

MAIL LIST
May 22, 2026

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7.	5/20/2026	NJLM	Weekly Roundup <u>State Issues</u> • Bill Bypassing Local Approval for Conversion of Medical Cannabis Advances • Governor Highlights Opportunity to Extend Bar Opening Hours for World Cup • NJDOT Issues World Cup 2026 Traffic Advisory Toolkit • DEP Seeking Nominations for Recycling and Sustainability Leaders • Restoration of Energy Tax Receipts Sample Resolution <u>Federal Issues</u> • ARPA SLFRF Reporting Office Hours • NLC Releases 2026 Municipal Infrastructure Conditions Report <u>Also of Interest</u> • <i>NJ Municipalities</i> Blog: Local Officials Earn National Honors • Governor's Housing Conference Registration Now Open • NLC National Constituency Group Meetings • Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program • Childhood Lead Program Grant Funding Available • NJ Reentry Corporation Hosting H.R. 1 Implementation Conference	Mayor and Council Borough Administrator
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Captain Bill Sheehan
Executive Director
& Riverkeeper

May 11, 2026

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Dear Mayor & Council,

On Saturday, June 6th, Hackensack Riverkeeper is joining forces with Veolia Water to present the annual Oradell Reservoir Challenge, a day of races and family-friendly fun on Oradell Reservoir.

We are inviting you to join your fellow town leaders in the 15th annual Town Cup Challenge, a kayak race on the Oradell Reservoir – part of Hackensack Riverkeeper's Oradell Reservoir Challenge event. Each year, this exclusive race draws an enthusiastic crowd, anxious to see which town will paddle to victory. Building on last year's momentum, we're excited to once again welcome local emergency service personnel to participate, bringing even more community pride and friendly competition to the water.

Oradell Reservoir Challenge will take place near the Haworth Treatment Plant (200 Lake Shore Drive, Haworth, NJ 07641), and will feature 5k and 10k kayak races beginning at 9:00 am, followed by the Town Cup Challenge at 11:00 am. A family-friendly open paddle will commence thereafter. Fun on-shore activities for spectators and non-paddlers, including children's crafts and live music, are also planned. This year, once again, and coinciding with NJ's Free Fishing Day, we will also feature a landside fishing derby.

Oradell Reservoir Challenge is an important day for public access to our waterways and a fundraiser to support Hackensack Riverkeeper's ongoing efforts to protect, preserve, and restore the river and its watershed. Please call 201-968-0808 or email Marta at Paddling@hackensackriverkeeper.org to register.

If you cannot participate, you are more than welcome to send delegates from your town to paddle in your place. Town leaders, emergency services, and delegates should be on-site at the reservoir 30 minutes before the start of the race (please plan to arrive by 10:30 am). All kayaks and gear are provided!

Sincerely,





2 ML 5.22.2026

Laura Rametta <lrametta@closternj.us>

Library news May 18, 2026

1 message

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

Reply-To: cltrcirc@bccls.org

To: lrametta@closternj.us

Mon, May 18, 2026 at 8:03 AM



May 18, 2026

MEMORIAL DAY

The Library will be closed Saturday May 23 through Monday May 25 for Memorial Day.



New Program

Chair Yoga

Tuesdays May 12 to June 30 (no class June 2)

11:30am



Chair yoga is a modified form of yoga designed to be done while seated and standing with the support of a chair. Anyone that needs gentle controlled modified movements, gentle stretching, guided breathing, managing arthritis, recovery, or limited mobility. Standing poses with the support of a chair

and easy modified balance poses also supported by a chair. No registration required.

About the instructor

Arlene Minoyan is a many-years yoga instructor/practitioner. In addition to private & group various yoga classes, she has traveled to major cities, (sponsored) to bring health and awareness to many people with physical and health related issues.

RESOURCES

May is Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month



OverDrive/Libby has a wide range of titles

From ebooks to eaudios, you can load up your reader and with Adult, Teen, and Children's books and celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander history, culture, and contributions

[Visit the collection on your computer or on your device.](#)

Museum Passes

Face Value

Celebrity Press Photography at MoMA



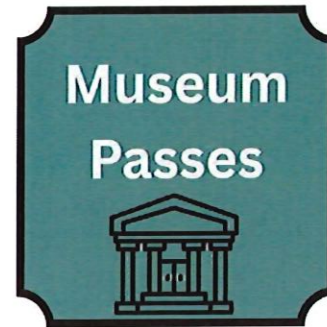
Through June 21

[Face Value](#) invites us to take a close look at the celebrity-making machinery of the 20th-century Hollywood star system. For decades, film studios produced photographic portraits to promote the glamour of the actors they had under contract. This exhibition examines how these images were manipulated for public consumption in the decades before digital tools, AI technology, and social media revolutionized the process..

Borrow the MoMA pass to visit this and other exhibits at the museum.

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.](#)



Primary Voting Information

Key Primary Information:

Election Day: **June 2, 2026**
Voter Registration Deadline: **May 12**
Vote by Mail Application Deadline: **May 26**
Early Voting Period: **May 26 through May 31**



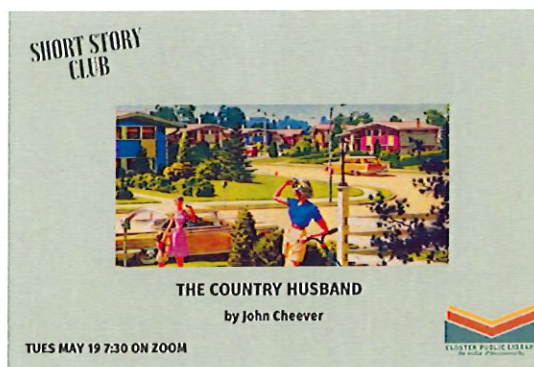
Vote by Mail Updates:

[Online Application to Request a Vote by Mail Ballot](#)

Updated Vote by Mail Materials – [New Vote by Mail Instructional Video](#)

Regular Programs

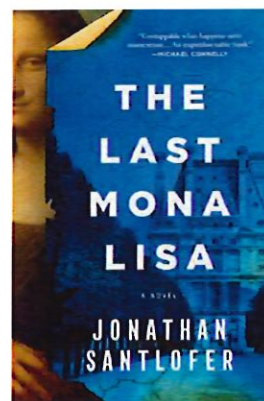
Short Story Club



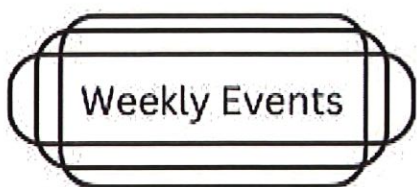
**Tuesday May 19 7:30 pm
on Zoom**

Contact [Julia](#) for more information and the Zoom Link

Adult Book Club



Wednesday May 20 3pm
[The Last Mona Lisa](#) by Jonathan Santlofer. Read [The Women](#) by Kristin Hannah for June.



Monday

10-11:30am- Advanced ESL

Conversation

7-8pm - Tech Help

Tuesday

11:30am- Chair Yoga

Wednesday

1-2:30pm- Advanced ESL Conversation

6-7 pm Yoga/Meditation

Thursday

10-11:30am - 1 to 1 ESL Tutoring

12:30-2pm - Knitting and Craft

4:30pm - Zumba on Zoom

Friday

10-11:30am - 1 to 1 ESL Tutoring

Saturday

Closed

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

ClosterPublicLibrary.org





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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Opioid Settlement Town Hall & Technical Assistance Section

1 message

Sands, Derek <DSands@bergencountynj.gov>

Tue, May 19, 2026 at 3:55 PM

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

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

Good Afternoon,

You are invited to join the County of Bergen for a Town Hall and Technical Assistance Session focused on:

- An overview of the opioid settlement and allowable uses
- Fiscal processes and reporting requirements
- Initiatives from the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office

Details:

- **Monday, June 1, 2026**
- **9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**
- **Bergen Community College – Moses Conference Center**

Breakfast will be provided. Registration is required. Please note that this event is by invitation only; if you fall within the categories listed below, you are invited to attend.

This session is open to:

Mayors, Borough Administrators, Borough Clerks, Municipal CFOs, Police Chiefs/Designees, Superintendents, Municipal Alliance Coordinators, and Health Officers.

To register please click here: <https://forms.gle/wcyL4FBpnZy3nW6D7>

Bergen County Executive
James J. Tedesco, III
and the
Bergen County Board of Commissioners
Together with the
Bergen County Department of Health Services/ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Invite you to join Bergen County's



OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS TOWN HALL

Join us for town hall providing guidance on managing municipal opioid settlement funds. County leadership will review permitted uses, fiscal and reporting requirements, and key initiatives from the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office.

Monday, June 1, 2026

9:00 AM

Registration begins at 8:30 AM

The Moses Center

Bergen Community College

400 Paramus Road, Paramus, New Jersey



Breakfast will be served.

Registration Is Required.

***Open to Mayors, Administrators, Borough Clerks, Municipal CFOs, Police Chiefs or designees, Superintendents, Municipal Alliance Coordinators, and Health Officers.**

To register, [click here](#) or scan the QR code.

For additional information, please contact Shelby Klein:
SKlein@BergenCountyNJ.Gov or (201) 336-2745

James J. Tedesco, III
Bergen County Executive

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Kind regards,

Derek Alan Sands (*he/him/his*)

Deputy Chief of Staff

Office of County Executive James J. Tedesco III

County of Bergen

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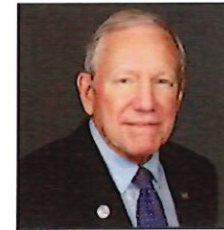
Office 201-784-0600 x 500
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~ Closter Borough Council ~

Victoria Amitai
Alissa Latner

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Joseph Yammarino



MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

May 20, 2026

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

This issue of the Mayor's Newsletter is filled with news and events taking place in town. As always, my door is open; please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue concerning the Borough.



CLOSTER'S MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY

The Annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 25th. This annual event honors Closter's own heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice, along with our nation's men and women who gave their lives in defending our nation's freedom. The parade will form at 9:30am in front of the Closter Plaza on Vervalen Street. The parade will start at 10am sharp. Mayor's Trophy awarded to best group or float marching

We ask those who are not marching with any of the various organizations to join the parade route which will start at the Closter Plaza, pass the Borough Hall, and continue through the center of downtown Closter to Memorial Park. If your organization is interested in marching in the Parade, contact Joettinger@closternj.us.

Following the parade, the Memorial Day ceremony will take place in the northeast corner of Memorial Park where this year's Grand Marshall, Lenny Albanese, will be recognized. Following the parade, refreshments will be served at the Closter Elks Club located at 148 Railroad Avenue. All residents are welcome.

THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS

MAYOR GLIDDEN'S COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS			
5/20	WED	MAGNOLIA STREET STRING BAND	7 PM
5/29	FRI	RONEN MIKAY QUARTET	7 PM
6/05	FRI	HENRY COVNER DJ	7 PM
6/19	FRI	TILL WE CAN'T	7 PM
7/17	FRI	REFLECTIONS SWING BAND	7 PM
8/07	FRI	LONDON CALL BEATLES	7 PM
8/21	FRI	DAVID SCANCE	7 PM
9/21	FRI	TO BE ANNOUNCED	7 PM
9/26	SAT	PURPLE GLOVE	2 PM
All concerts are at CLOSTER PLAZA at 7 PM unless noted.			
closterboro.com for details and rain date.			

The Mayor's Committee for the Arts is pleased to offer the **2026 Summer Concert Series** in EDENS Closter Plaza beginning with the sounds of the Magnolia Street String Band on Wed., May 20th. On Friday, May 29th enjoy an evening of beautiful music by the Ronen Mikay Quartet.

This delightful summer concert series, funded through a generous donation by EDENS, is being held in Concert Corner in the Closter Plaza.

In the event of adverse weather, the concerts are planned for the following day. Guests are invited to bring a chair or blanket and enjoy a wide variety of music.

BELSKIE MUSEUM OF ART & SCIENCE



The Martin Hicks Gallery at the Belskie Museum is pleased to announce the 23rd Annual exhibit by art students of Northern Valley Regional High School at Demarest. This inspirational exhibit of artwork will run from May 14th -24th.

The opening reception held on Thursday, May 14th was a huge success. The museum's hours are 2-4 m on Saturdays and Sundays after the Thursday opening reception. The Belskie Museum is located at 280 High St adjacent to the Closter Public Library. Additional information on upcoming events and exhibits can be found by visiting the website at www.belskiemuseum.com or emailing belskiemuseum@hotmail.com.

CLOSTER LIONS DUCK DERBY - Saturday, June 6th - 11am to 2pm at the Closter Nature Center

"And they're off!!" The Closter Lion's International 4th Annual Duck Derby is Saturday, June 6th. **CHANGE IN VENUE!!** This year's Duck Derby is being held at the Closter Nature Center, located on Ruckman Road. The duck that comes in 1st place will win a flat screen TV, 2nd place will win a bike that you can choose up to a \$1000 value at Tenaflly Bicycle Shop and more including Tricky Tray Baskets! *Fun for the whole family!* This fun-filled event will be held rain or shine at the Closter Nature Center, located on Ruckman Road between 11am until 2pm. Proceeds from the Duck Derby will benefit the Closter Nature Center!

CLOSTER BOARD OF HEALTH

Pet Licensing & Rabies Clinic Update: Cat license registration for the 2026–2027 licensing year is now open and available through the online portal :<https://www.closterboro.com/o/boc/page/pet-registration>

The next *Free Rabies Clinic* will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 1:00pm to 2:00pm at the **Senior Center**. For more information call the Health Department at 201-784-0600 Ext. 493 or email Jbae@closternj.us.

CLOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Regular Programs include First Friday Flicks on June 5th at 1pm featuring *Wuthering Heights*. The calendar is brimming with programs; too many to list, but guaranteed there is something for everyone. Please visit the library in person or on line (www.closterpubliclibrary.org) to find a full lineup of activities from technology assistance, chair yoga, book clubs, ESL tutoring, Zumba on Zoom and more.

The Summer Book Sale is taking place on Saturday, June 20th from 9am to 4pm. There is a huge selection of books, DVDs and more to choose from. Find some great bargains while supporting the library.

Belskie Museum's Art Wall is featuring the works of local artist Andrew Weatherly. *"The Art Beyond A Syndrome"* a collection of painting, poetry and photography, is on exhibit now through June 27th. Located along the walkway to the Community Room, the art wall is an exhibit feature curated by the Belskie Museum of Art & Science. www.belskiemuseum.com

Youth Services Programs are in full swing at the library – please consider signing up for the Newsletter (www.closterpubliclibrary.org) to see the array of programs. The Library will be *closed* on Friday, June 19th for Juneteenth

CLOSTER RECREATION HALF-DAY SUMMER CAMP

Closter Recreation's *Free Half Day Summer Rec Program* – July 1st – July 29th

Parents can still register their children for the half day free camp which runs Monday – Friday starting on Wednesday, July 1st – July 29th at Memorial Park in Closter from 9:30am – 12 noon. This program is cancelled if it rains. Please email Jim Oettinger at joettinger@closternj.us with any questions.

**** CLOSTER CELEBRATES AMERICA'S 250th ANNIVERSARY ****



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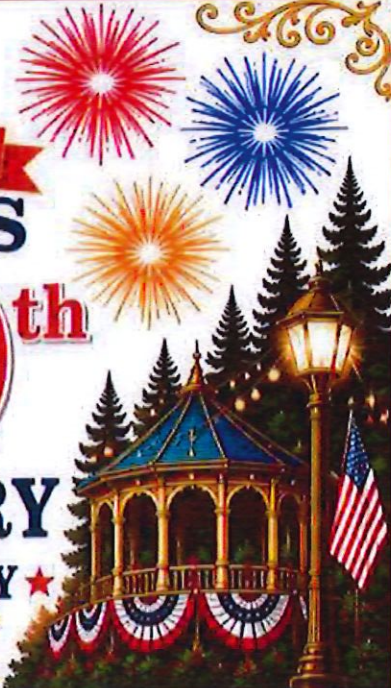
★ CELEBRATES ★

AMERICA'S 250th

ANNIVERSARY

★ PARADE & TOWN DAY ★

1776 ★ 2026



 **MEMORIAL PARK, CLOSTER, NJ**

 **SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026**

 **PARADE: 11:30 AM ★ EVENT BEGINS: 12:00 PM**

 **FREE KIDS RIDES**

 **FAMILY FUN**

 **COMMUNITY EXHIBITS**

 **LIVE MUSIC**

 **FOOD VENDORS**

★ **PARKING INFORMATION** ★

 **Limited street parking**
(follow posted signs)

 **Walking encouraged**
where possible

★ **FIREWORKS** ★

 **Approximately 9:00pm** 

Presented by

★ BOROUGH OF CLOSTER ★

★ SPONSORED BY OUR GENEROUS PARTNERS ★

EDENS CLOSTER PLAZA	FIRST COMMERCE BANK	NVE / ION BANK	CLOSTER COACHES ASSOCIATION		
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★ *Join the Celebration!* ★

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026

**** CLOSTER CELEBRATES AMERICA'S 250th – A TOWN DAY EVENT SCHEDULE ****

Closter's Town Celebration on June 13th is in honor of our Nations 250th Anniversary. It is going to be an event you will not want to miss! The Borough is hosting a gala event featuring something for all Closter residents. Beginning at 11:30 am the Parade steps off from the Closter Ambulance building on Ruckman Rd. and ends at Memorial Park / Tenakill School, kicking off the full day program as follows ~

~Proposed Time Line ~

Free Kids Rides – 12:30 pm – 8:30pm
Colonial Arts & Crafts – 12:15pm – 3:30pm
Free Pony Rides and Petting Zoo – 2pm – 5pm
Free Tractor Rides – 2pm – 5pm

12:10pm – National Anthem – Alisha Lochan

Invocation by Pastor Bob Holsten

12:15pm – 12:30 pm: Reading of the Declaration of Independence - the Anchor Pavilion, Flagpole

12:30pm – 1:00 pm: Tiger Kim Demonstration at the Band Shell

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm: NJ Scottish Dance Society at the Band Shell

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Billy Barrett Blacksmith Demo behind the Anchor Pavilion, Flagpole

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm: Tim Adriance Talks "*Closter in the Revolution*" - Anchor Pavilion, Flagpole

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm: Colonial Games – Closter Cub Scouts – Tenakill Field

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm: The Purple Glove Band at the Band Shell

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm: Hillside & Tenakill Students Essay Reading - Anchor Pavilion, Flagpole

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Tim Adriance Antique Tools Woodworking Demonstration - Flagpole

3:00 pm - 3:45 pm: Closter Elks Flag Day Ceremony – Anchor Pavilion, Flagpole

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm: Tim Adriance Talks – "*Closter in the Revolution*" - Anchor Pavilion, Flagpole

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: The Waldwick Band at the Band Shell

6:00 pm - 7:15 pm: Willie Wilson at the Band Shell

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm: Shoreline Anthem at the Band Shell

Approximately 9:00ish pm – FIREWORKS!

On behalf of the countless number of volunteers who have worked for months creating Closter's Town Wide Celebration of America's 250th, Thank You! To the abundant array of event sponsors – many, many thanks to each of you for your generous contributions and support.

MACBAIN FARM PARK

The annual *Seed Swap* at the MacBain Farm has been rescheduled to **Saturday, May 23rd from 10am-noon.** Closter residents are invited to stop by to exchange seeds, gardening tips and connect with fellow gardeners.

The first phase of upgrades to the farm's handicap-accessible garden has been completed. Two new 8-foot raised planter boxes designed for accessibility have been installed and are ready for planting. Students from the Valley Program will be assisting with planting and maintaining the new accessible garden boxes in the coming weeks as part of their ongoing volunteer work at the farm.

Season field preparation is underway at the farm, including the complete replacement of all agricultural row plastic. The existing plastic has been removed; the fields have been tilled and prepped for plastic installation ahead of the 2026 planting season. As a reminder, parking when visiting the farm is on Hickory Lane.

CLOSTER NATURE CENTER

Annual Pond Celebration on Sunday, June 7th, 1-4pm

Get ready for a delightful day at Ruckman Pond! Live music, paddle serene waters in a canoe, unleash your creativity with arts & crafts and explore the wonders of pond science. This is a fair-like event blending education, family-fun and the outdoors. Attendance is free, but some activities require purchasing tickets.

Volunteer Event: Seedling Potting with Wild Woods Restoration on Sunday, June 14th & Saturday, June 27th 10am-12pm

Come help us pot native seedlings that will eventually be planted to restore and heal the public lands. Meet fellow nature lovers and learn directly from ecological experts. Registration required at wildwoodsproject.org/events

Music By The Pond on June 21st, 4-6pm, at the Cabin

Musicians of all levels, from professionals to hobbyists unite to exchange melodies and find solace in the embrace of nature's arena. Always Free; Donations are appreciated to help us continue our mission of providing quality programs.

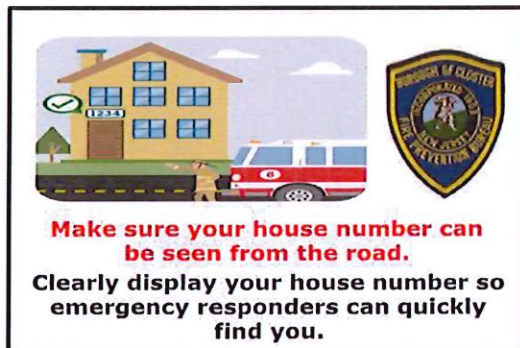
CNC Summer Program Registration NOW OPEN – Weekly Sessions July 6th to August 27th

Our famous Sumer Program returns this July, offering eight weeks of exploration across 136 acres of ponds, streams, meadows and forests. Each week is 4 days of half-day sessions service ages 4-14. Full schedule and information at www.closternaturecenter.org/summerprogram.

CLOSTER RECREATION

The *Steven Potterton Memorial Concert Series* begins on **Friday, June 19th at 7:30pm** with the music of "Warning Track". This five week concert series is held in Memorial Park at the Lions Band shell (near Harrington Ave). On June 26th the music of "The Kootz" fills the air, followed by "Rhyme or Reason" on July 10th, "The Shoreline Anthem Band" on July 17th and "Tommy Walker" on July 24th.

CLOSTER FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



The Fire Prevention Bureau is reminding all **residents as well as businesses**, of the importance of displaying Your house number in a visible location that can be seen from the road.

Clear visibility will aid all emergency responders in finding you quickly.

NJ MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION – MOBILE VEHICLE INSPECTION TEAM

The NJ MVC's Mobile Vehicle Inspection Team is bringing its onsite vehicle inspection service to the Borough on **Tuesday, June 23rd between 8:30am – 2pm**. Inspections are conducted in the Borough Hall parking lot on a **first-come, first-serve** basis, so no appointments are required. Vehicles are lined up and processed in the order they arrive. Inspections can be performed only up to 2 months in advance.

- Passing vehicles will receive a 2-year inspection sticker
- New car dealer vehicles receive a 5- year inspection sticker
- Failing vehicles will receive a rejection sticker along with a 30-day report, allowing the owner time to address the issue and return to an inspection facility for re-inspection

NJ DEP FISH & WILDLIFE

Following the Borough's Town Hall Information Session on Deer, Brian Schumm, Senior Biologist, Bureau of Wildlife Management, has provided the Borough with two links for information regarding the deer population in our immediate area. Below is a link for a brochure that we have for this topic.

<https://dep.nj.gov/wp-content/uploads/njfw/deer-management-in-your-community.pdf>

Below is a link to NJ Forestry Association's YouTube where we gave a webinar more broadly about deer statewide that could be helpful for people for more historical context.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqOlalijXlc>

TOWN-WIDE CLEAN-UP

Closter's Town-Wide Clean-Up, coordinated by the Environmental Commission was a huge success. The Clean-Up was held on Sunday, May 3rd. There were 94 enthusiastic volunteers working together to clean up debris scattered along roadsides, wooded areas, waterways and parklands. In addition to members of the Environmental Commission, Mayor Glidden and Council members worked with volunteers from Scout Troops, members of P.A.V.A. Int'l., employees from the Closter Target, Honors Society students, from Northern Valley Demarest and Closter families to beautify our community. Together they collected more than 60 large bags of debris.



Many thanks to all who made this a very successful event!

JOE ACCORDINO JR. MEMORIAL FISHING CONTEST

The annual Joe Accordino Jr. Memorial Fishing Contest, co-sponsored by Closter Recreation and the Closter Police Department, was held on Saturday, May 9th at Ruckman Pond. This annual event had various awards supplied by the Closter Police Department and the Accordino family.



CONGRATULATIONS ~ 7/8 BOYS CLOSTER BORMANN INDOOR SOCCOR TEAM WIN!!



Congratulations to the 7/8 Boys Closter Bormann Indoor Soccer team who finished the season with a record of 5-1 in the Northern Valley Boys Soccer Winter 2026 7/8 Blue Division while winning the Boys Division 7/8 A Harnisch Cup. In the heart-pounding, sensational final game, Closter Bormann defeated Hillsdale Sullivan by a score of 5-2. An amazing accomplishment and congratulations

RIBBON CUTTING/GRAND OPENING CELEBRATIONS

May was a busy month for Grand Opening celebrations as Birch Dental Studio, 136 Oakland Ave. and Perspire Sauna Studio, 8 Vervalen St. in Closter Plaza, held grand opening celebrations.



Birch Dental Studio Grand Opening Celebration
Councilwoman Vicky Amitai, Mayor John Glidden,
Councilman Cho



Perspire Sauna Studio Grand Opening Celebration
Councilman Cho, Councilwoman Alissa Latner,
Mayor John Glidden

A VERY SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF APPRECIATION

The Borough of Closter's Food & Assistance Board gratefully acknowledges the very generous bequest made by Reba N. Herson. Reba, a longtime resident of Closter passionately supported her community. Reba passed away in April of 2024 at the age of 99 years old. Her love for her community will continue through her generous \$15,000 bequest to the F.A.B. food pantry in addition to bequests to the Closter Public Library, Closter Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Corps, Closter Fire Department, Closter Nature Center and animal welfare society.



Closter is moving forward in many positive directions. Volunteers are the backbone of any community and I encourage each of you to think of ways in which you can, as a volunteer, make a difference.

All the best,

Mayor

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Bee swarm resource for spring in Closter borough

1 message

Greg Scott <greg@swarmedproject.org>
To: mmargiotta@closternj.us

Wed, May 20, 2026 at 1:38 PM

Hi there,

I'm following up on an email I sent last summer about beeswarmed.org, a community resource for Closter borough residents dealing with honey bee swarms. Swarmed is a satellite partner of the UC Davis California Master Beekeeper Program, and our work has been featured in The Guardian and by NPR.

The spring swarm season is going on across NJ, and that means city offices like animal control, parks, and non-emergency dispatch tend to get calls from residents who don't know what to do when thousands of bees show up.

We work to connect them directly with local beekeepers who can relocate the bees safely at no cost to the resident. I wanted to share two resources in case they're useful for your office to have on hand or for passing along to the relevant departments within Closter borough.

Flyer (printable, one page):

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1krEokxFUji9dckGj3T6n2VGtTCNL4SCY/view?usp=sharing>

Press release with background:

https://docs.google.com/document/u/3/d/1qeJxgLwWtY4ToGXgNwfp0B0QQfw6qGjrCr8soog_18

If either link doesn't come through, I can also send the files directly.

Happy to answer any questions.

Mateo Kaiser
Director, Swarmed
mateo@beeswarmed.org
beeswarmed.org

SPOTTED A BEE SWARM?

Help protect bees and your community.

Swarmed is a free public resource that connects you with local beekeepers to safely relocate honey bees.

Protecting bees

Swarms are colonies of bees looking for a new home. Without a beekeeper, fewer than 1 in 4 bee colonies survive. Reporting it supports pollinators and brings in a local beekeeper who can help.

**Report bee swarms at
beeswarmed.org**



info@beeswarmed.org

With Record Bee Losses, Swarmed Prepares Communities for 2026 Swarm Season

Resource connects 10,000 beekeepers as swarm season brings opportunity to protect millions of bees seeking new homes

Davis, California – Feb 15, 2026 – As temperatures rise across North America, honey bee colonies are beginning to swarm. Swarmed, the world's largest open-access swarm reporting platform, is alerting its network of over 10,000 beekeepers to help protect bee colonies during spring and summer swarming season.

Data from Project Apis m. shows beekeepers lost an average of 62% of their colonies from June 2024 to February 2025, highlighting the urgency of protecting every bee colony that can be saved. When honey bee colonies swarm, they are seeking new homes, but without beekeeper intervention, fewer than 25% survive on their own, according to research by Thomas Seeley of Cornell University.

This spring, Swarmed expects to send over 300,000 swarm alerts to beekeepers nationwide, helping relocate over 350 million bees cumulatively and saving beekeepers an estimated \$1,000,000 in colony replacement costs.

"Bee colonies appearing near homes are common and manageable during swarm season," said Mateo Kaiser, Managing Director of Swarmed and UC Davis California Master Beekeeper. "Local beekeepers can safely relocate colonies, typically within hours of a report, protecting both the community and the bees. This year, we're working on data tools to help beekeepers adapt to changing conditions and help their bees thrive"

Swarm Season: What Communities Need to Know

Swarm season typically runs from March through September across most of North America, with peak activity occurring when daytime temperatures reach 60–80°F (16–28°C) after several days of warming weather. During this time, strong colonies naturally split, with thousands of bees leaving their hive with their queen to establish new homes.

The sooner a beekeeper can assess a situation, the better for both the bees and the public's peace of mind. Swarms are not aggressive but are vulnerable to weather, pesticides, extermination, and unethical removal methods. Communities are encouraged to report any bee situation, even if they are unsure whether it is a swarm, an established colony, or a different insect entirely. Swarmed's image identification tool helps determine what it is and connects the public with appropriate help.

How Swarmed Works

When someone spots bees, they report it at beeswarmed.org/report-bee-colony. The platform immediately alerts local beekeepers within the reporter's area, with most reports receiving a response in under 15 minutes. Swarm collection is typically provided at no cost as a community service. Complex established colony extractions, where bees have built comb inside a wall or structure, may involve fees that beekeepers discuss directly with property owners.

Swarmed works with municipal services, emergency dispatch centers, community organizations, and over 50 beekeeping associations across the United States and Australia.

Supporting Pollinator Recovery

With over 60% of managed bee colonies lost this past winter, every relocated swarm contributes directly to pollinator population recovery. Organizations are encouraged to share Swarmed as a referral resource to reduce unnecessary extermination calls and give communities a clear, bee-friendly path forward.

Swarmed is a satellite partner of the California Master Beekeeper Program at the University of California, Davis, and maintains the largest public dataset of honey bee swarm reports ever compiled, with over 4 million data points on bee health and behavior collected to date.

Resources for Communities

- Report a bee swarm or colony: beeswarmed.org/report-bee-colony
 - Information for municipalities: Ready-to-use materials for emergency services and community organizations available at beeswarmed.org
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Media Contact: Mateo Kaiser, Managing Director — mateo@beeswarmed.org

About Swarmed: Swarmed is a free community platform connecting the public with local beekeepers for safe honey bee colony and swarm rescue. The platform supports pollinator population recovery while giving communities a simple, effective alternative to extermination. Swarmed is a satellite partner of the California Master Beekeeper Program at the University of California, Davis.



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Children's Programs May 25 - 30

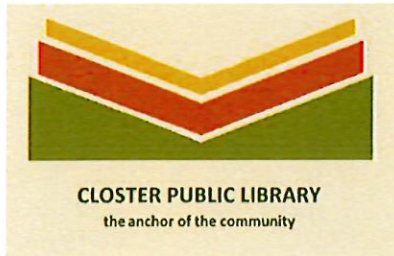
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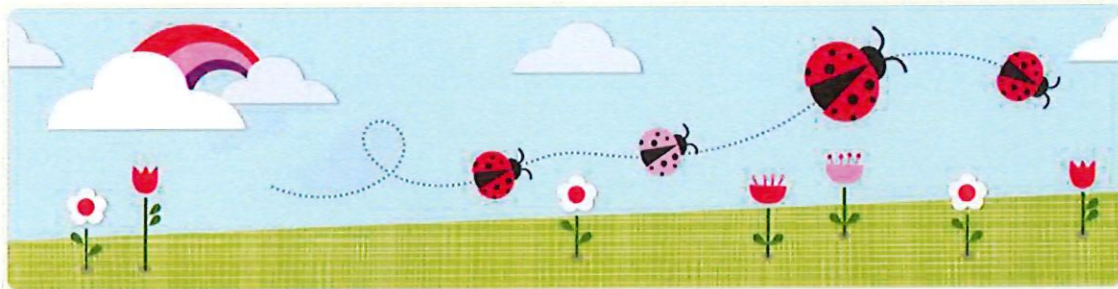
Reply-To: kids@closter.bccls.org

To: mmargiotta@closternj.us

Thu, May 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM



Special Program Children and Young Adult Newsletter



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS MAY 25 - 30 2026

Dear Library Patrons,
Happy week! We're excited to share a friendly reminder about the wonderful classes and programs happening at the library this week.

Be sure to check this week's schedule so you don't miss out on any of the programs that interest you. You can find the details on our website. We encourage you to stop by and take part in everything the library has to offer. We look forward to seeing you throughout the week!

Warm wishes,
Vida Deleon

WEEK 7 (May 25–30)

Mon (5/25)

- Closed for Memorial Day

Tue (5/26)

- 3:50 PM – Arts Club
- 4:45 PM – Math for Fun

Wed (5/27)

- 10:00 AM – Playtime with Mr Jon
- 3:00 PM – Playtime with Mr Jon
- 4:45 PM – Creative Writing

Thu (5/28)

- 10:00 AM – Playtime with Mr Jon

Fri (5/29)

- 3:30–4:30 PM – Robotics

Have questions or ideas for children/teen programming, please contact me via email:
vida.deleon@closter.bccls.org or 201-768-4197



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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Cannabis Bypass Bill, World Cup Updates, ETR Resolution

1 message

NJLM Weekly Roundup <noreply@civicplus.com>

Wed, May 20, 2026 at 4:05 PM

Reply-To: noreply@civicplus.com

To: mmargiotta@closternj.us



Weekly Roundup

View a Featured Ad at the End of this Email

May 20, 2026

State Issues

Bill Bypassing Local Approval for Conversion of Medical Cannabis Advances

The League submitted opposition to A-5051, which allows the three remaining medical cannabis dispensaries in the state to apply to the state for a Class 5 retail license without first obtaining local approval.

[Read more: Bill Bypassing Local Approval for Conversion of Medical Cannabis Advances](#)

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

Governor Highlights Opportunity to Extend Bar Operating Hours for World Cup

Governor Sherrill Highlights Opportunity for Municipalities to Extend Bar Operating Hours During World Cup

[Read more: Governor Highlights Opportunity to Extend Bar Operating Hours for World Cup](#)

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

NJDOT Issues World Cup 2026 Traffic Advisory Toolkit

The NJ Department of Transportation (NJDOT) has issued the World Cup 2026 Traffic Advisory Toolkit

[Read more: NJDOT Issues World Cup 2026 Traffic Advisory Toolkit](#)

Contact: Lori Buckelew, Deputy Executive Director, lbuckelew@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x112.

DEP Seeking Nominations for Recycling and Sustainability Leaders

Individuals, local governments, organizations, and business leaders are able to submit nominations for the state's annual Recycling Awards Program.

[Read more: DEP Seeking Nominations for Recycling and Sustainability Leaders](#)

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

Restoration of Energy Tax Receipts Sample Resolution

Please consider adopting the League's Restoration of Energy Tax Receipts Sample Resolution.

[Read more: Restoration of Energy Tax Receipts Sample Resolution](#)

Contact: Lori Buckelew, Deputy Executive Director, lbuckelew@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x112.

Federal Issues

ARPA SLFRF Reporting Office Hours

If your municipality is noncompliant with the 2026 annual or quarterly reporting, the U.S. Treasury has open virtual office hours on May 21 and May 28.

[Read more: ARPA SLFRF Reporting Office Hours](#)

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

NLC Releases 2026 Municipal Infrastructure Conditions Report

The National League of Cities (NLC), the League's federal partner, released the 2026 Municipal Infrastructure Conditions (MIC) Survey which provides a timely snapshot of how responding municipalities assess the condition of their infrastructure today.

[Read more: NLC Releases 2026 Municipal Infrastructure Conditions Report](#)

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

Also of Interest

NJ Municipalities Blog: Local Officials Earn National Honors

Seven New Jersey public officials were among those recently recognized as Government Champions for their excellence in service at an event on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, in Philadelphia during the ICMA Local Government Reimagined event. Find out who made the list in this week's [NJ Municipalities' blog post](#).

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.

Governor's Housing Conference Registration Now Open

The Governor's Conference on Housing and Economic Development will be on September 29 and 30 at Harrah's Resort Atlantic City.

Registration is [now open](#).

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

NLC National Constituency Group Meetings

The National League of Cities' (NLC) Constituency Groups will host two conferences, bringing together municipal leaders from across the country to connect, share best practices, and advocate for policies that benefit their communities.

[Read more: NLC National Constituency Group Meetings](#)

Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program

The New Jersey Department of Health is offering more than \$10 million to strengthen local public health infrastructure, workforce capacity, foundational capabilities, and data modernization efforts.

[Read more: Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program](#)

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

Childhood Lead Program Grant Funding Available

The New Jersey Department of Health is offering more than \$15 million to support childhood lead screening, nurse case management, environmental investigations, and public education initiatives.

[Read more: Childhood Lead Program Grant Funding Available](#)

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

NJ Reentry Corporation Hosting H.R. 1 Implementation Conference

NJ Reentry Corporation is hosting two statewide H.R. 1 Implementation conferences addressing the practical impact of new Medicaid and SNAP requirements on reentry, recovery, veteran, and low-income populations.

[Read more: NJ Reentry Corporation Hosting H.R. 1 Implementation Conference](#)

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