Mayor Sophie Heymann for her eight years of service as Mayor of the Borough of Closter and for the numerous years of service she provided as a Councilwoman and community volunteer. Sophie plans to continue her commitment to Closter by volunteering on some of Closter's boards or commissions. Gov. Chris Christie appointed her to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Palisades Interstate Park Commission.

Pictured are Mayor John C. Glidden, Jr., Belskie President and artist, Kurt Haiman and former Mayor Sophie Heymann.



Reminders from the *Closter Department of Public Works*

Vegetative Waste & Yard Debris Pickup Schedule

Please refer to the Borough's Calendar for the vegetative waste collection and yard debris pickup dates. To receive this service the DPW must be notified before noon on the Tuesday before the

**NAME AND ADDRESS MUST
BE PROVIDED TO EITHER:
VEGWASTE@CLOSTERNJ.US**

**OR PHONE MESSAGE:
201-784-0600 x 300**

Comingled Recycling will be picked up curbside on Wednesdays as per the Borough's calendar. Paper/Cardboard only will be picked up curbside on Thursdays as per the calendar. White goods can be picked up by calling 201-784-0573 for information and scheduling.

Document Shredding—April 11th & November 7th, 9:00 am-noon at DPW Center. Limit 5 bags or boxes; Residents only, NO Businesses. First come, first serve.

Yard Debris/Vegetative Waste will be collected by request only twice a month April through September. (The collection dates are posted on the Borough's Calendar -www.closternj.us). Only grass clippings and other small garden trimmings— NO BRANCHES— Containers only, not exceeding 32 gallon barrels or weighing more than 35 pounds, will be picked up.

Bergen County Utilities Authority HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION—201-807-5825 or www.bcua.org for collection locations and dates.