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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The September 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Old Hook Road railroad crossing will be closed for repairs
Sunday Oct 2nd to Wednesday Oct 5th
Plan alternate route for travel during this time period**

And the Winner in the Great Mayor's Race Is....CLOSTER WINS !!!

The 2016 Mayor's Challenge 5K Race was a nail biter!! During the Dom Mircovich Memorial 5K run in Closter on Labor Day weekend, Haworth took a substantial lead. Then on September 25th in the Haworth 5K event, it was the Closter team that took the helm. The final race results, which are the lowest combined times for both teams in both of the races, had the Closter team at 164.47 minutes and the Haworth team at 167.26 minutes giving the 2016 Mayor's Challenge to Closter. Congratulations to Closter team members: Councilwoman Alissa Latner, Councilman Brian Stabile, resident Josh Munoz (who won the overall Closter 2016 Closter 5K), resident Adam Essafi, and Mayor John Glidden. This was a great event, generating excitement for both the 5K runs and all of the participants, spectators and local non-profits! Training will start early for next year!!

Closter Plaza – Update

Mark your calendars.....October 19th – 8:30 a.m., the official Grand Opening for Whole Foods, is right around the corner! All of Closter's residents are invited to join in the festivities as Whole Foods is publicly welcomed to Closter. Edens, Inc., owner of the Plaza, has announced the opening for Target and Home Goods is scheduled for very early November. Opening dates for the Cycle Bar, Blue Mercury, Indigo Chic, and Ruby & Jenna are being planned. This is great news for Closter!!

Joey's Fund 2nd Annual Classic Car Show - Saturday October 1st

The second annual Joey's fund car Show will take place on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at St. Mary's parking lot in Closter. The show will run from 11:00 to 4:00. The primary objective of Joeys Fund is to increase awareness of children with cancer and assist families who may need assistance when caring for a child suffering from life-threatening illness. Prizes, games, DJ and trophies for the winners. Please come and have a good time and support this worthwhile event.

2016 Closter Food Pantry 4th Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale

Thinking about a yard sale? Well, the Closter Food & Assistance Board (FAB) is hosting the 4th Annual Closter Town-Wide Yard Sale on Friday, October 14th, Saturday, October 15th, and Sunday, October 16th. Pick one, two or all three days to host a sale in your own driveway... set your own hours... list the items you want to sell and the FAB will take care of the rest, including *all* of advertising. The full \$20.00 registration fee (regardless of how many days you host) supports the Closter Food Pantry. This rain or shine event has been extremely successful and benefits everyone involved! *Registration forms* will be available online (www.closternj.us) or at the Closter Borough Hall. Re-useable Yard Sale Signs are available for purchase (\$5.00 each). Maps will be available online and in the following locations: Borough Hall, Closter Library, D'Amico's Farm, Ward's 5&10 and Ray's Pizza.

Join your neighbors in cleaning out your house and raise some cash for yourself while supporting the Closter Food Pantry! Email the FABofCloster@gmail.com or call 201-784-0600 x 429 for additional information.

Celebrating Mary and Gay Mayer

Please join us on Sunday, October 23rd from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Closter Nature Center cabin located on Ruckman Road. The Borough, the Nature Center and the Environmental Commission will be celebrating Mary and Gay Mayer who have been devoted volunteers for many years. Mary served as the Chairperson of the Environmental Commission, where she was instrumental in setting up and continues to lead the Mac Bain Farm Park, has been a long time Nature Center trailblazer and served as a volunteer nature teacher at Hillside School. Gay has always been a helpmeet. All residents are invited to share refreshments and wish Mary and Gay continued success.

Closter Nature Center News

The Closter Nature Center offers an array of activities that are scheduled for all age groups. The classes, programs and lectures are designed to meet the diversified interests in nature, animals, hiking, and the environment. The Nature Center works with other organizations as well to bring an abundance of opportunities to our residents and members. On Sunday, October 2nd at the State Line Lookout in Alpine, the Palisades Interstate Park will host a special nature event called "Hawks Over the Hudson". This is a rain or shine event from noon to 4:00 p.m.

A selection of autumn and winter classes are available at the Closter Nature Center, www.closternaturecenter.org, or visit the "cabin by the pond" on Ruckman Road.

New exhibit at The Belskie Museum: "Art a'laMODE – Weaving Art Into Fashion"!

The Martin Hicks Gallery at the Belskie Museum of Art & Science, located at 280 High Street, presents a unique exhibition of art, clothing and jewelry. This exhibit expresses the fusion of art and fashion with an exciting high-end style and commercial perspective. Exhibit Opening is Sunday, October 9th 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) www.belskiemuseum.com

Closter Police Department

With the fall weather being perfect for outdoor activities, schools being open and shoppers busily running errands, our Police Department is *again* reminding *everyone* to heed the NJ State law stating motorists must STOP for pedestrians in marked crosswalks. 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!

Operation Take Back is being held on Saturday, October 22nd between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Please use this opportunity to properly dispose of expired or unwanted medications. Officers will be on hand in the Borough Hall Parking lot. Please note - syringes and sharp instruments will not be accepted.

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

Register to Vote

Bergen County Superintendent of Elections Patricia DiCostanzo issued a notice that *Tuesday, October 18, 2016*, is the last day for residents to register to vote for the November 8, 2016, General Election in the State of New Jersey. In order to be eligible to vote, a person must be an American Citizen, be 18 years old on or before November 8, 2016, and be a resident of New Jersey and Bergen County by October 18, 2016. Bergen County residents may register to vote at the Office of the Superintendent of Elections, located at One Bergen County Plaza, Room 380, Hackensack, N.J. In order to meet the needs of residents, this office will be open from 9:00AM to 9:00 PM on Tuesday, October 18, 2016. People may also register at their local municipal clerk's office, hours vary.

Drought Watch – Bergen County

The dry weather conditions in the northeast have continued and as such Bergen County remains 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. Conservation is requested by all members of the community to avoid a water emergency and the need to impose mandatory restrictions by preserving supplies now. Both of the reservoir systems critical to our northeast region have dropped to below 80% capacity, and are continuing to fall. Your cooperation in conserving our water supply is requested.

Volunteer Drivers 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.

“Become a volunteer at *EZ Ride* and help seniors and people with reduced mobility move around. You donate your time; *EZ Ride* will provide the car and gas, so there is no cost to you and plenty of benefits!

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. To volunteer with *EZ Ride* please call Kinga Skora at 201-939-4242 x 131.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Blidden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Mayor

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