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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The October 2016 issue of the Mayor's Newsletter has important information pertaining to town-wide events and news. 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.

Hip, Hip, Hooray! Whole Foods Market Opens in Closter

Last Wednesday the residents of Closter were treated to the grand opening of our new Whole Foods Market. About one thousand folks were on hand to take part in the traditional "Breaking of the Bread" ceremony. Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno gave the keynote address and our State legislators and our Closter Mayor and Council all participated in the welcoming. It has been a long time coming, but it's finally here. Enjoy!

Target Opening Schedule for Next Week

Next Tuesday, November 1st, at 6:00 PM, the Mayor and Council will participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of our new Target store in Closter Plaza. Target is well known throughout the northeast and we are really pleased to have them in our Closter Plaza. Welcome to Closter, Target!!

Patience, Please!

The opening of our Closter Plaza and its popular venues is going to bring increased traffic to Downtown Closter. In November, the Mayor and Council commissioned a traffic study to determine the new traffic patterns. At the completion of this study, we will be able to determine where we can locate a new stop light, stop signs and intersection configurations. Please have patience until the work is complete.

Closter Lions Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, October 30th

In following the tradition, the Closter Lions will be hosting the semi-annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 30th at Northern Valley Regional HS – Demarest. Breakfast will be served between 8:00 am and 12:00 noon. Tickets are \$7.00 at the door.

For more than 50 years the Closter Lions host breakfasts, making thousands of pancakes with the help from the Knickerbocker Hook & Ladder Company Ladies Auxiliary and the Closter Boy Scouts Troop 63. Funds raised directly benefit dozens of sight-related charities and families in need both locally and nationally. Please help our local chapter of the Lions Club continue their support of visually impaired by bringing your whole family to this event.

Closter Halloween Parade and Fair

The 60th annual Closter Halloween Parade and Costume Judging sponsored by the Closter Recreation Commission will be held on *Sunday October 30th*. The Parade will form behind the Closter Borough Hall at 12:30 p.m. and proceed at 1:00 pm *sharp* through the center of town to the Tenakill Middle School (on High St. directly across from the Library). Judging of costumes will take place following the parade. Costume judging is in four categories: MOST BEAUTIFUL, FUNNIEST, SCARIEST & MOST ORIGINAL. The 60th annual presentation of the “Taaz trophy for BEST COSTUME” will be presented to the child with the most outstanding costume in the program. All children will receive trick or treat candy courtesy of Kings Supermarkets and re-usable trick or treat bags (for the BIG DAY!!!)

The 2016 PTO Halloween Fair will take place immediately following the costume judging at Tenakill School at 1:30-3:30 PM. Please wear your costume and join us if you dare! Activities include our famous Hallway of Horror, as well as pumpkin painting, obstacle course, scary bouncer, photo booth, tattoo, DJ, and lots of treats, including pizza, donuts, cookies, apple cider, and more!

Closter Police Department

November 6th marks the end of Daylight Savings Time and the clocks are set back an hour bringing evening darkness an hour earlier. Our police department is reminding all residents and businesses to reset the timers on interior lamps and outdoor lighting. Utilizing lighting helps to deter opportunities for criminal acts. This is also the perfect time to replace the batteries in smoke and Co2 detectors.

November 8, 2016 is ELECTION DAY

Please remember to VOTE: It is an honor, a privilege and a duty to vote in America. Polling places in Closter are located at Hillside Elementary School and Tenakill Middle School. Polls will open at 6:00 AM and will close at 8:00 PM.

New exhibit at The Belskie Museum: “*The Graphic Image*” Opens November 13th

The Martin Hicks Gallery at the Belskie Museum of Art & Science, located at 280 High Street, presents a “*The Graphic Image*”. This exhibit expresses the work of nine women artists in a mixture of mediums including pastel, linoleum cut and numerous printed images reflecting a variety of talents. Exhibit Opening is Sunday, November 13th from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., refreshments will be served. Museum hours are Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. (Hours by appointment can be arranged by calling 201-768-0286).

Mark your calendar for holiday shopping! The Belskie Museum’s curators have just announced the dates for the Belskie’s *Annual Art & Craft Show & Sale*. This fabulous selection of these unique pieces of art will include jewelry, ceramics, pottery, painting, fashion accessories and quilts from 18 local artists. The doors open at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 10th & Sunday, December 11th and on Saturday, December 17th & Sunday, December 18th. All work is being offered for sale. Come early to select holiday gifts from these one of a kind pieces. There is something for everyone! www.belskiemuseum.com

2016 Closter Food Pantry

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and the Closter Food Pantry is seeking donations to assist our community families in need. Please visit the Borough’s website (www.closternj.us) and click on the link to the Food and Assistance Board to view the lists of items that are needed to stock their shelves. Our Food & Assistant Board volunteers are working tirelessly to assist our residents in need.

Volunteers Needed in the Northern Valley

EZ Ride assists local communities in Bergen, Passaic, Hudson and Monmouth counties to provide senior transportation that responds to real-life needs. *EZ Ride* places branded cars in a community that are driven by volunteers. *EZ Ride* is seeking to expand its service in Closter and surrounding towns, but **drivers** are needed for *EZ Ride* to expand its service in our area.

For as little as four hours a week, you can make a big difference in people's lives. The effort isn't much: A welcoming smile and a quick ride to a doctor's office or a grocery store. You'll be driving seniors (who can no longer drive) and community neighbors without cars – people who are really grateful for your service and value the personal connection to you. View a video of "A day in a life of an EZ Ride Volunteer" on our website at www.ezride.org". Please contact Kinga Skora at *EZ Ride* ... 201-939-4242 x 131.

If you know of anyone in the northern valley area, please share this information with them and ask them to contact *EZ Ride*.

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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