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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The August 2016 issue of the Mayor's Newsletter is filled with news and events in town. As always, my door is open; please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

Closter Plaza – Update

The Grand Opening for Whole Foods is scheduled for October 19! All residents of Closter are invited. It's going to be quite a splash! Edens, Inc. owner of the Plaza, has announced the signing of three new leases for several boutiques. They are: Blue Mercury (make-up, Skin Care and Spa); www.bluemercury.com; Indigo Chic (Fashion, Clothes, Shoes, Accessories); www.Indigochic.com, and Ruby and Jenna (Women's Fashion); www.rubyandjenna.com. Edens reports that four other leases are in various stages of completion.

2016 Closter – Haworth 5k Challenge

Just around the corner...September is the beginning of Boroughs of Closter and Haworth's two 5K challenge! The first race is the Closter 5K on September 5th of Labor Day Week-end, followed by the Haworth 5K on Saturday, September 24th. The Mayor of each Borough, along with a Councilperson from each Borough and a resident of each Borough, will race as teams in both races. *The combined times of each team will determine the winner.* Our Closter teammates are training daily and can be seen early in the morning jogging around town. All residents are encouraged to attend. GO CLOSTER!

Annual Labor Day Events and Celebration

Saturday, September 3rd through Monday, September 5th - Veterans' Memorial Field
Scheduled Activities for the Closter Annual Labor Day Events:

Sept. 3: (Sat) – 4 person volleyball tournament – 11:00 AM

Sept. 3: (Sat) – Waldwick Band Concert; 7:00 PM at Lions Bandshell – Memorial Park
Sept. 4: (Sun) – Annual Dom Mircovich Memorial 5K Run – Kids fun run, 8:30 AM, and the 5K run at 9:00 AM
Sept. 4: (Sun) – Movie Night at the Lions Band Shell – 7:30
Sept. 5: (Mon) – 55th Annual Town Labor Day Celebration – 1:00 PM start; Kids rides, concerts, recreation awards, food and drink.
Sept. 5th (Mon evening) – Closter Annual Fireworks Display – 8:30 PM (Dark)

Closter's 9/11 Memorial Service

Patriot's Day, September 11th, a day "*we will never forget*"

Completed in 2004, the Closter 9/11 Memorial is dedicated to honoring and remembering all of the Americans whose lives were so profoundly affected as well as paying homage to all those whose sacrifices have provided our cherished freedom. This memorial stands as a moment in time when at precisely 8:46 a.m., the moment the first plane hit the North Tower, shadows align and sunlight beams pass through a keyhole and illuminates an embedded piece of steel that was recovered from the World Trade Center, signifying the moment that all of our lives were forever changed.

"Let our grief become strength, our remembrance hope, our unity an enlightened path toward peace".

Please join together as our community pays tribute in remembering September 11th. The 9/11 Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, September 11th in Remembrance Park at the 9/11 Memorial located at the intersection of Cedar Lane and Harrington Avenue.

The service begins promptly at 8:30 a.m.

The Belskie Museum Presents: "*The Return of the Ex-Madmen Who Create New Art*"!

The Belskie Museum of Art & Science, 280 High Street, proudly presents "*The Return of the Ex-Madmen Who Create New Art*"! The exhibit opens on Sunday, September 11th between 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. This is an amazing and inspiring exhibit by seventeen former art directors and creative directors whose careers were with the leading Madison Avenue advertising agencies. They are award winning creators of print and television ads in the 80's, 90's and 2000's for virtually all the leading consumer product companies in America. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free and while the museum hours are Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., hours by appointment can be arranged.

Closter Lion's Club 9th Annual Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show

The Closter Lions Club Charitable Foundation is holding its 9th Annual Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show on Sunday, September 25th from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (*rain date October 2nd*) Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Closter Commons, 570 Piermont Road. Free spectator admission. Dash plaques, trophies, prizes as well as delicious food, beverages, entertainment and a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds will benefit restoration of sight for the blind and many other local charities. Questions, call 201-784-0043 or email carshow@closterlions.org. I hope you will find some time to join in this fun-filled event.

Closter Environmental Commission

The Closter Environmental Commission dedicates considerable numbers of volunteer hours enhancing, repairing, restoring and reconstructing Closter's woodland trails that comprise the Closter Trail system in our parks. This extensive trail system in our woodlands is offered to our community as another passive recreational venue in which residents can utilize and enjoy the outdoors. While working on the trails this spring volunteers observed several locations where yard debris and other trash had been dumped in our parks and woodlands. Dumping on public lands is prohibited by New Jersey State Law and can result in costly fines. Please help us maintain our woodlands and parks by reporting any incidents of dumping to the Closter Police Department (201-768-5000).

Please join us in our effort to keep Closter a cleaner, greener community.

Closter Police Department

With the opening of area schools, the Closter Police Department is again reminding *everyone* that NJ State law states motorists must STOP for pedestrians in marked crosswalks. The failure to observe the law could subject the driver to one or more of the following – two points, costly fines (plus court costs), insurance surcharges or 15 days community service. Please help us to keep Closter's residents and visitors safe!

Drought Watch – Bergen County

The continuation of dry weather has placed Bergen County under a major water supply drought watch. Residents and businesses are being urged to conserve water due to the continued dry weather that is negatively impacting levels in our reservoirs, rivers and streams. Utilizing water conservation tips:

- . Limiting the watering of lawns and landscaping. Two times per week for 30 minutes in the morning or late evening.
- . Run washing machines and dishwashers only when full
- . Fix leaky faucets and pipes
- . Turn off the faucet while brushing teeth and shaving.

Conservation is requested by all members of the community to hopefully avoid a water emergency and the need to impose mandatory restrictions by preserving supplies now. Both of the reservoir systems critical to our region have dropped to below 80% capacity, and are continuing to fall. Your cooperation in conserving our water supply is requested.

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.

All the best,



Mayor

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