

MAIL LIST
October 23, 2026

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Laura Rametta <lrametta@closternj.us>

Library news October 19, 2026

1 message

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

Reply-To: cltrcirc@bccls.org

To: lrametta@closternj.us

Mon, Oct 19, 2026 at 8:00 AM



October 19, 2026

COMING IN NOVEMBER

Adult Watercolor Workshop

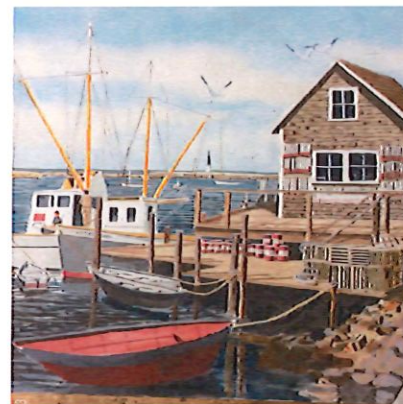
Taught by Artist Barry Shiff

Wednesdays 1:30pm - 3pm

6 weeks: 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16

Class limit: 9

Study watercolor techniques with award winning artist and president of the Fort Lee Artists Guild, Barry Shiff. This class is for anyone who has a love of the watercolor genre – from beginners to the more experienced artist as well. Instruction will be taught in the traditional watercolor style and will include landscapes, seascapes and sailing vessels.



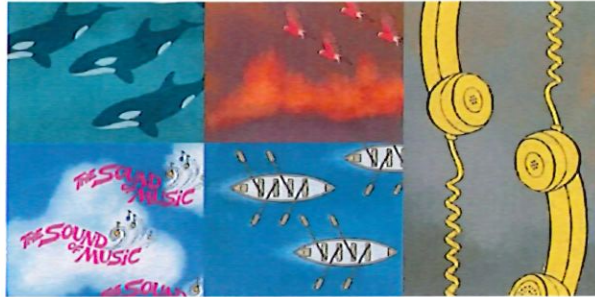
Participants must provide their own supplies. Supplies needed: watercolor set, watercolor pad, 8x10 or 9x12 rough paper, mixing tray, brushes: round #10, #8, flat #1/2, rigger brush (long haired brush), water containers

Registration is required, open to the Closter residents only

[Click here to register.](#)

REGULAR PROGRAMS

Short Story Club



BBC National Short Story Awards 2026 pt 1

TUES OCT 20 7:30 on ZOOM

BURNING BUSH

by Merryn Glover

LITTLE LANDS

by Lucy Caldwell

DITTO

by Cherisse Saywell



Short Story Club

Tuesday, October 20, 7:30pm on Zoom

BBC National Short Story Awards 2026 pt 1

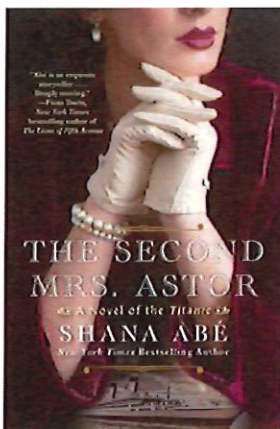
Burning Bush by Merryn Glover

Little Lands by Lucy Caldwell

Ditto by Cherisse Saywell

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

Adult Book Club



Wednesday October 21, 3pm

The Second Mrs. Astor by Shana Abé

Read **Images from Lost City of Z** by David Grann for November.

RETURNING PROGRAM

Getting Started with AI

A Hands-on Workshop

Working in a small group with step-by-step guidance, you'll use AI to handle everyday things: plan a trip, make sense of a long document, or draft a warm note to a grandchild. You'll learn how to ask AI questions so that it can give you better answers- and learn the basic rules for staying safe online: what's fine to ask, what you should double-check, and what you should never reveal.

No experience needed. No question too basic. No need to bring your own laptop. Perfect if you're brand new to all this. You'll leave with the confidence to keep exploring on your own, plus a take-home sheet of prompts to try at home.

Led by Steve

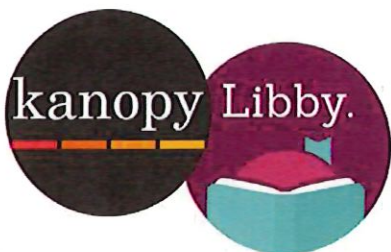
Open to the Closter residents only. Minimum of 4 patrons and a maximum of 6 per session. Dates to be announced as soon as we get enough people for each session.

[Click here to sign up.](#) Contact the library for more information.



IMPORTANT NEWS

Recertify your Libby and Kanopy accounts



Do you know your library password?

Stop by the library and we can reset it for you.

To add your library password to Libby:

1. When you access Libby on or after 10/8, you will be prompted to verify your card.
2. Enter your library account number and password (your BCCLS library account password).
3. Once you are signed in you'll get a success message.

To add your library password to Kanopy:

1. Go to [kanopy.com](https://www.kanopy.com) and log in to your Kanopy account.
2. Select the menu button in the top-right corner and go to My Account > My Libraries.
3. Select Re-enter your login information under the library name.
4. Enter your library card number and password.
5. Select Save.

NOTE - YOU ONLY HAVE TO DO THIS ONCE.

Once you enter your password during this update, the app stays logged into your account. Libby or Kanopy will ask to reverify your credentials if your library account expires or if you get a new library account number.



Weekly Events

Monday

10-11:30am - Advanced ESL
Conversation - [Click here to register.](#)

7-8pm - Tech Help

Tuesday

10-11:30pm - 1to1 ESL tutoring

12-12:45pm - Chair Pilates

Wednesday

6-7 pm Yoga/Meditation

Thursday

10-11:30am - 1to1 ESL tutoring

12:30-2pm - Knitting and Craft

4:30-5:30pm - Zumba

Saturday

1:30-2:30 - Intermediate ESL - [Click here to register.](#)

2-3pm Tech Help

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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Public Hearing on Transportation Funding for Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities

The Bergen County Division of Community Transportation is applying for funding from NJ Transit, Inc. under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program. The funding will be used to provide transportation service for senior citizens and persons with disabilities. A copy of the application will be available for viewing at the Johnson Public Library in Hackensack within two weeks after the hearing.

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
10:00 AM

Bergen County Administration Building
5th Floor Commissioner Public Meeting Room
One Bergen County Plaza
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

If you would like to testify, but cannot attend the meeting, please send your written comments to:

Bergen County Division of Community Transportation
Attn: Dominick Azzolini, Director
178 Essex Street · Lodi, New Jersey 07644

Captioning will be available for the hearing impaired. Requests for transportation to this hearing and special accommodations should be made at least two weeks in advance.

James J. Tedesco, III
Bergen County Executive

Bergen County Board of Commissioners

Steven A. Tanelli, *Chairman* · Tracy Silna Zur, *Vice Chairwoman* · Dr. Joan M. Voss, *Chair Pro Tempore*
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**COUNTY OF BERGEN
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION**

178 Essex Street, Lodi New Jersey 07644
(201) 368-5955 - FAX (201) 845-4683

James J. Tedesco III
County Executive

Dominick Azzolini
Division Director

Dear Mayor,

I would like to invite you to our Annual Public Hearing. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, **October 21, 2026, at 10:00 am at One Bergen County Plaza, 5th Floor, Commissioner Public Meeting Room.**

I ask that you post the enclosed notice of our hearing on your bulletin board so that other interested parties may become aware of this hearing and attend should they wish to participate.

This is the time to let us know how you feel about the service and to make suggestions for improvements. If you are unable to attend, I invite you to send us your comments so they can be read in the minutes of the meeting (see address above). You can also email your comments to communitytransportation@bergencountynj.gov.

Copies of the Casino Revenue Application will be available for review at the Johnson Public Library in Hackensack within two weeks after the Public Hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dominick Azzolini", is written over a horizontal line.

Dominick Azzolini
Division Director
Bergen County Community Transportation

BOROUGH CLERK

OCT 19 2026

BOROUGH OF CLOSTER





Bergen County Diwali
SAVE THE DATE

Diwali

CELEBRATION

2ND ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

2, Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ

THURSDAY, NOV. 5, 2026, 5:30 PM

PARTNERSHIP WITH INDIAN COMMUNITIES IN :

Allendale, Alpine, Bergenfield, Cresskill, Cliffside Park,
Closter, Demarest, Edgewater, Englewood Cliffs, Fair Lawn,
Franklin Lakes, Fort Lee, Hasbrouck Heights, Palisades Park,
Paramus, Glen Rock, Leonia, Little Ferry, Mahwah, Oakland,
Oradell, Ramsey, River Edge, Ridgewood, Saddle River,
Tenafly, Upper Saddle River, Woodcliff lake & Wyckoff

SUPPORTERS :

Your name could be here!

Email us: bergenindia25@gmail.com

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222 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08608
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EMAIL league@njlm.org • www.njlm.org

Michael F. Cerra, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Loretta Buckelew, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

October 19, 2026

Municipal Clerk
Closter Borough, Bergen
Municipal Bldg, 295 Closter Dock Rd
Closter, New Jersey 07624

Dear Municipal Clerks:

Re: Notice of Proposed Membership Dues

We thank you for your continued support and membership over the last year. The League is dedicated to representing its local government membership in front of the State Legislature and lobbying for the best interests of its members. As a unified whole, the voices of municipalities across the State have a greater impact. Your membership dues allow the League to continue this work and to provide our membership with educational services, tools, and best practices.

We are writing today to let you know that the League Executive Board has proposed a 2% dues increase effective for calendar year 2027. This proposal will be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting held on Thursday, November 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the AC Convention Center, Room 201. The meeting is open for all to attend.

Membership dues for 2027 will generate \$779,377, which represents approximately 14% of the organization's 2026/2027 budget of \$5,555,952.

Please make a copy available to the Mayor and Members of the Governing Body.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael F. Cerra".

Michael F. Cerra
Executive Director

MFC/mlk

BOROUGH CLERK

OCT 22 2026

BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

Closter Recreation Commission

PO Box 143, Closter, New Jersey 07624

Jim Oettinger, Director
joettinger@closternj.us

Halloween Parade & Costume Contest

The 70th annual Halloween Parade and Costume Judging Contest sponsored by the Closter Recreation Commission will be held on Sunday October 25th as part of the PTO Fall Festival and Classic Car Show supporting the Tunnel to Towers charity.

NEW PARADE ROUTE THIS YEAR

The Parade will now form by the 9/11 Memorial on Harrington ave at **10:15am** and proceed at **10:30am sharp** from the 9/11 Memorial (at the end of Harrington Ave. before Cedar lane) and proceed up Harrington Ave. to Tenakill School for the Recreation Commission Costume Judging Contest.

Parking will be available in the back parking lot of Memorial park and the children can walk to the 9/11 Memorial area, or they can be dropped off on Cedar lane to the area of Harrington Ave by the 9/11 Memorial- NOTE: Harrington ave will be closed from West Street to Cedar Lane. (Please plan the drop off our children in advance so that they can march in the parade.

Judging of costumes will take place following the parade at Tenakill School.

Costume judging is in four categories- 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies:

MOST BEAUTIFUL, FUNNIEST, SCARIEST & MOST ORIGINAL. And the 70th 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 by Memorial Park/Tenakill school. PLEASE arrive early and map out a strategy in advance to arrive on time for the parade.

Any questions regarding the parade please email Jim Oettinger at joettinger@closternj.us

Please look for information on the PTO Fall Festival and Classic Car show being held on Harrington Ave and at Tenakill School.

Please be advised- Harrington Ave from West Street- Cedar Lane/Old Closter Dock Road will be closed from 8:00am-3:30pm on Sunday 10/25/26.



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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Free Golf for Bergen Vets & Service Members in Honor of Veterans Day

1 message

Sands, Derek <DSands@bergencountynj.gov>

Tue, Oct 20, 2026 at 1:55 PM

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

Cc: "Razzaq, Sidra" <SRazzaq@bergencountynj.gov>, "Dorsett, Craig" <CDorsett@bergencountynj.gov>, "Pellicano, Breanne" <BPellicano@bergencountynj.gov>, "Iacono, Anthony" <Alacono@bergencountynj.gov>, "Krouse, Cheryl" <CKrouse@bergencountynj.gov>

Good afternoon local and state officials:

Please see the attached flyer and release below regarding Bergen County Golf's annual offer of a free round of golf for Bergen County Veterans and Service Members. We appreciate your assistance with spreading the word by circulating to all relevant local contact lists and social media accounts.

All the best,

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

Deputy Chief of Staff

Office of County Executive James J. Tedesco III

County of Bergen

Office – 201.336.6979

Cell – 201.250.6080

FREE GOLF FOR BERGEN VETERANS & SERVICE MEMBERS IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY

Bergen County veterans and active-duty service members can receive one free round of golf, with cart fees waived, at any county-operated golf course

HACKENSACK, N.J. – Bergen County Executive Jim Tedesco, the Board of County Commissioners, the County Parks Department, and the County's Division of Veteran Services announce that all Bergen County veterans and active-duty service members can enjoy a free round of golf at any of the County's six golf courses from **Monday, November 9th to Friday, November 13th.**

"Honoring our veterans and service members isn't something we should do just one day a year, it's a commitment we should keep every day," said **County Executive Jim Tedesco**. "Offering a free round of golf is a simple but heartfelt way to say thank you for the courage, dedication, and sacrifice of the men and women who have served our nation. We hope this small gesture provides a chance to relax, recharge, and enjoy one of Bergen County's beautiful courses among friends."

"Veterans Day is an opportunity to pause and recognize the men and women who have sacrificed so much to protect the freedoms we enjoy every day," said **Park Liaison and Commissioner Chair Steve Tanelli**. "Offering free golf is one small way Bergen County can show our appreciation by giving our veterans and service members an opportunity to enjoy a day on the course. We are grateful for their service and we're proud to recognize them throughout the year but especially on Veterans Day."

To enjoy this opportunity, veterans and active-duty service members must be residents of Bergen County. **Veterans and active-duty service members can reserve a tee-time for up to four golfers but golfers**

accompanying the reservation who are not active-duty or a veteran must pay full price.

To guarantee a tee-time, Bergen County veterans and active-duty military can make an **“early-access” reservation** by calling the County’s Division of Golf in advance at **201-336-7259** from **Monday, October 26th through Friday, October 30th**, during normal business hours (8am – 3pm). The purpose of the “early-access” reservation is to allow veterans and active-duty service members to book a tee-time before the [online registration portal](#) opens to all golfers for the week of November 9th. Please note, reservation availability may be limited after Friday, October 30th.

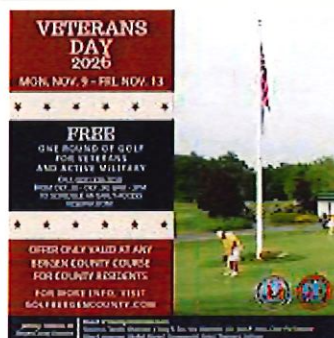
When making an “early-access” reservation, Bergen County veterans and active-duty military members will be asked for the following information:

- Full Name
- Town
- Date of Birth
- Military Branch and years of service
- Email and Phone
- Number of golfers (4 golfer maximum)

THIS OFFER ALSO INCLUDES THE WAIVING OF GOLF CART FEE.

Bergen County has six golf courses which include Darlington Golf Course in Mahwah, Orchard Hills Golf Course in Paramus, Overpeck Golf Course in Teaneck, Rockleigh Golf Course in Rockleigh, Soldier Hill Golf Course in Emerson, and Valley Brook Golf Course in River Vale.

For more information about Bergen County Golf, visit www.GolfBergenCounty.com.



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HALLOWEEN CAR SHOW & TRUNK OR TREAT

FUN
for the
WHOLE
FAMILY!



**TOP
40**



**BEST
IN SHOW**



**KIDS
CHOICE**



**SPECIALTY
TROPHIES**

★ **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH** ★

10:00 AM – 3:30 PM



MEMORIAL FIELD, CLOSTER, NJ

DJ • FOOD TRUCKS • VENDORS • GIVE-AWAYS • DOOR PRIZES • 50/50 • DASH PLAQUES

CAR SHOW BENEFITS

★ *The Tunnel to Towers Foundation* ★

\$20.00 REGISTRATION FEE • SPECTATORS FREE • RAIN DATE: NOV. 1ST

CONTACT BILL AT 201-519-3168 OR NVHotRods@gmail.com

Closter Shade Tree Commission

2026 Fall Foliage PHOTO CONTEST

ATTENTION ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

The Closter Shade Tree Commission is pleased to announce the 2026 Fall Foliage PHOTO Contest. The Commission is looking for photos personally taken by a resident this fall (2026) that include:

- 1 A tree (or trees) within the Borough of Closter that best captures the spectacular colors of the season
- 2 Identification of the location in Closter of the photo



3 Winners will be awarded Visa Gift Cards



1st Place -
\$100 Gift Card



2nd Place -
\$ 50 Gift Card



3rd Place -
\$ 25 Gift Card



The STC's Photo Contest will run from October 12th - November 13th. Winners will be announced the weekend of November 28th.



Email your photo and the completed Photo Release Form to joettinger@closternj.us. Identify the location in the Borough where the photo was taken. Finalists will have their photographs displayed in the Closter Public Library. Photo Contest Release forms are available on the Borough website.

The contest is limited to one submission per entrant.



Name/Photo Release Form



I hereby assign and grant to the Shade Tree Commission and the Borough of Closter the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/video tapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made for the 2026 Fall Foliage Photo Contest.

I also hereby release the Shade Tree Commission and the Borough of Closter from any and all liability from such use and publication.

I hereby authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage and/or distribution of said photographs/video tapes/electronic representations and/or recordings without limitation at the discretion of the Shade Tree Commission and the Borough of Closter and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

Print Entrant's Name _____

Entrant's Signature _____

Address _____

*If Entrant Is Under 18 Years of Age: _____

Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Location & Date of Photo _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name _____

Name of people in Photo _____



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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Re: Waiver Requests — 521 Closter Dock Road — October 28 Meeting

1 message

Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Fri, Oct 23, 2026 at 8:56 AM

To: Margaret Rinckhoff <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Laura Rametta <lrametta@closternj.us>

Good Morning Mr. and Mrs. Rinckhoff,

Please resend. There were no attachments to your email.

Thank you.

[Mari J. Margiotta, RMC, CMR](#)

Borough Clerk
Borough of Closter
295 Closter Dock Road
Closter, New Jersey 07624
(201) 784-0600 ext. 488
(201) 784-9721



On Thu, Oct 22, 2026 at 11:09 AM Margaret Rinckhoff <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Ms. Margiotta,

Attached are two letters addressed to the Mayor and Council requesting waivers of the sidewalk and curb installation requirement and the underground utility installation requirement associated with our proposed home addition at [521 Closter Dock Road](#).

Would you please forward these letters to the Mayor and Council for their consideration? We would appreciate the opportunity to have our requests heard at the October 28, 2026 meeting. We understand this may be short notice and would be grateful if you could let us know whether we can be included on that agenda or, if necessary, the next available meeting.

Please let us know if there are any forms or procedural steps we need to complete before the meeting.

Thank you for your assistance.

Kind regards,

Robert and Margaret Rinckhoff
[521 Closter Dock Road](#)
[Closter, NJ 07624](#)

October 22, 2026

The Honorable John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor
and Members of the Borough Council
Borough of Closter
295 Closter Dock Road
Closter, NJ 07624

Via: Mari Margiotta, Borough Clerk

Email: mmargiotta@closternj.us

Telephone: (201) 784-0600 ext. 488

Re: Request for Waiver of Sidewalk and Curb Installation — 521 Closter Dock Road

Dear Mayor Glidden and Council Members:

We respectfully request a waiver of the sidewalk and curb installation requirements associated with the proposed addition to our home at 521 Closter Dock Road.

Our primary concern is preserving an existing tree near the area where the sidewalk would be installed. We are concerned that the excavation and construction required could disturb its root system and compromise its health. We would like to complete our home improvements while protecting the tree and preserving the character of our property and the surrounding streetscape.

We understand that approval of a waiver is conditioned upon a contribution to the Borough's sidewalk fund, in an amount determined by the Borough Engineer. We are willing to make the required contribution in lieu of installing the sidewalk and curb.

We respectfully ask the Mayor and Council to consider these circumstances and grant our waiver request. We would be happy to provide photographs, our survey, or other supporting information and to make the property available for review by the Borough Engineer or Shade Tree Commission.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert and Margaret Rinckhoff
521 Closter Dock Road
Closter, NJ 07624

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

October 22, 2026

The Honorable John C. Glidden, Jr., Mayor
and Members of the Borough Council
Borough of Closter
295 Closter Dock Road
Closter, NJ 07624

Via: Mari Margiotta, Borough Clerk

Email: mmargiotta@closternj.us

Telephone: (201) 784-0600 ext. 488

Re: Request for Waiver of Underground Utility Installation — 521 Closter Dock Road

Dear Mayor Glidden and Council Members:

We respectfully request a waiver of the requirement to install underground electric and telecommunications utility services in connection with the proposed addition to our home at 521 Closter Dock Road, based on the substantial financial hardship and potential roadway disruption this work would create.

The proposed addition does not require any relocation or modification of the existing electric utility pole. The pole would remain in its current location, and we are requesting permission to retain overhead utility service.

The Borough previously granted a waiver for 124 Durie Avenue under Resolution 2025-150, dated May 28, 2025. That resolution identified an estimated cost exceeding \$60,000 for underground utility installation involving a county road crossing and recognized that this expense constituted a substantial hardship.

Our home fronts Closter Dock Road, a major thoroughfare. Underground utility work involving this roadway has the potential to cause significant traffic disruption and substantial costs associated with traffic control, roadway restrictions or closures, and coordination of the work. Given these circumstances, we anticipate that the expense could exceed the amount cited in the Durie Avenue matter.

An additional expense of this magnitude would impose a substantial financial burden on our family in undertaking an addition to our existing home. We respectfully request similar consideration in light of the hardship recognized in the Durie Avenue matter, taking into account the anticipated cost, the potential for significant disruption associated with work on Closter Dock Road, and the fact that our addition does not require changes to the existing utility pole.

We appreciate the Borough's goals regarding underground utilities and ask that the Mayor and Council grant this waiver, allowing us to retain overhead utility service while proceeding with our home addition.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

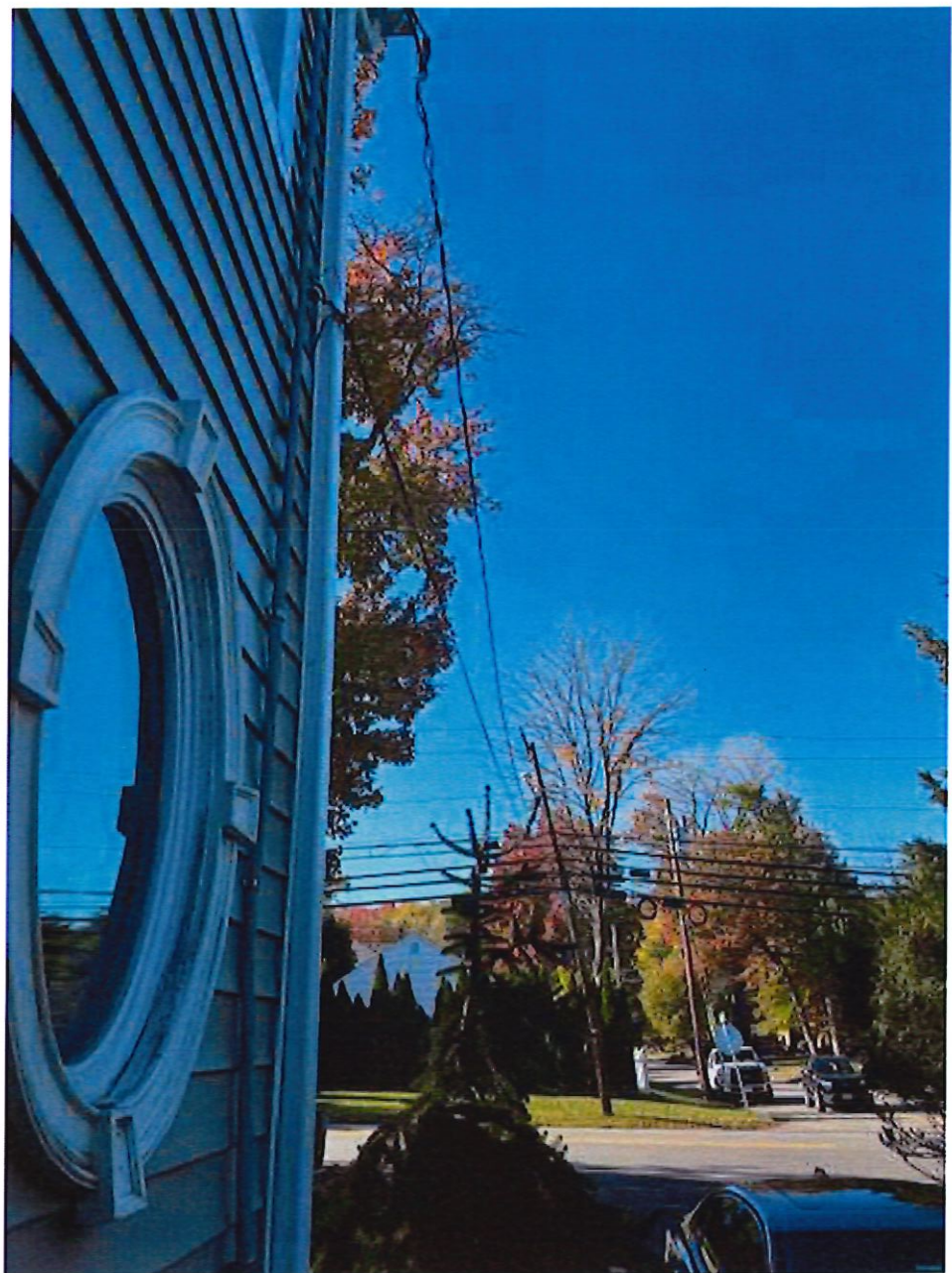
Sincerely,

Robert and Margaret Rinckhoff

521 Closter Dock Road

Closter, NJ 07624





















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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Act on Stranded Assets Bill, OPRA Amendments, Census Legislation

1 message

Weekly Roundup <njleague@njlm.org>

Wed, Oct 21, 2026 at 4:16 PM

Reply-To: njleague@njlm.org

To: mmargiotta@closternj.us



Weekly Roundup

October 21, 2026

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State Issues

ACTION NEEDED: Stranded Assets Bill to be Considered on Thursday

At Thursday's Senate Voting Session, S-1766, the "stranded assets" bill, which authorizes the conversion of certain office parks to mixed-use developments as a right, will be considered. Please reach out to your State Senator to oppose this legislation.

Contacts: Mike Cerra, Executive Director, mcerra@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x120, or Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, ppenna@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x110.

Read more: ACTION NEEDED: Stranded Assets Bill to be Considered on Thursday

PFRSNJ Holds October Meeting

On October 19, the Police and Fire Retirement System of New Jersey (PFRS) Board of Trustees held its monthly meeting.

Contacts: Lori Buckelew, Deputy Executive Director, lbuckelew@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x112, or Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, eknoedler@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x116.

Read more: PFRSNJ Holds October Meeting

GRC Issues Proposed Amendments to OPRA Rules

On October 5, the New Jersey Government Records Council (GRC) published rule proposal number PRN 2026-055 in the New Jersey Register (58 N.J.R. 2197(a)) proposing a series of amendments to OPRA and a new rule at N.J.A.C. 5:05.

Contact: Sadayah Q. DuRant-Brown, Legislative Counsel, sdurantbrown@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x137.

Read more: GRC Issues Proposed Amendments to OPRA Rules

S-4325 Seeks to Change “Rule of 3” in Local Civil Service Hiring

S-4325 is on its second reading in the Senate. The bill and its companion bill A-5057, allows certain appointing authorities in Civil Service to hire from or promote within the top five eligible candidates for law enforcement officer titles.

Contact: Sadayah Q. DuRant-Brown, Legislative Counsel, sdurantbrown@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x137.

Read more: S-4325 Seeks to Change “Rule of 3” in Local Civil Service Hiring

A-5166/S-693 Reported Out of Assembly Committee

On October 15, A-5166/S-693 was released out of the Assembly State and Local Government Committee. The bill prohibits municipalities from requiring plan approval related to the addition of up to five van-accessible parking spaces to existing parking facilities.

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Read more: A-5166/S-693 Reported Out of Assembly Committee

Assembly Committee Passes Census Legislation

On October 15, the Assembly State and Local Government Committee passed the Assembly Committee Substitute for A-1730, the Everyone Counts in New Jersey Act.

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Read more: Assembly Committee Passes Census Legislation

EMT Training Fund Eligibility Legislation Advances

On Monday, October 19, the Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee advanced A-3395, which revises the law related to EMT eligibility for receiving funds from the "Emergency Medical Technical Training Fund."

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Read more: EMT Training Fund Eligibility Legislation Advances

DCA Introduces Tool for Municipalities to Map Vacant Land

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) recently introduced a new, no-cost tool to assist municipalities to meet the new federal mapping requirements under the Community Development Block Grant.

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Read more: DCA Introduces Tool for Municipalities to Map Vacant Land

Reminder: Best Practices Inventory Due October 30

The Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) has issued Local Finance Notice 2026-14 regarding the Best Practices Inventory due on October 30 for all municipalities, including state fiscal year municipalities.

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Read more: Reminder: Best Practices Inventory Due October 30

New Jersey Opens Applications for LIHEAP and USF Energy Assistance

The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) announced that applications for the Federal FY2027 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program's (LIHEAP) application period will run from October 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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Read more: New Jersey Opens Applications for LIHEAP and USF Energy Assistance

Conference Connections

Honor Government Service, Network with Mayors

The Mayors' Lunch Briefing will be held Wednesday, November 18, 12:15 p.m.-1:45 p.m. at Hall A in the AC Convention Center. Join mayors from around the state and celebrate this year's inductees to the League's Elected Officials Hall of Fame and the Mayors' Hall of Fame, as well as the

recipients of the Innovation in Governance awards, and build a dialogue with the directors of State agencies, including DCA Commissioner Jacquelyn Suarez. This event is specific to Mayors and two guests. **Fee: \$30**

Purchase tickets when you [register for the Conference](#), or if you are already registered, [login to your existing registration to purchase](#). Tickets for League Events are available online through November 13. After November 13, tickets will be sold, while available, at the staffed General Registration counter on the 2nd floor of the AC Convention Center during onsite attendee registration hours.

Halls of Fame Inductees Sought

It's not too late to nominate yourself or another qualified individual in your community to the Halls of Fame. [Nominate candidates for the Mayors' Hall of Fame](#). These nominees must be serving as mayor and have at least 10 years of mayoral service to be inducted at the silver level, at least 20 years of mayoral service to be inducted at the gold level, and at least 30 years to be inducted at the platinum level.

[Submit nominations for the Elected Officials' Hall of Fame](#). The Elected Officials' Hall of Fame is now accepting nominations of local municipal governing body members, active and retired, who have served for 20 or more years as a governing body member.

Also of Interest

Nuclear Power: Trenton's Energy Reversal Reviewed at *NJ Municipalities Magazine* Blog

This week, *NJ Municipalities'* Gold Dome columnist, Ben Dworkin, Ph.D., Director, Rowan University Institute for Public Policy & Citizenship (RIPPAC), shares how almost 50 years after Three Mile Island, New Jersey embraces nuclear power.

[Read all about it in this weeks' NJ Municipalities magazine blog.](#)

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