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One of 30 events celebrating 300 years of Closter History 3/28 thru 5/1

On Sunday, March 28, the Borough of Closter will start of its month long “300 Years of History” celebration. The kick-off event will be the Closter Lions Spring Pancake Breakfast, 8:00 AM to 12 noon, a 75 year tradition of Closter Lion’s Club. The breakfast will be followed by a walking tour of Closter’s historic Victorian period downtown, as well as the Harrington Avenue/ West Street Historic District and nearby streets.

In the late nineteenth century, Closter was the largest population and commercial center in the Northern Valley and was known as “Closter City”. Formerly open fields, the downtown district and adjacent neighborhoods developed after 1859, when the railroad came in. Styles of architecture ranging from Victorian to mid-twentieth century modern abound in the old Closter!

The tour will begin at the Clock Tower at the convergence of Harrington Ave and Old Closter Dock Rd. and set off at 2:30 p.m. The tour is one hour and free and will end with refreshments at a historic building in the downtown.

The tour, led by lifelong Closter artist and history buff William Cahill, assisted by Closter Historic Preservation Commission members, will point out numerous unique facts about an area one might pass through every day without notice or knowledge that it once included a busy hotel and carriage manufactory. Did you know that 271 Closter Dock Road has a rare terra cotta façade or that Closter has a ”castle”? Did you know the 1896 Centennial Zion African American Church is one of the most historic buildings in Bergen County?

The walking tour is suitable for all ages and should be exceptionally interesting for youngsters who call Closter their hometown.

Meet at the Clock at 2:15 PM.