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August 7, 2026

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Laura Rametta <lrametta@closternj.us>

Library news August 3, 2026

1 message

Closter Public Library <circulation@closter.bccls.org>

Mon, Aug 3, 2026 at 8:03 AM

Reply-To: cltrcirc@bccls.org

To: lrametta@closternj.us



CLOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
the anchor of the community

August 3, 2026

An Ecosystem in a Jar

Terrarium on Display

This amazing terrarium is on display in the new book section of the library.

It is on loan from Earl Hicks, Program Creator for Terrarium Building 101.

Come take a look.



Coming Soon

Getting Started with AI A Hands-On Workshop

Various times and dates in August

Curious about ChatGPT and Claude but not sure where to begin? In 90 minutes, you'll go from watching to using AI yourself. Working in a small group with step-by-step guidance, you'll use AI to handle everyday things. You'll learn the basic rules for staying safe online. Registration is required and space is limited. [Contact the library for more information.](#)



Adult Summer Reading Challenge 2026



UNEARTH A GOOD SHORT STORY

June 29th-August 16th

1. Read any short story you choose from anywhere
2. Get a raffle ticket for each short story you read
3. Put your raffle ticket in the jar of the prize you want
4. Repeat

Winners will be announced August 17th

Stamp Your Way Around BCCLS

Explore the 78 BCCLS Member Libraries this summer in search of hidden treasures!

Join the 2026 BCCLS Scavenger Hunt - a fun-filled journey to discover the BCCLS logo hidden in participating libraries.



Here's how it works:

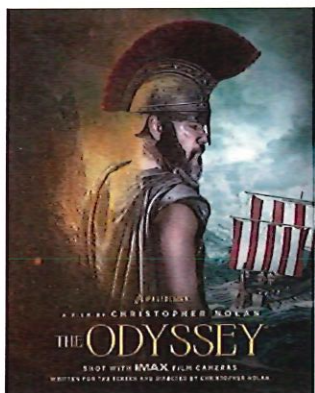
- Pick up your scavenger hunt form at any BCCLS library or **download it online** (you'll need legal size paper 8.5" x 14").
- Visit at least 3 libraries between **June 15 and August 15, 2026**, and find the hidden BCCLS logos.
- Get your form stamped with each library's property stamp as proof of your discovery!
- Return your form to any BCCLS library by **August 29, 2026**.

Two \$50 VISA gift card prizes

- One adult (18+)
- One child

RESOURCES

Have you seen the Odyssey?



Want to Read the Book?

You can borrow an electronic copy from [Hoopla](#) or [Overdrive/Libby](#) with your Closter Library card.

Museum Passes

Folly (1-2-3) at Storm King Art Center

Friday, August 7, 6:30-7:30pm

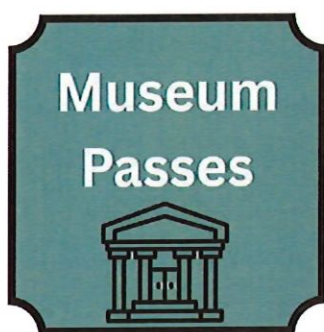
Liz Glynn's Folly (1-2-3) activates her installation **Open House** with a deconstructed waltz slowly decaying in the landscape and gestures toward new construction. Audiences are welcome to wander through the durational performance as the sun sets.

- Free, no registration required
- Program location: Tippet's Field (number 830 on the visitor map)

Additional performance date: **Saturday, August 8**



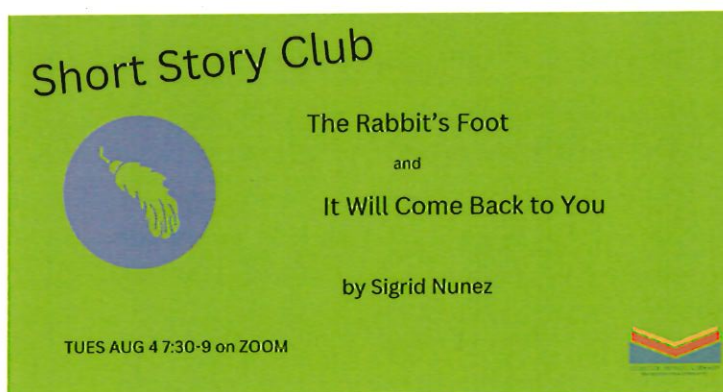
[Visit the museum website for more information.](#)



We have a wide range of museum passes that you can borrow with your Closter library card, including the Children's Museum of Manhattan, MoMA, and the Yogi Berra Museum.

[Visit our website for more information about our museum pass program.](#)

Regular Programs



Short Story Club

Tuesday, August 4 7:30 on Zoom

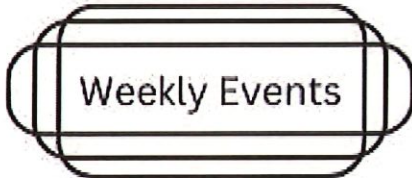
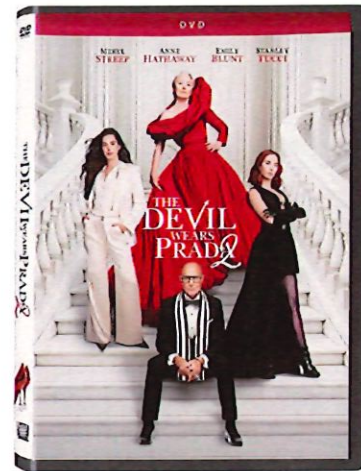
"Rabbit's Foot" and "It will come back to you" by Sigrid Nunez. Contact [Julia](#) for more information and the Zoom link.

First Friday Flicks

Friday August 7 1 pm

The Devil Wears Prada 2

Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway) reunites with Miranda Priestly (Meryl Streep) as they navigate their careers amid the decline of traditional magazine publishing.



Monday

10-11:30am- Advanced ESL

Conversation

7-8pm - Tech Help

Wednesday

6-7 pm Yoga/Meditation

Thursday

12:30-2pm - Knitting and Craft

4:30pm - Zumba on Zoom

Saturday

1:30-2:30 - Intermediate ESL

2-3pm - Tech Help

Download the BCCLS App

Always have your library card with you; check your account and request books from your phone. Scan the QRcode or visit the [App store](#) or the [Google Play store](#).



THE LIBRARY IS ALWAYS OPEN ONLINE

As ever, please contact the library:

Ruth and **Deborah** for general questions

Vida for Kids N Young Adults question

Tim for Reference questions and issues with electronic media

Julia for the short story club

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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Bergen County's Korean Independence Day Celebration

1 message

Sands, Derek <DSands@bergencountynj.gov>

Tue, Aug 4, 2026 at 2:10 PM

To: "Sands, Derek" <DSands@bergencountynj.gov>

Cc: "Razzaq, Sidra" <SRazzaq@bergencountynj.gov>, "Pellicano, Breanne" <BPellicano@bergencountynj.gov>, "Dorsett, Craig" <CDorsett@bergencountynj.gov>, "Geroski, Natalie" <NGeroski@bergencountynj.gov>

Good afternoon - Please join Bergen County Executive Jim Tedesco and the Bergen County Board of Commissioners as we celebrate Korean Independence Day on **Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 5:30PM** in the Piazza of One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack.



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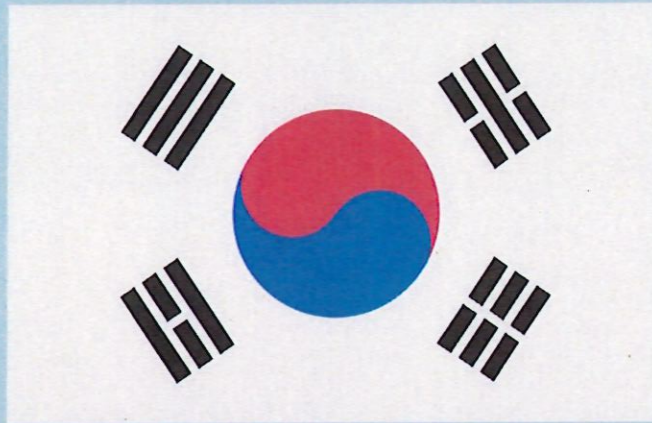
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and the
Bergen County Board of Commissioners
Cordially Invite You to Celebrate



KOREAN LIBERATION — DAY —



TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026
5:30 PM

Bergen County Administration Building
The Piazza at One Bergen County Plaza
Hackensack, New Jersey

*Join us as we raise the Korean flag and commemorate
Liberation Day with our Korean-American community.*

James J. Tedesco, III
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8.7.2026

Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Fwd: Westminster Ave

1 message

Alissa Latner <alatner@closternj.us>

Wed, Aug 5, 2026 at 12:28 PM

To: Mayor & Council <mayorcouncil@closternj.us>, James Winters <jwinters@closternj.us>, Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Cc: James Buccola <jbuccola@closterpolice.org>, "William J. Bailey" <wjb@huntingtonbailey.com>, "A.J. Martin" <amartin@closternj.us>

Per Annette's request, I am following up on the prior two emails that she had sent, which are already on the July 24th Mail List, Item #3.

Mari-can you please add this correspondence to this week's Mail List as well? The email below provides much greater specific detail, some history, and possible ideas and suggestions.

I have also copied Chief Buccola and Bill to make them aware so that they have background when we discuss this at next week's meeting. Plus, I included AJ, who was sent the original emails.

The Leos will be out of town next week, so I told her that I will bring these matters up, especially since next Wednesday is the only August Council meeting.



I hope this provides deeper context for Annette's requests and perhaps allows for some follow-up on her behalf.

Thank you.

Alissa Latner



Closter Councilwoman

295 Closter Dock Road

Closter, NJ 07624

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On Tue, Aug 4, 2026 at 6:55 PM Annette Leo <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Yes , of course pls forward this email . I appreciate all that you do for the Closter community . Thanks again , have a great summer . Annette

On Tue, Aug 4, 2026 at 12:55 PM Annette Leo [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Alyssa,
Thanks for the update .

I apologize for the repetitious ranting

I have expressed my concerns over the noise and overall quality of living for over 20+ years . I am concerned about the safety of the small children who ride their bikes and for my son Matthew who uses a wheelchair. We bought this home purposely on a small dead end road assuming the street would remain quiet ,peaceful and safe.

I have a copy of a letter regarding these issues dated May 18, 1999 to ClosterTown Council and Planning Board and a thick file of correspondence.

The following is a partial list of people and offices involved at that time ;

Residents of Westminster Ave

Joe Miele Owner Transfer Station

Alan S. Ashkinaze Esq. Attorney for Joe Miele

Robert Ghia previous tenant of Miele

Eric Lenander Borough Administrator

Closter Borough Shade Tree Commission

Danny Wiggers

John Dineen , Esq. Netchert, Dineen & Hillmann , [294 Harrington Ave Closter](#)

Governor Christine Todd Whitman

Senator Gerald Cardinale

Commissioner Robert C. Shinn
State of New Jersey DEP

Thomas Sherman Assistant Director NJDEP Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste Miele

I also have copies of NJ State Permits and an unsigned blue print of 76 Railroad Ave dated July 18 2006 showing the proposed placement of high berms, pine trees and tall Norway Spruces.

As you can see, we have tried our best from the very beginning. A meeting was held at a neighbors house .Joe Miele was present.

The smells and noise levels still exist. There is increasing truck traffic . Trucks go down our street not aware that it's a dead end . Then they have to back up using their warning beeping sounds.

A LARGE YELLOW DEAD END STREET SIGN NEEDS TO BE INSTALLED.

Rusted equipment has accumulated over time . 18 wheeler truck rubber tires and a large trailer have been abandoned on town property (there are identical trailers on Armoniacos property). There is also a large metal road barrier with reflector lights that has been discarded in the woods . On the gravel area (which I thought is also owned by the town) there are parked cars , trucks and equipment from independent landscapers who rent space. Mature aged trees have been cut down . The remaining woods are full of run down sheds , cars , metal and tons of unsightly trash. This creates hiding spaces for ferret cats and other wild animals who have mange disease and are seen wobbling around during the day . I have also seen food boxes

Who regulates these land owners ?

I understand it's their property and zoned for commercial use . Over the years I have seen the expansion of these businesses and land takeovers whether legal or not . Today it all looks like one big junk yard . These properties are steps away and are easily accessible to curious children .

A BARRIER CONSISTING OF A SOLID FENCE AND TALL MATURE TREES SHOULD BE INSTALLED .

The corner house on John Street and Railroad Ave is also an eyesore strewn with trash . A dilapidated mini bus with its doors and windows left wide open is parked on the street 24/7. Two broken vending machines are near the curb. Tall weeds everywhere . Very very unsightly to those of us who still enjoy a short walk to town .

What about a height restriction for operating large construction equipment ?

Everyday I hear workers use chain saws to cut logs . These logs are then moved by an oversized backhoe. This is done at the top of a huge dirt pile that can be seen from our front door . This business does not resemble a landscaping business. It looks like an established tree processing and rock quarry plant .

Why can't the owners be fined ? They seem to do whatever they want. What about the early hours at the recycling center.? We hear loud crushing sounds from the smasher machines . We hear the banging noise created from the backhoes lifting and dropping oversized containers .

THIS ACTION CAUSES OUR HOME TO SHAKE

We are awakened nightly by the loud honking of impatient 18 wheeler truck drivers who want to be the first ones in , often as early as 3am . In addition the bright headlights shine thru our windows .

THIS IS WITH OUR WINDOWS AND SHADES CLOSED.

Calendar scheduled DPW actions similar to parks and other area clean up including planting of grass seed , mowing grass , weed whacking , curb control , tree limb removal , trash and litter pickup , clearing drains and landscaper dumping removal to be implemented .

Thank you for bringing attention to these matters at the upcoming meeting.
Annette

On Fri, Jul 24, 2026 at 6:02 PM Annette Leo <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Alissa,

Thank you for the prompt attention to my email and for adding these issues to the upcoming meeting. I will be away that week but can be contacted by phone at 201-906-7274.

On Fri, Jul 24, 2026 at 12:24 PM Alissa Latner <alatner@closternj.us> wrote:

Hi Annette,

When I get back home I will follow up with you further. Just wanted to move this along ASAP. 😊

Alissa Latner
Closter Councilwoman
[295 Closter Dock Road](#)
[Closter, NJ 07624](#)
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cell: 201 970-0352

On Fri, Jul 24, 2026 at 11:35 AM Annette Leo <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Mrs. Latner and Mr. Martin,

I am contacting you in regards to the maintenance of Westminster Avenue and the surrounding town property. As you know , one side of street is town property. Westminster Ave needs to be put on the schedule for maintenance and routine clean up , mowing weed ,trash , and branch removal. In addition , landscapers continue to use it as a dumping ground . The drains are blocked and the fire hydrate is surrounded by weeds. The fire hydrant needs to be repainted .

The second issue is the town property on the other side of dead end leading out to Railroad Ave . Construction and landscaper owners Wiggers, Crimmons and Armonico and others have continued to infringe upon town land, parking trailers , allowing workers to congregate play loud music and smoke weed. Besides the noise and the odors , we endure unsightly views as a result of trees being removed

. The trees were installed over 20 years ago . (Shade Tree Commission was involved and they were installed by Lupardi's .)

We have enjoyed living here for 25 years and wave to all our neighbors. Please address these issues so our street reflects the high standards that Closter values .

Thank you for your consideration and attention to these matters .

Sincerely,

Annette Leo and the residents of Westminster Avenue

Please Keep it Green - Do you really need to print this E-mail



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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Bergen County's Indian Independence Day Celebration

1 message

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Wed, Aug 5, 2026 at 12:07 PM

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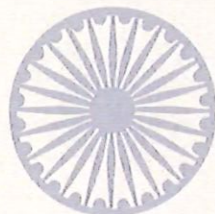
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INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026
5:30 PM

Bergen County Administration Building
The Piazza at One Bergen County Plaza
Hackensack, New Jersey

**Join us as we commemorate India's birth as a free nation
and raise the Indian flag as a community.**



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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

ABC Penny Policy, ROAD to Housing, Early Bird Pricing

1 message

Weekly Roundup <njleague@njlm.org>

Wed, Aug 5, 2026 at 4:38 PM

Reply-To: njleague@njlm.org

To: mmargiotta@closternj.us



Weekly Roundup

August 5, 2026

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State Issues

ABC Issues Advisory Notice 2026-10 Regarding the Penny

The Division of Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) issued Advisory Notice 2026-10 regarding sales costs for alcoholic beverages and the halt of the production of the penny.

Contacts: Sadayah Q. DuRant-Brown, Legislative Counsel, sdurantbrown@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x137, and Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, eknoedler@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x116.

Read more: ABC Issues Advisory Notice 2026-10 Regarding the Penny

Opportunity Zone Program Engagement Period Open

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority announced the opening of a public engagement period for nominations under the federal Opportunity Zone program.

Contact: Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, eknoedler@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x116.

Read more: Opportunity Zone Program Engagement Period Open

Federal Issues

Continuing Resolution Advances

The Senate recently advanced a Continuing Resolution (CR) that would fund the government through December 11, 2026. Included in the CR is a provision that would delay the implementation of Uniform Guidance rule change. Negotiations are continuing.

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

Read more: Continuing Resolution Advances

NLC to Host Data Centers Webinar

The National League of Cities is hosting a webinar August 10 regarding local policy concerning data centers.

Contact: Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, eknoedler@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x116.

Read more: NLC to Host Data Centers Webinar

NLC Hosts 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act Webinar

The NLC will be hosting a webinar on August 11 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. on the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act.

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

Read more: NLC Hosts 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act Webinar

Blog Post: Warrantless Entry for Emergencies Ok'd by the U.S. Supreme Court

Earlier this year, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a unanimous decision on whether law enforcement may enter a home without a search warrant based on less than probable cause *Case v. Montana*. For more see our Warrantless Entry post at the Town Crier blog.

Contact: Sadayah Q. DuRant-Brown, Legislative Counsel, sdurantbrown@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x137.

Read more: Blog Post: Warrantless Entry for Emergencies Ok'd by the U.S. Supreme Court

Conference Connections

Time's Running Out for Early Bird Pricing

Register now for the best Conference pricing. Early Bird pricing is \$65 for government and nonprofit attendees, and \$125 for non-government when registered by August 31. After August 31, the price goes up, so [register for the Annual Conference today!](#)

Exhibit Hall Explorations

The Annual Conference's exhibit space sales have sold out—we have almost 700 exhibitors and 1,300 booths! Our largest-ever Exhibit Hall will offer a diverse mix of companies, products, services, and organizations. The [interactive exhibit floor plan](#) is posted, so start making a list of companies to visit while you're at the Conference. Bring your questions and come open to learn, explore, and generate new ideas.

Celebrate Your Innovations: Award Applications Sought

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCa) and the New Jersey League of Municipalities (NJLM) are seeking applications for the [Innovation in Governance recognition program](#). This is a great opportunity to showcase innovative solutions to any problems that have cropped up, either suddenly or over time, in your municipality. It can also be an opportunity to let your peers in on innovations that prevent problems from arising.

The deadline is Friday, October 3, 2026.

[Apply for an Innovation in Governance Award today.](#)

Also of Interest

***NJ Municipalities* Blog: Dunellen “Shrub” Fights Distracted Driving**

The Borough of Dunellen put a police department “shrub” on the street to identify and prevent distracted driving. As a result of the observant officer's efforts while dressed in a “ghoulie suit” that gave him the passing appearance of a green leafy shrub, 74 citations were issued to drivers distracted by their devices in a six-hour window. [Read about it in this week's *NJ Municipalities* magazine blog.](#)

Want to share your local story in the blog or print magazine? Please send in your 300- to 1,200-word items and photos.

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

FY26 Basic Center Program Grants Available for Homeless Youth

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is offering \$27 million to support emergency shelters and services for runaway and homeless youth.

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

Read more: [FY26 Basic Center Program Grants Available for Homeless Youth](#)

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