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For Immediate Release, Please

CLOSTER EXPECTING CROWDS FOR CLOSTER DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 24

POLICE DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS WALKING TO SITES

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE

A re-enactment of a Revolutionary War Raid at one of Closter's oldest Homes, the Naugle House at 80 Hickory Lane, is the highlight of Closter's month-long celebration of 300 years of history.

The day starts with children's old fashioned games and pony rides at the Lindgren School on Irving Avenue off Piermont Road, 10 a.m. to noon.

At 12 noon a tour of the "Old Burying Ground" 44 Susan Drive just east of Piermont Road off Ruckman Road will begin. Tim Adriance, descendant of the original 18th century owners of the cemetery, will spin entertaining tales of the early settlers buried there. His tours are very interesting, educational, entertaining and popular.

After viewing the cemetery, visitors can make their way down an old right of way (now paved) to visit three 1700's homes including "The Brooks Farm" an eight-acre 18th century farm where Closter residents now buy eggs.

Approximately 2 p.m. the British Raiders will arrive with muskets loaded and firing at the Isaac Naugle House, 80 Hickory Lane. This living-history presentation for all ages will be a re-creation of an actual American Revolution event on the original site. A "marauding band of Loyalist Tories" (commonly known as "the British") will "raid" the home of patriot Isaac Naugle. Visitors will witness the struggle and heartache that our founders suffered in the war for American independence.

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Due to the fact that Hickory Lane will be closed off from Piermont Road to Sherman Avenue, Closter Police Dept. and Mayor Sophie Heymann suggest that Closter folks “go green” -- walk to events that day and leave the car at home. Westsiders or out-of-towners will find limited parking available on nearby streets (Susan Drive, Ruckman Road and Garry Road for the noontime cemetery tour) and on Walker Street, Alpine Drive and Anderson Avenue (for the 2 p.m. Raid at 80 Hickory Lane).

There will also be a shuttle bus running from Hillside School for those who prefer it or if parking runs short. If enough residents go green and walk, they will find that the streets in the area are lovely and Piermont Road has sidewalks all the way to Hickory Lane.

A quiet ending to the day would be a visit to “The Timeline Exhibit” of Closter’s history at Closter Library and “The Settlement of Closter” display of 18th century artifacts and documents at the Belskie Museum. A book signing will be held from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Belskie Museum. Pat Garbe' Morillo will have for sale and will sign copies for residents of the book of Closter history which she wrote “Alpine & Closter.”

For more information go to ClosterBoro.com or obtain a brochure at the Closter Library or Boro Hall.