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July 3, 2026

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Library news June 29, 2026

1 message

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

Reply-To: cltrcirc@bccls.org

To: lrametta@closternj.us

Mon, Jun 29, 2026 at 8:02 AM



CLOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
the anchor of the community

June 29, 2026

Special Program

This is My Country A Celebration of Life in Today's America



**Concert with Francine Evans and
Joel Zelnik**

**Friday July 3 1 pm - Doors open at
12:45**

This timely program highlights our American ideals and values featuring significant songs from the wide swath of our collective experience. Come

celebrate America with this uplifting show, featuring music by Irving Berlin, Lee Greenwood, Woody Guthrie, Elton John, the Armed Forces and More!

Francine Evans, Vocalist with **Joel Zelnik**, Pianist, **David Cox**-Drums, **Rick Crane**-Bass

This concert is made possible with a grant from the Musicians Union Local 16-248 Music Performance Trust Fund, which brings music to the public and supplements the income of musicians.

Independence Day

The Library will be closed on Saturday July 4 in recognition of American Independence Day.



Adult Summer Reading Challenge 2026



UNEARTH A GOOD SHORT STORY

June 29th-August 16th

1. Read any short story you choose from anywhere
2. Get a raffle ticket for each short story you read
3. Put your raffle ticket in the jar of the prize you want
4. Repeat

Winners will be announced August 17th

Stamp Your Way Around BCCLS

Explore the 78 BCCLS Member Libraries this summer in search of hidden treasures!

Join the 2026 BCCLS Scavenger Hunt - a fun-filled journey to discover the BCCLS logo hidden in participating libraries.



Here's how it works:

- Pick up your scavenger hunt form at any BCCLS library or **download it online** (you'll need legal size paper 8.5" x 14").
- Visit at least 3 libraries between **June 15 and August 15, 2026**, and find the hidden BCCLS logos.
- Get your form stamped with each library's property stamp as proof of your discovery!
- Return your form to any BCCLS library by **August 29, 2026**.

Two \$50 VISA gift card prizes

- **One adult (18+)**
- **One child**

RESOURCES

Museum Passes



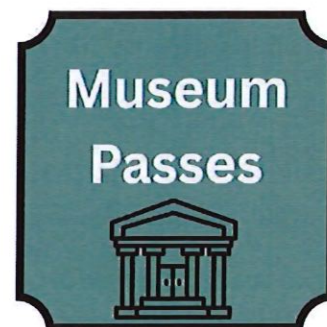
The Frick's George Washington

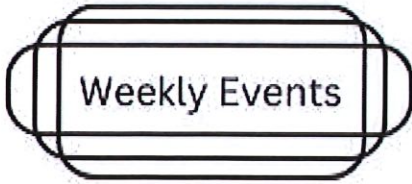
The return of this Gilbert Sullivan portrait of the illustrious first president of the United States to pride of place in this gallery coincides with the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It also unites the painting with the Frick's other American portraits (displayed on the surrounding walls): the four full-lengths by the American-born James McNeill Whistler.

Stop by the library and borrow the **Frick** 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.](#)





Monday

10-11:30am- Advanced ESL
Conversation
7-8pm - Tech Help

Tuesday

10-11:30am - 1 to 1 ESL Tutoring
11:30am- Chair Yoga - last class before
summer break

Wednesday

10-11:30am - 1 to 1 ESL Tutoring
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

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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Sustainable NJ Grant

1 message

Christopher Cho <ccho@closternj.us>

Mon, Jun 29, 2026 at 12:07 PM

To: Leslie Weatherly <lweatherly@closternj.us>, Kevin Whitney <kwhitney@closternj.us>, James Winters <jwinters@closternj.us>, Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>, John Glidden <jglidden@closternj.us>

Good Afternoon Leslie/Kevin,

Can we add this to the newsletter and borough website? This is one of requirements of the grant. Attached is the photo. Thank you

Chris

Congratulations to Closter Councilman Chris Cho for helping secure a \$2,000 Sustainable Jersey grant to support local sustainability initiatives. Closter was among 56 New Jersey municipalities and schools awarded funding through the PSEG Foundation's 2026 Sustainable Jersey Grants Program, which distributed more than \$300,000 statewide for projects focused on environmental stewardship, climate resilience, and community engagement. The grant will help advance Closter's commitment to building a healthier, more sustainable future for residents.

Press Release

Sustainable Jersey Awards More Than \$300,000 in Grants to 56 New Jersey Municipalities and Schools

on Jun 15, 2026

PSEG Foundation funding supports environmental education, climate resilience, green infrastructure, food waste reduction, and community engagement projects across 16 counties

Today, Sustainable Jersey announced that 56 New Jersey municipalities, schools, and school districts have been selected to receive grant funding for projects that advance sustainability, environmental stewardship, and community resilience.

Funded by the PSEG Foundation, the grants include six \$20,000 awards, seventeen \$10,000 awards, and thirty-five \$2,000 awards. The projects will impact communities across sixteen counties and support a wide range of local initiatives, from community gardens and outdoor classrooms to climate resilience planning, native habitat restoration, composting programs, and environmental education.

The 2026 grant recipients and funded projects can be viewed here:

- See Who Received Grants and the Funded Projects
- Read Quotes from the Grant Recipients

The funded projects reflect the growing commitment of New Jersey communities and schools to creating healthier, more sustainable places to live, learn, and work. Initiatives include community and school gardens, greenhouse and outdoor learning spaces, composting and food waste reduction programs, native habitat restoration and tree planting efforts, environmental planning and green infrastructure projects, sustainability education and STEAM learning opportunities, and programs that promote student wellness, environmental literacy, and hands-on learning.

“Congratulations to the schools and municipalities receiving grants and for the positive momentum they are creating in their communities,” said **Randall Solomon, executive director of Sustainable Jersey**. “These grants, funded by the PSEG Foundation, support projects that improve quality of life while strengthening environmental stewardship and community engagement. Whether it’s a rain garden, a composting program, or a municipal efficiency project, these initiatives do more than address local challenges—they help communities discover what’s possible when people work together to create lasting change.”

Over the past fifteen years, the PSEG Foundation has contributed more than \$5.68 million to Sustainable Jersey programs, strengthening its legacy of community investment and environmental leadership. Of that support, \$4.04 million has been distributed directly to New Jersey municipalities and public schools through grant funding.

“Each year, we’re inspired by the creativity and determination that New Jersey communities bring to building a better future,” said **Calvin Ledford, president of the PSEG Foundation and director of PSEG Corporate Social Responsibility**. “These projects show what’s possible when local leaders, educators, and students work together to turn good ideas into meaningful action. The PSEG Foundation is proud to support initiatives that not only strengthen environmental resilience but also expand opportunity and improve quality of life across our state. Congratulations to this year’s grant recipients for driving progress where it matters most—right in their own communities.”

Grant proposals were reviewed and selected by an independent Blue-Ribbon Selection Committee. In addition to supporting innovative, community-driven projects, the grants help recipients advance toward Sustainable Jersey and Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification.

Best Regards,

Christopher Cho



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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

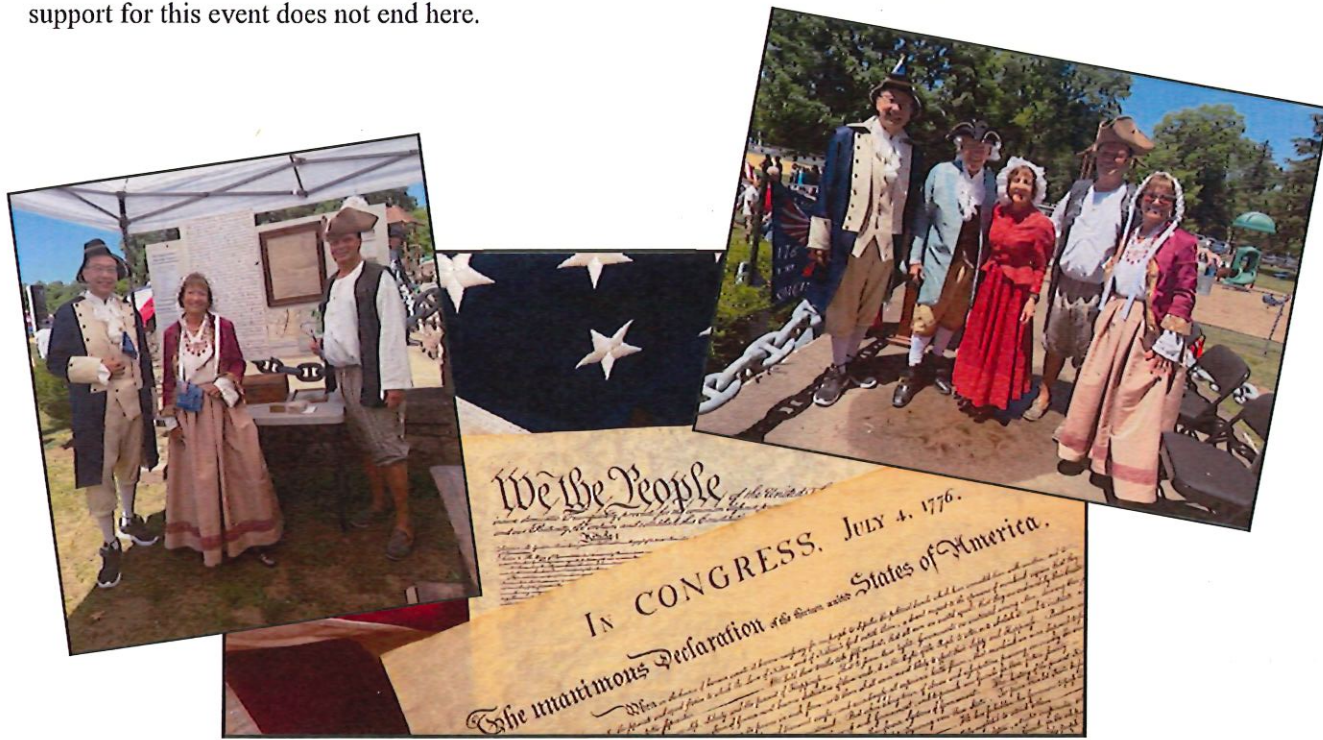
June 30, 2026

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.

Closter Celebrates America's 250 Anniversary

Closter's *Celebration of America's 250th Anniversary* was an extraordinary event which showcased our history while celebrating our community. I would personally like to thank all of the event committee's *volunteers* and all of our Borough professionals, the Dept. of Public Works, Police Dept., Recreation Commission, Fire Dept., Fire Prevention Bureau, Ambulance & Rescue Corps, Office of Emergency Mgmt., Board of Health and Borough Hall staff whose dedication and hard work brought this event to fruition. The support for this event does not end here.



The sponsorship of our *generous partners* allowed us to enhance the array of event activities. Please find a minute to join me in thanking these generous partners. A huge shout out of appreciation to:

EDENS Closter Plaza, First Commerce Bank, NVE/ION Bank, STERN & BOW, Closter Coaches Association, Alpha Corp. Luxury Construction, Vista Engineering Corp., Rudy's Ristorante & Pizzeria, Gary's Wine & Marketplace Victoria's Nursery, Closter Commons, SEAR House, Heidenberg Closter Assoc. LLC, Closter Elks B.P.O.E. 2304, AM Graphics Inc., Minuteman Press in HoHoKus

and...

the businesses at *The Powder Works Factory on Herbert Ave.*~ Gotta Guy, Amplify Holistic Healing, Odj Jiu Jitsu, Humble Yoga, Handy Benny, Erica Sabag Luxury Consignments, True Fit, Dr Shade, The Muse Arthouse, Exotic Woods, Roots Café, Soldados Coffee and The Tailored Studio



Mayor's Committee of the Arts

MAYOR GLIDDEN'S COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS

5/20	WED	MAGNOLIA STREET STRING BAND	7 PM
5/29	FRI	RONEN MIKAY QUARTET	7 PM
6/05	FRI	HENRY COVNER DJ	7 PM
6/19	FRI	TILL WE CAN'T	7 PM
7/17	FRI	REFLECTIONS SWING BAND	7 PM
8/07	FRI	LONDON CALL BEATLES	7 PM
8/21	FRI	DAVID SCANCE	7 PM
9/21	FRI	TO BE ANNOUNCED	7 PM
9/26	SAT	PURPLE GLOVE	2 PM

All concerts are at CLOSTER PLAZA at 7 PM unless noted.

closterboro.com for details and rain date

Mark your calendar and put on your dancing shoes! On July 17th beginning at 7:00 pm, the *Reflections Swing Band* will fill the air in Closter Plaza's Concert Corner with the sounds of the big band era! Bring friends, neighbors, dancing shoes or a chair! or a folding chair! Come out to enjoy an evening under the stars while listening to delightful music.

Calling All Artists & 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.

Hip, Hip, Hooray!!! CONGRATULATIONS to All of Closter's Graduates

Whether graduating from Northern Valley Regional High School – Demarest, Tenakill Middle School or Hillside Elementary School, CONGRATULATIONS to all of Closter's students. Closter is proud of your accomplishments and sends all of you best wishes ~ Mayor *John Glidden*

Closter's MacBain Farm Park

While preparing for an abundant season of vegetables and flowers, the MacBain Farm Park, located at 203 Hickory Lane, was the site for creative workshops led by two of Closter's talented residents. Bill Angresano taught an outdoor drawing workshop for Closter's students and Tsun Tam taught a photography workshop



On June 27th the MacBain Farm Committee opened the season with a “*Volunteers Welcome*” sign up and greeting. *Volunteering* is a great way to support the mission of the MacBain Farm Park. The Farm is always looking for volunteers to keep up with the abundance of weeds—just let a greeter know if 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*.

Closter residents will need to bring 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.

Shade Tree Commission

Please visit the Borough's website for valuable information on the planting and care of the trees on your property. Important guides and tips are available on the Borough's website under Shade Tree Commission, “Trees and Planting Tips” located at <https://www.closterboro.com/page/shade-tree-commission>. You will find information on the species of trees, deer guards, mulching and more. Mulching trees properly is critical for the health of the tree. Mulch should be placed 6 inches from the tree trunk at ground level, in a “donut shape”; never piled up against the trunk. Standard practice is 2-4 inches deep starting 6 inches from the trunk. A “Tree Donut- Mulching Recommendations” brochure is available on the website.

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 Public Library

Celebration America's 250th Anniversary ~

This Is My Country: Friday, July 3rd at 1:00 p.m. A special Celebration of American Patriotic Music! “**This Is My Country**” featuring Francine Evans, vocalist, Joel Zelnik, pianist, David Cox, drums, Rick Crane, Base. Join friends and neighbors in the Community Room for an uplifting show!

Betsy Ross: July 21st at 6:00 p.m. Betsy Ross, aka Elizabeth Claypoole, was a flag maker, seamstress, upholsterer, wife, mother and Quaker. Learn about her contributions to American independence and her connections to America's Founding Fathers with character re-creator Alisa Dupuy

The Belskie Museum's Art Wall in the Closter Public Library is exhibiting "Solitary Moments: The Quiet Brilliance of Jay Ruhren" beginning on July 12th through August 30th.

This month's First Friday Flicks will be held on Friday, July 10th at 1pm featuring the film *Sentimental Value*. Regular programs at the library are listed on the library's website, www.closterpubliclibrary.org. The library's summer programs for our youth are also posted. Visit the website and sign up for the newsletter to receive the kid's newsletter that is loaded with information about summer activities. Summer is in full swing at our library!

Closter Recreation

Fall soccer registration for children in grades k-8 (fall 2026) will open in late July. Please visit www.closterRec.com for registration information and take advantage of the early bird rate fee and save \$50.00.

The *free* half day Summer Rec program begins on Wednesday, July 1st at 9:30am to 12 noon. The free program takes place at Memorial Park located on Harrington Ave., Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 12. It's canceled if it rains. You can always check the Rec Weatherline at 201-750-9507 mailbox 6 for information as to the status of the camp due to inclement weather. This free program is for Closter residents in grades K through 8. You can register for the camp on the first day that you bring your child to the program.

The Steven Potterton Memorial Concert series is held at Memorial Park and will resume on Friday July 10th at the Closter Lions band shell. Each concert begins at 7:30pm; it's a great night of family entertainment!

Closter Nature Center

The CNC Children's Summer Program begins on July 6th and runs through August 27th. Campers hike scenic trails, wade into freshwater habitats, meet our animal ambassadors, investigate the wonders of nature and more all in a supportive group setting led by a trained naturalist and assistant. Sessions are limited to 15 participants. Become a member to receive the discounted rates for all youth programs, as well as other benefits. Limited scholarships are available. For scholarship inquiries and general questions contact cnsummer@closternaturecenter.org. A full schedule and information is available on our website, www.closternaturecenter.org. Email info@closternaturecenter.org or call 201-800-2008.

Closter Environmental Commission



Join the Closter Green Challenge! June/July is Plant Native Challenge. This month challenge yourself to add one native plant to your yard, patio or window box. Some native NJ wildflowers include Goldenrod, Bee Balm, Joe-pye-weed, Cardinal Flower, Common Milkweed and many more! Enter to win by sharing your actions by emailing gc@sustainablecloster.org by July 31.

Bi-monthly winners receive prizes like gift cards to local businesses. The overall winner earns the Mayor's Award at year-end celebration. If you would like a native plant to get started, email gc@sustainablecloster.org. If you have any questions or would like to contribute to the work of the Closter Environmental Commission, please contact us at hello@sustainablecloster.org.




Closter Fire Prevention Bureau

FIRE PREVENTION KNOW BEFORE YOU MOW

Over 6,400 lawn mower fires occur each year in the U.S.

Lawn care equipment fires cause an estimated 85 injuries, 60 hospitalizations, and 5 deaths annually.

- ✓ **Check your equipment:** Look for fuel leaks, frayed wires, or built-up grass clippings—especially near the engine and muffler.
- ✓ **Keep it clean:** While mowing, built-up dry grass and leaves can ignite on hot engine parts in seconds.
- ✓ **Never refuel a hot mower:** Turn it off. Let it cool for at least 15 minutes before adding gas. And always use a proper container.
- ✓ **Don't mow in tall, dry grass:** Avoid mowing in extreme heat or drought. It's a spark away from becoming a wildfire.
- ✓ **Store your mower safely:** Keep away from open flames, water heaters, or anything flammable.



Closter Office of Emergency Management

The Closter Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is available to assist Closter residents who, because of special medical needs may require additional assistance during severe storms, power outages or natural disasters. If you would like to be added to the OEM “check list” contact Leslie Weatherly at 201-784-0600 x 304. Residents will need to provide their name, address, home and cell numbers, the type of assistance they made need and an alternative emergency contact. All information is strictly confidential.

Rockland Electric (O&R) has a Life-Support Equipment Program. It doesn't guarantee uninterrupted electric service, but when unavoidable power outages occur; the program provides information and notifications to help you stay informed, prepared, and safe. Call Rockland Electric's Customer Assistance at 1-877-434-4100 between 8am. and 7pm on weekdays, except holidays.

Closter Lions Club

A fun time was had by all who attended the 2026 Closter Lions Duck Derby held at the Closter Nature Center. The volunteer members of the Lions Club proudly donated \$2500 to the CNC!



Celebrating America's 250th Anniversary: 1776 ~ 2026

Happy 4th of July!



July 4th, or Independence Day, commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, which declared the 13 American colonies free from British rule. The first official celebration with fireworks was in Philadelphia in 1777. While the vote for independence occurred on July 2nd, July 4th became the Day of Celebration and in 1870 Independence Day became a federal holiday.

In celebration of America's 250th Anniversary, below are links to some history videos as well as a link to the full history of the Declaration found in the National Archives. Happy 250th America!!

<https://youtu.be/xPzmuYxMRO0?si=pWTVvvMR85vffCMs>

https://youtu.be/5TT6R_Xps7w?si=yRliBvzTkS5CpU8t

<https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/declaration-history>

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The Borough is moving forward in many positive directions. Volunteers are the backbone of any community, and I encourage each of you to think of ways in which you can, as a volunteer, make a difference in Closter.

Wishing everyone a very Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

All the Best,

Mayor

*Borough of Closter*

*295 Closter Dock Road*

*Closter New Jersey*



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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

## Budget and Supplemental Budget Move Ahead, Conference Registration & Housing Open

1 message

Weekly Roundup <njleague@njlm.org>

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To: mmargiotta@closternj.us

Wed, Jul 1, 2026 at 4:44 PM



# Weekly Roundup

July 1, 2026

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## State Issues

### Governor Sherrill Signs SFY2027 Budget Into Law

On Tuesday night, Governor Sherrill signed the \$60.7 billion SFY27 Budget into law.

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

Read more: [Governor Sherrill Signs SFY2027 Budget Into Law](#)

### Legislature Adopts \$358.8 Million SFY26 Supplemental Budget

The Legislature has adopted a \$358.8 million SFY26 Supplemental Budget

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

Read more: Legislature Adopts \$358.8 Million SFY26 Supplemental Budget

## **Governor Updates Budget Report Card Ahead of Vote on FY27 Budget**

Governor Sherrill Updates Budget Report Card Ahead of Full Legislature Vote on FY2027 Budget

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

Read more: Governor Updates Budget Report Card Ahead of Vote on FY27 Budget

## **OSC Shifts to Fully Electronic Procurement Submissions Starting July 1**

The Office of the State Comptroller's Public Contracting Oversight Division (OSC PCO) announced that New Jersey contracting units must transition to a fully electronic procurement notification and submission of procurement documents starting July 1.

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Read more: OSC Shifts to Fully Electronic Procurement Submissions Starting July 1

## **A-3877/S-2960 Awaits Action from Governor**

A-3877/S-2960, which establishes certain State funding preferences for municipalities that enhance opportunities to develop housing, was a late addition to the Senate Budget Committee agenda. It was amended, passed both chambers on Tuesday, and awaits action from the Governor.

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Read more: [A-3877/S-2960 Awaits Action from Governor](#)

## **Public Safety Overtime Clarification Advances**

On Wednesday, the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee favorably reported S-4443, which clarifies overtime compensation for certain public employees engaged in law enforcement and fire protection. The League supports this measure.

**Contact:** Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, [ppenna@njlm.org](mailto:ppenna@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x110.

Read more: [Public Safety Overtime Clarification Advances](#)

## **NJ Municipal Technology Use Survey**

The League and the DLGS are collaborating with the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy to conduct a survey on municipal governments' use of technology. Please send the survey to the person who manages your municipality's technology.

**Contact:** Lori Buckelew, Deputy Executive Director, [lbuckelew@njlm.org](mailto:lbuckelew@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x112.

Read more: [NJ Municipal Technology Use Survey](#)

## **NJ ELEC Hearing on Junk Fees**

NJ Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) to hold a public hearing on July 21, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. regarding Governor Sherrill's Executive Order 19 to reduce or eliminate "junk fees."

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

Read more: [NJ ELEC Hearing on Junk Fees](#)

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## Federal Issues

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century ROAD to Housing Awaits Action by President

As we reported last week, the Senate and House passed the 21<sup>st</sup> Century ROAD to Housing Act. It awaits action by President Donald Trump.

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Read more: [21st Century ROAD to Housing Awaits Action by President](#)

### House Committee to Consider WRDA Legislation

On Friday, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee released a draft bipartisan Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) to authorize flood control, navigation, and ecosystem restoration projects under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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Read more: [House Committee to Consider WRDA Legislation](#)

### HUD Continuum of Care Builds Grants Available

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is accepting applications to support the development of new permanent supportive housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

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Read more: HUD Continuum of Care Builds Grants Available

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## Conference Connections

### Conference Registration is Now Open!

[Early Bird Registration](#) and the official Housing system for the 2026 Annual League Conference are now open. Registrants are all welcome to register early and take advantage of the best event prices through August 31.

**Contacts:** Amy Spiezio, Editor, [aspiezio@njlm.org](mailto:aspiezio@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x123.

Read more: [Conference Registration is Now Open!](#)

## Also of Interest

### Reminder: Show Off Your Celebrations!

As your municipality's 250<sup>th</sup> Celebrations roll out, please capture the magical moments for this year's Show Off Your City contest!

For the 2027 contest, we will focus specifically on the fruits of hard work that resulted in so many happy moments during the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the USA.

Whether it's a parade, a reenactment, a party, or poignant moment, we look forward to receiving your entries starting Conference week in November.

For more information on contest basics, visit the [Show Off Your City webpage](#).

**Contact:** Amy Spiezio, Editor, [aspiezio@njlm.org](mailto:aspiezio@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x123.

### ***NJ Municipalities Blog: Piscataway: Home of the First 4th***

Did you know that the first national celebration of Independence Day was held in Piscataway on July 4, 1778? Join reenactors representing General George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette this year on July 4 for a

commemoration of the *feu de joie* (fire of joy) that took place on the banks of the Raritan River on July 4, 1778, in Piscataway. Read about the celebrations [in 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.

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