

MAIL LIST
October 17, 2025

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October 16, 2025

Honorable Mayor and Council:

It is with great respect that the Bergen County Chiefs Association and the Bergen County Chiefs Foundation announce that we will be hosting our annual "Holiday for our Heroes" ceremony in Bergen County.

The event will be held at the Paramus Veterans Home on December 7, 2025 at 10:00 AM. It is our intention to honor the over 80,000 deceased veterans in Bergen County during the holiday season.

Our event will consist of a formal ceremony at the Veterans Home and at the conclusion, we intend on deploying a memorial wreath honoring our veterans at each municipal military memorial park.

We feel it appropriate to notify you of our endeavor, as it would be disrespectful to place anything on municipal property without your knowledge or approval.

Please feel free to contact me (msavino@emersonpd.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

With dignity and respect,

Chief Mark Savino
Emerson Chief of Police
Chairman Bergen County Police Chiefs Foundation

Box 212, 637 Wyckoff Avenue,
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Please Join Us
Sunday, December 7, 2025

BERGEN COUNTY POLICE CHIEFS FOUNDATION
4th Annual
**HOLIDAY WREATH CEREMONY
FOR OUR HEROES**

Held at the
Paramus Veteran's Home
1 Veteran Way
Paramus, NJ 07652

It is our endeavor to Honor & Remember
Our Over 80,000 Departed Veteran Heroes
throughout Bergen County with a ceremony
worthy of their service and sacrifice.
Completing the mission with the presentation
of a wreath in their respective
Bergen County Municipality.

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HONOR & REMEMBER
their **SERVICE & SACRIFICE**
during the Holiday Season!

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FOR OUR HEROES**

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Our Bergen County Veterans*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025
10 A.M.



at the
PARAMUS VETERAN'S HOME



REGISTRATION

Donation /Registration for Event

NAME _____

COMPANY _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

Please check box below to indicate if you will be in attendance at the Ceremony at the Paramus Veteran Home on Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 10 a.m.

Will Attend: ☐ Donation Only: ☐

Please submit completed registration form along with check(s) made payable to:
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Questions:
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email: info@bcpclf.org

OUR MISSION

The primary purpose of the Bergen County Police Chiefs Foundation is to identify and support the needs of active and retired US Military personnel in Bergen County and their families and provide financial support where needed.

The Bergen County Police Chiefs Foundation will also identify and support charitable, educational and financial initiatives to individuals and groups in need of assistance.

The Bergen County Police Chiefs Foundation is a 501(c)(3)
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All contributions are
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EVENT SCHEDULE

Introductions

Presentation of Colors
w/ Bergen County Police Pipes & Drums

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem

Invocation

Welcome Remarks

BCPCA President Remarks

Keynote Speaker

Bergen County Police Pipes & Drums
Musical Salute to Our Military

Closing Remarks

Taps

Benediction

Retirement of the Colors

Deployment of Wreaths
to

Bergen County Veteran's Memorials

All Welcome to Participate



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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Mayors' Newsline October 2025

1 message

NJLM Mayors Newsline <noreply@civicplus.com>

Sun, Oct 19, 2025 at 1:40 PM

Reply-To: noreply@civicplus.com

To: mmargiotta@closternj.us



NJLM President Mayor Paul
Tomasko, Alpine

President's Note:

Many of us are busy on the campaign trail now and looking forward to the voters casting their ballots and starting the next chapter on Election Day. The legislative drama in Trenton, however, won't stop any time soon.

This year, the 221st Legislature will come to an end, and before that we will be going through a Lame Duck period that will require local government attention.

Bills of interest to all of us may be pushed through the Statehouse at top speed, including those relating to the State Health Benefits Program, Business Personal Property Tax, Land Use, and Energy Tax Receipts. Prepare yourself for the possibilities by attending the League's Lame Duck Preview Lunch & Learn on October 31 at noon.

Working together we will be ready to speak up and defend local governments.

Action List: October

1. [Register for the Lame Duck Preview Lunch & Learn.](#) As the 221st Legislative Session draws to a close, please join us for a Lame Duck Preview Lunch & Learn where we will discuss bills of municipal interest that may be acted on between mid-November and the new session in mid-January.
2. [Submit a topic for consideration as a Conference Resolution.](#) If you have a topic you feel will improve local government and address an issue impacting local governance, submit it to the League for consideration at the League's Resolution Committee meeting. Or, if you already have a resolution drafted, please submit [your resolution for consideration](#). The resolution will be reviewed by League staff and presented at the Resolutions Committee meeting during the Annual League Conference to help share

the League's future legislative goals. Visit the [Conference Resolutions webpage](#) for more details on the process and more information.

3. [Submit your Best Practices Inventory October 24.](#) New for this year, municipalities operating on both a State and Calendar Fiscal Year budget cycle must submit their completed Best Practices Inventory to the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) by close of business on October 24. There is a total of 70 questions on the Best Practices Inventory with six new scored questions and nine unscored questions. Each municipality must receive a minimum score of 32 to receive its full final aid payment.
4. Nominate potential Hall of Fame inductees. Hall of Fame nomination forms will be accepted until November 5. The [Mayors' Hall of Fame](#) is seeking nominations of candidates currently serving as mayor with mayoral service of at least 10 years for Silver level, 20 years for Gold level, and 30 years for Platinum level. [The Elected Officials' Hall of Fame](#) is also accepting nominations for this year's inductees. Local municipal governing body members, active and retired, who have served for 20 or more years as a governing body member are eligible for inclusion.
5. [Complete the BPPT Survey Questionnaire.](#) The League recently released the Business Personal Property Tax (BPPT) survey questionnaire. Please complete the questionnaire by October 31 to help the League with proposed legislative language.



Millburn Township 250th Logo

Millburn Selects 250th Logo

Millburn High School's Jonah Dovdavyan's logo has been selected to represent the towns' 250th Anniversary Celebration. The image features the towns' signature mill and river rendered in a flag shape with a star in the center of the mill wheel representing New Jersey's statehood. The logo is part of the towns' 250th celebrations. A fuller schedule of activities and town history are presented on [Millburn Township's 250th Anniversary of the United States Celebration committee website](#).

Conference Updates



Local Service Recognized at League Events

Mayors and officials on state and local levels will be recognized at League Conference events.

- On Wednesday, the Mayors' Lunch Briefing will welcome state department heads and will also recognize the [nominees for the Mayors' Hall of Fame](#) for 10, 20, or 30+ years of service, and [nominated Elected Officials](#) with at least 20 years of service. Fee: \$30.

- Wednesday evening, attend the Women in Municipal Government Networking & Awards Event to honor five women from around the state. Runs from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fee: \$35. The 2025 honorees are:
 - Councilwoman Jennifer Asay, Bernards Township
 - Mayor Joon L. Chung, Harrington Park
 - Commissioner Victoria Kuhn, NJ Department of Corrections
 - Mayor Susan Marshall, Borough of Tuckerton
 - Police Chief Tina Scott, Borough of Belmar
- On Thursday, the Annual Conference ends strong with the League Delegates Luncheon, which puts you in the room with League and State leadership. Fee: \$45. The honorees are:
 - Mayor Emeritus and League Past President Pete Cantu, Township of Plainsboro
 - Retired Administrator, Former Department of Local Government Services Commissioner, and League Labor Consultant Matt Watkins

Tickets can be purchased during the registration process or added later by [editing your existing Conference registration](#). Only those with a Conference badge may attend the ticketed events.

Shape the League's Legislative Future: Conference Resolutions and Ideas

Is there a topic that you think the League should be considering because it will improve local government or address an issue affecting local governance? Every year, the League invites elected officials currently in municipal office, municipal professionals, and members of the League's Affiliate groups to submit resolutions. [Resolutions and topic suggestions](#) help the League staff identify issues impacting local governments throughout the State. Resolutions are reviewed by League staff, and those selected are presented at the Resolutions Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 18, at the Annual League Conference for review.

League Learning

Ethics Update for Municipal Officials

This webinar will be presented from 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on October 21 by Jennifer Roselle, Esq., Partner, PEM Law, LLP. The seminar will focus on ethical obligations for local and county employers, including redress of possible ethics issues. It will also address conflicts of interest, the use of AI and the ethical risks associated with use, and other best practices for government employees and elected officials in navigating their obligations under State law. The member rate is \$75.

[Register for this ethics update workshop now.](#)

Grants

Resilient NJ Funding Deadline Extended

The submission due date for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Climate Resilience Resilient NJ program grant opportunity has been extended to October 29. Resilient NJ aims to fund up to six new regional teams as they create resilience action plans. Regions will self-identify, but each must be made up of at least three contiguous municipalities plus one or more community-based organizations. Each selected regional team will be awarded up to \$300,000 and paired with a multidisciplinary professional consulting team to aid in the development and implementation of an action plan to build local capacity, identify regional solutions, and increase climate resilience.

Applications

[Resilient NJ Grant applications](#) can be found online.

Due Date

Must be submitted by October 29, 2025.

Information

A Resilient NJ: [Regional Assistance Program Planning Grant Webinar](#) can be viewed on YouTube. All information can be found at the [Resilient NJ website](#).

NJ Municipalities Magazine

Share Your Stories: Fall Issue Articles Sought

We invite Mayors all over New Jersey and their teams to send in articles on success stories, challenges, and innovations. Currently, we are seeking stories, news briefs, op-eds, and columns for the fall issues. The due dates are October 23 for the December issue and November 14 for the January issue. Have a potential story you'd like to discuss? [Email Amy Spiezio](#) today.

Are you and your team [subscribing to NJ Municipalities](#)? Inspire your local government work by reading and building a library of the League's magazine in print or online. [View a sample of the magazine.](#)

Support the League's Magazine

If your municipality has recently used a vendor and you feel that their services would benefit other municipalities, [email Tasneem Kapadia](#), Advertising and Subscription Manager, with their details so she can send them information about the League's magazine. Advertising in *NJ Municipalities* magazine promotes their services and could benefit other towns.



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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

HOUSING HOT TOPIC- Teaneck Senior Citizen housing opens waitlist next week!

1 message

County of Bergen Division of Senior Services <seniors-bergencountynj.gov@shared1.ccsend.com>
Reply-To: seniors@bergencountynj.gov
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Mon, Oct 20, 2025 at 8:03 AM

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HOUSING HOT TOPIC

October 20th, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Starting **next Monday, October 27th**, Teaneck Senior Citizens Housing will be accepting applications to be placed on a waiting list for one-bedroom apartments.

There will be a two-week window to apply: Monday, October 27th through Friday, November 7th, 2025.

Applicants must be 62 years of age or older; Mobility impaired or disabled 62 years of age or older.

Income can not exceed the following:

\$72,950 for one (1) person OR

\$83,400 for two (2) persons.

To obtain an application, you must pick it up at the office of Teaneck Senior Citizens Housing Association at:

5 Dogwood Lane, Teaneck, NJ 07666

BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10A.M-3P.M BEGINNING OCTOBER 27TH AND ENDING OCTOBER 31ST AND AGAIN BETWEEN NOVEMBER 3RD AND ENDING NOVEMBER 7TH, 2025.

Applications will be accepted only by mail, and must be addressed to:

**Teaneck Senior Citizens Housing
C/O Hamilton-Hobbs Realty, INC.**

**5 Dogwood Lane
Teaneck, NJ 07666**

AND MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 21ST, 2025.

ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE TREATED EQUALLY AND WILL BE PLACED IN A LOTTERY FOR NUMBER SELECTION.

IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY AND NEED ASSISTANCE WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS, PLEASE CONTACT DENISE TONER AT 201-833-1033.

LOTTERY WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT 5 DOGWOOD LANE, TEANECK, NJ 07666 ON DECEMBER 2ND, 2025 AT 10A.M.

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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

New PILOT Law; Vetoes; Conference Resolutions

1 message

NJLM Weekly Roundup <noreply@civicplus.com>

Wed, Oct 22, 2025 at 4:21 PM

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Weekly Roundup

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October 22, 2025

State Issues

Complete the BPPT Survey Questionnaire Today

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

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

New Law Expands Payroll Records Submission to PILOT Projects

Governor Murphy recently signed legislation that requires employers or contractors engaged in work for a public body, including PILOT projects, to submit payroll records to the Department of Labor. P.L. 2025, c. 152 will take effect October 20, 2026.

[Read more: New Law Expands Payroll Records Submission to PILOT projects](#)

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

Governor Conditionally Vetoes Housing Directory Legislation

On Tuesday, Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed legislation that establishes a centralized directory for affordable housing and housing for senior citizens and veterans

[Read more: Governor Conditionally Vetoes Housing Directory Legislation](#)

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

Governor Vetoes Qualifications for Public Works Contracts

On Monday, Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed legislation that establishes qualifications for public works contracts.

[Read more: Governor Vetoes Qualifications for Public Works Contracts](#)

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

New Law Requires Historic Preservation Committee Training

Governor Murphy recently signed legislation requiring that members of Historic Preservation Committees complete training to serve on the committees. P.L. 2025, c. 149 will take effect on November 30.

[Read more: New Law Requires Historic Preservation Committee Training](#)

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

Lame Duck Preview Lunch & Learn

Please join the League 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 Lunch & Learn](#)

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

Reminder: Best Practices Inventory Due Oct 24

The Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) has issued Local Finance Notice 2025-13 regarding the Best Practices Inventory due on October 24 for all municipalities, including state fiscal year municipalities.

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

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

Federal Issues

Federal Budget Shutdown Continues

The partial shutdown of the federal budget has entered its third week. Earlier this week, for the 11th time, the Senate failed to advance the House-passed short-term continuing resolution.

[Read more: Federal Budget Shutdown Continues](#)

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

Conference Connections

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 this year. The Resolutions Committee meets on Tuesday, November 18, at 3:00 pm in Room 418 of the Atlantic City Convention Center. 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

250 Champions Program Submissions Due November 15

The National Academy of Public Administration is seeking nominations to honor exceptional individuals working in government who exemplify "democracy at the doorstep."

[Read more: 250 Champions Program Submissions Due November 15](#)

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

DNA Grant Provides Opportunity to Prosecute Cold Cases

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) announces a grant opportunity to assist in solving and prosecuting cold cases using DNA evidence.

[Read more: DNA Grant Provides New Opportunity to Prosecute Cold Cases](#)

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

Emergency Planning Grant for Juvenile Justice Facilities

Grant funding is available to support local governments in developing and enhancing emergency preparedness plans for juvenile justice residential facilities to ensure youth and staff safety during crises.

[Read more: Emergency Planning Grant for Juvenile Justice Facilities](#)

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

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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

October 24, 2025

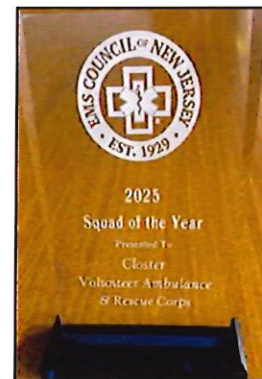
Dear Friends and Neighbors:

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. Borough Hall is OPEN on Tuesday, November 11th ~ VETERANS DAY

Closter Volunteer Ambulance WINS

2025 Ambulance Squad Of The Year For the State of New Jersey

It's with tremendous pride that we celebrate the dedication and commitment of the members of the Closter Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Corps (CVARC). The CVARC has been honored by the EMS Council of New Jersey as the 2025 Squad of the Year!



Mayor John Glidden with the extraordinary volunteer members of the Closter Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Corps

Of the 250+ Volunteer EMS agencies throughout New Jersey, CVARC was recognized for its exceptional commitment to emergency medical services, community outreach, interagency cooperation and ongoing training and education. For nearly 90 years, CVARC has proudly served the residents of Closter, Alpine and the Palisades Interstate Parkway, providing high-quality EMS and rescue services with compassion, professionalism and teamwork. This recognition reflects the dedication of every volunteer who stands ready to respond 24/7 to help those in need. Thank you for the incredible community support that allows the CVARC to continue to provide extraordinary volunteer EMS services to our residents and visitors alike.

Borough of Closter

295 Closter Dock Road

Closter New Jersey

Mayor's Committee for the Arts

Closing out another wonderful season of music in Closter Plaza's *Concert Corner* was the incredible *Reflections Jazz & Swing Orchestra* on October 3rd. The Mayor's Committee for the Arts, led by Councilwoman Victoria Amitai, showcased music for all ages – rock, jazz, swing, and contemporary with artists such as The Purple Glove Band, The Reflections Jazz & Swing Orchestra, David Lester Scance, Till We Can't and the Ronen Mikay's Jazz Quintet to fill the air in Concert Corner.

EDENS Closter Plaza's continuous support of the Mayor's Committee for the Arts through generously funding this program is greatly appreciated.

Inquiries about the 2026 season Closter Plaza can be sent to mayorscommitteearts@gmail.com.



Reflections Jazz & Swing Orchestra



Councilwoman Victoria Amitai



Reflections Jazz & Swing Orchestra

Joey's Fund ~ Annual Car Show

On Sunday, October 5th, Joey's Fund held its 11th Annual Charity Car Show at Closter Plaza. The event featured variety of classic and custom cars, a live DJ, food trucks, trophies, and an exciting selection of door prizes and giveaways. Attendees had the chance to win sports memorabilia, a flat-screen TV and grill. The show includes awarding trophies to the best cars and trucks on display, as well as special memorial trophies honoring loved ones and supporters of Joey's Fund who have passed.

Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, participants, and attendees, Joey's Fund proudly raised and donated \$8,000 to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Care Center and \$8,000 to Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital. In addition to this annual event, Joey's Fund also makes monthly donations to Make-A-Wish Foundation, The Ronald McDonald House, American Red Cross and St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Joey's Fund remains committed to making a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families facing medical crises. The organization is deeply grateful for the continued support of the community. To find out more about the charity please visit www.JoeysCharityFund.org



Mayor John Glidden awarding "Mayor's Trophy"



Closter Lions Club

Congratulations to Jemima Bowen of Closter and Evelyn Ricci of Demarest of Closter Troop 163 for achieving the Eagle Scout Award, the highest award in Scouting. On September 28th, the Closter Lions Club awarded Jemima and Evelyn with Eagle Plaques, recognizing their accomplishments. Jemima's Eagle project supported "For the Love of Birds", a nonprofit organization dedicated to rescuing and rehoming companion birds. Evelyn's Eagle project benefitted the community by promoting storm drain awareness to protect local waterways.



Erica Song, Scoutmaster; Karen Seagard, Closter Lions Club;
Jemima Bowen, Erica Ricci and Rich Strepparava, Closter Lions Club

Closter's Halloween Parade & Costume Judging Contest



The *Annual Halloween Parade & Costume Judging Contest* sponsored by the Closter Recreation Commission will be held on Sunday, October 26th as part of the Closter PTO Fall Festival & Classic Car Show. The Halloween Parade will form behind the Closter Borough Hall at 10:20am and proceed at 10:45am sharp through the center of town to Tenakill School for the Costume Judging Contest. Judging of costumes will take place following the parade. The costume judging is in four categories:

MOST BEAUTIFUL, FUNNIEST, SCARIEST & MOST ORIGINAL. The 69th annual presentation of the *"Taaz Trophy for Best Costume"* will be presented to the child with the most outstanding costume in the program. Parking for this entire event will be very limited and basically non-existent at Memorial Park, so please plan ahead accordingly. Any questions regarding the parade email Jim Oettinger at joettinger@closternj.us.

Please look for information on the PTO Fall Festival at Tenakill Middle School & the Classic Car Show being held at Memorial Park on Harrington Ave. All proceeds from the Classic Car Show go to the Tunnel To Towers Foundation. *NOTE: Harrington Ave., from West Street to Cedar Lane/Old Closter Dock Rd., will be closed from 7:00am-3:30pm on Sunday, October 26th.*

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's MacBain Farm Park

Celebrate the beauty of autumn at the *MacBain Farm Harvest Festival*! Join the MacBain Farm Committee **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



Closter Police Department

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day – October 25, 2025

The next National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, organized by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), will be held on **Saturday, October 25, 2025**. The event is a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription medications. If you have a conflict, the good news is the Closter Police Department is a 24/7 collection site. We provide a daily service where our residents can visit borough hall and dispose of their unwanted medications at their convenience. You can drop off tablets, capsules, and other solid forms of prescription drugs. Vaping devices and cartridges are also accepted, as long as the lithium batteries are removed. Items that cannot be collected include liquids (like cough syrups), sharps/syringes, and illegal substances.

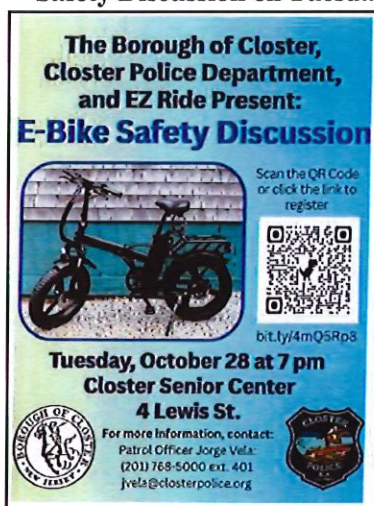
E-Bike Discussion – October 28, 2025 at 7:00pm

In response to the growing popularity of E-bikes—particularly among our adolescent community—the Closter Police Department, with the support of the Mayor and Council, has organized an important **E-Bike Safety Discussion** on **Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Closter Senior Center**.

Representatives from EZ Ride will deliver an informative presentation and lead an interactive discussion addressing recent E-bike-related crashes in New Jersey. They will also explain the differences between the various classes of E-bikes, review applicable traffic laws, and share valuable safety tips for riders. In addition, Trek of Closter will be present to offer expert insights on safe riding practices and will be distributing complimentary safety items to attendees.

The Closter Police Department strongly encourages all parents to attend this event. We believe that education and awareness are key to understanding the laws surrounding E-bikes and to ensuring the safety of all riders in our community.

Please see the flyer for details and use the provided QR code to register. We look forward to seeing you there as we work together to promote safety, awareness, and responsible riding throughout Closter.



Cabbage Night and Halloween Safety Reminder

As we approach Cabbage Night (October 30th) and Halloween (October 31st), the Closter Police Department reminds all residents to celebrate responsibly and help keep our community safe. Officers will be conducting increased patrols throughout the evenings.

Cabbage Night – Thursday, October 30th

The Borough-wide curfew is 9:00 PM for all persons under 18 years of age, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

- Residents are encouraged to report any suspicious or destructive activity immediately by calling 201-768-5000 or 9-1-1 in an emergency
- Parents are asked to know their children's plans and whereabouts for the night
- Acts of vandalism, including throwing eggs, damaging property or tampering with vehicles, will be strictly enforced

Halloween Night – Friday, October 31st

- Residents are encouraged to report any suspicious or destructive activity immediately by calling 201-768-5000 or 9-1-1 in an emergency
- Parents are asked to know their children's plans and whereabouts for the night.
- Acts of vandalism, including throwing eggs, damaging property, or tampering with vehicles, will be strictly enforced.
- Trick-or-Treating is generally recommended between 4:00pm and 8:00pm Trick-or-treating is generally recommended between 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM.
- The 9:00 PM curfew will again be in effect for all minors.
- Motorists should slow down and remain alert for children crossing streets.
- Parents should ensure costumes are bright or reflective, and that children carry a flashlight or glow stick.
- Residents who wish to participate in trick-or-treating are encouraged to keep porch lights on.
- Those not participating may leave exterior lights off.

Let's all do our part to ensure a safe, respectful, and enjoyable Halloween season in Closter.



Belskie Museum

Minhwa: Soul of Korea ~ The Martin Hicks Gallery at the Belskie Museum of Art & Science proudly presents *Minhwa: Soul of Korea*, a vibrant group exhibition celebrating the color, humor and hope of Korean folk painting. November 2nd – 23rd. *Minhwa* literally is “painting of the people” – flourished among everyday Koreans. Its bright palettes and generous symbols carry good wishes for protection, prosperity, learning and longevity. Curated by Stephanie S. Lee, the exhibition brings together more than 30 works created by eleven artists who revive minhwa's beloved genres: tigers and magpies, dragons, peonies and flowers, books and treasures.

The Opening Reception is Sunday, November 2, from 1-4pm. The Opening will feature a Korean Tea Ceremony performance at 2pm. The Museum hours after the opening are Saturdays & Sundays 2-4 pm. (weekdays by appointment: 201-768-0286) www.belskiemuseum.com The Belskie Museum is located at 280 High Street, Closter.

Closter Recreation

Winter sports registration is open now for children in grades K-8 for the following sports: Basketball, Indoor Soccer and Wrestling. Please register by November 1st to take advantage of the early bird discount. Information on various sports programs can be found on www.Closterrec.com website

Celebrating Diwali Milap

Celebrate Diwali with friends and family! The Diwali Milap's 2nd annual event is being held in the Community Room at the Closter Public Library on Saturday, November 1st from 2:00-4:00pm

Closter Public Library

The Public Library will close at 5pm on Wednesday, November 26th and will be closed on Thursday, November 27th to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Tues., Nov. 11th at 7pm: *Understanding Medicare with Fred Ciccone* Understanding Medicare will explain the component parts of Medicare (Parts A, B, C) and how they work-what they cover and what they don't!

Museum Passes – the library selects two patrons each month to receive passes to the American Museum of Natural History. Patrons will be notified on the 15th of each month. Visit the library's website at <https://www.closterpubliclibrary.org/museumpassinfo> to register. Passes to the Children's Museum of Manhattan are also available.

Regular Programs at the Closter Public Library include "First Friday Flicks" on November 7th at 1pm featuring "FI"; Adult Book Club on Wed., Nov 19th at 3pm, Advanced ESL Conversation on Mondays at 10am, Technology Help on Monday evenings and Saturday afternoons, Short Story Club via Zoom, Yoga and Meditation is on alternating Wednesdays at 6pm, Knitting & Craft Group, Zumba via Zoom and ESL Intermediate Class on Saturday afternoons. There are so many programs, visiting the library's website is suggested. Be sure to look at the library's calendar of programs and events by visiting the Library's website at www.ClosterPublicLibrary.org. Sign up for the kids' newsletter. Fall programs are currently running!

Closter Food & Assistance Board

"Sponsor A Holiday Meal" and help our pantry families with their Thanksgiving dinners by donating a grocery store gift card. The Food Pantry is collecting \$25 gift cards to either Shop Rite or Stop N Shop for its Thanksgiving collection. Please drop the gift cards in the silver box inside the Lewis St. entrance of Closter Borough Hall and label the envelope "Food Pantry Thanksgiving". *Now through November 7th.*

The *15th Annual Neighbor-To-Neighbor Holiday Gift Program* is underway. The Neighbor-to-Neighbor Holiday Gift Program provides holiday gifts to households who use the Closter Food Pantry. Those who use the food pantry come from the surrounding communities as well as from Closter. Donors are matched with local families and provided gifts chosen from their recipient's wish list (preserving each family's anonymity). Gift cards are also welcome in lieu of gift items. Please contact Jodee Fink by emailing fabofcloster@gmail.com; *Sign up by Nov. 7th to participate.*

Closter Nature Center

Closter Community Hike-a-Thon 2025: Nov. 1st, 10 am - 1 pm *Check in at the Cabin*

It's time to celebrate the end of our Hike-a-Thon Fundraiser in style! Lace up your boots and hit the autumn trails with your community. Enjoy: • Fun activities on the trails • Complimentary snacks • Exclusive Roots Cafe Discounts Stay for the closing ceremony, featuring prizes awarded to our top fundraisers, merchandise for sale! All are welcome to attend! Free entry! Come any time after 10 am and hike with us!

After-School Nature Program: Fall Session II: Nov. 4th to Dec. 18th

Sign up now for 6-weeks of hands-on, outdoor, learning with Nature Marc. This awesome

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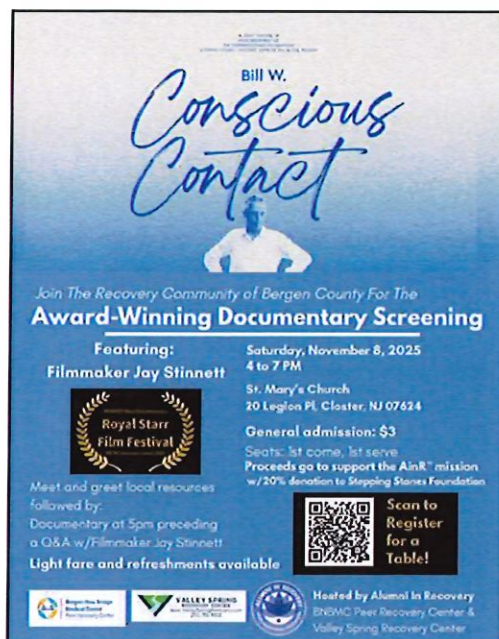
program features animal encounters, adventurous hikes, and play in our living forest classroom! Stay active and engaged as fall turns to winter. Ages 4-14. Member price: \$180; Non-members: \$216. Learn more and register: register.communitypass.net/closter

Nightjars: New Jersey's Most Elusive Birds: Sat., November 8th - 5 pm at the Cabin

Join lecturer Daniel Kogan for a talk on some of the hardest to find birds in the Northeast: nightjars! From whip-poor-wills to nighthawks, learn all about the many members of this family, their biology and habits, related folklore, and how to find them. Free for CNC Members; Non-members \$5 suggested donation
Register to attend at closternaturecenter.org/events

Music by the Pond: Sunday, Nov. 16th, 2 pm to 4 pm, at the Cabin

Musicians of all levels, from professionals to hobbyists, along with friends and family, unite to exchange melodies and find solace in the embrace of nature arena. Join us for this low-key and relaxing event. Always FREE! Donations are appreciated to help us continue our mission of providing quality programs. Questions? Email info@closternaturecenter.org or call 201-800-2008



**~ A Special Event~
Award-Winning Documentary Film Screening
"Conscious Contact"**

The screening of the award-winning film, "Conscious Contact", which won best documentary at the Royal Starr Film Festival, is being held on Saturday, November 8th from 4-7pm at St. Mary's Church, 20 Legion Place, Closter.

General admission is \$3; Meet and greet local resources followed by the documentary at 4pm preceding a Q&A w/filmmaker Jay Stinnett. Light fare and refreshment available. This event is hosted by Alumni in Recovery

Closter Shade Tree Commission

Please consider installing deer guards on the young trees on your property to protect them from deer rubbing- which can severely damage or even kill your young trees. Deer rub their antlers against trees to scrape off the velvet cover and/or mark their territory, causing extensive damage. Deer guards are a mesh-like covering that effectively protects young trees.

Deer guards are required for each shade tree planted in the Borough and are *highly recommended for any new tree planting, you won't regret placing these on young trees and anyone who has seen the damage that the deer do to the trees can attest to this.* Deer guards should:

- Be installed on all new tree plantings where the length of the trunk—free of branches—is greater than 18 inches;
- Cover at least 75% of length of trunk from the ground to the first branch—not required to exceed a maximum height of 48 inches;
- Be secured at 3 points using 3 ply organic BIODEGRADABLE twine or rope—NO WIRE OR ZIP TIES (this would restrict trunk growth);

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- Be of rigid construction but flexible, allowing expansion, and formed to stay in place regardless of presence of twine/rope;
- Be 4- or 6-inch diameter for trees between 2 and 6-inch caliper;
- Be of open mesh design, with not more than 50% opacity; and
- Be maintained in place for at least 5 years and until tree is at least 8 inch caliper DBH (diameter at breast height).

An Important Message from the Tax Collector's Office

4th Quarter Property Taxes are due November 1, 2025. If you received an additional *Added Assessment Bill*, please pay that along with your regular Tax Bill. The last day to pay 4th Quarter 2025 Taxes is Monday, November 10th by 3pm. Property tax payments can be made online through the Borough's website at www.closternj.us. Tax payments may be left in the *silver TAX Drop Box* located on the wall in the Lewis St. vestibule of Borough Hall.

An Important Message Regarding Borough Fees and Tax Payments

Effective September 1, 2025, by amendment of Chapter A301 of the Borough Code, a no-cash policy for the payment of *all* Borough fees and taxes (including property tax and tax sale payment) went into effect. Acceptable payment methods are personal checks, bank checks, certified checks and e-checks (for payments made via the Borough of Closter on-line tax payment system), money orders or credit cards only. This amendment to the Borough's policy is in the best interest and safety of the general public and municipal staff as well as for the fiscal security of the Borough itself.

Closter Fire Department



The Closter Fire Department is currently in DIRE NEED of new members to help our community. We can have all of the equipment in the world but *without members it is useless*. Volunteer members like you allow us to serve our community as we have proudly done for over the past 132 years.

As our world becomes more complicated with each passing year our emergency calls for help increase. Today we respond to far more than just fires and alarms. We answer a myriad of unique requests, each and everyone just a little different from the last but one thing remains the constant - **One call does it all!** But we need volunteer members like you to help us continue to help our community for the next 132 years!

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US - WE PROMISE AN EXPERIENCE YOU WILL NOT FORGET!

Closter's Lustron House Museum

If you haven't visited the Lustron House Museum, you'll want to find a moment on the second Saturday of each month between noon-2pm to explore this gem of mid-century living in Closter!

The Harold Hess Lustron House Museum, 421 Durie Avenue, Closter... parking is available on Legion Place!



Saluting Our Veterans On Veteran's Day



1919 ~ Armistice Day Parade ~ A brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00am on November 11th

"The Great War" – World War I- official ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28th, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles, outside of Versailles, France. The fighting, however, ceased seven months prior when the temporary cessation of hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the *eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month*. Thus, November 11, 1918 "Armistice Day" was recognized as the end of "the war to end all wars".

In 1954 following World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day to honor all those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Veterans Day, November 11, preserves the historical significance of the end of World War I while recognizing the importance of honoring America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for their nation.

As a veteran who served in the U.S. Air Force, I proudly thank and acknowledge the commitment of all those who have served our Country. It is an honor to recognize the sacrifices that were made for the defense of our liberties.



The Borough is moving forward in many positive directions. Volunteers comprise 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 in Closter.

All the Best,

Mayor