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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families in good health and adjusting to the “new normal” we are all experiencing as a result of Covid -19. While New Jersey has begun to lift some of the restrictions, we still need to exercise precautions to keep the curve flattened. The experts all agree, wearing face coverings, washing hands and practicing social distance are the most important practices to guide us through the day.

Even the newsletter, which is normally filled with activities and events in town, looks different. This July, the governing body and I are pleased to invite you to enjoy in and view a virtual concert dedicated to celebrating the Fourth of July, while staying safe and socially distant!

“THIS IS MY COUNTRY” a Virtual Concert

Fourth of July 2020 ~ “THIS IS MY COUNTRY” ~ a virtual concert performed by Joel Zelnik- piano, Francine Evans - vocals, Brian Glassman- base and David Cox – percussion. Enjoy viewing (at your leisure) a lively concert celebrating Independence Day with music by Irving Berlin, Lee Greenwood, Woody Guthrie, Elton John, the Armed Forces and more. This thoughtful and uplifting show touches on history, compromise, democracy & today’s America. The concert is approximately 1 hour in length and may be viewed at any time! For your viewing pleasure, visit the Borough’s website at www.closternj.us.

Closter’s Borough Codes

Closter is a beautiful town! Keeping our properties maintained creates attractive neighborhoods and generates a welcoming atmosphere within Closter. The Borough’s ordinances effectively maintain Closter’s attractiveness as a community; however, this requires everyone’s assistance in upholding property standards.

The Borough requires that all properties shall be maintained free from plant growth in excess of 8 inches high. Tree removal, driveway repairs, driveway installations, fences, above ground pools, and fence installations and sidewalk maintenance, to name a few, all require building or zoning permits.

Being familiar with the Borough's requirements and adhering to Closter's Borough Codes will aid in keeping Closter an attractive community. The Borough's website provides direct access to view the Borough's Codes and in many cases, to download permit application forms that are required for specific projects. (www.closternj.us)

Simple "upkeep" will assist our community's appearance. For example, **Household trash** (i.e. table, chair, lamp, etc. up to 5 items) **may be placed at the curb at 6:00 p.m. the night before the regularly scheduled 2nd garbage pickup of the week – not before.** Call the DPW, 201-784-0753 to make arrangements for the pick-up of white goods *before* the item(s) are placed curbside. All televisions and computers must be recycled.

Graduation 2020 ~ Celebrating Closter's Graduates!!

The Council and I are extremely proud of the success and achievements of all of Closter's Graduates. The drive-by tributes to our Hillside Elementary fourth graders, Tenakill Middle School eight graders and Northern Valley Regional seniors was extremely special. We are also grateful to the Closter Police Department, Department of Public Works and the volunteers of the Closter Ambulance Corps and Closter Fire Department for assisting us in making the parades a success. We wish each and every one of our students the best of luck in their future endeavors. Closter is proud of your accomplishments and we are honored you call Closter home.

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 in Closter.

All the Best,



Mayor