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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



July 30, 2026

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am pleased to provide the Mayor's Newsletter designed to highlight and inform our residents with information on the activities and events taking place in Closter. My door is always open, so please feel free to call me at 201-784-0600 x 500 with concerns or suggestions.

An Important Message from Mayor John Glidden Utility Infrastructure Update ~ PSE&G and Veolia Projects

PSE&G's recent utility upgrade has impacted numerous streets throughout Closter. The Borough's professionals and I have worked with PSE&G to insure our streets will be restored properly by the utility company. PSE&G has notified the Borough of its anticipated Milling & Paving Restoration project which will begin July 31, 2026. PSE&G advised each street should expect approximately two days of work. PSE&G and the Closter Police Department will notify residents when their particular street will be closed for restoration. A copy of the CPD's social media post is included at the end of this newsletter.

Phases I and II of PSE&G's gas main infrastructure update project have been completed. Phase III of this important infrastructure upgrade has been planned with a tentative start date of August 1st. Phase III work is between the area of Piermont Road and West Street. Residents will be notified by PSE&G and the Closter Police Department as to when their street will be impacted by this work.

Veolia Water is continuing the replacement of its water main on Herbert Avenue. Veolia has informed the Borough it anticipates a mid to late August completion of this work.

Sustainable Jersey Awards More Than \$300,000 in Grants to 56 New Jersey Municipalities & Schools

Congratulations to Closter Councilman Chris Cho for helping secure a \$2,000 Sustainable Jersey grant to support local sustainability initiatives. Closter was among 56 New Jersey municipalities and schools awarded funding through the PSEG Foundation's 2026 Sustainable Jersey Grants Program, which distributed more than \$300,000 statewide for projects focused on environmental stewardship, climate resilience, and community engagement. The grant will help advance Closter's commitment to building a healthier, more sustainable future for residents. A detailed press release outlining the projects and awards can be found on the Borough's website.



Councilman Chris Cho

Mayor's Committee of the Arts



Mark your calendar and put on your dancing shoes as the Summer Concert Series continues. On **Friday August 7th** *London Calling ~ Beatles* will fill the air in Closter Plaza's Concert Corner with the music of the Beatles! Bring friends, neighbors, dancing shoes or a folding chair! Come out to enjoy an evening under the stars.

The Mayor's Committee has an open call to all artists and performers. The Mayor's Committee for the Arts was established to bring the arts to Closter by having its residents participate in pop-up exhibits of music and visual arts. The Mayor's Committee for the Arts is interested in showcasing artists and performers of all ages to participate in Closter's Arts Events. Please contact mayorscommitteearts@gmail.com if you are interested in performing.

Closter's MacBain Farm Park

While preparing for an abundant season of vegetables and flowers, the MacBain Farm Park, located at 203 Hickory Lane, was the site for creative workshops led by two of Closter's talented residents. Bill Angresano taught an outdoor drawing workshop for Closter's students and Tsun Tam taught a photography workshop



On June 27th the MacBain Farm "Volunteers Welcome" signup come to the Farm during its

Volunteering at the MacBain Farm offers a multitude of benefits, such as connecting with nature, supporting Closter's farming heritage through the mission of the farm and community activities. The Farm Committee is *always* looking for assistance from volunteers to keep up with the abundance of weeds—email friendsofMacBain@gmail.com just let a greeter know how you'd like to help! Volunteer greeters are also needed to keep the farm open and operational during opening hours.

Families are welcome (and encouraged), keeping in mind children 16 years and younger *need to be accompanied by an adult*.

There is a large variety of basil, parsley, cilantro, kale, mint and various eggplants ready for picking as we wait for the tomatoes to mature. Closter residents will need to bring ID and proof of residency to register and pick produce once a week on **Wednesdays, Saturdays, or Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.** Parking is on Hickory Lane.

Shade Tree Commission

Please visit the Borough's website for valuable information on the planting and care of the trees on your property. Important guides and tips are available on the Borough's website under Shade Tree Commission, "Trees and Planting Tips" located at <https://www.closterboro.com/page/shade-tree-commission>. You will find information on the species of trees, deer guards, mulching and more.



Mulching trees properly is critical for the health of the tree. Mulch should be placed 6 inches from the tree trunk at ground level, in a "donut shape"; never piled up against the trunk. Standard practice is 2-4 inches deep starting 6 inches from the trunk. A "Tree Donut- Mulching Recommendations" brochure is available on the website

Mark your calendars for an exciting Fall Photo Contest which will start in mid-September and run through October. This contest will be open to all Closter residents, young and old. Should you have any questions on Shade Trees, please send an email to shadetree@closternj.us.

Closter Food & Assistance Board

The Closter Food and Assistance Board is happy to announce the creation of the *Closter Food Pantry, Inc.* a registered 501 (c)3 non- profit organization. The mission of the non-profit is to support and promote the Food and Assistance Board of the Borough of Closter by raising and disbursing funds for the Closter Food Pantry and related program needs; encouraging volunteer and community participation and fostering town spirit.

As a registered 501 (c)3 organization, *Closter Food Pantry, Inc.* will be able to register with the Community Food Bank of NJ and other organizations for additional access to food and monetary grants to support the families we serve. In addition, we are able to set up wish list accounts on Amazon and accept donations via Venmo @ClosterFoodPantry.

We ask that future donations be made electronically via ACH or Venmo. Checks should be made out to *Closter Food Pantry, Inc.* and mailed to: Closter Food Pantry, P.O. Box 72, Closter, NJ 07624. All donations are tax deductible according to IRS guidelines. The phone number and email address for the Closter Food & Assistance Board remain: (201) 784-0600 x 429 or fabofcloster@gmail.com.

The timing for this enhancement couldn't be better! With school beginning in September there is a need for school supplies. The *Closter Food Panty, Inc.* is collecting donations to purchase school supplies for the families served through the Closter Food & Assistance program. Donations can be made by purchasing \$25 gift cards to either **Target** or **Wards 5&10**. Gift cards can be dropped off in the silver mailbox located in the Lewis St. vestibule of the Closter Borough Hall.



Donations can also be made via Venmo ClosterFoodPantry. ***The last day to donate is Friday, August 7th.***

Closter Public Library

Beginning July 13th to August 30th, the Belskie Museum's Art Wall in the Closter Public Library is presenting "*Solitary Moments: The Quiet Brilliance of Jay Ruhren*". This exhibit illustrates Jay's unique ability to create stunning photographs using the most commonplace objects as his subjects.

~Special Library Programs ~

"*Getting Started with AI – A Hands-On Workshop*" ~ these small group classes, (registration is required due to limited space) will be held in August. Information is only available at the Library. Please call (201) 768-4197) or signup in person.

“The Queens of Potluck” (An International Cookbook Club) ~ Begins September 8th at 6:15pm. Whether you’re an enthusiastic home cook or looking for inspiration, this class will feature cuisines for all palates.

~Regular Library Programs~

First Friday Flicks is August 7th at 1pm featuring “The Devil Wears Prada 2”. The Library’s website, www.closterpubliclibrary.org, offers a comprehensive list of the Library’s regular programming, including the services and programs for children. Please visit the library in person or online to benefit from all the programs the library.

Closter Recreation

Fall soccer registration for children in grades K-8 (Fall 2026) opened in late July. Please visit www.closterRec.com for registration information and take advantage of the early bird rate fee and save \$50.00 by registering before August 13th. Detailed information is available ~ [Download File](#)

Closter Environmental Commission



The Environmental Commission’s Closter Green Challenge continues with August/September’s *Eat Local Challenge*. Support local farms, markets and small shops. Shop local farm stands and make three meals made with tomatoes, corn, cucumbers, blueberries, peaches or arugula. (Food safety reminder – wash all fresh fruits and vegetables thoroughly before eating, cutting or cooking).

Enter to Win:

Share your actions & tag @ClosterEnvironmentalCommission or email gc@sustainablecloster.org by September 30th.

Closter Nature Center

The *CNC Children’s Summer Program* weekly sessions run till August 27th. Campers hike scenic trails, wade into freshwater habitats, meet animal ambassadors and so much more, all in a supportive group setting led by a trained naturalist. Sessions are either morning or afternoon, Monday through Thursday; sessions are limited to 15 participants. Become a member to receive the discounted rates for all youth programs as well as other benefits. Limited scholarships are available. For scholarship inquiries and for general questions about the summer program, contact, cncsummer@closternaturecenter.org. A full schedule and information is available on our website, www.closternaturecenter.org. Email info@closternaturecenter.org

Play Ball!! CNC will be at the Ballpark on August 22nd at 6:30pm for a night of fun-filled, fundraising baseball with the NY Boulders! Enjoy a fun minor league baseball game and support the CNC at the same time. A portion of all ticket sales will be donated to the CNC. Clover Stadium in Pomona, NY is the perfect family friendly space to enjoy America’s favorite past-time. All tickets sold include a free Boulders hat and a free fireworks show following the game. Tickets cost \$16 plus fees. *Tickets must be purchased via the following link:* [BOULDERS FUNDRAISING TICKETS](#)

Closter Fire Prevention Bureau

A Safety Message regarding Gasoline. The FPB is reminding residents and businesses of the importance to store gasoline safely. Keep gasoline away from heat, sparks and open flames. Gasoline should only be used as a fuel for engines; not a solvent or substitute for charcoal lighter fluid. Always let the engine cool first when refueling power equipment. Most importantly, always use approved containers and **never** store gasoline inside the home.



A Reminder from the Closter Tax Office

The 3rd Quarter 2026 Property Taxes are due on **August 1st**. Property tax payments can be made online by visiting the Borough's website at www.closterboro.com. An alternative payment option is to leave your payment in the silver TAX drop-box located on the wall in the Lewis Street entrance of the Closter Borough Hall (*please do not leave cash*). The last day to pay is Monday, August 10th by 4pm.

Closter Police Department ~ Important Notice ~

CLOSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

TRAFFIC ADVISORY / SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

PSEG MILLING & PAVING NOTICE





PSEG Milling and Paving restoration project is anticipated to begin this month. **Exact dates not yet determined.** Each street listed below should expect approximately **TWO DAYS OF WORK.** During active construction, residents should anticipate **LIMITED OR NO VEHICLE ACCESS** to their street.





Please plan accordingly and follow all posted detours and directions from workers and police officers.

STREETS TO BE PAVED

- Alpine Dr - Arnold Ave - Church Ct - Collins Ave - Gilletta Ct - Highview Ct - Johnson Ct - Kinkaid Ave - MacArthur Ave - Parsells Ct - Parsells Ln - Patton Crst - Patton Ln - Sherman Ave - Wilson Pl	- Carr Pl - Cedar Ct - Cedar Ln - Center St - Crescent St - Cross St - Curtis Pl - Dana Pl - Ethel Pl - Fairview Ave - Forest St - Haring St - Harvey St - Hawthorne Ter	- Lockwood Ln - Locust St - Mayock Ct - Morrison St - New St - Oak St - Olive St - Pearl Rd - Pine St - Poplar St - Robinhood Rd	- Smith Ct - Smith St - Storig Ave - Willis Dr
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Follow the Closter Police Department on Facebook and our website for updates.



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR PATIENCE
& COOPERATION!



YOUR SAFETY.
OUR PRIORITY.

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Volunteering is the backbone to a strong, vibrant community. Please consider ways in which you can participate and make a difference. Closter offers invaluable services for our residents in a safe environment in which to raise our families, participate in activities for all age groups and move forward in many positive directions.

All the Best,



Mayor

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