



BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The February issue of the Mayor's Newsletter brings some welcome 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's Volunteer Emergency Services:

The Borough of Closter is extremely fortunate to have two of the most dedicated and remarkable emergency service organizations in the area. Both our ambulance corps and fire department were founded on the premise that together volunteers could make a difference to the community and, indeed, they have. Since its establishment in 1893 the **Knickerbocker Hook & Ladder Company** has been manned totally by volunteers who donate their time on an as needed basis, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, responding to 274 calls last year. The safety response to the needs of our residents and businesses is complimented by the medical emergency response and rescue operations provided by the men and women of the **Closter Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Corps**. The Closter Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Corps, Inc. is the only department in Bergen County, and one of the few in the state that provides both ambulance service and heavy rescue inclusive of cliff rescues and rappelling.

Our emergency services are always seeking the addition of new members. Information can be found on both of these organizations by viewing the Borough's website, www.closternj.us. If you are interested in providing support, but not able to make the full volunteer commitment, then perhaps you will consider supporting these emergency services during their fund raising drives throughout the year.

Closter Plaza

As many of you have read in recent articles, Target will be opening in the Closter Plaza. Edens has confirmed that Target is going to be located in a large retail space near Home Goods and Whole Foods. The milder weather this winter has helped the construction project move along nicely. Edens is securing a blend of retailers that will compliment not only the Plaza, but will bring a large selection of services to the community.

Closter Chamber of Commerce

The Closter Chamber of Commerce is an active membership of retailers and businesses in town. They sponsor a variety of local events, including the upcoming “Uncle Floyd Comedy Night” at the Closter Elks on March 4th, Uncommon Crafts at the Closter Commons (courtyard) on June 12th and, of course, the annual Closter Sidewalk Sale which is scheduled for July 28th, 29th and 30th. Please take a moment and visit the Chamber’s website, www.closterchamber.org to see what the Chamber has planned.

Northern Valley Earth Fair

Think Green...It’s *Earth Fair 2016* time! All are welcome to participate in the NV Earth Fair on Saturday, April 23rd between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please join the members of the Closter Environmental Commission and surrounding towns in the Northern Valley Earth Fair that is being held at the Cresskill Community Center, 100 3rd Street, Cresskill. This joint venture is a collaboration that includes Environmental Commissions, Green Teams and representatives from the towns of Closter, Cresskill, Norwood, Old Tappan, and Tenafly. This annual Earth Day festival is filled with food, live music, family activities, green or sustainability products/service exhibitors, kids’ crafts and activities.

Visit www.nv-earth-fair.org

School Bond Referendum

The Northern Valley Regional High School District has arranged for a Bond Referendum vote on March 8, 2016. We will vote on the Board of Education’s Proposal to issue \$11,707,485.00 in bonds to upgrade/renovate the Demarest High School and the Old Tappan High School. The Board indicates these projects are needed to retain the high quality of our education system in Closter. In addition, the Board indicates the Referendum will be “tax neutral” and will not require any increase in taxes to support the bond issue. I urge all residents to visit the NVRHS website (<http://www.nvnet.org/>) and review the information and explanations so as to be informed for this Referendum.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

Details will be posted on the Borough’s website, www.closternj.us

- **Sunday, March 20th – Closter Lion’s Pancake Breakfast**
8:00 a.m. – noon at NVRHS - Demarest
- **Saturday, April 23rd – Northern Valley Earth Fair**
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Cresskill Community Center,
100 34rd St., Cresskill

Upcoming Events – (Continued)

- **Sunday, April 24th ~ Opening Day for Little League and Girls Softball
Little League Parade begins at 12:30 from Borough Hall**
- **Saturday, May 7th ~ Annual Joe Accordino Memorial Fishing Contest
9:00 a.m. to noon Ruckman Pond at Closter Nature Ctr.**
- **Monday, May 30th ~ Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service
Parade steps off at 10:00 a.m.
Memorial Service follows at Veterans Memorial Park**
- **Friday, June 10th ~ Closter’s Country Hoe Down sponsored by the CIC,
Join friends and neighbors in a country hoedown!**
- **Sunday, June 12th ~ Closter Commerce “Uncommon Crafts at the Closter
Commons” 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

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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