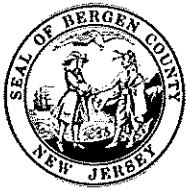


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COUNTY OF BERGEN

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

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James J. Tedesco, III
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Division Director, Land Management

August 25th, 2026

Ms. Mari Mrgiotta
Borough Clerk

Borough of Closter
295 Closter Dock Road
Closter, NJ 07624

Re: Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund – Public Hearing Notice

Dear Municipal Clerk:

Please take notice that on Thursday, October 1st, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Public Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing on the proposed funding allocations for the Trust Fund's 2026 Funding Round in the County Commissioner Public Meeting Room on the 5th Floor of the County Administration Building, One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ.
Please see the attached public notice.

Kindly provide a copy of the public hearing notice to the governing body and post it in your municipal complex on behalf of the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you very much,

Ken Aloisio

Kenneth Aloisio
Trust Fund Executive Director

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BOROUGH CLERK

AUG 31 2026

BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
COUNTY OF BERGEN
OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED 2026 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

Please Take Notice: As required by the State of New Jersey in N.J.S.A. 40:12-15, et seq., the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Public Advisory Committee, on behalf of the Bergen County Board of County Commissioners, will conduct a public hearing on the proposed allocations of its Open Space Trust Fund for Funding Year 2026 on Thursday, October 1st, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. It will be held in the County Commissioner Meeting Room on the 5th Floor of the County Administration Building, One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ 07601.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.3(d), the County of Bergen is proposing the following funding allocations from the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the Trust Fund's 2026 County Program:

Open Space Land Acquisition Projects Totaling \$1,181,360.00 as follows:

Borough of Allendale	Allendale Land Acquisition and Preservation	\$421,360
Borough of Paramus	Joy Farm - Paramus Open Space Land Acquisition	\$760,000

Historic Preservation Projects Totaling \$2,526,667.00 as follows:

Borough of Dumont	Dixon Homestead Library Restoration	\$157,875
Friends of The Hermitage	Roof Replacement & Archaeological Monitoring	\$448,830
Borough of Oakland	Historic Sites Survey Update	\$15,000
Borough of Park Ridge	Wortendyke House Preservation Plan & Restoration	\$175,000
Village of Ridgewood	Train Station Pedestrian Tunnels	\$541,880
Borough of Saddle River	Berdan House Roof Replacement	\$50,000
South Presbyterian Church	Gravestone Restoration	\$50,000
Upper Saddle River Hist. Society	Goetschius House Emergency Roof Repair	\$38,082
Borough of Waldwick	Erie RR Signal Tower Exterior Restoration	\$50,000
Div. of Historic & Cultural Affairs	Baylor Massacre Site Support & design ahead of 250th	\$200,000
Div. of Historic & Cultural Affairs	Camp Merritt Monument Cleaning, Restoration, & GIS Storymap	\$300,000
Div. of Historic & Cultural Affairs	Garretson Farm & Forge Main building and Outbuilding Restoration	\$500,000

County Park Improvements Projects Totaling \$12,350,000.00 as follows:

County Parks Department	Carlton Hill Greenway Construction Replacement Funding	\$3,600,000
County Parks Department	Otto Pehle & Walden Pond Restorations	\$2,750,000
County Parks Department	Soldier Hill GC Renovation Phase I	\$6,000,000

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.3(d), the County of Bergen is proposing the following list of funding allocations from the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the Trust Fund's 2026 Municipal Park Improvement Program of \$6,940,773.00 for municipal park improvement projects:

Allendale	Crestwood Park: Resurfacing of tennis courts, replacement of nets, new fencing	\$118,000
Bergenfield	Edwin Grube Park: New basketball court, equipment, seating and benches, fencing	\$169,015
Bogota	Sergeant Frank Pagano Park: New inclusive playground equipment, curbing, drainage	\$218,471
Carlstadt	Carlstadt Little League Field: new dugouts, drainage, and synthetic turf surface	\$146,450
Cliffside Park	Cliffside Park Little League Field: Synthetic turf field, ADA pathways, lighting, bleachers	\$218,471
Cresskill	Terhune and Cranford Parks: Upgraded acrylic sports surface, ADA-compliant walkways	\$115,500
Demarest	Wakelee Field: Tennis courts new asphalt, tack coat, court surfacing, netting, fencing	\$132,229
Dumont	Memorial Field: Underdrain system, reconstruction of infield, natural grass outfield	\$169,015

Edgewater	Veteran's Field: Renovate existing splash pad and playground equipment	\$218,471
Elmwood Park	Borough Field: Phase 2 walking paths, lighting, benches, decorative shrubbery	\$250,000
Emerson	Ackerman Park: Pavilion, new playgrounds, picnic tables, swing components	\$75,862
Englewood	Morris Park: New ADA-accessible playground structure with new equipment	\$218,471
Englewood Cliffs	Johnson Field: Restoration of tennis courts, vegetation removal, surfacing, nets & posts	\$218,471
Fair Lawn	Memorial Park: Rehabilitation of outdoor street hockey courts with new surfacing	\$30,000
Fairview	Columbus Park: Purchase and installation of pavilion	\$100,000
Franklin Lakes	Old Mill Woodlands: Resurfacing tennis and pickleball courts, new coating and lines	\$166,000
Glen Rock	Main Street Field: Fencing upgrades, new backstop, new dugouts, new bleachers	\$200,000
Hackensack	Staib Park: Construction of 9-Hole putting green with landscaping, sidewalks, benches	\$87,500
Harrington Park	Harrington Park Swim Club: Walking path, signage, dog waste stations, trash receptacles	\$100,000
Hasbrouck Hgts.	Little League Field: Installation of new fencing and backstops at Little League Field	\$146,450
Hillsdale	Memorial Park: Installation of ADA-compliant and inclusive playground equipment	\$107,062
Little Ferry	Losen Slote Creek Park: Replacement of existing play structure and surface	\$146,450
Lodi	Redstone Lane Park: Upgrade swing set, seating, fencing and addition of pavilion	\$136,176
Lyndhurst	Town Hall Park: Replacement of gazebo with new one; addition of landscaping elements	\$25,000
Maywood	Memorial Park: ADA ramps, walkways, walls, benches, trash receptacles, irrigation	\$273,512
Midland Park	Sunset Avenue Ballfields: Replacement of fencing and backstops	\$38,674
New Milford	Kennedy Field: Tennis court resurfacing, new nets and posts, energy-efficient lighting	\$169,015
North Arlington	Columbus Park: Walking paths, plaza, seating, lighting, shade structure, landscaping	\$146,450
Northvale	Hogan Park: Parking lot resurfacing, paving and restriping	\$79,672
Oakland	Oakland Recreation Complex: Dugout installation and replacement of batting cages	\$112,450
Old Tappan	Old Tappan Golf Course: Phase 1 PVC mainlines, manifold, valves, sprinkler heads	\$107,062
Oradell	Memorial Field: Replacement of lighting towers at basketball and tennis/pickleball courts	\$107,062
Palisades Park	Columbus Park: Installation of multi-purpose fitness equipment	\$170,200
Paramus	Sirianni Park: New ADA-compliant playground, rubberized surfacing, pedestrian paths	\$273,512
Ridgefield Park	John B. Davis Municipal Pool: Improvements, repair corners, removal old tiles & markers	\$97,000
Ridgewood	Citizens Field: Fencing, infield, pitcher's mound, dugouts, benches and bleachers	\$67,320
River Vale	Mark Lane Athletic Complex: Reconstruction of basketball courts with modern coating	\$75,000
Rochelle Park	Carlock Field: ADA-compliant playground upgrades, lighting, fencing, retaining wall	\$200,000
Rutherford	Memorial Field: ADA-parking lot and playground with ADA-compliant safety surface	\$146,450
Saddle Brook	5th Street Park: Replacement of surfacing and playground with ADA-compliant structure	\$175,000
S. Hackensack	Veterans Memorial Park: Installation of four pieces of outdoor exercise equipment	\$41,250
Teaneck	Mackel Park: Replacement of playground equipment and surfacing; new asphalt walkway	\$169,015
Tenafly	Roosevelt Common: Outdoor light fixtures, light poles at tennis and pickleball courts	\$169,015
U. Saddle River	Lions Park: ADA-accessible playground equipment and safety surfacing	\$338,088
Waldwick	Veterans Park: Repaving of parking lot, basketball court, and walking paths	\$85,800
Wallington	Hathaway Street Park: Safety netting, playground upgrades, benches, bleachers, drainage	\$146,450
Washington	Memorial Field: Walking path for ADA-compliance, ADA bleachers, ADA parking spaces	\$107,062
Westwood	Westvale Park: Installation of new rubberized surface at children's playground	\$71,176
Wyckoff	Russel Farms Park: Removal of rubber playground surfacing, installation of sub-base	\$61,474

The anticipated commencement date for these proposed projects is on or about November 24th, 2026. The anticipated completion date for these proposed projects is on or about November 24th, 2028. Written comments to the County may be submitted on or before the date of the public hearing, or a request for additional information may be directed to the Bergen County Department of Parks, Division of Land Management, Bergen County Administration Building, One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ 07601, Attn: Kenneth Aloisio, Trust Fund Executive Director, Division of Land Management or by email to kaloisio@bergencountynj.gov. Comments by email are preferred.



BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

August 30, 2026

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am pleased to provide the Mayor's Newsletter designed to highlight and inform our residents with information on the activities and events taking place in Closter. My door is always open, so please feel free to call me at 201-784-0600 x 500 with concerns or suggestions.

September 11th Memorial Service ~ Remembrance Park

In keeping with the commitment that "*we will never forget*" all are invited to join together in remembrance of September 11th. Please join us as we gather as a community for the Closter 9/11 Memorial service on September 11th.

Closter's September 11th remembrance service is held at the Closter 9/11 Memorial located in Remembrance Park on the corner of Cedar Lane and Harrington Avenue. *The service begins promptly at 8:30 a.m.*

Completed in 2004, Closter's September 11th Memorial stands as a moment in time when at precisely 8:46 a.m. a beam of sunlight illuminates the piece of World Trade Center steel that was recovered from the attack. Our Remembrance Service is in keeping the commitment that "*we will never forget*". All are welcome.



Mayor's Committee of the Arts



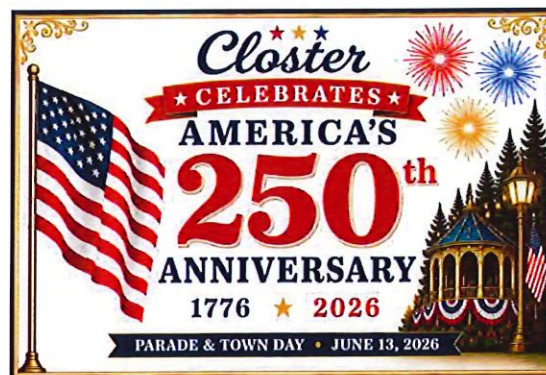
On Friday, Sept. 4th at 7pm *London Calling ~ Beatles* the music of the Beatles will fill the air in Closter Plaza's Concert Corner with the music. On Friday, Sept. 18th *Over The Waterfall* will be providing a full array of contemporary rock music. Then on Saturday, Sept. 26th at 2pm the *Purple Glove Band* will delight audiences of all ages with an array of well-known rock music, Come one and all and enjoy an evening under the stars.

The Mayor's Committee has an open call to all artists and performers. The Mayor's Committee for the Arts was established to bring the arts to Closter by having its residents participate in pop-up exhibits of music and visual arts. The Mayor's Committee for the Arts is interested in showcasing artists and performers of all ages to participate in Closter's Arts Events. Please contact mayorscommitteearts@gmail.com if you are interested in performing.

Closter's Celebration of America's 250th Anniversary~ Certificates of Recognition

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of meeting with the business owners to present them with Certificates of Recognition for their contributions to enhancing Closter's downtown with patriotic décor.

The certificates read "commended for an outstanding spirit of patriotism, community pride and participation in Closter's Celebration of America's 250th Anniversary. Your creativity and participation in celebrating Closter and the 250th Anniversary of our nation's founding made this celebration more meaningful for all who visit Closter's business area" ~ Mayor John Glidden



Closter's MacBain Farm Park

There is a large variety of cherry tomatoes, eggplants, basil, parsley, cilantro, kale, mint and various other vegetables that are ready for picking as our infamous tomatoes mature. Gentle reminder, Closter residents will need ID and proof of residency to register and pick produce once a week on **Wednesdays, Saturdays, or Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.** Parking is on Hickory Lane. Residents may stop by the farm on non-picking days to pick up ripe produce which will be left on the table outside the gate.

The MacBain Farm committee will once again host the **Intro to Drawing: Form & Light** with Bill Angresano on **Tuesday, September 29 from 4:30-6 PM.** Designed for Closter's middle school students, this outdoor graphite drawing workshop invites young artists to slow down, observe, and explore the natural beauty of the farm through art. Under the guidance of accomplished artist and educator Bill Angresano, students will learn foundational drawing techniques including observation and composition, light and shadow, proportion and form, and creating depth and dimension with graphite. No prior drawing experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided. **Tuesday, September 29 at the MacBain Farm** Space is limited. To register, email friendsofMacBain@gmail.com.

Volunteering at the MacBain Farm offers a multitude of benefits, such as connecting with nature, supporting Closter's farming heritage through the mission of the farm and community activities. The Farm Committee is *always* looking for assistance from volunteers to keep up with the abundance of weeds—email friendsofMacBain@gmail.com then just let a greeter know how you'd like to help! Volunteer greeters are also needed to keep the farm open and operational during opening hours. Families are welcome (and encouraged), keeping in mind children 16 years and younger *need to be accompanied by an adult*.

Save the Date: The Annual Fall Festival at the MacBain Farm is being planned for Saturday, October 24th.

Shade Tree Commission

Mark your calendars for an exciting Fall Photo Contest which will start in mid-September and run through October. This contest will be open to all Closter residents, young and old. Should you have any questions on Shade Trees, please send an email to shadetree@closternj.us.

Closter Recreation

Please visit www.closterRec.com for registration information for Fall Soccer and various other sports and activities.

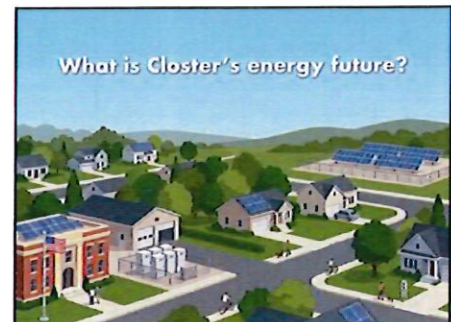
Closter Environmental Commission

The Closter Environmental Commission has proposed 18 initiatives in a draft Community Energy Plan. The plan provides strategies for reducing energy use, carbon emissions, and cost through adopting clean technologies like EVs, solar, and heat pumps. Please visit our website to read the plan and watch a video. We welcome feedback online and at our forthcoming public meeting. Community energy plan: <http://sustainablecloster.org/cep>

Public hybrid meeting:

In-person: Thu Sept 10, 7:30pm, Closter Borough Hall

Online: Zoom Meeting ID: 861 4491 9325 | Passcode: 9718316



The Environmental Commission's Closter Green Challenge continues with August/September's *Eat Local Challenge*. Support local farms, markets and small shops. Shop local farm stands and make three meals made with tomatoes, corn, cucumbers, blueberries, peaches or arugula. (Food safety reminder – wash all fresh fruits and vegetables thoroughly before eating, cutting or cooking).

Enter to Win:

Share your actions & tag @ClosterEnvironmentalCommission or email gc@sustainablecloster.org by September 30th.

Closter Nature Center

The *Fall Semester After-School Program* is scheduled **September 29th - December 17th** for ages 4-14. Students will join our experienced naturalist for 10 weeks of autumn adventures, explorations, hands-on learning and more. Sign-up for the full semester to get 10% off or choose five week sessions instead. Learn more at www.closternaturecenter.org; Register at: register.communitypass.net/closter

Native Planting with Wild Wood Restoration Project ~ **Saturday, September 19th, 9am-noon**

Help restore our forest! The CNC will be planting native plants supplied by Wild Woods Restoration Project to help the forest thrive within the reforestation enclosures. No experience necessary; tools will be provided. Space is limited to 10 spots; Registration required. Register at www.wildwoodsproject.org/events/

Music by the Pond ~ **Sunday, September 20th, 4pm-6pm**

Join us for an afternoon of live music by both professional and amateurs, filling the peaceful Ruckman Pond area with beautiful sounds and melodies. Admission is free, donations are welcome to help continue the CNC's programming. Questions? Email info@closternaturecenter.org or call 201-800-2008

Closter Public Library

~ Special Library Programs ~

"Blood Pressure Screening", (the first Wednesday of the month), begins on Wednesday, September 2nd from 1:30pm-2:30pm

"The Queens of Potluck" (An International Cookbook Club) (the 2nd Tuesday of the month) begins on September 8th from 6:15pm to 7:45pm.

"Getting Started with AI – A Hands-On Workshop" ~ these small group classes, (registration is required due to limited space) will be held in September. Information is only available at the Library. Please call (201) 768-4197) or signup in person.

"Advanced ESL Conversation" resumes on September 14th from 10-11:30am. The class will focus on conversation about topics of general interest, movies, articles and vocabulary expansion.

~ Regular Library Programs ~

First Friday Flicks is September 4th at 1pm featuring "Project Hail Mary". The Library offers a full range of programs and services, inclusive of activities for students. Please visit the library's website, www.closterpubliclibrary.org, for the comprehensive calendar and list of the Library's regular programming, including the services and programs for children. Please visit the library in person or online to benefit from all the programs the library.



Volunteering is the backbone to a strong, vibrant community. Please consider ways in which you can participate and make a difference. Closter offers invaluable services for our residents in a safe environment in which to raise our families, participate in activities for all age groups and move forward in many positive directions.

All the Best,



Mayor



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Laura Rametta <lrmetta@closternj.us>

Library news August 31, 2026

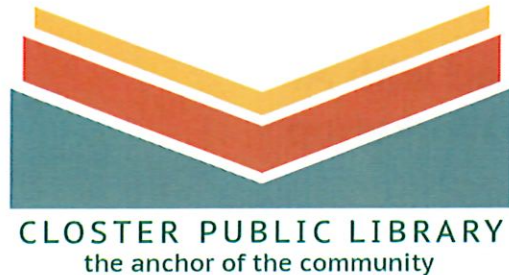
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August 31, 2026

LABOR DAY

The Library will be closed Saturday
September 5 and Monday September 7th
for Labor Day.



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING RETURNS

Know Your Numbers — Free Blood Pressure Checks
Beginning September 2

 **Wednesdays 1:30-2:30pm**

Stop by the Library for a quick, free blood pressure screening — no appointment, no cost, no rush.



Staying on top of your blood pressure is one of the easiest ways to protect your health.
Questions? Contact the Library.

You Still Have Time for AI

Getting Started with AI A Hands-On Workshop

Monday 5pm; Tuesday 1pm; Friday 10am

Call the Library to sign up

Curious about ChatGPT and Claude but not sure where to begin? In 90 minutes, you'll go from watching to using AI yourself. Working in a small group with step-by-step guidance, you'll use AI to handle everyday things. You'll learn the basic rules for staying safe online. Registration is required and space is limited. [Contact the library for more information.](#)



COMING SOON



Chair Pilates

Tuesdays 12:30pm, starting September 8

Looking for a gentle way to stay active? Join us for Chair Pilates, a modified form of Pilates that uses a chair for support. It's a great option for those with limited mobility, balance concerns, or joint issues. Participants will work through seated and standing exercises built around core Pilates principles: controlled movement, breath coordination, and mindful

alignment. The exercises help build core strength, improve posture, increase flexibility, and enhance balance.

[Contact the library for more information.](#)

The Queens of Potluck (An International Cookbook Club)

**2nd Tuesday of the Month 6:15pm,
starting September 8**

Whether you're an enthusiastic home cook or someone who needs inspiration to try something new for dinner, let's gather on the second Tuesday of each month to travel the world via our palate. We will take inspiration from (library) cookbooks that feature cuisines from different corners of the globe.

On our first meeting this September 8, 2026, let's introduce ourselves with a dish from a cookbook we like. At each meeting, we will decide on a country's cuisine to explore together the following month. Please [email](#) the library for information and to sign up. Joy is beautiful at any age!



Advanced ESL Conversation

Mondays 10-11:30am, starting September 14

The Advanced Conversation ESL classes will resume on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 10 am. Classes will focus on conversation about topics of general interest, movies, articles, and personal experiences. Vocabulary expansion and improved pronunciation are important goals and grammar will be addressed as needed.

Contingent on the enrollment numbers, we may add a second class on Wednesdays from 1-2:30 PM. Call or [email](#) the library for more information.

Regular Programs

Short Story Club

**Tuesday
September 1 7:30
pm on Zoom**
Contact [Julia](#) for
more information
and the Zoom link.

*Short Story
Club*

Two by Grace Paley

A Conversation with My Father
&
My Father Addresses Me on the Facts
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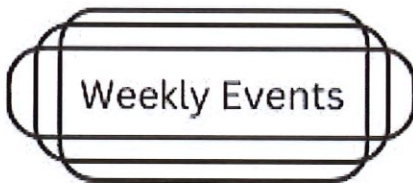


First Friday Flicks

Project Hail Mary

Friday September 4 1pm

A science teacher wakes up alone on a spaceship. As his memory returns, he uncovers a mission to stop a mysterious substance killing Earth's sun, and realizes that an unexpected friendship may be the key. Ryan Gosling stars.



Monday

10-11:30am - 1to1 ESL tutoring

7-8pm - Tech Help

Tuesday

10-11:30pm - 1to1 ESL tutoring

Wednesday

6-7 pm Yoga/Meditation

Thursday

12:30-2pm - Knitting and Craft

Saturday

1:30-2:30 - Intermediate ESL

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

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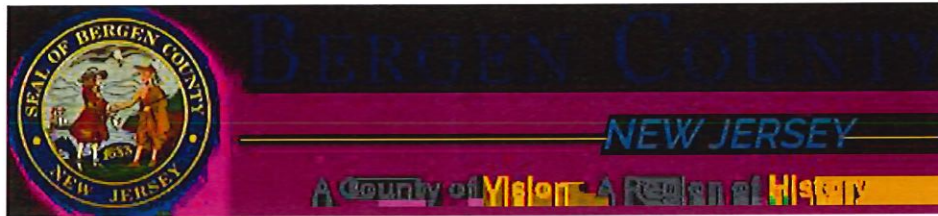
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Bergen County Board of Commissioners Newsletter

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Mon, Aug 31, 2026 at 4:16 PM



Bergen County August Updates

The **Bergen County Board of Commissioners** is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for its residents through various services and community engagement. This newsletter serves as a platform to share key updates, resolutions, and ordinances, as well as highlight community heroes and initiatives. By staying informed, you can play an active role in shaping the future of our county. The Board of

Commissioners is committed to transparency and accountability, ensuring that the needs and concerns of all residents are addressed. Through this newsletter, we aim to foster a sense of community and cooperation, ultimately contributing to the well-being and prosperity of Bergen County.

LEGISLATION

 **COUNTY OF BERGEN**
Certified Copy
Ordinance: 26-20
Agenda: 8/19/2026

Ordinance: 26-20
Meeting Date: 8/19/2026
Administrative & Finance
Reading: Second
Purpose: Guaranty Ordinance Securing the Bergen County Improvement Authority's County Guaranteed Pooled Note Program, Series 2026b, in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$250,000,000
Prepared By: JS

Sponsored by County Commissioner Mark, seconded by County Commissioner Antonio, and adopted by the following vote:
Yea: 5 - Chairman Tarek Chai, Pro Tempore Vice County Commissioner Antonio, County Commissioner Mark, County Commissioner Doug, and County Commissioner Sullivan
Abstain: 1 - Vice Chairwoman Sara Za

I, Lara Peltz, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 26-20, adopted by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS on 8/19/2026.

Attest: Lara Peltz

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 **COUNTY OF BERGEN**
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Meeting Date: 8/19/2026
Administrative & Finance
Reading: Second
Purpose: Guaranty Ordinance Securing the Bergen County Improvement Authority's County Guaranteed Pooled Bond Program, Series 2026, in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$250,000,000
Prepared By: JS

Sponsored by County Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by County Commissioner Ortiz, and adopted by the following vote:
Yea: 5 - Chairman Tarek Chai, Pro Tempore Vice County Commissioner Antonio, County Commissioner Mark, County Commissioner Ortiz, and County Commissioner Sullivan
Abstain: 1 - Vice Chairwoman Sara Za

I, Lara Peltz, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 26-21, adopted by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS on 8/19/2026.

Attest: Lara Peltz

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Second Read Ordinance 26-20

Guaranty Ordinance Securing the Bergen County Improvement Authority's County Guaranteed Pooled Note Program, Series 2026b, in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$250,000,000

Second Read Ordinance 26-21

Guaranty Ordinance Securing the Bergen County Improvement Authority's County Guaranteed Pooled Bond Program, Series 2026, in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$250,000,000



BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 26-22

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the County of Bergen, a body politic and corporate of the State of New Jersey (the "County"), held on August 5, 2026. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at One Bergen County Plaza, Public Meeting Room, Fifth Floor, Hackensack NJ 07601, on August 19, 2026 at 7:00 PM, and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners' office to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ORDINANCE 26-22

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE TITLED "TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY" IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE PROLIFERATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGH COORDINATED RIGHT-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT, OVERSIGHT, AND COST RECOVERY, AND TO PROTECT COUNTY PROPERTY AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE."

WHEREAS, the County has adopted an ordinance entitled "Telecommunications Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way" governing the placement, modification, and maintenance of telecommunications infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the County finds that telecommunications infrastructure is rapidly proliferating within its rights-of-way and on County property, and that it is necessary to ensure such deployment is reviewed in a comprehensive and consistent manner in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and to minimize impacts on County assets, infrastructure, and residents; and

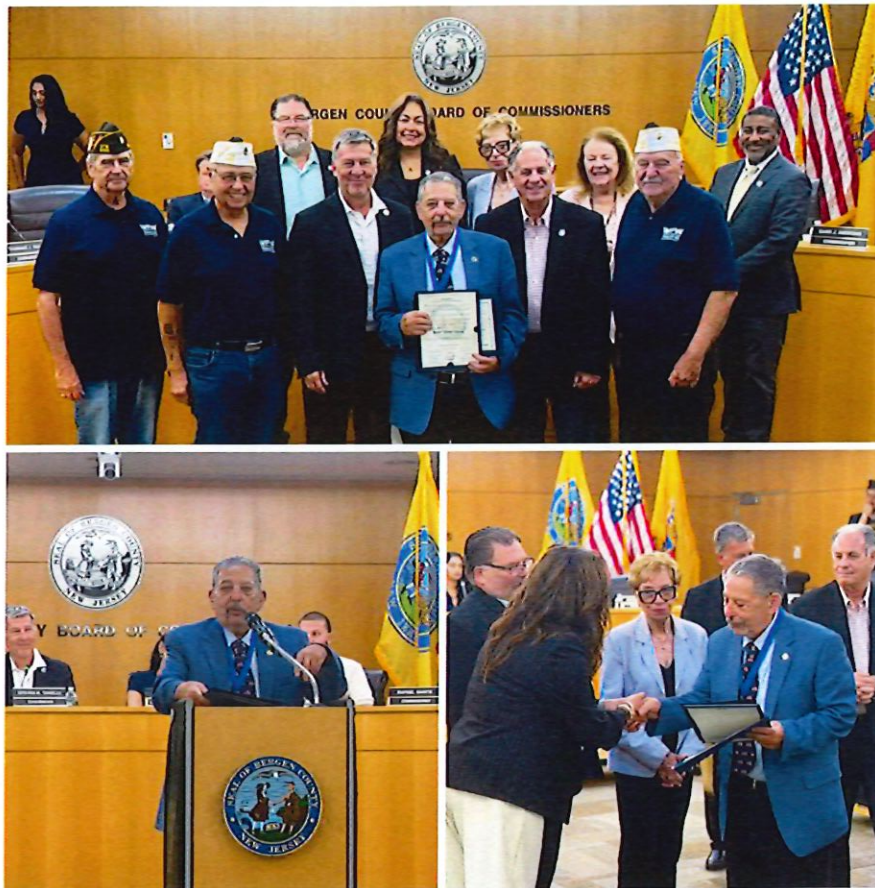
Second Read **Ordinance 26-22**

*Amend Telecommunications In Right of
Way Ordinance, No. 21-11*

All Second Reading Ordinances were adopted August 19, 2026.

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

JAMES ZACONIE, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP



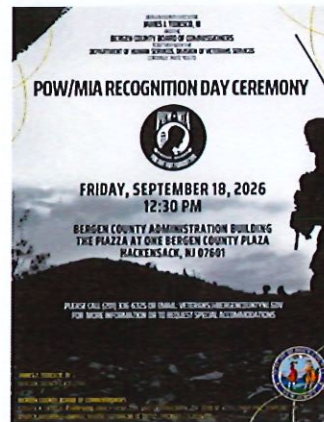
We honored our August Veteran of the Month, **James Zaconie**, of **Washington Township** at our 7:00pm public session held on Wednesday, August 19th.

After graduating from **Westwood** High School in 1966, James enlisted in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War era. He served from 1967 to 1970, including aboard the USS Recovery as a shipboard electrician, and received an honorable discharge.

His commitment to service continued after the Navy. James joined the **Garfield** Fire Company No. 4 in 1973 and the **Washington Township** Fire Department in 1975, where he later served as Fire Chief. Just a few weeks ago, we celebrated his incredible 50 years of service to the department.

He went on to serve the **Mahwah** Fire Department until his retirement in 2013. Across decades of military and public service, James answered countless calls for help and dedicated himself to protecting others. Bergen County is proud to honor him our August Veteran of the Month.

SEPTEMBER SAVE THE DATE



- Thursday, September 10 at 6:30 pm- **25th Anniversary 9/11 Memorial Vigil**, Amphitheater, Overpeck County Park, Ridgefield Park Area, Fort Lee Road, Leonia.
- Thursday, September 17 - 2027 Bergen County **History Grant Funding Program - Grant Information Session**. Additional Information contact DCHA History Grant Coordinator Elaine Kiernan Gold at EGold@BergenCountyNJ.gov (201-336-7294).
- Friday, September 18 at 12:30pm - **POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony** The Piazza at the Bergen County Administration Building, One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack. Additional Information contact the Division of Veterans Services at Veterans@BergenCountyNJ.gov (201-336-6325).
- Sunday, September 24 at 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - **Annual Senior Festival** at Van Saun County Park, Paramus. *Registration*

required. To register visit: <https://forms.office.com/g/xbwhU7XCzX>. Additional Information contact Katie Burke of Senior Services at Seniors@BergenCountyNJ.gov (201-336-7417).

- Sunday, September 27 at 8:30 am - **14th Bergen County Bocce Tournament** at Riverside County Park in Lyndhurst. *Registrations due Friday, September 4th.* Additional Information contact Department of Parks at KKrausz@BergenCountyNJ.gov (201-336-7285).

WEBSITE AND ADVERTISING REMINDER

In accordance with New Jersey Senate Bill 4654, signed into law on June 30, 2025 by Governor Phil Murphy, the County of Bergen posts all public and legal notices on its official county website.

Public Notices – Bergen County, NJ – Official Website
(<http://www.bergencountynj.gov/notices>)

These notices will also be shared with the New Jersey Department of State for posting on the Statewide Legal Notices Webpage.

Statewide Legal Notices Listings
(<https://www.nj.gov/state/statewide-legal-notices-list.shtml>).



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SEPTEMBER 11TH MEMORIAL SERVICE



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FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11, 2026
8:15 A.M.



9/11 MEMORIAL
REMEMBRANCE PARK

Harrington Avenue & Closter Dock Road
Closter, New Jersey



*Please join us as our community pauses
to remember, reflect, and honor the lives
and sacrifices of September 11th.*



At precisely 8:46 a.m., sunlight passes through an aperture in the dedication stone of Closter's 9/11 Memorial, illuminating a fragment of World Trade Center steel—a solemn reminder of the moment our nation was forever changed.



ALL ARE WELCOME.





SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

MEMORIAL SERVICE

WE WILL NEVER FORGET



— REMEMBRANCE PARK —

HARRINGTON AVENUE &
CLOSTER DOCK ROAD
CLOSTER, NEW JERSEY

BOROUGH OF CLOSTER

8:15 a.m. *Turn Out the Stars*
by Bill Evans, played by Joel Zelnik

8:30 a.m. Seating

8:35 a.m. Presentation of Colors
Volunteer Fire Department Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem ~ Northern Valley
Demarest (NV-D) School Chorus

Opening Remarks ~ Ex-Chief Mark Lupardi

8:46 a.m. Moment of Silence
Placing of Wreath by
Knickerbocker Hook & Ladder Company

8:47 a.m. *A Day Without Rain* ~ Recorded by Enya

8:50 a.m. *The Path* ~ Read by Captain Margaret Buchanan
Closter Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Corps

The Fallen ~ Douglas Parody, bagpipes

One Infamous Day ~ September 11, 2001
by Fran Toepfer
Read by Chief James Buccola ~
Closter Police Dept.

New York's Angels ~ Recorded by Tom Sheppard



We Remember Them ~ Read by
Mayor John Glidden, Capt., USAF (Ret.)
Leroy S. Mead Post III

America the Beautiful ~ led by
NV-D School Chorus ~ All are invited to sing

A Banner Yet Wave ~ Read by Luiza Mircovich

9:03 a.m. Moment of Silence
Placing of Wreath by
Closter Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Corps
Closing Remarks ~ Ex-Chief Mark Lupardi
Amazing Grace ~ Douglas Parody, bagpipes
Taps
God Bless America ~ led by
NV-D School Chorus ~ All are invited to sing
Retiring of Colors
Bag Pipes ~ Douglas Parody

IN MEMORY OF THOSE WE LOST ★ IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO SERVED ★ IN GRATITUDE TO THOSE WHO RESPONDED



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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

FALL 2026 PROGRAM REGISTRATION

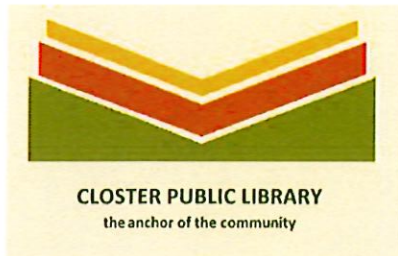
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Children and Young Adult Newsletter



REGISTRATION FOR FALL PROGRAMMING

Hello Everyone,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer! We are excited to welcome fall and begin a new season of programs and activities at the library. Registration is still open online; however, many of our classes are already full. I will be sending email confirmations to everyone who is officially registered for a class. If you do not receive a confirmation email, it means you are not currently registered for that class.

Our classes have been very popular, and for safety and space considerations, most programs have been capped at 25–30 participants. I will also be creating waitlists for full classes in case spots become available due to schedule changes or cancellations.

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting fall! We will be adding several new programs to the calendar over the next few weeks, including:

- Korean Dot Art
- Financial Literacy for Kids
- A children's author reading and activity

- And much more!

I will continue to keep you updated on upcoming programs and events each Thursday so you can stay informed about everything happening at the library. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you this fall!

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



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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Plan Design Committee Deadlock; Heat Webinar; Data Centers

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Weekly Roundup <njleague@njlm.org>

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Weekly Roundup

September 2, 2026

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State Issues

Plan Design Committee Deadlocks on Cost Saving Measures

The State Health Benefits Plan Design Committee recently met to consider eight resolutions to achieve savings prior to the Plan Year 2027 rate setting meeting. All eight resolutions failed to receive the required seven votes to pass.

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: Plan Design Committee Deadlocks on Cost Saving Measures

Verizon Seeks Approval to Discontinue Copper Landline Services

Verizon is seeking permission from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to discontinue traditional copper-based landline telephone services. The FCC is accepting comments until September 10.

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

Read more: [Verizon Seeks Approval to Discontinue Copper Landline Services](#)

Extreme Heat and Protecting New Jersey's Communities Webinar

New Jersey's Interagency Council on Climate Resilience and Sustainable Jersey are hosting their final Extreme Heat and Protecting New Jersey's Communities Webinar for the year on September 16.

Contact: Taran B. Samhammer, Director, Communications, Marketing & Technology, tsamhammer@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x124.

Read more: [Extreme Heat and Protecting New Jersey's Communities Webinar](#)

DLGS Issues Local Finance Notice on Data Centers

The Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) has issued Local Finance Notice (LFN) 2026-13 providing local governments with information and guidance regarding data center developments in the state.

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

Read more: [DLGS Issues Local Finance Notice on Data Centers](#)

Governor Sherrill Signs Data Center Guardrail Legislation

On Thursday, Governor Sherrill signed S-3379/A-4096 into law requiring data center owners and operators to submit semi-annual water and energy usage reports to BPU.

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

Read more: Governor Sherrill Signs Data Center Guardrail Legislation

Portable Solar Legislation Signed by Governor

Governor Sherrill signed S-2368/A-4836, which supplements Title 48 of Revised Statutes and exempts portable solar generation devices from certain interconnection, net metering, and other requirements.

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

Read more: Portable Solar Legislation Signed by Governor

Governor Signs Land Use Legislation

Governor Sherrill signed A-3877/S-2960, which establishes a municipal incentive program to amend their master plans and development regulations by incorporating certain housing strategies to enhance the development potential of denser residential property.

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: Governor Signs Land Use Legislation

Legislation Signed Establishing Standards and EVs Make-Ready Parking

On August 27, Governor Sherrill signed A-4531/S-3738 (2R), now P.L. 2026, c.79 which establishes alternative compliance standards for development of electric vehicle supply equipment and Make-Ready parking spaces based on charging capacity.

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

Read more: Legislation Signed Establishing Standards and EVs
Make-Ready Parking

Governor Signs Legislation for “To Go” Alcoholic Beverages

Governor Sherrill signed S-4384 into law, making permanent certain sale and delivery of alcoholic beverages and clarifying privileges.

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

Read more: Governor Signs Legislation for “To Go” Alcoholic
Beverages

S-757/A-4687 Signed Into Law

Governor Sherrill has signed legislation concerning the financing for the acquisition of certain firefighting apparatus and equipment.

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

S-757/A-4687 Signed Into Law

Federal Issues

House Passes Continuing Resolution to Fund Federal Government

On Tuesday, the House passed a Continuing Resolution to fund the federal government at current levels through December 11. The Senate passed the same legislation on August 8.

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

Conference Connections

Advance Registration Now Available

It's not too late to register for the Annual Conference at a discounted rate. Advance Registration for the Annual Conference will run through November 16. Government or nonprofit registrants pay \$75 with spouses/partners paying \$20. Non-government registrants pay \$155 with spouse/partners paying \$40. Please note that a spouse/partner cannot be an employee of the municipality, and this badge is not eligible to earn CEU credits.

Save Time for League Events-NEW LOCATIONS for 2026

On Tuesday at 9:00 a.m., the NJLM Educational Foundation will hold its annual kick-off event. More information will be published as it becomes available. This event is complimentary, but preregistration is required. More information will be available on this soon.

Also on Tuesday, at 3:15 p.m. the Resolutions Committee will gather to [discuss the resolutions](#) that local government officials have submitted for consideration. The session is open to all, but only members of the Resolutions Committee may vote.

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. The event will be held in Hall A of the AC Convention Center. Fee: \$30

At the end of the Wednesday, show your support for women's outstanding achievements at the **Women in Municipal Government Networking & Awards Event** from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Hall A of the AC Convention Center. Fee: \$35

On Thursday, the Annual Conference ends strong with the **League Delegates Luncheon**, which puts you in the room with League and State leadership. Governor Sherrill has been invited to give the keynote. This year, the event will be held in Room 402 of the AC Convention Center. Fee: \$45.

The League's final event for the Conference is the **Annual Business Meeting** Thursday at 3:00 in Room 201/202 of the Atlantic City Convention

Center. Meet the newest Officers and Executive Board members and learn about the plans for 2026. No fee to attend.

Tickets can be purchased for the Mayor's Lunch Briefing, Women in Government Networking & Awards Event, and the League Delegates Luncheon during the [registration process](#) or added later by [editing your existing Conference registration](#). Only those with a Conference badge may attend the ticketed events.

Also of Interest

NJ Municipalities Magazine Blog: Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month Tools

The New Jersey Division of Disability Services has put together a resource center in support of Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month, which takes place annually from September 1 to September 30. It aims to increase public understanding of spinal cord injuries (SCI), highlight the challenges faced by individuals living with SCI, and promote research, accessibility, and inclusion. [Read about it in this week's NJ Municipalities magazine 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, 609-695-3481, x123.

Governor's Housing Conference Registration Now Open

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

Registration is [now open](#).

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

BJA Substance Use Site-Based Grants Available

The Bureau of Justice Assistance is offering grants to help local governments address opioids, stimulants, overdoses, and other substance use through prevention, enforcement, treatment, and recovery. Applications are due September 24.

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

Read more: [BJA Substance Use Site-Based Grants Available](#)

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