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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is hard to believe how our world has changed in the past six weeks. We have been thrust into the realm of communicating via Zoom, FaceTime and many other forms. In general, the Borough of Closter is managing this crisis very well. The governing body and I are extremely proud of our dedicated First Responders and Borough Employees who are driven to ensuring the safety and services to our residents, businesses and visitors. I would particularly like to thank the members of our Police Department, Volunteer Fire and Volunteer Ambulance Corps for their dedicated service in keeping us safe. Also, thanks go to our DPW workers and Health professionals as well as all members of Borough Staff. Our Borough Hall is closed, but our staff remains fully at work.

Social Distancing, wearing masks *any time* in public and washing hands are critical to keeping the curve flat, avoiding a rebound of the virus and allowing an emergence from Stay Home. Under State Law, masks are a requirement in all stores in Closter.

- (1) SOCIAL DISTANCING – It is *imperative* social distancing, wearing masks in public and washing your hands become the new norm for all of us- children, teens, adults and elders, to practice.
- (2) We are asking all our residents to reach out to their neighbors, particularly those who are elderly, to see if they are in need of assistance. The Borough has a list of residents willing to offer assistance by running errands or grocery shopping for those who may not be able to get to the store.

The Mayor's/OEM Task Force meets regularly to assess the situation and assure the residents of Closter that we have all adequate resources to fight the virus. The Task Force consists of the Mayor, Administrator, Office of Emergency Management Head, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Fire Marshall, Ambulance Chief, Recreation Chief, DPW Chief, School Superintendent, and Health Officer. Follow the Borough's website (www.closternj.us) for current information on Closter's response during the Covid-19 pandemic.

I would also like to thank all residents and families who have complied with the mandates to fight this disease together. Closter is a strong community of children, teens, adults and elders. Together we will survive and grow, and we will build the “new normal”.

All the Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Glidden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Mayor