

**MAIL LIST**  
**February 6, 2026**

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Rockland Electric Company  
One Lethbridge Plaza Suite 32  
Mahwah NJ 07430-2113  
www.oru.com

John Glidden  
Borough of Closter  
295 Closter Dock Road  
Closter NJ 07624

January 28, 2026

Dear Municipal Official:

At Rockland Electric Company, we strive to work efficiently and safely to carry out utility-related projects with the least amount of inconvenience to the communities we serve. Coordinating projects with our municipal partners along public roads and rights-of-way, is an integral part of that effort.

Each year at this time, we ask that you share your paving and road improvement schedules with us so we can coordinate our underground infrastructure projects with yours. When these schedules align, we're better able to minimize disruption to our communities. In addition, by working together, we can more effectively prevent damage to underground facilities, especially our underground electric lines.

In order to achieve this objective, please share your schedules with us for the following projects:

- Road excavations that involve installing, upgrading or repairing drainage, water and sewer lines
- Road construction improvement work other than paving (i.e., that affects road elevations, or current traffic pattern)
- Sidewalk and curb replacement projects
- Paving

The schedules can be sent either by email or fax to:

Sarah Jones at [Jonessar@oru.com](mailto:Jonessar@oru.com)

Excavators, contractors, design engineers, and municipal officials can place a location/mark-out request by calling New Jersey One Call toll free at 811 or 1-800-272-1000. Go to <https://www.nj1-call.org> for additional information.

As you begin your municipal projects, we remind you to call 811 at least two full working days before digging on public or private property, to avoid damaging underground infrastructure.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please contact Sarah Jones if you should have any questions. She can be reached at the email address above or by phone at 845-772-5513.

Sincerely,

*Matthew Mariconi*

Matthew Mariconi  
Director – Regional & Community Affairs

DIVISION OF  
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Local Finance Notice

LFN 2026-05

January 29, 2026

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Lt. Governor

Jacquelyn A. Suárez  
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Michael F. Rogers  
Director

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**Impact of P.L. 2025, c.185 on Local Budgets, Financial Administration, Statutory Positions, and Estimated Tax Bills**

P.L. 2025, c.185, signed by Governor Murphy on December 23, 2025, amends several key statutory provisions:

- Budget and annual financial statement (AFS) submission deadlines
- Audit submission
- Deadlines for filling vacancies in certain mandatory positions
- DLGS Director's ability to issue daily fines for noncompliance
- Mailing of estimated tax bills

This Notice further explains the changes made by the law and their impact on local units and DLGS-certified officials, with an Appendix summarizing the current budget, AFS, and audit deadlines for municipalities and counties.

**Municipal and County Budget Deadlines;  
Increased Daily Fines for Late Introduction and Adoption**

N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 and 40A:4-10 have been amended to codify what have been the Local Finance Board-extended budget introduction and adoption deadlines of March 31 and April 30, respectively. County and CY municipal budgets introduced on the date of the first regularly scheduled governing body meeting after March 31, and budgets adopted on the date of the first regularly scheduled governing body meeting after April 30, will not be considered late.

One key change for CY municipal budgets requires mayors in a Faulkner Act Mayor-Council form, and municipal managers in a Faulkner Act Council-Manager Form or the 1923 Municipal Manager Law, to submit their recommended budgets to the governing body by no later than February 28. The previous deadline under the above-referenced Faulkner Act forms had been January 15, but this statutory change codifies the date set by the Board for submitting the executive budget to the governing body.

**Distribution**

Elected Officials

Chief Financial Officers

Administrators/Managers

Municipal Clerks

Clerks – County Boards of  
Commissioners

Tax Collectors

Public Works Officials

Qualified Purchasing  
Agents

Auditors

Section 6 of P.L. 2025, c.185 amends N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 to increase the maximum total appropriations for the temporary budget of a county or CY municipality from 26.25% to 35%. The increased maximum percentage continues to exclude appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, a capital improvement fund, and public assistance.

#### State Fiscal Year (SFY) Municipalities

The introduction/approval and adoption deadlines for SFY municipal budgets remains August 10 and September 20, respectively. However, budgets introduced on the date of the first regularly scheduled governing body meeting after August 10, and budgets adopted on the date of the first regularly scheduled governing body meeting after September 20, will not be considered late.

The maximum total of appropriations for an SFY municipality's temporary budget remains 26.25%.

#### Increased Penalty for Failure to Comply with Local Budget Law

The personal penalty placed on governing body members that fail or refuse to comply with the Local Budget Law, including noncompliance with a Director Order to introduce or adopt a municipal or county budget, is increased to \$100 per day from the previous \$25 per day.

#### **March 10 AFS Filing Deadline for Counties & CY Municipalities; Increased Daily Fines for Late AFS Filing**

In prior years, the Local Finance Board has extended the municipal and county AFS filing deadline into March. N.J.S.A. 40A:5-12 as amended now permanently extends the AFS filing deadline for counties and CY municipalities to March 10. The AFS filing deadline for SFY municipalities remains August 10.

The Director is now authorized to impose a \$100 personal daily fine upon chief financial officer for noncompliance, an increase from the original \$5 per day penalty.

#### **New Audit Completion Deadline for Municipalities, Counties, Local Authorities & Fire Districts; Daily Fines for Late Filing**

The deadline for local units subject to the Local Fiscal Affairs Law and the Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law (including fire districts), the deadline for annual audit completion has been extended to no later than the last day of the eighth month after the close of the fiscal year. For local units on calendar year budget cycles, the deadline for completing the annual audit for 2025 and years forward is now August 31. Those municipalities and local authorities on a State fiscal year budget cycle must, for the FY26 audit on forward, complete their annual audit no later than the last day of February.

Local authorities on a differing budget cycle must, starting with their FY26 audits, complete their annual audit no later than the end of the eighth month following the close of their fiscal year. For example, a local authority with a fiscal year of February 1 through January 31 must complete their FY26 audit by no later than March 31.

As before, the audit must be filed with the Division in FAST within five (5) days after being filed with the local unit.

The deadlines for certifying the governing body’s review of the audit, along with the corrective action plan, must be filed with the Division within 45 days and 60 days, respectively, of the municipality or county receiving the audit. See [Local Finance Notice 2024-10](#) for further details.

The Director is now authorized to impose a \$100 personal daily fine upon an auditor, governing body member, or other local official responsible for noncompliance.

**Deadline to Fill Vacancies in Required Positions;  
Daily Penalty for Failure to Fill Vacancy**

Sections 11, 12, 14, 15, and 17 of P.L. 2025, c.185 amend various provisions of law to establish a standard 90-day deadline for filling a vacancy in each of the following required positions:

- Chief county finance officer (CCFO)
- Chief municipal finance officer (CMFO)
- Tax collector
- Municipal clerk
- Principal public works manager (municipality)<sup>1</sup>

The local unit’s governing body or chief executive officer may make written request to the Director for an extension. The Director may approve an extension upon a showing of good cause and the local unit’s demonstrated inability to fill the vacancy despite having made a good faith effort to do so. If governing body members or a chief executive officer, whoever is responsible for making the appointment, fail or refuse to fill the vacancy, the Director is authorized to impose a personal penalty of \$100 per day upon such officials until the vacancy is filled.

Below are the permitted means of filling vacancies for each required position upon the departure of a certified official:

Tax collector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointing an individual with a certified tax collector (CTC) certificate</li> <li>• Shared services agreement with another municipality</li> </ul>
CCFO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointing an individual with a county finance officer certificate</li> <li>• Appointing a non-certified individual on an acting basis</li> <li>• Shared service agreement with another county</li> </ul>
CMFO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointing an individual with a municipal finance officer certificate</li> <li>• Appointing a non-certified individual to serve on acting basis</li> <li>• Shared service agreement with another municipality</li> <li>• Contracting with a private entity to temporarily fulfill CMFO duties</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Any municipality that conducts minimal or no public works activity may apply to the Director for an exemption from the requirement to appoint a principal public works manager. If granted, the exemption shall be valid for five years from the date of issuance, at which time the municipality must either reapply for an exemption or select a person to perform the duties of a principal public works manager.

Municipal Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointing an individual with a registered municipal clerk (RMC) certificate</li> <li>• Appointing a non-certified individual to serve on an acting basis</li> <li>• Shared services agreement with another municipality</li> </ul>
Principal Public Works Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointing an individual with a certified public works manager (CPWM) certificate</li> <li>• Appointing a non-certified individual to serve on an acting basis</li> </ul>

Please review this section in conjunction with [Local Finance Notice 2018-03R](#).

**Director Review of DLGS-Certified Officials**

Sections 13, 16, 17 and 19 of P.L. 2025, c. 185 affirm the Director’s ability to review the behavior or practices of individuals holding a CTC, RMC, CPWM, or Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) certificate. The Director may suspend or revoke certifications awarded by the Division for dishonest practices, or willful or intentional failure, neglect, or refusal to comply with the State constitution, laws and regulations pertaining to their duties and functions, or other good cause.

**Director Approval for Mailing Estimated Property Tax Bills after Statutory Deadline**

Starting with 2026 tax bills, the governing body of a calendar year municipality may adopt a resolution seeking Director approval to mail estimated tax bills after the June 30 deadline established by N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3. If the municipality demonstrates good cause, the Director may approve the application subject to appropriate terms and conditions. The Director’s determination shall be final. The deadline for mailing reconciled bills remains September 30.

Using the same process, State Fiscal Year municipalities may also seek Director approval to mail estimated tax bills after December 31 (first installment) and June 30 (third installment). The deadline to mail reconciled tax bills for the second and fourth installments remains March 31 and September 30, respectively.

The governing body resolution requesting an extension shall be submitted via email to [DLGS@dca.nj.gov](mailto:DLGS@dca.nj.gov) with the heading titled “Post-Deadline Estimated Tax Bills.”

**No Mailing of FAST-Submitted Documents to Division**

Any documents required to be submitted through the Financial Automation Submission Tracking (FAST) system shall not be sent to the Division via regular mail or e-mail. The Division will not accept mailed or e-mailed documents that must be submitted through FAST.

Approved: Michael F. Rogers, Director

Document	Internet Address
P.L. 2025, c.185	<a href="https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/A5500/5240_R1.PDF">https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/A5500/5240_R1.PDF</a>
LFN 2024-10	<a href="https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/lfn/2024/2024-10.pdf">https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/lfn/2024/2024-10.pdf</a>
LFN 2018-03R	<a href="https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/lfn/2018/2018-03R.pdf">https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/lfn/2018/2018-03R.pdf</a>

**Appendix**  
**Current Statutory Budget and Reporting Deadlines for**  
**Municipalities and Counties**

Event Deadline	County	CY Municipalities	SFY Municipalities
Submission of Recommended Budget by Mayor to Governing Body (Faulkner Act Mayor-Council Form)	N/A	February 28	
Submission of Recommended Budget by Municipal Manager to Governing Body (Faulkner Act Council-Manager Form and 1923 Municipal Manager Law)	N/A	February 28	
Filing of AFS with DLGS	March 10	March 10	August 10
Budget Introduction and Approval	March 31*	March 31*	August 10*
Budget Adoption	April 30*	April 30*	September 20*
Completion of Annual Audit	August 31	August 31	End of February
* Or the date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body thereafter			

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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

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## Re: Letter to Mayor Glidden and Mayor Solomon's Anti-ICE Executive Order

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Alissa Latner <alatner@closternj.us>

Fri, Jan 30, 2026 at 4:15 PM

To: bonnie bayardi <bbay16@yahoo.com>, Mayor & Council <mayorcouncil@closternj.us>, "William J. Bailey" <wjb@huntingtonbailey.com>, Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>, James Winters <jwinters@closternj.us>

Dear Bonnie,

As you have requested, I am forwarding this email to the Mayor and full Council, our borough attorney, borough administrator, and borough clerk-Mari, could you please place this correspondence on the next Mail List??

This issue was brought up at our last Council meeting just this week, so we can have further discussion at our next meeting.

Best,

*Alissa Latner*



*Closter Councilwoman*

*295 Closter Dock Road*

*Closter, NJ 07624*

*Tel.: 201 784-0600 Ext. 432*

*cell: 201 970-0352*

On Fri, Jan 30, 2026 at 1:27 PM bonnie bayardi <bbay16@yahoo.com> wrote:

1/30/2026

Dear Ms. Latner,

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter to Mayor John Glidden, asking for an executive action or other appropriate means of making Closter unavailable to ICE for easy pickings. We must protect our residents. We want no more neighbors taken to uncertain futures here!

I have included a link to Jersey City Mayor Solomon's statement and Executive Order. Please pass this along, and let me know if and when it will be entertained by the council. I'll show up, with others, to support this action, much needed in these troubled times.

Thanks so much,

Bonnie Bayardi

Dear Mayor Glidden,

I'm Bonnie Bayardi, a Closter resident outraged by the illegal activity of ICE in our area. New Jersey has legislated the way for resistance to ICE, being a sanctuary state with statewide rules of police engagement with ICE. Because I live in Closter, I'm asking you to emulate Mayor Solomon of Jersey City, and protect our town from the violence, pain, and fear ICE brings.

I attach Mayor Solomon's statement and executive order, a template for what you might do for our town. Our future depends on not having our residents terrified to come out for a loaf of bread, and this administration shows no signs of stopping their assaults on our rights. Please be a part of ending that.

Respectfully,

Bonnie Bayardi

<https://www.jerseycitynj.gov/news/protectingjerseycityimmigrants>

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Mark Meyers  
43 Rutherford Place  
Montvale NJ 07645

**January 30, 2026**

Mr. James Winters  
Honorable Mayor John Glidden, Jr. and Members of the Closter Borough Council

Dear Mr. Winters, Mayor Glidden, and Council Members,

It is with mixed emotions that I submit this letter announcing my retirement. After many hours of thoughtful consideration and discussion with my family, I have decided that it is time to take this next step.

I have worked for the Borough of Closter as Fire Inspector for nearly 37 years, and I have truly enjoyed every minute of my service. I would like to thank you, the Mayor, the Council and Mr. Kevin Whitney for entrusting me with the responsibilities of Fire Inspector and for allowing me the opportunity to help protect the lives and property of the residents and building owners of Closter.

I will miss conducting inspections and the close relationships I have built over the years with my fellow fire inspectors and with other borough employees. Most of all, I will miss working in the beautiful Borough of Closter. I have seen many changes in Closter during my time here, and although it is no longer the sleepy little town I grew up in, it remains a great community.

As I enter the next phase of my life, I look forward to spending more time with my family, friends and enjoying the time off.

My last day of employment with the Borough of Closter will be **June 30, 2026**.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be a part of the Borough of Closter community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Meyers', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

**Mark Meyers**

Cc Mr. Kevin Whitney, Fire Marshal



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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

## Library news February 2, 2026 26, 2026

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

Mon, Feb 2, 2026 at 8:00 AM

Reply-To: cltrcirc@bccls.org

To: mmargiotta@closternj.us



CLOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY  
the anchor of the community

**February 2, 2026**

## RESOURCES

### Museum of Natural History Pass Update

We are changing how we distribute Museum of Natural History passes this year to give patrons more flexibility.

- On February 13, names will be selected for the remaining passes for the rest of the year.
- This new process provides a larger window of time to use the tickets.
- If you have already submitted your name, you are included.
- **If you have not yet submitted your name, please be sure to complete the form by Friday, February 13.**
- If you are notified that you have a pass waiting you will have 10 days to pick up the passes before we to the next people on the list. The passes can be used from now until August 11.

Questions? Please feel free to contact the library.

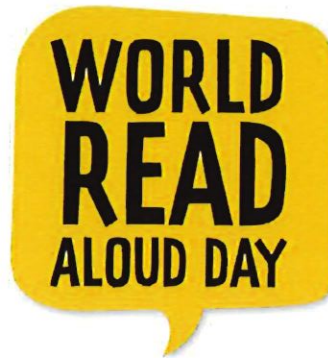
**Museum Passes**

## Celebrate World Read Aloud Day at The Children's Museum of Manhattan

### **Celebrate World Read Aloud Day at CMOM with Alpie's Storytime**

Wednesday, February 4 11:00 am; 12:00 pm; 1:00 pm; 2:00 pm; 3:00 pm; 4:00 pm

In honor of World Read Aloud Day, join us for a day dedicated to reading, and the art and practice of reading aloud. Join us for extra sessions of Alpie's Storytime throughout the day, featuring books by Black authors. There are even more opportunities to exercise school readiness and early literacy skills on this special day at CMOM!



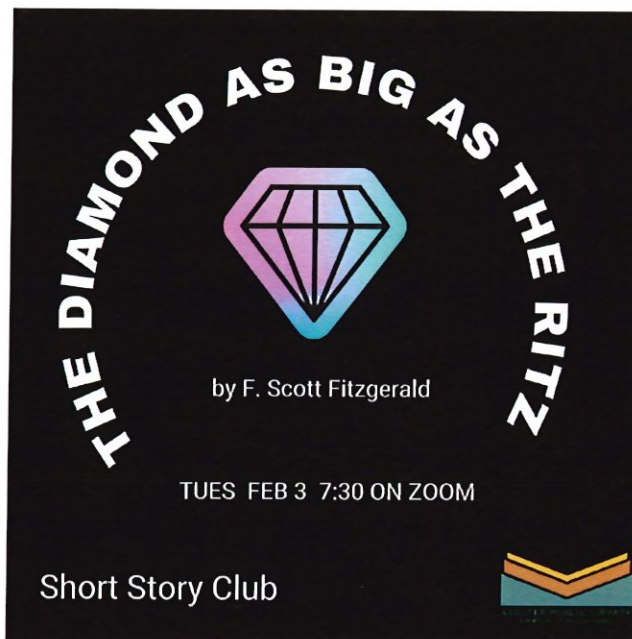
Borrow the **CMOM** pass with your Closter library card to attend this and other programs at the museum. [Contact the library for more information.](#)



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

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

## Regular Programs



### **Short Story Club**

Tuesday February 3 7:30 on Zoom

Contact [Julia](#) for mor information and to get the zoom link.

### **First Friday Flicks**

Friday February 6 1pm

### One Battle after Another

When their enemy resurfaces after 16 years, a group of ex-revolutionaries reunite to rescue the daughter of one of their own. Stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Sean Penn, and Benicio Del Toro.



#### **Monday**

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

#### **Wednesday**

**NO CLASS THIS WEEK 1-2:30pm**  
Advanced ESL Conversation - **THIS CLASS IS FULL. CONTACT THE LIBRARY TO GET ON THE WAITING LIST**

6-7 pm Yoga/Meditation this week

#### **Thursday**

10-11:30am 1to1 ESL tutoring  
12:30-2pm Knitting and Craft  
4:30pm Zumba on Zoom

#### **Friday**

10-11:30am 1to1 ESL tutoring

#### **Saturday**

1:30-2:30 Intermediate ESL  
2-3pm Tech Help



### **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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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

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## NJLM LFN 2026-05 Local Budgets, Financial Administration, Statutory Positions, and Estimated Tax Bills

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Local Administration & Operations <noreply@civicplus.com>

Wed, Feb 4, 2026 at 3:00 PM

Reply-To: noreply@civicplus.com

To: mmargiotta@closternj.us

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February 04, 2026

### LFN 2026-05 Local Budgets, Financial Administration, Statutory Positions and Estimated Tax Bills

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Additionally, P.L. 2025, c.185 amended various provisions of law to establish a standard 90-day deadline for filling a vacancy for Certified Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO), Certified Tax Collector (CTC), Registered Municipal Clerk (RMC), and Certified Public Works Manager (CPWM). The local unit's governing body or Chief Executive Officer may make a written request to the Director for an extension.

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No mailing of FAST-Submitted documents to the division is accepted. Any documents required to be submitted through the Financial Automation Submission Tracking (FAST) system may not be sent to the Division via regular mail or email.

We suggest you review this Local Finance Notice with your municipal professionals.

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

[View it on website](#)



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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

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**COMMISSIONERS: RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/VETERAN OF THE MONTH**

1 message

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Pollitt, Lara <LPollitt@bergencountynj.gov>  
To: "Pollitt, Lara" <LPollitt@bergencountynj.gov>

**LEGISLATION**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**184-26** Black History Month – Commissioner Amoroso/Body as a whole

**185-26** American Heart Month – Body as a whole

**186-26** Career and Technical Education Month – Body as a whole

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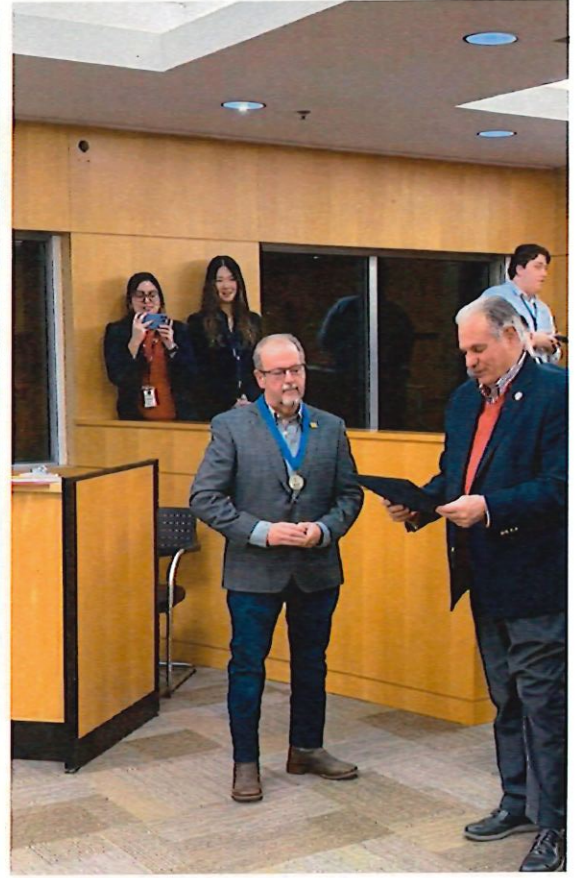
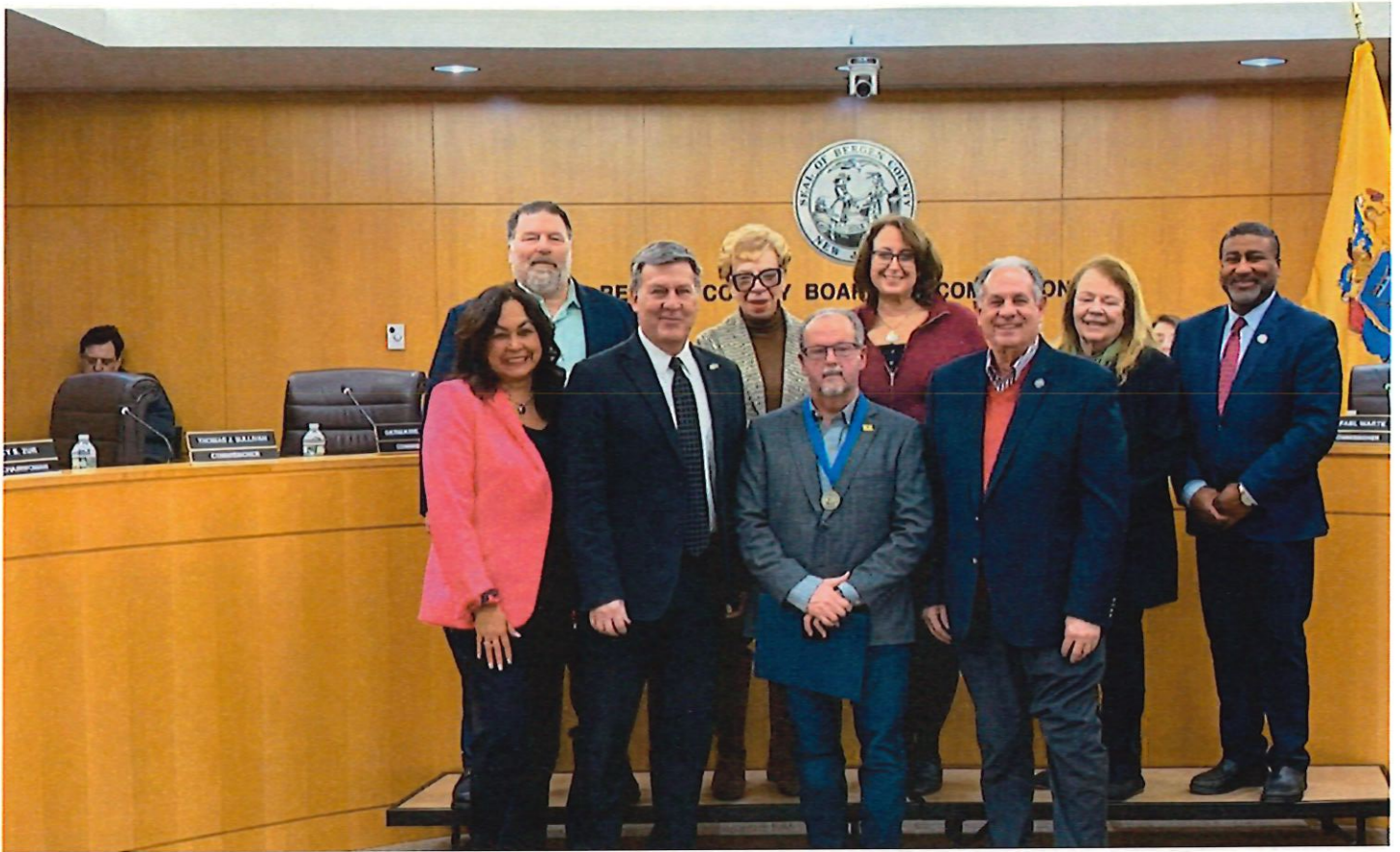
**ORDINANCES ADOPTED AT SECOND READING**

*February 4, 2026, at the Bergen County Board of County Commissioners Public Meeting Room.*

**26-01** "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMIT ALONG SCHRAALENBURGH ROAD IN THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER."

**VETERAN OF THE MONTH: CARLOS GOYENECHEA (MAYWOOD)**

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**At Wednesday's meeting we honored Carlos Guyenechea as our most recent Veteran of the Month**  
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Sergeant Carlos Goyenechea, served in the US Army from 1985 to 1991 and was Bergen County's Veteran of the Month of January!

Carlos immigrated to the United States from Cuba in 1971. Inspired by relatives from the Cuban boatlift and the service of the U.S. military, he enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 17. Mr. Goyenechea served as a finance specialist. He was promoted to Sergeant, then Operations Sergeant. He earned Jumpmaster qualification and was named Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for his u

He was also selected to represent the 82nd Airborne Division during the 45th anniversary of D-Day, parachuting into Sainte-Mere ?glise, France. His deployments included service with the 2nd supporting the Multinational Force and Observers in Sinai, Egypt, as well as service with Division Headquarters during Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm.

Following his military service, Mr. Goyenechea continued serving the public through a distinguished law enforcement career. He began as a correction officer and later joined the Secaucus Police patrolman, investigator, and supervisor, ultimately rising to the rank of Captain.

He has lived in Maywood for over 30 years with his wife, Maureen, and is the proud father of two adult sons. His lifelong dedication to service, leadership, and community makes him very des



## Bergen County Veteran Of The Month

Carlos Goyenechea - Maywood, New Jersey





[Lara Pollitt \(she/her/hers\)](#)

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**County Commissioner**

**Meeting Date: 2/4/2026**

**Purpose: Black History Month**

**Prepared By: MA/ss**

**Sponsored by County Commissioner Mary J. Amoroso , seconded by the Body as the Whole that this Resolution be passed and passed by the following vote:**

**Yes: 7 -** Chairman Tanelli, Vice Chairwoman Silna Zur, Chair Pro Tempore Voss, County Commissioner Amoroso, County Commissioner Marte, County Commissioner Ortiz, and County Commissioner Sullivan

I, Lara Pollitt, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners , certify that this is a true copy of Resolution No. 184-26, passed by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS on 2/4/2026.

*Lara Pollitt*

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_



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**BERGEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION**

Whereas, the history of Black Americans is unique and rich, and one that has helped to define what it means to be an American; and

Whereas, Bergen County has several historical sites such as Dunkerhook Park, Gethsemane Cemetery, and the Slave Cemetery located in Upper Saddle River that are important to Black History and the struggle for freedom; and

Whereas, since being forcefully brought to North America as slaves 400 years ago, African-Americans have struggled to gain the equal rights and freedoms given to citizens in the United States through its Constitution and Bill of Rights; and

Whereas, the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the Constitution, the Civil Rights Acts of 1866, 1871, 1875, and 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 facilitated more rights and freedoms for Black Americans; and

Whereas, Carter G. Woodson has been cited as the father of Black History, born in 1875 in Virginia to freed slaves, he was one of the first African-Americans to receive a doctorate from Harvard University; and

Whereas, each February we pause to reflect on the contributions of this community to our national identity; and

Whereas, the struggle for equality for Black Americans is ongoing, and the people of the

United States should continue to be determined and vigilant in this ongoing struggle for equality; and

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Bergen County Board of County Commissioners celebrates the contributions and achievements of Black Americans by recognizing February 2026 as Black History month in the County of Bergen. We commit to being partners in the fight against the inequalities society has placed on Black Americans not just in February, but every month of the year.



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**County Commissioner**

**Meeting Date: 2/4/2026**

**Purpose: American Heart Month**

**Prepared By: Body as a whole**

**Sponsored by the Body as a Whole that this Resolution be passed. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes: 7 -** Chairman Tanelli, Vice Chairwoman Silna Zur, Chair Pro Tempore Voss, County Commissioner Amoroso, County Commissioner Marte, County Commissioner Ortiz, and County Commissioner Sullivan

I, Lara Pollitt, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, certify that this is a true copy of Resolution No. 185-26, passed by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS on 2/4/2026.

**Attest:**

*Lara Pollitt*

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**BERGEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS, heart disease is the leading cause of death in America where one person dies every 33 seconds; and**

**WHEREAS, one in five deaths, estimating to 695,000 people, in America are linked to heart disease; and**

**WHEREAS, there are 419,000 persons in New Jersey with coronary heart disease; and**

**WHEREAS, in New Jersey, there are nearly 19,000 deaths each year due to heart disease; and**

**WHEREAS, heart disease is preventable by making healthy life choices such as eating healthy; and**

**WHEREAS, physical activity such as walking for 30 minutes a day for five days each week, will decrease your chances of heart disease; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Bergen declares February 2026 as American Heart Health Month in the County of Bergen.**



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**County Commissioner**

**Meeting Date: 2/4/2026**

**Purpose: Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month**

**Prepared By: Body as a whole**

**Sponsored by the Body as a Whole that this Resolution be passed. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes: 7 -** Chairman Tanelli, Vice Chairwoman Silna Zur, Chair Pro Tempore Voss, County Commissioner Amoroso, County Commissioner Marte, County Commissioner Ortiz, and County Commissioner Sullivan

I, Lara Pollitt, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, certify that this is a true copy of Resolution No. 186-26, passed by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS on 2/4/2026.

*Lara Pollitt*

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_



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**BERGEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS, February is nationally celebrated as Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month; and**

**WHEREAS, 21st-century CTE programs seamlessly integrate rigorous academics, technical knowledge, real-world experiences, and college-level learning, empowering students to develop career-ready skills and excel in both the workforce and post-secondary education; and**

**WHEREAS, these programs play a pivotal role in ensuring that employers in critical and rapidly growing fields, such as advanced manufacturing, healthcare, cybersecurity, and information technology, have access to a qualified and flourishing workforce; and**

**WHEREAS, institutions like the Bergen County Academies and Bergen Tech Teterboro district play a crucial role in preparing CTE students for their careers, providing invaluable opportunities to acquire academic, technical, and employability skills essential for genuine career readiness; and**

**WHEREAS, the Bergen County Vocational-Technical School District offers a diverse array of CTE programs to nearly 3,000 secondary students, expanding their individual opportunities and meeting the present and future workforce needs of Bergen County employers; and**

**WHEREAS, the Bergen County Board of Commissioners takes immense pride in the**

success demonstrated by students of the Bergen County Vocational-Technical Schools District;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Bergen hereby recognizes February 2026 as Career and Technical Education Month in Bergen County; and

Be it Further Resolved, that Bergen County employers are encouraged to actively partner with vocational-technical schools, aligning curriculum with their workforce needs and providing meaningful work-based learning opportunities to students.

**BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**NOTICE OF ADOPTION 26-01**

The ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted on February 4, 2026 and duly approved by the Bergen County Executive and the 20-day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Optional County Charter has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement.

**BERGEN COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**ORDINANCE 26-01**

**"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMIT ALONG SCHRAALENBURGH ROAD IN THE BOROUGH OF CLOSTER."**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

**SECTION I.** The speed limits for both directions of travel along Schraalenburgh Road in the Borough of Closter be established as follows:

**ZONE:**

**A. 35 MPH** from Haworth/Closter Borough line to Old Hook Road and **40 MPH** from Old Hook Road to the Closter/Harrington Park Borough line in the Borough of Closter.

**SECTION II.** That all prior ordinances or resolutions or portions thereof of the Bergen County Board of County Commissioners inconsistent herewith be and they are hereby repealed.

**SECTION III.** On or about 7:00 PM on February 4, 2026, at the Bergen County Board of County Commissioners Public Meeting Room, Fifth Floor, One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ, 07601, is fixed as the time and place when and where any and all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the ordinance

**SECTION IV.** That if any clause, section or provision of this ordinance is declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate distinct and independent provision and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

Approved  
James J. Tedesco III.  
Bergen County Executive.

Lara Pollitt  
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners  
County of Bergen  
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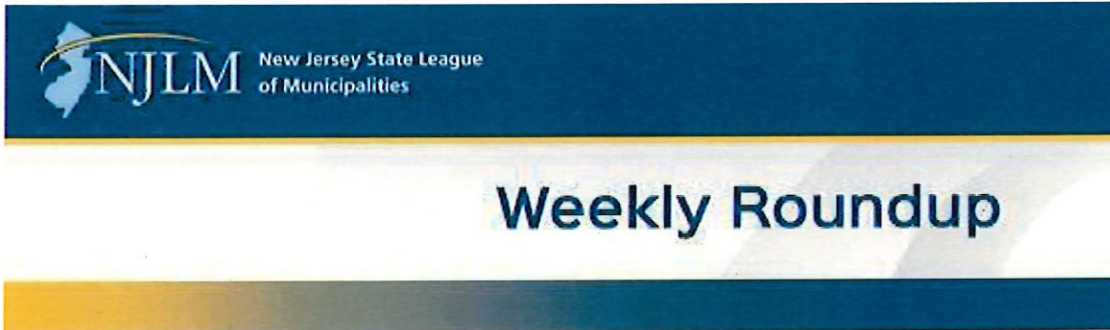
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## State Issues

### **DLGS Announces Notice of Intent to Apply for Transitional Aid**

The Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) has issued guidance on the Notice of Intent to Apply for Transitional Aid for CY2026/SFY2027

[Read more: DLGS Announces Notice of Intent to Apply for Transitional Aid](#)

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### **LFN 2026-04 Storm Response & Recovery: Budget and Procurement Guidance**

The Division has issued Local Finance Notice 2026-04 to provide guidance on budgetary and procurement issues related to the January 24-25 storm response.

[Read more: LFN 2026-04 Storm Response & Recovery: Budget and Procurement Guidance](#)

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## **LFN 2026-05 Local Budgets, Financial Administration, Statutory Positions, and Estimated Tax Bills**

The Division of Local Government Services has issued Local Finance Notice 2026-25, providing guidance on the new statutory provisions on local budgets, financial administration, statutory positions, and estimated tax bills.

[Read more: LFN 2026-05 Local Budgets, Financial Administration, Statutory Positions and Estimated Tax Bills](#)

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## **DCA Issues New Fire Inspector Licensure Requirements**

The Department of Community Affairs has issued new Fire Inspector licensure requirements and municipal responsibilities pursuant to P.L. 2025, c.19.

[Read more: DCA Issues New Fire Inspector Licensure Requirements](#)

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## **Federal Issues**

### **Short Partial Federal Government Shutdown Ends**

On Tuesday, the House passed all but the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations bills through the end of the federal fiscal year on September 30. Funding for the Department of Homeland Security expires next Friday, February 13.

[Read more: Short Partial Federal Government Shutdown Ends](#)

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## **Also of Interest**

### **Show Off Your City 2026: Apply Today**

Entries for the Show Off Your City Contest are due this week! Municipalities are invited to send the League photos of their tourist attractions, downtown areas, economic development initiatives, parks, city halls, community groups, and new projects for the 2026 Show Off Your City Photo Contest!

The winning photo will be featured on the cover of the April issue of *NJ Municipalities* and the winner will also receive a free League publication of their choice. Entries will be posted on the League's Facebook page, and some featured in the April issue of *NJ Municipalities*, and possibly other issues.

Photos should be high-resolution JPEG, the bigger the image, the better it would look on a magazine cover, with the ideal size being 7MB or larger.

**Deadline: February 6.**

[Submit photos using the Show Off Your City submission form](#) or mail a CD or flash drive to 222 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608.

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## **February NJ Municipalities Issue Up Front Article: Are Your Websites Ready?**

This week's [NJ Municipalities blog](#) focuses on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Website Accessibility, zooming in on how municipalities can understand the Department of Justice's final rules and what they mean for your municipality in 2026 and beyond.

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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## **32nd Annual Louis Bay Scholarship Contest**

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

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

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## **2026 AARP Community Challenge Grants**

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

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

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## **Celebrate Your Municipality During Local Government Week 2026**

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

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

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## Grant Applications Now Open for Youth Inclusion Initiative

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is now accepting applications for the Youth Inclusion Initiative

[Read more: Grant Applications Now Open for Youth Inclusion Initiative](#)

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