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A Message of Awareness, Recovery and Hope

In Recognition of National Prevention and Recovery Months

Light the Night

Join us as we honor those who are recovering from addiction, provide hope to those who are still struggling and remember those who have lost their lives to this destructive disease

Wednesday, October 8, 2025
5:30 PM
Rain date: Tuesday, October 14th

Van Saun County Park
Pavilion I
216 Forest Avenue
Paramus, New Jersey 07652

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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



September 30, 2025

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

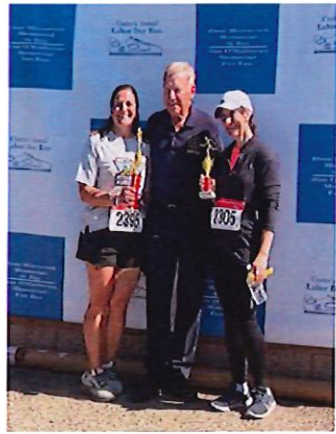
The Mayor's Newsletter provides announcements and details on the numerous events taking place throughout the community. Please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

The 2025 Jim O'Halloran Kids Fun Run & Dom Mircovich Memorial 5K Run

The weather was perfect for the 200+ runners to participate in the 2025 Jim O'Halloran Kids Fun Run and the Dom Mircovich Memorial 5K Run.



Runners of all ages enjoyed the annual event



Closter Town Celebration

Closter's Town Celebration was fantastic! The event started by recognizing the spirit of volunteerism, and who better to acknowledge than Closter's long-time resident, Donald Winters. By 3pm, children were lining up for rides, games and the Closter Fire Dept. Wet Down! Later in the day the sound of music by Kootz Band and Shoreline Anthem filled the air. As Closter tradition has it, the celebration ended with the annual fireworks display lighting up the night sky. I would especially like to thank the following Closter businesses for their generosity in donating the funds to cover the cost of the kids' rides so that our children and families could enjoy them for free:

Brasserie Memere Restaurant, Closter Coaches Assoc., EDENS Closter Plaza, First Commerce Bank, Gary's Wine and Marketplace, Hill Restaurant, Lucio's, Sear House Restaurant, Stern & Bow Restaurant, The Powder Works Factory at 84 Herbert Ave. including: Dr. Shade, Erica Sabag Luxury Consignment, Humble Yoga, Oda Jiu Jitsu, Roots Café, and Soldados.

The governing body and I appreciate all of the hard work that goes into delivering this type of event and extend a huge thank you to all of the folks behind the scenes that bring these events to fruition. As Borough Administrator, James Winters, stated "This year's attendance was remarkable, and I received a great deal of positive feedback from attendees. To the teams on the ground—Recreation, the Police Department, EMS, DPW, the Fire Department, Fire Prevention, and all our wonderful vendors—thank you for your incredible efforts. Your presence and hard work were invaluable. And to those working diligently behind the scenes, managing the paperwork, permits, and payments—we truly couldn't have done it without you. Your contributions are equally vital". A collage of event photos is available in the "*Events & Recognition Gallery*" at the end of the newsletter.

MacBain Farm Park

***Save the Date* for the Annual Farm Harvest Festival**

Celebrate the beauty of autumn at the MacBain Farm Harvest Festival!

Join the MacBain Farm Committee on **Saturday, October 25th** from 2:00pm until 4:00pm at the Farm, located at 203 Hickory Lane. (Rain date is Sunday, October 26th).



All Closter residents are invited to enjoy a wonderful afternoon filled with classic fall activities. Children of all ages can get creative with arts and crafts, including making nature bracelets, assembling baby scarecrows, decorating masks and, of course, pumpkins. Parking is on Hickory Lane. Don't miss this charming community event that brings the spirit of fall to life at the MacBain Farm!

Belskie Museum of Art & Science

The exhibit "*ANOMALY*" opens on Sunday, October 5th and runs through October 26th at the Belskie Museum. "*Anomaly*" features original and varied sculptures by 10 talented artists from the Tri-State area. Featured are works of steel, concrete, wood, foam, paper, found objects, glass, clay, mixed media and silk. The exhibit opening is Sunday, October 5th from 1-4pm with light refreshments. Museum hours after the opening reception are Saturdays and Sundays from 2-4pm; hours by appointment can be arranged!

The Belskie Museum is located adjacent to the Closter Public Library at 280 High Street in Closter. 201-768-0286 www.belskiemuseum.com

Closter Nature Center

The calendar for October Program and Activities has something for everyone! Visit the website at www.closternaturecenter.org or email info@closternaturecenter.org for detailed information!

October 11th: 1-4pm: *Native Planting with Wild Wood Restoration Project* – Help restore our forest! We will be planting native plants supplied by Wild Woods Restoration Project to help the forest thrive. Space is limited to 10 spots, so registration is required. Register at: wildwoodsproject.org/events/.

October 19th: 4-6pm: *Music by the Pond* at the Nature Center Cabin ~ Join us for an afternoon of live music by both professional and amateurs, filling the peaceful Ruckman Pond with beautiful sounds and melodies. Unwind with family and friends, slow down and soak in the relaxing vibes. *Admission is free, donations are welcome!*

October 21st : 7pm: *Volunteer Open House.* The CNC is seeking volunteers to support important roles in administration, fundraising and strategic planning, plus hands-on work like trail maintenance and invasive control. At our Open House you will learn about the variety of volunteer opportunities available. Tell us you'll attend at www.closternaturecenter.org/events

October 29th: 7-8pm *Meet the Vultures: Nature's Cleanup Crew* Join us for an engaging program all about the fascinating vultures that call our area home. Free for CNC members; non-members \$5 suggested donation. Register to attend at www.closternaturecenter.org/events.

October 1st-November 1st: *Hike-a-Thon Fundraiser* Happening Now! The Closter Community Hike is November 1st, 10-1pm. Make every step count! Join the CNC Hike-a-Thon to raise vital funds for protecting forests, supporting nature programs and keeping trails free for everyone. Register to participate: www.go.rallyup.com/cnc-hikeathon

Closter Improvement Commission

Boo! It's time for the 2nd Annual Closter *Thrills & Chills 2025 Home Decoration Contest* sponsored by the Closter Improvement Commission. Sign up for the Closter Halloween Decoration contest. Take a picture of your holiday home and it will be posted on our Haunted Halloween Gallery!



The top three entries will be judged by our panel of judges. Plus, all contestants will have the chance to add their spooky home on our Haunted Homes Map for friends and neighbors to see! New for 2025 is the Kids Choice Award! For Kids to choose their favorite Haunted Home from our online photo gallery ad Spooky Homes Map going live on October 15th! VOTING will close on Tuesday, October 21st at 11:59pm.

All homes submitted, regardless of category, will be eligible for the Kids Choice Award! Winners announced on Sunday, October 26, at the end of the Closter PTO Halloween Festival!

Closter Shade Tree Commission



The Closter Shade Tree Commission announces the **2025 Fall Foliage Photo Contest**. The photo contest (click the link) <https://5il.co/3q7lh> is open to Closter residents; young and old! Three winners will be awarded various amount Gift Certificates generously donated by Bergen County Camera in Westwood. The STC's 2025 Fall Photo Contest will run the following dates in order to capture the beauty of Closter's fall foliage: **October 11th-November 23rd**.

Winners will be announced the weekend following Thanksgiving (Nov. 29th/30th). Email your photo with the completed Photo Release Form to joettinger@closternj.us. The Photo Release Form is also available on the Shade Tree Commission page of the Borough's website, www.closternj.us

Closter Police Department

Traffic Signal Timing Modification Notice

Please be advised that the traffic signal at the intersection of Knickerbocker Road and High Street has been adjusted. Vehicles traveling northbound on Knickerbocker Road will now experience an extended green light to help improve traffic flow through the intersection. In addition, signage has been installed to alert motorists of this change. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we continue to enhance roadway safety and efficiency.

Safety Alert for Motorists

As we enter a busy season filled with school, sports, and after-school activities, please remember to use extra caution while driving throughout our community. Children are walking, biking, and being picked up or dropped off at different times of day. With daylight hours decreasing, visibility is reduced making it even more important to stay alert. Please slowdown in school zones, residential areas, and watch for children crossing streets or exiting vehicles. Avoid distractions while driving and consider using your headlights earlier in the evening. Your attentiveness helps keep our children safe. Thank you for doing your part!

Deer Crossing Alert – Drive Safely

Motorists are reminded that deer are especially active this time of year, particularly during the early morning and evening hours. Collisions with deer can cause serious damage and injury. Please take the following precautions:

- Slow down and stay alert, especially in wooded or rural areas.
- Use high beams when safe to do so, to better spot deer near the roadway.
- Do not swerve suddenly if a deer crosses your path—this can cause a more serious crash.
- Remember: If you see one deer, others are likely nearby.

Closter Fire Department



The Closter Fire Department, 100 Ruckman Road, is inviting the community to a Fire Department Open House on Sunday, October 12th between 11am and 3pm.

Come meet the volunteer members of the CFD who skillfully serve our community in all fire related issues. During the Open House visitors can tour our fire trucks and see equipment displays, learn about fire safety, children can enjoy activities and refreshments.

Mayor's Committee for the Arts

The Mayor's Committee for the Arts, led by Councilwoman Victoria Amitai, has enjoyed an amazing season of concerts and musical entertainment at the Closter Plaza. The 2025 list of concerts included performances by The Purple Glove Band, The Reflections Jazz & Swing Orchestra, David Lester Scance, Till We Can't and Ronen Mikay's Jazz Quintet.

To close the 2025 season, come down to *Concert Corner* in the Closter Plaza on **Friday, October 3rd at 7pm** (rain date October 10th) and enjoy the music of the *Reflections Jazz & Swing Orchestra*. Bring a chair, a friend or a neighbor and be prepared for a wonderful evening!



"Concert Corner" in Closter Plaza



Ron Mikay's Jazz Quintet

A special *Thank You* to the folks at EDENS Closter Plaza for their continuous support of the committee's programs and their generous funding of this program. Musicians are invited to email their inquiries about the 2026 "*Concert Corner*" program to mayorscommitteearts@gmail.com.

Closter Public Library

The resources for learning are endless at the Closter Public Library. This month's *Special Programs* include:

Free Bridge Classes on Wednesdays, October 1st, 8th & 15th at 11am-1pm

Downsizing!! October 7th from 6pm-7pm

Join Cathy Denis & Lori Carbon in learning helpful tips on the many facets of downsizing and selling your home in today's marketplace.

My Bill Evans – A Personal Conversation – Saturday, October 11th 2pm-3pm

Join us for a heartfelt tribute to jazz legend Bill Evans, inspired by the conversations between Closter's Joel Zelnik and the seven-time Grammy winner. Learn more at 222.joelzelnik.com

Museum Passes – the Library is offering a monthly lottery for 2 tickets to the American Museum of Natural History. Drawings will be on the 15th of each month. Visit the website to register for the lottery!

The Library's *Regular Programs* include:

First Friday Flicks – October 3 at 1pm featuring "I'm Still Here; Adult Book Club on October 15th at 3pm, Regular Programs also include Advanced ESL Conversation, Technology Help, Short Story Club via Zoom, Yoga & Meditation, Knitting and Craft Group, Zumba via Zoom and ESL Intermediate Class. You'll want to check out the library's website and calendar for details on all of the tremendous offerings, educational and social opportunities the Closter Public Library offers to its patrons.

Visit the Library's website, www.closterpubliclibrary.org for details!

~ Events & Recognition Gallery ~

Closter's September 11th Memorial Service



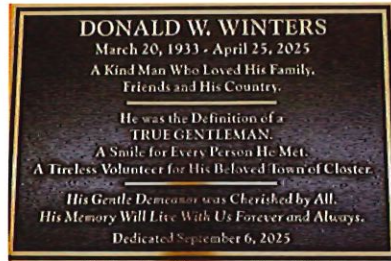
9/11 Memorial ~ Remembrance Park

"We will never forget"... and Closter has never forgotten. The annual September 11th Memorial Service, overseen by the volunteer members of the Closter Fire Department and coordinated with all of Closter's emergency services, was held on a beautiful September morning; a tribute to all who were lost that day and all who responded to the call.

Closter's Spirit of Volunteerism

I often speak of the uplifting impact Closter's dedicated volunteers have on our community. Long time Closter resident Don Winters was a tireless volunteer. Don selflessly provided years of dedicated service as a volunteer member of the Closter Board of Health, Closter Board of Ethics, Office of Emergency Management as well as serving in civic organizations such as the Closter Lions Club. For thirty-seven years Don was a member of the Bergen-Rockland Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. Between 2000 and 2015 Don was a Crossing Guard stationed on his favorite post - Harrington Ave. between Memorial Park and Tenakill Middle School positively interacting with students.

On Town Day, September 6th, the volunteer members of the Closter Lions Club, the members of P.B.A. Unit 233-Closter Police Department, the Closter Coaches Association, Tony Lupardi and Lupardi's Nursery unveiled a dedication plaque and a Yoshino Cherry tree near Don's crossing guard post. In addition to recognizing Don's commitment to community service, his memorial will serve to foster the spirit of volunteerism in Closter.



Dedication Plaque – Don Winters



Jim Winters at Dedication

Veterans Monument Park

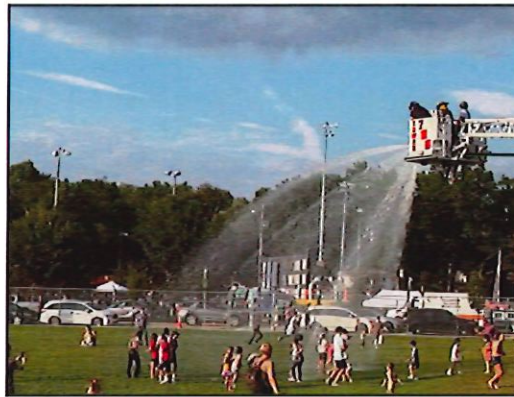
The *Closter Lions Club* wishes to extend a huge "Thank You" to the amazing Closter community. Because of the support received at this year's Duck Derby, the Lions Club was able to raise funds that went right back into enhancing our town. Notice the brand new roof on the gazebo at Veterans Monument Park located on Herbert Ave. Together, building a stronger community!



Veterans Monument Park – Herbert Ave.

Closter Town Day 2025!

What an amazing day!! Closter's Town Day Celebration was enjoyed by residents of all ages! Rides, games, the CFD Wet Down, food vendors and music with fantastic fireworks to end the celebration!!!



The Borough is moving forward in many positive directions. Our volunteers are the backbone of our 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "John Glidden".

Mayor

Borough of Closter

295 Closter Dock Road

Closter New Jersey



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October 2025 Issue -- Cyber Security

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Article Spotlight

A Statewide Safety Net

How the NJ-GMIS Cybersecurity Task Force is

changing the response to cyber incidents in NJ

Imagine this: It's a Monday morning, and your municipal systems are suddenly inaccessible. Police dispatch, email, tax records, and payroll are all offline. Files are encrypted. Phones are silent. Your staff is locked out, residents are frustrated, and a growing sense of helplessness sets in. You've just become a victim of a cyberattack--and without immediate help, your agency could be down for days, weeks, or longer. Continue reading on page 20 (with subscription).

In This Issue

Tech Updates

In this month's Tech Updates, Marc Pfeiffer, Sr. Policy

Fellow and Associate Director, Bloustein Local, Center for

Urban Policy Research, Rutgers University discusses essential technology questions (and

answers) for Municipal Decision-Makers. This is part one of a Q&A series providing

technical information and potential directions for elected officials. See page 52 (with

subscription).





Local Knowledge -- Name That Scam

Q: Threat actors imitate legitimate companies and find creative ways to distribute their malware. Which banking trojan disguises itself as an extension, even using the

Google Play icon to add a sense of trustworthiness? It has many features, including screen capture, keylogging, stealing clipboard data, and employing obfuscation techniques to remain stealthy on an infected device.

A: *Double Trouble*

For more NJ trivia, view the last page of each magazine issue.



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James J. Tedesco III
County Executive

Dominick Azzolini
Division Director

Dear Mayor,

I would like to invite you to our Annual Public Hearing. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, **October 28, 2025, at 10:00 am at One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor, Learning Room Center.**

I ask that you post the enclosed notice of our hearing on your bulletin board so that other interested parties may become aware of this hearing and attend should they wish to participate.

This is the time to let us know how you feel about the service and to make suggestions for improvements. If you are unable to attend, I invite you to send us your comments so they can be read in the minutes of the meeting (see address above). You can also email your comments to communitytransportation@bergencountynj.gov.

Copies of the Casino Revenue Application will be available for review at the Johnson Public Library in Hackensack within two weeks after the Public Hearing.

Sincerely,

Dominick Azzolini
Division Director
Bergen County Community Transportation

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Bergen County Executive

James J. Tedesco III

and the

Bergen County Board of Commissioners

present a

**Public Hearing on Transportation Funding for
Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities**

The Bergen County Division of Community Transportation is applying for funding from NJ Transit, Inc. under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program. The funding will be used to provide transportation service for senior citizens and persons with disabilities. A copy of the application will be available for viewing at the Johnson Public Library in Hackensack within two weeks after the hearing.

**Tuesday, October 28, 2025
10:00 a.m.**

One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor
Learning Center
Hackensack, New Jersey

If you want to testify, but cannot attend the meeting, send your written comments to:

Bergen County Division of Community Transportation • Attn: Dominick Azzolini

178 Essex Street • Lodi, NJ 07644

201-368-5955 • 201-845-4683(fax) • CommunityTransportation@BergenCountyNJ.gov

Captioning will be available for the hearing impaired. Requests for transportation to this hearing and special accommodations should be made at least two weeks in advance.

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DIVISION OF COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION

Dominick Azzolini, *Director*

(HACKENSACK, N.J.) – The Bergen250 Program, through the Bergen County Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs, will be hosting 5 events throughout the month of October which will highlight both Bergen County’s Revolutionary History and its cultural contributions since our founding.

The program’s initiative is to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, and events like these highlight the County’s critical role in our nation’s founding. It also seeks to engage the public through different events like the ones listed, to educate, promote, and value what makes both Bergen County, and our country, so beautiful.

These events are aimed at history buffs and cultural savants alike; with different educational programs and art/music events the whole family can enjoy!

“Bergen County is proud to offer a rich variety of cultural, historical, and recreational programming that the whole family can enjoy,” said **Bergen County Executive, James Tedesco III**. “From celebrating our Revolutionary War history to showcasing the incredible talents of local artists and musicians, these free events bring our community together and highlight the unique heritage that makes Bergen County so special. I encourage all residents to take part in these opportunities to learn, celebrate, and connect with one another.”

Starting this month’s event series is the second **Revolutionary Roundtable Speaker** discussion as part of our **FREE** Fall series. On **October 8th**, **Bob Gula** will be leading a presentation on the **Battle of Springfield (1780)**. The event will be held on the **4th Floor Learning Center at One Bergen County Plaza, at 7:00PM**.

Our second event is the **61st Annual Art in the Park**; a **FREE** outside art exhibit and concert, showcasing 100+ visual artists that represent the wide scope of the artistic diversity in Bergen County. The event will be held on **October 11 at Van Saun County Park from 11AM-3:30PM**, with a music performance by Dean Shot with special guest saxophonist Greg Piccolo.

Our third event is “**The Garden of America**” visual presentation and talk by **Robert Selig, Ph. D.**. This illustrated talk provides examples of Franco-American encounters and mutual impressions of people and their customs, stemming from the entry of French forces led by Jean-Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur, comte de Rochambeau, into the Mahwah area of New Jersey in 1781. The event will be on **October 11 at 201 Franklin Tpke., Mahwah, at 4:30PM**.

Our fourth event is the **RevNJ Race Series 5K & Family Fun Walk**. Located at the **Ramapo Valley County Reservation**, this 5K hosted by RevolutionNJ, a partnership between the New Jersey Historical Commission (NJHC), a division of the New Jersey Department of State, and the nonprofit Crossroads of the American Revolution Association, aims to have participants engage with New Jersey’s revolutionary history in a unique way. It will be held on **October 12, starting at 8:30AM**. Learn more at [RevNJ.org/Events]RevNJ.org/Events.

Our final event for the month will be the **15th Annual Performance from “The Cider Barn Band” at the Wortendyke Barn Museum**, the final performance of our **Music at the Barn 2025** series, featuring local bluegrass legends Kenny Kosek, Barry Mitterhof, Joe Selly, Marty Cutler, and Marty Confurius. The performance will be on October 26 at 1:30PM at **13 Pascack Rd., Park Ridge** and is **FREE** entry.

About Bergen250

Bergen250 is Bergen County's initiative to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, highlighting the county's critical role in the nation's founding and engaging the public through lectures, events, and community programming. For more information, visit www.Bergen250.com.

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State Issues

Lame Duck Preview Lunch & Learn

Please join us on October 31 at noon for a Lame Duck Preview Lunch & Learn where we highlight bills of municipal interest that may be acted on during the remainder of the legislative term.

[Read more: Lame Duck Preview & Learn](#)

Contact: Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, ppenna@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x110.

SHBP Annual Open Enrollment October 1-31

The New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (NJDPB) announced the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) Open Enrollment runs October 1-31.

[Read more: SHBP Annual Open Enrollment October 1-31](#)

Contact: Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, EKnoedler@njlm.org, [609-695-3481](tel:609-695-3481), [x116](tel:x116).

Update - SHBP Plan Design Committee Meeting

The State Health Benefits Commission Plan Design Committee (PDC) held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 24.

[Read More: Update - SHBP Plan Design Committee Meeting](#)

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Reminder - Best Practices Inventory is Due October 24

The Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) has issued Local Finance Notice 2025-13 regarding the Best Practices Inventory due on October 24.

[Read more: Reminder - Best Practices Inventory is Due October 24](#)

Contact: Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, EKnoedler@njlm.org, [609-695-3481](tel:609-695-3481), x116.

Bipartisan Governors Address Regional Electricity Grid Challenges

Governor Murphy joined a group of bipartisan governors in signing the PJM Governors' Collaborative with the goal of increasing state and consumer representation to address long-term issues with electricity affordability and grid reliability.

[Read more: Bipartisan Governors Address Regional Electricity Grid Challenges](#)

Contact: Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, EKnoedler@njlm.org, [609-695-3481](tel:609-695-3481), x116.

OSC Public Contracting Oversight Webinar

The NJ Office of the State Comptroller, Public Contracting Oversight Division, is hosting a webinar October 23 regarding the recently revised rules and thresholds.

[Read more: OSC Public Contracting Oversight Webinar](#)

Contact: Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, EKnoedler@njlm.org, [609-695-3481](tel:609-695-3481), x116.

Complete the BPPT Survey Questionnaire Today!

The League recently released the Business Personal Property Tax (BPPT) survey questionnaire. Please complete the League's BPPT Survey Questionnaire by October 31 to help the League with proposed legislative language.

[Read more: Complete the BPPT Survey Questionnaire Today!](#)

Contact: Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, EKnoedler@njlm.org, [609-695-3481](tel:609-695-3481), x116.

NJDOL Announced \$1.5M Workforce Equity Grant Opportunity

The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJDOL) has announced a \$1.5 million construction trades workforce equity funding opportunity.

[Read more: NJDOL Announced \\$1.5M Workforce Equity Grant Opportunity](#)

Contact: Ciara Bradley, Research Associate, cbradley@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x128.

***NJ Municipalities* October Issue Candidate's Q&A Featured on Blog**

Each Gubernatorial election year, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities' magazine, *NJ Municipalities*, puts a spotlight on the candidates for Governor highlighting each candidate's stances on topics of critical importance to local government officials. Read this week's entry to the *NJ Municipalities* blog for the October issue's Q&A feature with former State Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli and U.S. Rep. Mikie Sherrill.

Want to share your local story? Please send in your 300- to 1,000-word items and photos to Editor Amy Spiezio at aspiezio@njlm.org.

Contact: Amy Spiezio, Editor, aspiezio@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x123.

Federal Issues

Federal Government Shutdown

The Federal Fiscal Year expired at midnight on September 30 and without action from Congress, a partial government shutdown is in effect.

[Read more: Federal Government Shutdown](#)

Contact: Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, ppenna@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x110.

National Flood Insurance Program Lapses

Due to congressional inaction, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) has lapsed.

[Read more: National Flood Insurance Program Lapses](#)

Contact: Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, ppenna@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x110.

Conference Connections

Deadlines Approach

October 3 Deadline: Apply for the Innovation in Governance Program

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the New Jersey League of Municipalities (NJLM) are accepting applications for the [Innovation in Governance through our annual recognition program](#) through Friday, October 3, 2025.

Showcase innovative solutions developed in your municipality. [Visit our awards page](#) to see previous years' ideas created by our winning municipalities, as well as the full invitation and application to this year's program. For more information on the contest,

contact Ciara Bradley, League Research Associate, CBradley@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, ext. 128.

Block Closing Soon: Conference Hotel Deadline Approaches

The League's room blocks close on October 10! Book today for the best rates and shuttle bus service to the AC Convention Center along with payment by purchase order. Ensure your best Conference experience, [book your housing for the Annual Conference now](#).

Conference Resolutions Due Date Approaches

If you have ideas or resolutions for consideration for the Conference Resolutions committee, time is running out to have them included Tuesday, November 18, at the committee meeting. The Conference Resolutions will then be presented and voted on at the League's Business Meeting on Thursday, November 20, wrapping up the Conference. For more information and links to submission forms, [visit the League's Conference Resolutions webpage](#).

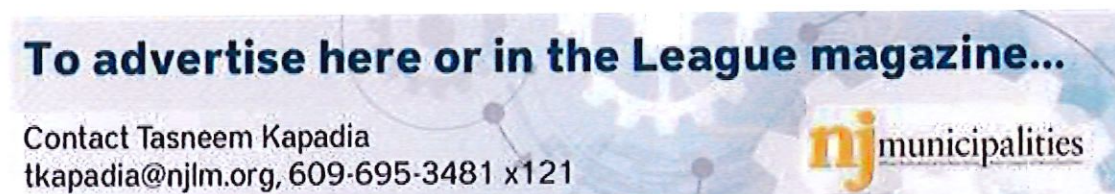
Also of Interest

NJ Municipalities Magazine: Watch for Renewal Emails

Our new subscription system is rolling out to ensure we have a smooth transition. Those who have an email address on file have been emailed their subscription renewals. Ask your staff to check their inboxes for renewal notifications. The new online system will make it easier for subscribers to update and manage their subscriptions online throughout the year. If your subscription is part of a group subscription, renewals have been sent to the person responsible for managing your group.

Not a subscriber yet? Visit the [League's website to sign up](#) before the October issue mails.

Contact: Tasneem Kapadia, Advertising & Subscription Manager, tkapadia@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x121.




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Closter Town Spray 10/7/2025

1 message

Nathan, Amanda <ANathan@bergencountynj.gov>

Thu, Oct 2, 2025 at 7:22 AM

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"JFedorko@njlincs.net" <jfedorko@njlincs.net>

Cc: "Grootenboer, Grace" <ggrootenboer@bergencountynj.gov>, "Del Vecchio, Frank" <fjdelvecchio@bergencountynj.gov>,
"Staudinger, Warren" <WStaudinger@bergencountynj.gov>, "Bickerton, Matthew" <MBickerton@bergencountynj.gov>

Good morning,

I hope this email finds you all well. Bergen County Mosquito Control will be performing an early morning ULV Truck Spray in Closter on Tuesday, October 7th, between the hours of 3:00AM-6:00 AM. We will be spraying Duet adulticide to eliminate active, adult mosquitoes as well as Vectobac larvacide to help control the mosquito larvae. **Please notify your residents about this.** As a precaution, tell them to keep their windows closed. In the event that it rains, the spray will be postponed until Tuesday, October 14th, 2025. I have attached fact sheets for the materials being used. The map of the spray area and additional information can be found on our website: [Truck Spray Schedule – Bergen County, NJ – Official Website](#)

Click the link below to see the map.

[Closter Spray Map](#)

Kindly reply so that we can confirm you received this e-mail.

Thank you and have a nice day,

Amanda Rae N.

DPW County Clerk

Bergen County Mosquito Control

220 E. Ridgewood Ave.


Paramus, NJ 07652

P: 201-634-2881 Ext. 2881

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 **Duet Fact Sheet.pdf**
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 **Vectobac fact sheet_Bergen Co.pdf**
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Bergen Mosquito Spray Schedule

2025 SCHEDULED SPRAY MAPS



10/6 Haworth



10/6 Leonia



10/7 Closter



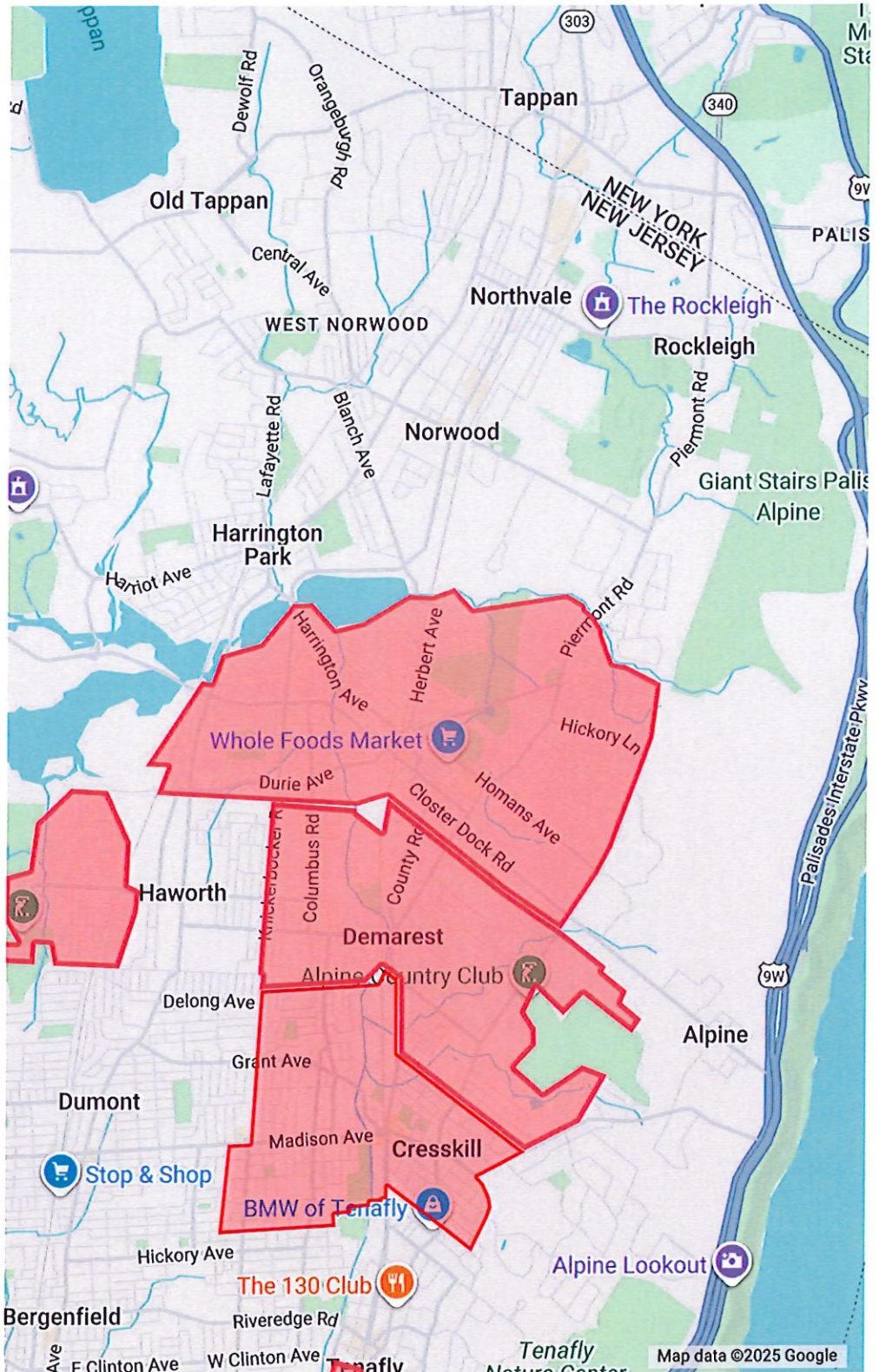
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10/10 Tenafly



Bergen County Mosquito Control

** PRECAUTIONS TO REDUCE EXPOSURE **

- Pay attention to notices about spraying found through newspapers, websites, automated telephone messages or notices distributed by municipal, county or state agencies.
- Plan your activities to limit time spent outside during times of possible insecticide treatments.
- Move your pets, their food, and water dishes inside during ULV application. Also bring clothing and children's toys inside.
- Stay away from application equipment, whether in use or not.
- Whenever possible, remain indoors with windows closed and with window air conditioners on non-vent (closed to the outside air) and window fans turned off during spraying.
- Avoid direct contact with surfaces that are still wet from pesticide spraying.
- Do not allow children to play in areas that have been sprayed until they have completely dried (approximately one hour).
- If you must remain outdoors, avoid eye and skin contact with the spray.
- If you get spray in your eyes or on your skin, immediately flush and rinse with water.

Municipalities are encouraged to share this information with all residents in their community.

Duet/AquaDuet/Duet HD

This Fact Sheet answers some basic questions about mosquito control products in use in your county. The Bergen County Mosquito Control Division, along with several other resources (listed at the end of this sheet), can provide more detailed information.

What is Duet adulticide and how is it used?

Duet contains two pesticides called prallethrin and sumithrin, and a synergistic compound called piperonyl butoxide which increases the effectiveness of the pesticides. AquaDuet is a water-based formulation of Duet. Duet HD is a heavier formulation developed for aerial applications. Prallethrin and sumithrin are members of a category of pesticides called pyrethroids, which in turn are synthetic versions of pesticides produced by plants called pyrethrins. Pyrethroid/piperonyl butoxide mixtures have been recommended for Ultra-Low-Volume (ULV) mosquito control in New Jersey by Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) current evaluation considers pyrethroid-containing products to be slightly toxic with minimal potential risk to people when used properly as part of an integrated mosquito control program.

This pyrethroid-containing product is used for the control of adult mosquitoes. While habitat management and measures to control immature mosquitoes in water are preferred and most used, the spraying of adult mosquitoes is called for when biting populations reach critical levels or when a disease organism is present in adult mosquitoes. A very fine mist is sprayed into the air since flying mosquitoes must directly contact the pesticide in order for it to be effective. The combination of the two pesticides has been shown to produce what the manufacturer calls 'benign agitation'. In other words, mosquitoes are agitated from a resting state to a non-biting flying state where they are more vulnerable to pesticide exposure. This makes Duet Dual-Action® adulticide more effective against hard-to-control species like *Aedes albopictus* which typically rest during the evening hours when adulticiding usually takes place.

How can I reduce my exposure to Duet?

Because of the very small amounts of active ingredients released per acre, the risk to the general public from the use of pyrethroid-containing products is minimal. Avoiding exposure is always the safest course of action. Any possible exposure risk can be reduced by following some common-sense actions:

- Pay attention to notices about spraying found through newspapers, websites, automated telephone messages or distributed by municipal, county or state agencies.
- Plan your activities to limit time spent outside during times of possible pesticide treatments.
- Move your pets, their food, and water dishes inside during ULV application. Also bring clothing and children's toys inside.
- Stay away from application equipment, whether in use or not.
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- Avoid direct contact with surfaces that are still wet from pesticide spraying. Do not allow children to play in areas that have been sprayed until they have completely dried (approximately one hour).

- If you must remain outdoors, avoid eye and skin contact with the spray. If you get spray in your eyes or on your skin, immediately flush and rinse with water.

What are the symptoms of exposure to Duet?

Symptoms of over-exposure can include irritation to skin and eyes, respiratory and nasal irritation, irritability to sound or touch, abnormal facial sensation, sensation of prickling, tingling or creeping of skin, numbness, headache, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive salivation, and fatigue. The chance of experiencing these symptoms of over-exposure with proper use is low. You should contact your physician, other medical providers, or the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System at 1-800-222-1222 if you experience these symptoms following a pesticide spraying.

How long will Duet last in the environment?

Pyrethroids have a soil half-life of 12 days. They have an extremely low pesticide movement rating because they bind tightly to the soil. Pyrethroids are unstable in light and air. They rapidly degrade in sunlight at the soil surface and in water. Piperonyl butoxide has a soil half-life of approximately 4 days.

Where can I get more information on this adulticide?

The following are resources for more information regarding Duet and mosquito control in your area (unless otherwise noted, available during normal business hours):

For overall pesticide-specific information – 9:30am to 7:30pm:

National Pesticide Information Center **800-858-7378**

For pesticide health information & possible exposures – 24 hours:

NJ Poison Information & Education System **800-222-1222**

For pesticide regulation & misuse complaints:

NJDEP Pesticide Control Program **609-984-6568**

For pesticide regulation:

USEPA Region 2 Office of Pesticide Programs **732-906-6803**

For pesticide health information:

Bergen County Department of Health Services **201-634-2600**

For mosquito control insecticide recommendations:

Rutgers University, Department of Entomology **732-932-9774**

Where can I get more information about local mosquito control?

Bergen County Mosquito Control **201-634-2880**

For state-wide mosquito control information:

NJDEP Office of Mosquito Control Coordination **609-292-3649**

Spraying for adult mosquitoes is a last resort. Most mosquito control work goes on behind the scenes, using water management, fish, and products to control immature mosquitoes in the water where they begin their life cycle. Controlling adult mosquitoes is more difficult because they are spread out and moving.

If you have questions about Duet or any other mosquito control related products or practices, please feel free to call the Bergen County Mosquito Control Division at (201) 634-2880 (Mon-Fri 7:00 AM – 3:30 PM) or visit our web site at <https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/mosquito-control>.

Mosquito Control Fact Sheet...

“VectoLex®”

Municipalities are encouraged to share this information with all residents in their community

This sheet answers some basic questions about a mosquito control product in use in your county. The Atlantic County Department of Public Works, Office of Mosquito Control, along with several other resources (listed at the end of this sheet), can provide more detailed information. Municipalities are encouraged to share this information with all residents in their community.

What is VectoLex and how is it used?

VectoLex is an insecticide product that is recommended for mosquito control in New Jersey by Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. It contains the pesticide called *Bacillus sphaericus* (*Bsph*). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) current evaluation considers *Bsph*-containing products to be very slightly toxic with minimal potential risk to people when used properly as part of a complete mosquito control program.

VectoLex is used to prevent mosquitoes from hatching in lakes, ponds, and other bodies of water. It acts on the larval or immature stage of the mosquito in water before the flying mosquito emerges. **VectoLex** is part of a mosquito management approach using habitat management and other measures to control immature mosquitoes in order to lessen the need to spray for adult mosquitoes.

How can I avoid exposure to VectoLex?

Risk to the general public from the use of **VectoLex** is minimal. Avoiding exposure is always the safest course of action, particularly for populations that may be at higher risk, such as pregnant women, children, the elderly, and those with chronic illnesses. Any possible exposure risk can be reduced by following some common sense actions:

- ❖ Plan your activities to limit time spent outside during times of possible pesticide treatments.
- ❖ Avoid direct contact with water bodies that have been treated.
- ❖ Move children's toys out of application areas.
- ❖ Move animals and their food and water dishes out of application areas.
- ❖ Stay away from application equipment, whether or not it is in use.
- ❖ Pay attention to notices about spraying found through newspapers, websites, automated telephone messages or distributed by municipal, county or state agencies.

What are the symptoms of exposure to VectoLex?

Direct contact with eyes or skin may cause mild irritation or discomfort. The chance of experiencing these symptoms of exposure with proper use is low. You should contact your physician, other medical providers, or the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (**NJPIES**) at **1-800-222-1222** if you experience these symptoms following a pesticide spraying. Bring this sheet with you if you visit a physician or other medical provider.

How long will VectoLex last in the environment?

Because *Bsph* is a biological agent, it tends to break down quickly in the environment. Its breakdown in water or soil usually occurs within hours of use.

Where can I get more information on VectoLex?

The following are resources for more information regarding **VectoLex** and mosquito control in your area (unless otherwise noted, available during normal business hours):

For overall pesticide-specific information – 9:30am to 7:30pm:

National Pesticide Information Center

800-858-7378

<http://npic.orst.edu>

For pesticide health information & possible exposures – 24 hours:

New Jersey Poison Information & Education System

800-222-1222

<http://www.njpies.org>

For New Jersey pesticide regulation & misuse complaints:

NJDEP Bureau of Pesticide Compliance & Enforcement

609-984-6568

<https://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/pcp/bpo.htm>

For Federal pesticide regulations:

USEPA Region 2 Office of Pesticide Programs

877-251-4575

<http://www.epa.gov/ebtpages/pesticides.html>

For state-wide mosquito control information:

NJDEP Office of Mosquito Control Coordination

609-292-3649

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/mosquito>

For local mosquito control information:

The Atlantic County Office of Mosquito Control

609-645-5948

Mosquito Control & West Nile Virus Information Line

1-877-6-4-FACTS

Atlantic County Mosquito control Web Page <https://www.atlanticcountynj.gov/government/county-departments/department-of-public-works/office-of-mosquito-control>

For mosquito control recommendations:

Rutgers University, Department of Entomology

848-932-9437

<http://vectorbio.rutgers.edu/outreach/bmpmcnj.pdf>

For local health information:

The Atlantic County Division of Public Health

609-645-5971

(Pesticide fact sheet approved by the NJ DEP Pesticide Control Program)

Mosquito Control Product

"Vectobac"

This sheet answers some basic questions about a mosquito control product in use in your county. Bergen County Mosquito Control, along with several other resources (listed at the end of this sheet), can provide more detailed information.

What is Vectobac and how is it used?

Vectobac is an insecticide product that is recommended for mosquito control in New Jersey by Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. It contains the pesticide called "*Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti)." The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) current evaluation considers **Bti**-containing products to be very slightly toxic with minimal potential risk to people when used properly as part of a complete mosquito control program.

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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

IMPORTANT REMINDER: BCD CD PY 2026-2027 CDBG, HOME, ESG APPLICATION PERIOD Begins TODAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th!

1 message

Esposito, Robert <resposito@bergencountynj.gov>

Mon, Sep 29, 2025 at 11:12 AM



Dear Partners in Community Development:

Fall greetings!

Senior officials and staff from all Bergen County municipalities, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies receiving this email should have received notification via postal mail last week that the **Application Period for**

- **PY 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding;**
- **PY 2025-2026 Home Investment Partnership Grant (HOME) funding; and**
- **PY 2025-2026 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding**

begins TODAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, 2025, with all submissions due no later than Friday, December 19th, 2025.

In this regard:

- The notification envelope and contents of the mailing are attached in the event you have not seen or have yet to receive the postal delivery.
- All applications must be completed and submitted online via our ZoomGrant platform. Please refer to the second attachment (Cover Letter) for the link to access ZoomGrant, and the third attachment (ZoomGrant Instructions) for all necessary information about the ZoomGrant online application system.

Please feel free to reach out at any time (my contact information is highlighted in yellow below) if you have any questions.

Thank you for your attention, and all best wishes for success with your applications!

Sincerely,

Rob

Robert G. Esposito

Director

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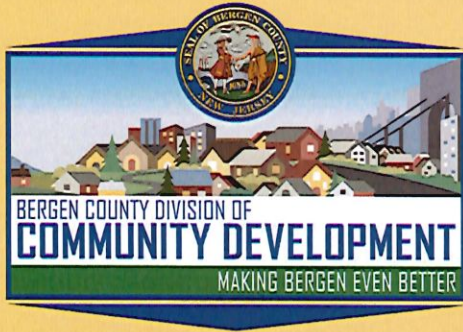
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IMPORTANT FUNDING NOTICE

APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR PY 2026-2027 FUNDING ENCLOSED:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Home Investment Partnership Grant (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

APPLICATION PERIOD BEGINS:
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

APPLICATIONS DUE:
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025

Bergen County Executive James J. Tedesco, III and the Bergen County Board of Commissioners



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September 22, 2025

Honorable John C. Glidden, Jr.
 Borough of Closter
 295 Closter Dock Road
 Closter, NJ 07624

Dear Mayor Glidden, Jr.:

This letter will serve as formal notification that the Bergen County Division of Community Development's (BCDCD) Annual Application Period for annual:

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding,**
- **Home Investment Partnership Grant (HOME) funding, and**
- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding**

will begin on Monday, September 29th, 2025 with a submission deadline of Friday, December 19th, 2025.

Applications submitted will be for PY 2026-2027 funding (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in accordance with the Five-Year Bergen County Community Development Consolidated Plan.

As has been our practice for the past eight years, applications for all grants must be completed and submitted online using our **ZoomGrant platform**. You will be able to access ZoomGrant starting the first day of the application period on Monday, September 29th, by entering the following into your browser:

- **<https://zoomgrants.com/gprop.asp?donorid=2305>**

To assist with your application, I am sharing with you: (1) helpful information about how to use ZoomGrant; (2) a brief overview describing the scope of the CDBG, HOME, and ESG grant programs; and (3) a list of the seven Bergen County Community Development CDBG regions along with related staff contact information.

Please note that ZoomGrant offers direct assistance should you have any questions. You can find contact information at the bottom of the two-page ZoomGrant instruction sheet, which immediately follows this letter. Should you have any additional questions, please contact BCDCD Deputy Director Angela Drakes at cdbgapp@bergencountynj.gov or (201) 336-7225.

Our partnership with the County's 70 municipalities and scores of nonprofit and government agencies over the years has resulted in a diverse range of significant quality-of-life improvements for Bergen residents. Whether you have worked with us before or you are a new applicant, our continued success means helping you to achieve yours.

Thank you very much for your attention and all best wishes with your applications!

Sincerely,



Robert G. Esposito
Director

Enclosures

NOTES:

Program Year (PY), No Longer Fiscal Year (FY): In accordance with updated HUD terminology, we now use the phrase "Program Year" (PY) rather than "Fiscal Year" (FY).

For Nonprofit and Government Agency Applicants: If you are planning to submit an application for the PY 2026-2027 funding cycle, please be sure to make arrangements to receive the mandatory Municipal Endorsing Resolution before Friday, December 19th, the application deadline. **In this regard, we strongly recommend that you contact your municipality and provide them with the necessary information for the Endorsing Resolution by Monday, November 10th.** This will give all municipalities sufficient time to schedule your resolution for governing body consideration and return it to you for attachment as part of your ZoomGrant application before the Friday, December 19th, deadline.

CDBG, HOME, and ESG Are Reimbursement-Based Grants: In order for you to receive funding should your application be approved and you comply with all project implementation requirements, reimbursement vouchers must be submitted to BCDCD along with proof of payment and other mandatory paperwork. **Accordingly, the fiscal statement you provide with your application must indicate that you have the financial capacity to undertake the project.**

Using ZoomGrants to Submit and Manage Applications

1. GO TO ORGANIZATION'S ZOOMGRANTS PAGE

Navigate to the ZoomGrants page for the organization by using the link provided to you by the program administrator.

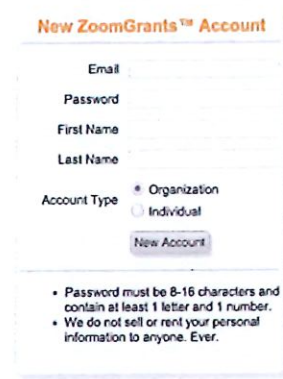


NOTE: For this first step, do not go to the ZoomGrants homepage. Once you've started an application using the link above, you can log in at <https://ZoomGrants.com/login>.

2. CREATE AN ACCOUNT AND LOG IN

Create your ZoomGrants account and log in using the New ZoomGrants Account box on the righthand side. If you already have an account, log in using the boxes in the upper right corner of the page.

NOTE: In ZoomGrants, each application is officially associated with a single account and each account is 'owned' by a single user and accessed by a single email address. We recommend that the person who will be the primary contact for applications creates the first account for an organization. Once that person creates their account, gets logged in, and starts the application(s), they will be able to invite other people to collaborate on all or some of the applications in their account.



3. CREATE YOUR APPLICATION

Click the Apply button next to the appropriate program to create your first application for that program.



4. INVITE OTHERS TO COLLABORATE

Use the Collaborators section in the first tab of the application to invite others to work on this application with you.

- Enter their email address.
- Indicate on which sections they are allowed to collaborate.
- Click the Invite button. An invitation will be sent to their email address. They'll be able to set up an account by which they can access and edit the application.



NOTE: If granted access, collaborators can do everything that the application owner can do except: editing the Applicant and Organization information sections in the first tab of the application and submitting, archiving, or deleting the application.



Using ZoomGrants to Submit and Manage Applications

5. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS AND FILL IN THE BUDGET AND TABLES

The system will automatically save your answers as you move through the application and enter text then click outside of each textbox or select a multiple choice or checkbox item and click into a new field. Click on the tabs to quickly jump to another section of the application or use the 'Next' and 'Previous' buttons at the bottom of the tabs to move sequentially through the application.

NOTE: Some question tabs may have a **branching question**, which will hide certain questions based on your answers to the branching question.

6. UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

Click the Upload button next to each applicable document request set up by the administrator to open up the File Upload Window for that request. Follow the instructions in the window to upload or link a file (or multiple) in that slot.

NOTES:

- 1) Any document request marked with a yellow 'Required' note **MUST** have something uploaded or linked in that slot in order for your application to be submitted. If you feel a required request is not applicable to you, create a document in which you note the inapplicability and upload that into the slot.
- 2) If the administrator has provided a **template**, click the orange 'Template' link to download that template. Fill it out, then upload it into that slot.
- 3) Click the **Help** button in the File Upload Window to access a quick tutorial video (also available here: <http://youtu.be/b0lxkjsj Ow>).
- 4) If you finish your application by uploading documents, use the grey Refresh Page button to reload the page before clicking the Submit Now button to submit your application.

7. SUBMIT THE APPLICATION

Click the grey Submit Now button at the top of the application when you've completed the applicable content in every tab. The system will check to ensure you have answered every question and uploaded all 'Required' documents. Any skipped questions or missing documents will be listed in red. When you're done with your edits, use the grey Refresh Page button in the application to reload the page, then click the Submit Now button to re-run the check. If your application is complete, you'll be able to enter your initials and officially submit the application.

NOTES:

- 1) The **completion check** verifies that you have answered the applicable questions and uploaded 'Required' documents, but **you** are responsible for ensuring you have completed the content requested in the budgets and tables (as applicable) and uploaded the documents that are requested but not 'Required'.
- 2) If the administrator has chosen to let you make changes to your application even after it has been submitted, you can edit your submitted application up until the deadline passes. If you **do** make any changes, you do **NOT** need to 're-submit' it. The changes are automatically reflected in the submitted application.



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Documents



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BRIEF OVERVIEW
OF CDBG, ESG, AND HOME GRANTS

Updated 2025

The Bergen County Division of Community Development (BCDCD) is wholly funded by annual grants received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As a grantee in a HUD-designated jurisdiction, BCDCD is the seventh largest urban county recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Grant (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding in the United States. These three HUD grants enable BCDCD to annually provide a multi-million-dollar funding pool accessible to Bergen County's 70 municipalities and eligible nonprofits, government agencies, and residents (for two residential home programs only) on an application basis.

CDBG, ESG, and HOME grant funding is collectively used to address a wide range of important community needs including road and infrastructure improvements; office space/building structural rehabilitation; expanded social services; handicap accessibility improvements; homelessness prevention and care; residential homeownership and home rehabilitation; affordable and special needs housing construction; local economic development and jobs training; and more. Predominantly serving the vulnerable, seniors, and low-to-moderate income people and neighborhoods, BCDCD's application-based funding makes a significant difference for Bergen County residents by helping to create more vibrant communities and improved quality of life through over 150 new projects completed every year.

BCDCD is managed in strict compliance with HUD-mandated procedures and eligibility guidelines, including operating on a July 1st through June 30th fiscal year in alignment with HUD practices.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

HUD allocations for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program comprise more than 70% of BCDCD's annual financial portfolio. Every year, CDBG (along with ESG and HOME) funding requests are submitted during a widely advertised late-September through mid-December application period and subsequently reviewed by BCDCD staff for eligibility. In late spring, seven regional "Community Development Committees" composed of representatives appointed by each of Bergen County's 70 towns assess all applications and determine funding awards. These funding decisions are then passed on to HUD in the form of an "Annual Action Plan" for final review and approval. Award and decline letters to applicants are typically emailed by BCDCD in late September or October, following notification of Annual Action Plan approval by HUD.



CDBG funding awards (often called “subgrants”) regularly include: (1) **municipal infrastructure projects** (e.g., municipal road repaving; sewer and drainage improvements; playground and park upgrades; handicapped-accessible curb cuts and public building access upgrades, etc.); (2) **nonprofit and government agency building upgrade projects** (e.g., HVAC, window, emergency generators; handicapped-accessible door and restroom upgrades; etc.); (3) **nonprofit agency social services staff and specialist enhancements** (e.g., staff and specialist salary supplements related to child/teen day/after school care; senior daycare center activities; homelessness prevention and intervention; domestic violence counseling; tenant and housing counseling; etc.); and (4) **nonprofit and government agency economic development** (e.g., job training and employment search counseling, etc.).

As part of BCDCD’s annual CDBG allocation, HUD regulations specify that no more than 15 percent of the funds received be used for what are classified as “**public service**” activities i.e., expenditures for human resources that largely translate into staff salary supplements and fees for specialists who work on social service projects for nonprofit and government agencies. The scope of CDBG public service activities also extends to a small subset of “human-related” resources (e.g., ambulances, emergency medical vehicles, vans, etc.).

CDBG also provides: (1) limited down payment assistance to low-to-moderate income individuals and families who qualify through the American Dream First Time Homebuyers Program; and (2) deferred payback loan assistance to low-to-moderate income individuals and families who qualify through the Bergen County Home Improvement Program (HIP) for major system home repairs/replacements (e.g., new roof, HVAC, sidewalks, windows, siding, porch, plumbing, etc.).

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG):

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding is available to eligible nonprofit and county government agencies and is used for multiple interventions to directly assist the homeless and those at risk of homelessness.

These activities include: (1) assisting with the operations of the Bergen County Human Services Center and other emergency shelters for the homeless; (2) providing essential services to homeless shelter residents; (3) rapidly re-housing homeless individuals and families; (4) preventing individuals and families from becoming homeless; and (5) operating Bergen County’s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

Home Investment Partnership (HOME):

Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funding is available to eligible profit and nonprofit housing developers and service providers, as well as county government agencies. HOME is used for a wide range of affordable housing development activities and tenant services.

A principal activity is working with project and funding partners to build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or homeownership for low-to-moderate income residents including seniors, veterans, those with special needs, etc. HOME funds can also be used to provide direct rental and security deposit assistance to low-to-moderate-income individuals and families.

HOME funding is also used for deferred payback mortgage assistance to help low-to-moderate-income individuals and families who qualify through the American Dream First Time Homebuyer Program.



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) | REGIONS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Central Region

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Elmwood Park
Fair Lawn
Garfield
Hackensack
Lodi
Maywood
Paramus
River Edge
Rochelle Park
Saddle Brook

Northwest Region

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Allendale
Franklin Lakes
Glen Rock
Ho-Ho-Kus
Mahwah
Midland Park
Oakland
Ramsey
Ridgewood
Saddle River
Upper Saddle River
Waldwick
Wyckoff

Southeast Region

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Bogota
Cliffside Park
Edgewater
Englewood
Englewood Cliffs
Fairview
Fort Lee
Leonia
Palisades Park
Ridgefield
Ridgefield Park

Pascack Valley Region

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Hillsdale
Montvale
Old Tappan
Oradell
Park Ridge
River Vale
Washington Township
Westwood
Woodcliff Lake



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Little Ferry
Lyndhurst
Moonachie
North Arlington
Rutherford
South Hackensack
Teterboro
Wallington
Wood-Ridge

Northern Valley Region

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Alpine
Bergenfield
Closter
Cresskill
Demarest
Dumont
Harrington Park
Haworth
New Milford
Northvale
Norwood
Rockleigh
Teaneck
Tenafly

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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



September 30, 2025

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The Mayor's Newsletter provides announcements and details on the numerous events taking place throughout the community. Please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.

The 2025 Jim O'Halloran Kids Fun Run & Dom Mircovich Memorial 5K Run

The weather was perfect for the 200+ runners to participate in the 2025 Jim O'Halloran Kids Fun Run and the Dom Mircovich Memorial 5K Run.



Runners of all ages enjoyed the annual event



Closter Town Celebration

Closter's Town Celebration was fantastic! The event started by recognizing the spirit of volunteerism, and who better to acknowledge than Closter's long-time resident, Donald Winters. By 3pm, children were lining up for rides, games and the Closter Fire Dept. Wet Down! Later in the day the sound of music by Kootz Band and Shoreline Anthem filled the air. As Closter tradition has it, the celebration ended with the annual fireworks display lighting up the night sky. I would especially like to thank the following Closter businesses for their generosity in donating the funds to cover the cost of the kids' rides so that our children and families could enjoy them for free:

Brasserie Memere Restaurant, Closter Coaches Assoc., EDENS Closter Plaza, First Commerce Bank, Gary's Wine and Marketplace, Hill Restaurant, Lucio's, Sear House Restaurant, Stern & Bow Restaurant, The Powder Works Factory at 84 Herbert Ave. including: Dr. Shade, Erica Sabag Luxury Consignment, Humble Yoga, Oda Jiu Jitsu, Roots Café, and Soldados.

The governing body and I appreciate all of the hard work that goes into delivering this type of event and extend a huge thank you to all of the folks behind the scenes that bring these events to fruition. As Borough Administrator, James Winters, stated "This year's attendance was remarkable, and I received a great deal of positive feedback from attendees. To the teams on the ground—Recreation, the Police Department, EMS, DPW, the Fire Department, Fire Prevention, and all our wonderful vendors—thank you for your incredible efforts. Your presence and hard work were invaluable. And to those working diligently behind the scenes, managing the paperwork, permits, and payments—we truly couldn't have done it without you. Your contributions are equally vital". A collage of event photos is available in the "***Events & Recognition Gallery***" at the end of the newsletter.

MacBain Farm Park

Save the Date for the Annual Farm Harvest Festival

Celebrate the beauty of autumn at the MacBain Farm Harvest Festival!

Join the MacBain Farm Committee on **Saturday, October 25th** from 2:00pm until 4:00pm at the Farm, located at 203 Hickory Lane. (Rain date is Sunday, October 26th).



All Closter residents are invited to enjoy a wonderful afternoon filled with classic fall activities. Children of all ages can get creative with arts and crafts, including making nature bracelets, assembling baby scarecrows, decorating masks and, of course, pumpkins. Parking is on Hickory Lane. Don't miss this charming community event that brings the spirit of fall to life at the MacBain Farm!

Belskie Museum of Art & Science

The exhibit "***ANOMALY***" opens on Sunday, October 5th and runs through October 26th at the Belskie Museum. "*Anomaly*" features original and varied sculptures by 10 talented artists from the Tri-State area. Featured are works of steel, concrete, wood, foam, paper, found objects, glass, clay, mixed media and silk. The exhibit opening is Sunday, October 5th from 1-4pm with light refreshments. Museum hours after the opening reception are Saturdays and Sundays from 2-4pm; hours by appointment can be arranged!

The Belskie Museum is located adjacent to the Closter Public Library at 280 High Street in Closter. 201-768-0286 www.belskiemuseum.com

Closter Nature Center

The calendar for October Program and Activities has something for everyone! Visit the website at www.closternaturecenter.org or email info@closternaturecenter.org for detailed information!

October 11th: 1-4pm: *Native Planting with Wild Wood Restoration Project* – Help restore our forest! We will be planting native plants supplied by Wild Woods Restoration Project to help the forest thrive. Space is limited to 10 spots, so registration is required. Register at: wildwoodsproject.org/events/.

October 19th: 4-6pm: *Music by the Pond* at the Nature Center Cabin ~ Join us for an afternoon of live music by both professional and amateurs, filling the peaceful Ruckman Pond with beautiful sounds and melodies. Unwind with family and friends, slow down and soak in the relaxing vibes. *Admission is free, donations are welcome!*

October 21st: 7pm: *Volunteer Open House.* The CNC is seeking volunteers to support important roles in administration, fundraising and strategic planning, plus hands-on work like trail maintenance and invasive control. At our Open House you will learn about the variety of volunteer opportunities available. Tell us you'll attend at www.closternaturecenter.org/events

October 29th: 7-8pm *Meet the Vultures: Nature's Cleanup Crew* Join us for an engaging program all about the fascinating vultures that call our area home. Free for CNC members; non-members \$5 suggested donation. Register to attend at www.closternaturecenter.org/events.

October 1st-November 1st: *Hike-a-Thon Fundraiser Happening Now!* The Closter Community Hike is November 1st, 10-1pm. Make every step count! Join the CNC Hike-a-Thon to raise vital funds for protecting forests, supporting nature programs and keeping trails free for everyone. Register to participate: www.go.rallyup.com/cnc-hikeathon

Closter Improvement Commission

Boo! It's time for the 2nd Annual Closter *Thrills & Chills 2025 Home Decoration Contest* sponsored by the Closter Improvement Commission. Sign up for the Closter Halloween Decoration contest. Take a picture of your holiday home and it will be posted on our Haunted Halloween Gallery!



The top three entries will be judged by our panel of judges. Plus, all contestants will have the chance to add their spooky home on our Haunted Homes Map for friends and neighbors to see! New for 2025 is the Kids Choice Award! For Kids to choose their favorite Haunted Home from our online photo gallery ad Spooky Homes Map going live on October 15th! VOTING will close on Tuesday, October 21st at 11:59pm.

All homes submitted, regardless of category, will be eligible for the Kids Choice Award! Winners announced on Sunday, October 26, at the end of the Closter PTO Halloween Festival!

Closter Shade Tree Commission



The Closter Shade Tree Commission announces the **2025 Fall Foliage Photo Contest**. The photo contest (click the link) <https://5il.co/3q7lh> is open to Closter residents; young and old! Three winners will be awarded various amount Gift Certificates generously donated by Bergen County Camera in Westwood. The STC's 2025 Fall Photo Contest will run the following dates in order to capture the beauty of Closter's fall foliage: **October 11th-November 23rd**.

Winners will be announced the weekend following Thanksgiving (Nov. 29th/30th). Email your photo with the completed Photo Release Form to joettinger@closternj.us. The Photo Release Form is also available on the Shade Tree Commission page of the Borough's website, www.closternj.us

Closter Police Department

Traffic Signal Timing Modification Notice

Please be advised that the traffic signal at the intersection of Knickerbocker Road and High Street has been adjusted. Vehicles traveling northbound on Knickerbocker Road will now experience an extended green light to help improve traffic flow through the intersection. In addition, signage has been installed to alert motorists of this change. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we continue to enhance roadway safety and efficiency.

Safety Alert for Motorists

As we enter a busy season filled with school, sports, and after-school activities, please remember to use extra caution while driving throughout our community. Children are walking, biking, and being picked up or dropped off at different times of day. With daylight hours decreasing, visibility is reduced making it even more important to stay alert. Please slowdown in school zones, residential areas, and watch for children crossing streets or exiting vehicles. Avoid distractions while driving and consider using your headlights earlier in the evening. Your attentiveness helps keep our children safe. Thank you for doing your part!

Deer Crossing Alert – Drive Safely

Motorists are reminded that deer are especially active this time of year, particularly during the early morning and evening hours. Collisions with deer can cause serious damage and injury. Please take the following precautions:

- Slow down and stay alert, especially in wooded or rural areas.
- Use high beams when safe to do so, to better spot deer near the roadway.
- Do not swerve suddenly if a deer crosses your path—this can cause a more serious crash.
- Remember: If you see one deer, others are likely nearby.

Closter Fire Department



The Closter Fire Department, 100 Ruckman Road, is inviting the community to a Fire Department Open House on Sunday, October 12th between 11am and 3pm.

Come meet the volunteer members of the CFD who skillfully serve our community in all fire related issues. During the Open House visitors can tour our fire trucks and see equipment displays, learn about fire safety, children can enjoy activities and refreshments.

Mayor's Committee for the Arts

The Mayor's Committee for the Arts, led by Councilwoman Victoria Amitai, has enjoyed an amazing season of concerts and musical entertainment at the Closter Plaza. The 2025 list of concerts included performances by The Purple Glove Band, The Reflections Jazz & Swing Orchestra, David Lester Scance, Till We Can't and Ronen Mikay's Jazz Quintet.

To close the 2025 season, come down to *Concert Corner* in the Closter Plaza on **Friday, October 3rd at 7pm** (rain date October 10th) and enjoy the music of the *Reflections Jazz & Swing Orchestra*. Bring a chair, a friend or a neighbor and be prepared for a wonderful evening!



"Concert Corner" in Closter Plaza



Ron Mikay's Jazz Quintet

A special *Thank You* to the folks at EDENS Closter Plaza for their continuous support of the committee's programs and their generous funding of this program. Musicians are invited to email their inquiries about the 2026 "*Concert Corner*" program to mayorscommitteearts@gmail.com.

Closter Public Library

The resources for learning are endless at the Closter Public Library. This month's *Special Programs* include:

Free Bridge Classes on Wednesdays, October 1st, 8th & 15th at 11am-1pm

Downsizing!! October 7th from 6pm-7pm

Join Cathy Denis & Lori Carbon in learning helpful tips on the many facets of downsizing and selling your home in today's marketplace.

My Bill Evans – A Personal Conversation – Saturday, October 11th 2pm-3pm

Join us for a heartfelt tribute to jazz legend Bill Evans, inspired by the conversations between Closter's Joel Zelnik and the seven-time Grammy winner. Learn more at 222.joelzelnik.com

Museum Passes – the Library is offering a monthly lottery for 2 tickets to the American Museum of Natural History. Drawings will be on the 15th of each month. Visit the website to register for the lottery!

The Library's *Regular Programs* include:

First Friday Flicks – October 3 at 1pm featuring "I'm Still Here; Adult Book Club on October 15th at 3pm, Regular Programs also include Advanced ESL Conversation, Technology Help, Short Store Club via Zoom, Yoga & Meditation, Knitting and Craft Group, Zumba via Zoom and ESL Intermediate Class. You'll want to check out the library's website and calendar for details on all of the tremendous offerings, educational and social opportunities the Closter Public Library offers to its patrons.

Visit the Library's website, www.closterpubliclibrary.org for details!

~~~ Events & Recognition Gallery ~~~

**Closter's September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service**



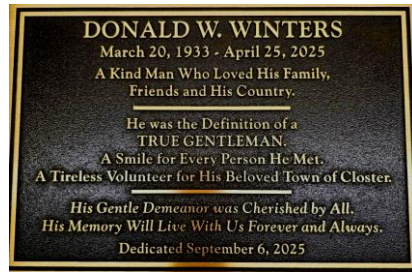
9/11 Memorial ~ Remembrance Park

*"We will never forget" ...* and Closter has never forgotten. The annual September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service, overseen by the volunteer members of the Closter Fire Department and coordinated with all of Closter's emergency services, was held on a beautiful September morning; a tribute to all who were lost that day and all who responded to the call.

**Closter's Spirit of Volunteerism**

I often speak of the uplifting impact Closter's dedicated volunteers have on our community. Long time Closter resident Don Winters was a tireless volunteer. Don selflessly provided years of dedicated service as a volunteer member of the Closter Board of Health, Closter Board of Ethics, Office of Emergency Management as well as serving in civic organizations such as the Closter Lions Club. For thirty-seven years Don was a member of the Bergen-Rockland Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. Between 2000 and 2015 Don was a Crossing Guard stationed on his favorite post - Harrington Ave. between Memorial Park and Tenakill Middle School positively interacting with students.

On Town Day, September 6<sup>th</sup>, the volunteer members of the Closter Lions Club, the members of P.B.A. Unit 233-Closter Police Department, the Closter Coaches Association, Tony Lupardi and Lupardi's Nursery unveiled a dedication plaque and a Yoshino Cherry tree near Don's crossing guard post. In addition to recognizing Don's commitment to community service, his memorial will serve to foster the spirit of volunteerism in Closter.



Dedication Plaque – Don Winters



Jim Winters at Dedication

**Veterans Monument Park**

The *Closter Lions Club* wishes to extend a huge "Thank You" to the amazing Closter community. Because of the support received at this year's Duck Derby, the Lions Club was able to raise funds that went right back into enhancing our town. Notice the brand new roof on the gazebo at Veterans Monument Park located on Herbert Ave. Together, building a stronger community!



Veterans Monument Park – Herbert Ave.

## Closter Town Day 2025!

What an amazing day!! Closter's Town Day Celebration was enjoyed by residents of all ages! Rides, games, the CFD Wet Down, food vendors and music with fantastic fireworks to end the celebration!!!



The Borough is moving forward in many positive directions. Our volunteers are the backbone of our 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,

Handwritten signature of John Glidden.

Mayor

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