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## Library news May 11, 2026

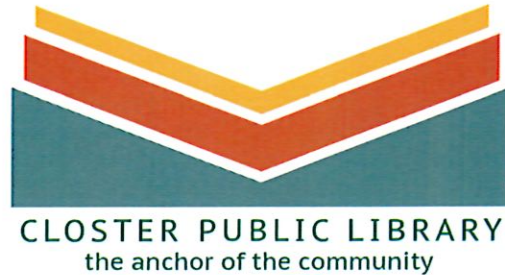
1 message

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

Reply-To: cltrcirc@bccls.org

To: lrametta@closternj.us

Mon, May 11, 2026 at 8:01 AM



**May 11, 2026**

## **Saturday Concert Series - Wednesday Edition**

### **underStaffed Pop-up Chamber Concert**

**Wednesday, May 13 6:30-7:30pm**

underStaffed is a collective of emerging musicians in the New York metropolitan area dedicated to the performance of works for chamber orchestra and small ensembles.



underStaffed aims to bring classical music to those who might not be as familiar with the genre. They also make an effort to include lesser-known creators, both historically overlooked composers as well as up-and-coming contemporary composers.

underStaffed is a 501c3 nonprofit organization in the State of New Jersey. **Visit their website for more information.**

## Saturday



### Rachel Ringelstein

Saturday May 16 2pm

A solo recital for violin and viola featuring works by Bach, Telemann, Biber and Ysaye.

Rachel is an Israeli-born violinist and violist with over 25 years of international experience as a chamber musician and specialist in both modern and historical performance.

## 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.

## Belskie Library Art Wall

### The Art Beyond A Syndrome

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May 4 – June 27, 2026

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## RESOURCES

### May is Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month



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## Museum Passes

### [A Year with Children 2026 at the Guggenheim](#)



#### May 8–June 7, 2026

This exhibition features works created by students in grades two through six who participate in Learning Through Art (LTA), the Guggenheim New York's artist-in-residence program in New York City public schools. LTA partners teaching artists with classroom educators in each of the city's five boroughs to design projects that connect art and ideas to their classroom studies.

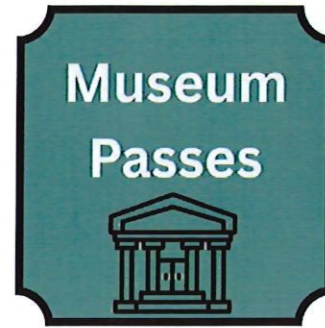
A Year with Children 2026 is organized by Chitra Ramalingam, Director, Academic Engagement, and Michelle Wohlgemuth Cooper, Senior Manager, School Programs.

Borrow the Guggenheim 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](#)



### **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**

12:30-2pm - Knitting and Craft

4:30pm - Zumba on Zoom

### **Saturday**

1:30-2:30 - Intermediate ESL *This class is full. Contact the library to get on the waiting list*

2-3pm - Tech Help



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



## THE LIBRARY IS ALWAYS OPEN ONLINE

As ever, please contact the library:

**Ruth** and **Deborah** for general questions

**Vida** for Kids N Young Adults question

**Tim** for Reference questions and issues with electronic media

**Julia** for the short story club

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**Closter Chinese Association**

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Closter, NJ

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Phone: 917-385-0138

May 12, 2026

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I hope you are doing well.

My name is Yihsin Wang, and I am the President of the Closter Chinese Association, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting cultural education and community programs.

I am writing to respectfully request permission to place temporary lawn signage to promote our Chinese Cultural Dance program for children.

**Sign Details:**

Size: Approximately 24" x 18" (double-sided)

**Display Dates:**

May 28, 2026 – June 20, 2026

**Proposed Locations:**

Closter Public Library; Ruckman Park; Schauble Park; Closter Memorial Field/playground; Veterans Monument Park (and MacBain Farm Park if permitted)

The sign will include our organization name, website ([www.closterchinese.com](http://www.closterchinese.com)), and a QR code for registration. We will ensure that all signage is placed appropriately, does not interfere with pedestrian or recreational use, and is removed promptly at the end of the approved period.

We are happy to follow the Borough's guidance regarding placement and number of signs.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Warm regards,

Yihsin Wang

President

Closter Chinese Association

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Laura Rametta <lrismetta@closternj.us>

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## Fwd: Permission Request for Temporary Lawn Sign

1 message

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James Winters <jwinters@closternj.us>

Mon, May 11, 2026 at 10:20 AM

To: Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>, Laura Rametta <lrismetta@closternj.us>

Please add to the next mail list.

James B Winters, CPM  
Borough Administrator  
Emergency Management Coordinator  
Borough of Closter  
295 Closter Dock Road  
Closter, NJ 07624  
201-784-0600 Ext. 492  
jwinters@closternj.us

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Jim Oettinger** <joettinger@closternj.us>

Date: Mon, May 11, 2026 at 8:18 AM

Subject: Fwd: Permission Request for Temporary Lawn Sign

To: James Winters <jwinters@closternj.us>, John Glidden <jglidden@closternj.us>, Joseph Yammarino <jyammarino@closternj.us>

No good deed goes unpunished.

We currently allow:  
High school play announcements  
Town clean up day  
Pto spring fair and other Pto events

Between this request and flag raisings and cultural picnics we need to discuss

Thoughts ?

Jim Oettinger  
Recreation/Parks Director  
Cell 201-625-2063  
Remember it's for the kids!!!

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From: **Y-Tina Wang** <info.closterchinese@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, May 11, 2026 at 8:12 AM

Subject: Permission Request for Temporary Lawn Sign

To: <joettinger@closternj.us>

Hi Jim

I hope you're doing well.

My name is Tina Wang, and I am the President of the Closter Chinese Association, a local nonprofit organization offering cultural and educational programs in the community.

I am writing to ask if it would be possible to place a small temporary lawn sign to promote our free Chinese cultural dance program at the parks. The sign would simply provide basic information about the program and a QR code for details.

Please let me know if this would be permitted and if there are any guidelines or requirements we should follow.

Thank you very much for your time and support of community programs.

Best regards,  
Yihsin Wang  
Closter Chinese Association  
info.closterchinese@gmail.com



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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

## Stranded Assets & ADU Bills, Autonomous Vehicles, FEMA Report

1 message

NJLM Weekly Roundup <noreply@civicplus.com>

Wed, May 13, 2026 at 4:32 PM

Reply-To: noreply@civicplus.com

To: mmargiotta@closternj.us



## Weekly Roundup

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May 13, 2026

## State Issues

### SCU Favorably Reports Stranded Assets Legislation

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee favorably reported S-1766, which requires a municipal planning board to permit the conversion of eligible properties, so-called “stranded assets,” into mixed-use developments.

[Read more: SCU Favorably Reports Stranded Assets Legislation](#)

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### Accessory Dwelling Units Legislation Discussed

On May 11, the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee discussed S-1786, which relaxes the development of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and related regulations.

[Read more: Accessory Dwelling Units Legislation Discussed](#)

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## **Zoning Preemption for Non-Profits Discussed**

The Senate Community & Urban Affairs Committee discussed SCS-1836, which allows Religious and nonprofit organizations to convert certain nonresidential property to developments with affordable housing and adds funding measures.

[Read more: Zoning Preemption for Non-Profits Discussed](#)

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## **Senate Labor Committee Hears Testimony on DOL ABC Rules**

The Senate Labor Committee heard testimony on Monday concerning the Department of Labor and Workforce Development's ABC test for determining independent contractor status.

[Read more: Senate Labor Committee Hears Testimony on DOL ABC Rules](#)

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

## **League Opposes S-2136 in Senate Labor Committee**

This week, the League opposed S-2136 in the Senate Labor Committee hearing. It requires employers to include whether a job posting is for an existing position and sets additional job posting requirements.

[Read more: League Opposes S-2136 in Senate Labor Committee](#)

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## **Reminder: Apply for the Pilot Permit Dashboard by May 21**

Applications to join the pilot phase of the NJ Permitting Dashboard are closing next week, on May 21.

[Read more: Reminder: Apply for the Pilot Permit Dashboard by May 21](#)

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## **New Federal and State Grant Programs Published**

The State's Department of Law and Public Safety recently published a Notice of Online Listing of federal and state grant programs and partnership opportunities.

[Read more: New Federal and State Grant Programs Published](#)

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## **Bill Establishing Autonomous Vehicle Pilot Program Advances**

S-1677, which establishes an autonomous vehicle pilot program, was favorably reported from the Senate Transportation Committee on Monday. The bill was referred to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

[Read more: Bill Establishing Autonomous Vehicle Pilot Program Advances](#)

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## **DCA Readopts Administration of the Main Street New Jersey Program**

The Department of Community Affairs (DCA), Division of Local Planning Services, readopted rules administering the Main Street New Jersey Program.

[Read more: DCA Readopts Administration of the Main Street New Jersey Program](#)

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## **Please Adopt Sample Resolution Urging State Health Benefits Reform**

The League urges municipalities to adopt the sample resolution urging State leaders to implement fair and equitable health benefits reforms to mitigate the unsustainable increases in premiums for public sector employees.

[Read more: Please Adopt Sample Resolution Urging State Health Benefits Reform](#)

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## **Federal Issues**

### **FEMA Review Council Approves Final Report**

The FEMA Review Council approved its final report and recommendations to President Trump regarding the future structure and mission of FEMA. The report proposes a major shift in federal disaster policy by increasing state, local, tribal, and territorial responsibility while reducing FEMA's direct operational role.

[Read more: FEMA Review Council Approves Final Report](#)

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## Also of Interest

### **May NJ Municipalities Issue Cover Story: Accessible Playground**

On the first warm afternoon of spring in Montgomery Township, the parking lot of the municipal center was more full than usual. Was there an important municipal meeting or a special library event going on? Looking over at the all-access playground, it became clear where everyone had gone. Find out where and more, read this week's *NJ Municipalities* blog.

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

**Contact:** Amy Spiezio, Editor, [aspiezio@njlm.org](mailto: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](#).

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### **Volunteer Emergency Service Organizations Loan Program**

The Division of Fire Safety is administering the Volunteer Emergency Service Organizations Loan Program.

[Read more: Volunteer Emergency Service Organizations Loan Program](#)

**Contact:** Ciara Bradley, Research Associate, [cbradley@njlm.org](mailto:cbradley@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x128.

### **Funding for Shore Protection Program Grant Program**

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) continues to offer funding opportunities through its Shore Protection Program on a rolling basis.

[Read more: Funding for Shore Protection Program Grant Program](#)

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### **Funding Available for Regional Planning Grants**

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is accepting applications for Regional Planning Grants under the Regional Assistance Program.

[Read more: Funding Available for Regional Planning Grants](#)

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