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Laura Rametta <lrametta@closternj.us>

Library news February 23, 2026

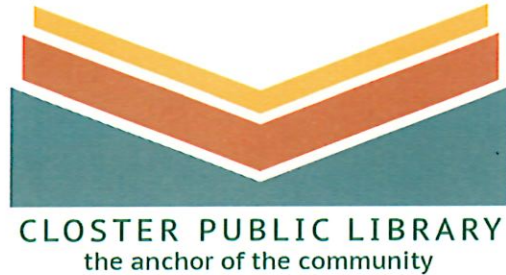
1 message

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

Tue, Feb 24, 2026 at 7:31 AM

Reply-To: cltrcirc@bccls.org

To: lrametta@closternj.us



February 23, 2026

**THE LIBRARY WILL OPEN AT 9AM TODAY
APOLOGIES FOR THE LATE NEWSLETTER**

SATURDAY CONCERT SERIES

Saturday, February 28 2pm

Rob and Amy met while playing the Bleeker Street clubs with the Henry Cory Band. Their music is a blend of roots styles, including contemporary folk, Americana and swing. Amy Kleiman has performed on commercials, rock videos, voiceovers, regional theater, and summer stock. Robbie Horowitz played blues, rock 'n' roll and jazz at a number of NYC clubs. He had a long-term residency at Piermont's Turning Point with the Lisa Best Blues Band.

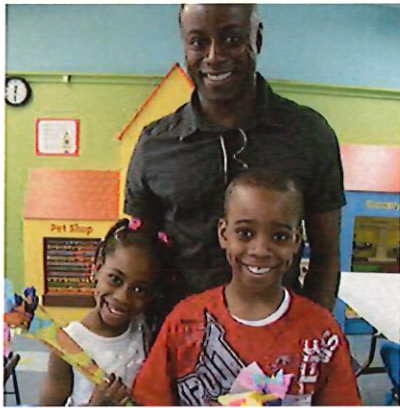


Recent performances by Rob and Amy include the New Jersey Folk Project's Troubadour Concert Series and Acoustic Getaway, and regular appearances on the Folk Project's Songs that Sing to Me.

RESOURCES

Museum Passes

**Check out some programs at the
Children's Museum of Manhattan**



**Brave & Brilliant: Week Day
Tuesday–Friday, February 24–27**

From pioneers to dreamers, we honor the people who lead, inspire, and shape our world as we celebrate Black History Month.



Holi Celebration with The Culture Tree

**Saturday, February 28 | 11:00 am
– 12:30 pm | All ages | 1st Floor |
Inside Art**

Holi is a joyful festival that has been celebrated across the Indian subcontinent for centuries to mark the arrival of spring after winter. Known as the Festival of Colors, it symbolizes renewal, friendship, and the triumph of joy over darkness. Today, Holi is celebrated around the world as a way to welcome spring, embrace inclusivity, and express happiness through music, dance, and vibrant colors. Join us for a festive Holi celebration designed especially for children and families with the Culture Tree!

These are just some of the programs at the Children's Museum. Borrow the pass with your Closter library card to take advantage of these programs. **Contact the library for more information.**

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

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



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Closter History

Where Was Closter?

As we begin celebrating America's 250th, Closter's great Revolutionary War history will be remembered. Momentous events took place within the borough's current 3.3-square-mile area. But did you know that Closter, in the 1700s and 1800s, was a much larger region?

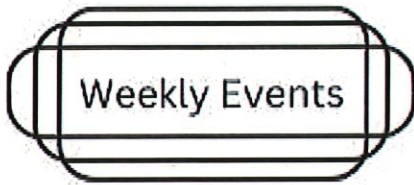


Within this larger area, other significant events occurred. And they are recorded as having happened in Closter. Not taking this into account has led to misunderstandings, especially about the "Closter Horseman," who he was, and where his ride began. (He was a real person.)

Tim Adriance, Chair of the Closter Historic Preservation Commission has prepared a report that documents and explains, for the first time, that Closter was a large region. The attached PDF is illustrated with many period maps and early newspaper mentions of the once-larger Closter area. Look for a program featuring Tim in October.

[Click here to download the PDF.](#) You can borrow a copy from the library as well.





Monday

CLOSED DUE TO SNOW

Tuesday - this week only

1-2:30pm - **Advanced ESL**

Conversation *This class is full. Contact the library to get on the waiting list*

Wednesday

6-7 pm **Yoga/Meditation**

Thursday

10-11:30am - **1to1 ESL tutoring**

12:30-2pm - **Knitting and Craft**

4:30pm - **Zumba on Zoom**

Friday

10-11:30am - **1to1 ESL tutoring**

Saturday

1:30-2:30 - **Intermediate ESL**

2-3pm - **Tech Help**

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THE LIBRARY IS ALWAYS OPEN ONLINE

As ever, please contact the library:

Ruth and **Deborah** for general questions

Vida for Kids N Young Adults question

Tim for Reference questions and issues with electronic media

Julia for the short story club

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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Fwd: Gratitude for The Closter Police Department

1 message

Alissa Latner <alatner@closternj.us>

Fri, Feb 27, 2026 at 10:40 AM

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

<jwinters@closternj.us>, James Buccola <jbuccola@closterpolice.org>

Sharing this email so that it can be placed on the next Mail List.

Thank you Mari.

Alissa Latner
Closter Councilwoman
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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Al Martin** <amarti73@aol.com>

Date: Fri, Feb 27, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Subject: Gratitude for The Closter Police Department

To: jbuccola@ClosterPolice.org <jbuccola@closterpolice.org>, Alissa Latner <alatner@closternj.us>

Dear Chief Buccola:

It has been almost a year and a half since my father's passing (October 27, 2024), and this letter of thanks is long overdue. During the last couple of years leading up to my father's death, who suffered from immobility and dementia, your department responded countless times (I stopped counting after 12!) to his residence where he resided with my mom at 296 Knickerbocker Road. The calls came at all hours...sometimes 1:00am...sometimes 9:00am. Every single officer from your department, man or woman, responded with the utmost professionalism possible. Often times it was a non-emergency call, often just to pick him up off the floor, with every officer willing to go the extra mile, without haste or impatience. I say this as a fellow professional, who joined the ranks of The New York State Police to eventually command Troop "F", which encompasses the five counties of Rockland, Orange, Ulster, Sullivan, and Greene. In my command, I had approximately 500 members and 23 Barracks. I would have been happy to work with any of the officers I have encountered in your department. If I try and name them, I know I'll forget some, they all deserve credit and the tone is obviously set from the top..you the chief. Please pass along my extreme gratitude to them all. My mom and I are truly grateful.

P.S. If I can ever speak on the department's behalf in budget meetings or for any reason, please reach out.

I take no responsibility for any typo's as I no longer have a secretary!

Fraternally yours,

Alan G. Martin
New York State Police
Major, Troop "F"
(Retired)
845-527-5428



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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Transition Reports; Clerks as Wedding Officiants; New Affiliates

1 message

NJLM Weekly Roundup <noreply@civicplus.com>

Wed, Feb 25, 2026 at 4:18 PM

Reply-To: noreply@civicplus.com

To: mmargiotta@closternj.us



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State Issues

Sherrill-Caldwell Administration Releases Transition Reports

The Sherrill-Caldwell Administration has released reports with recommendations from its 10 transition action teams.

[Read more: Sherrill-Caldwell Administration Releases Transition Reports](#)

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Lunch & Learn: Municipal Clerks as Wedding Officiants

Municipal clerks are now authorized to perform marriages and civil unions ([P.L. 2025, c. 222](#)). On March 6 at 12 noon, the League will hold a Lunch & Learn to explain the new law and provide guidance and insights for municipal clerks performing weddings and civil unions.

[Advance registration](#) is required for this free webinar.

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

2026 Small Cities CDBG Program Open

Grant funding is available to municipalities and counties to support public facilities improvements, housing rehabilitation, and community revitalization projects benefiting low- and moderate-income residents.

[Read more: 2026 Small Cities CDBG Program Open](#)

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

Lunch & Learn – Intoxicating Hemp-Derived Products Overview

Join the League for a Lunch & Learn on the new Intoxicating Hemp-Derived Product law.

This webinar is free; [advance registration is required](#).

[Read more: Lunch & Learn – Intoxicating Hemp-Derived Products Overview](#)

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Federal Issues

Department of Homeland Security Funding Shutdown Continues

The Department of Homeland Security shutdown continues. There is no update to report. The Department of Homeland Security funding expired on February 13. We will provide updates as they become available.

[Read more: Department of Homeland Security Funding Shutdown Continues](#)

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

Also of Interest

NJ Municipalities Blog: League Adds Two New Affiliates

This week, the [NJ Municipalities blog](#) shares an announcement about two new League Affiliates, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities has added the New Jersey Government Management Information Sciences ([NJ-GMIS](#)) and the New Jersey Association of Planning & Zoning Administrators ([NJAPZA](#)). Both organizations will provide resources and information to League members related to their fields of specialization through education, collaboration, and professional development.

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.

NJPACT REAL Rules Webinar

The Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) and the New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers are hosting webinars March 3 and 5 concerning the NJPACT REAL rules and how they apply to your municipality.

[Read on: NJPACT REAL Rules Webinar](#)

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

2026 AARP Community Challenge Grants

AARP invites eligible local governments and nonprofits to apply for the 2026 Community Challenge quick-action grant program.

[Read more: 2026 AARP Community Challenge Grants](#)

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GFOANJ Bill Homa Scholarship

GFOA has announced that it will again be making available up to four scholarships of up to \$1,500.00 through the Association's Collegiate and CMFO Track Scholarship programs in honor of the late Bill Homa. Submissions are due March 20.

[Read on: GFOANJ Bill Homa Scholarship](#)

Rutgers Center for Government Services Public Purchasing Forum

The Rutgers University Center for Government Services 56th Annual Public Purchasing Educational Forum is scheduled for April 28-30.

[Read more: Rutgers Center for Government Services Public Purchasing Forum](#)

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Annual New Jersey Watershed Conference Set

The Watershed Institute is hosting the 9th Annual New Jersey Watershed Conference on February 26 and 27 at The College of New Jersey.

[Read more: Annual New Jersey Watershed Conference Set](#)

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Emergency Manager of the Year Nominations & NJEPA Scholarships

The New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Association (NJEPA) is seeking nominations for the Emergency Manager of the Year, student scholarships, and scholarships for emergency managers working on their NJ Certified Emergency Manager certification.

[Read more: Emergency Manager of the Year Nominations & NJEPA Scholarships](#)

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Celebrate Your Municipality During Local Government Week 2026

Please join municipalities across the Garden State for 2026 Local Government Week from April 12-18 to engage citizens while celebrating the work of local government.

[Read more: Celebrate Your Municipality During Local Government Week 2026](#)

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32nd Annual Louis Bay Scholarship Contest

Municipalities are encouraged to participate in the League of Municipalities' 32nd Annual Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition for high school juniors and seniors.

[Read more: 32nd Annual Louis Bay Scholarship Contest](#)


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