

MAIL LIST
September 19, 2025

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September 15, 2025

Dear Mayor Glidden and Council members,

I am writing to share news of a leadership transition at the Closter Nature Center. I will step down as President of the Closter Nature Center effective October 1, 2025. It has been an honor to serve as President for these past 8 years, and following in the footsteps of other immediate past presidents Lori Spechler and Mary Mayer, I plan to remain on the board as a Trustee, helping to ensure a smooth transition.

I am pleased to inform you that **Fraser Wilsher** will be taking over as President of the Closter Nature Center Board of Trustees effective October 1, 2025. Fraser has been a resident of Closter along with his wife and two daughters since they moved here from London in January 2019.

In his professional capacity, Fraser brings over 25 years of experience leading large-scale organizational change. He currently serves as Project Management Office Director at NICE Systems, where he reports to the CFO.

Fraser is passionate about giving back to the community. He became involved in the Nature Center in 2022, inspired by the experiences that his children were having there. He quickly joined the board as a Trustee, chaired the Building and Grounds Committee, and now serves on our Executive Committee.

We hope you can make it to some of our upcoming events to meet Fraser in person if you have not done so already.

Fraser can be reached at fraser.wilsher@closternaturecenter.org or president@closternaturecenter.org.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for your continued support as we tirelessly work towards our mission of environmental conservation, education, and recreation.

Sincerely,

Joel Rudin
Closter Nature Center, Trustee
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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Fwd: Fw: Nature Playground-Woods behind Library

1 message

Alissa Latner <alatner@closternj.us>

Tue, Sep 16, 2025 at 6:23 PM

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This is an extremely preliminary concept, but I will discuss this at our Council meeting next week...

Acton Academy has reached out with the idea of a nature playground being placed in Farrell Woods, which is located right behind the library and near the academy. The Academy would be doing all of the fundraising for this project. Since Farrell Woods is borough owned property, we would need to give final approval.

The Mayor has been made aware of this idea already.

I just wanted everyone else to see this information before the next meeting as well.

Alissa Latner



Closter Councilwoman

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Subject: Nature Playground-Woods behind Library

Michal Lesham, co-founder of Acton Academy, located in Saint Mary School Building, **will be at Tuesday's meeting to talk about her proposal.**

I am sending this to you to familiarize you with her idea. Mayor Glidden has referred Michal back to me for further discussion.

From: DONALD farrell <dfarrell100@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 5:15 PM

To: michal leshem <michal2904@gmail.com>

Cc: John Glidden <jglidden@closternj.us>; Jim Oettinger <joettinger@closternj.us>

Subject: Nature Playground

Hi Michal!

I think this is a great idea and would be a wonderful addition for the woods behind the library.

My initial thoughts are--

It should be all stone -wood eventually decays and is not as attractive as having all stone.

Interestingly, the woods were the back lot of the famous Baillie Stone Carving Studio on Demarest Avenue until the early 1950's.

The Baillie family eventually donated to the Borough of Closter all the land the woods are on as well as our Library & Museum.

To avoid climbing injuries, and from an aesthetic viewpoint, "Council Rings", "Boulder Play Follies" and "Dry Creeks" would work well.

But the "Log Play Follies" would not—again-aesthetically & injury prone.

Another point—County Environmental Regulations do not allow structures near the Tenakill Brook that would be prone to being up-rooted & clogging the brook when flooding occurs- as you know, flooding happens frequently on the lower part of the woods so any structures would have to be on the upper slopes and cleared with the environmental authorities and/or our Borough Engineer.

I am copying this document & email to Mayor Glidden and Recreation Commission Chairman Jim Oettinger for their initial views.

Thanks for bringing this idea to our attention and I look forward to further discussions.

Regards,

Don Farrell

From: michal leshem <michal2904@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 4:06 PM

To: DONALD farrell <dfarrell100@hotmail.com>

Subject: Nature Playground

Hi Don!

Here is the document, which includes a brief description and explanation. Please let me know what you think.

Warmly,



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Council Rings



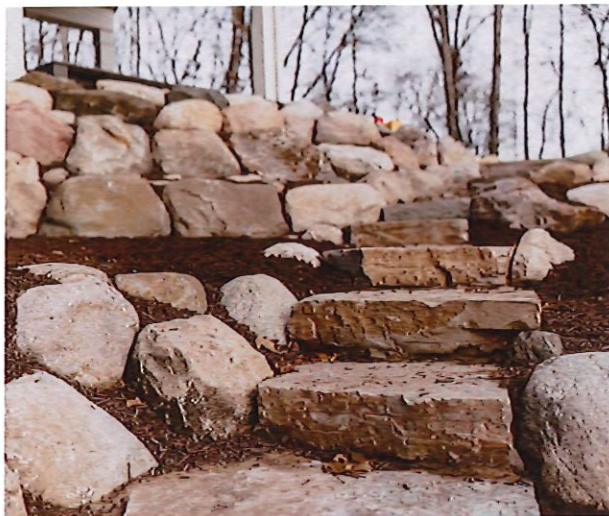
Council Rings are circular stone seating areas, often integrated into natural landscapes, designed to foster democratic dialogue and community gathering. Aesthetically, they blend seamlessly with their surroundings through the use of local stone and native plantings, creating a grounded, organic form that invites reflection and connection. From a play perspective, the low stone walls and open central space encourage imaginative, unstructured play — children may climb, balance, or use the ring as a stage for storytelling and performance. The circular form inherently supports inclusion and eye-level interaction, making it a timeless design for both social and creative engagement. In terms of sustainability, council rings support long-term durability, require minimal maintenance, and can be constructed from reclaimed or locally sourced stone, reducing environmental impact while reinforcing a sense of place.



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Boulder Play Follies



Boulder and natural stone play spaces use locally sourced rocks to create sculptural, tactile environments that encourage climbing, balancing, and imaginative play. Aesthetically, they offer a raw, earthy beauty that harmonizes with natural surroundings, often enhancing a site's sense of place and seasonal change. Unlike standardized playground equipment, stone elements provide varied textures, heights, and forms that invite open-ended exploration and risk assessment. As play environments, these features support both gross and fine motor development while fostering creativity, resilience, and a deeper connection to the natural world. In addition to their visual appeal and play value, natural stone features are highly durable and low maintenance, making them a sustainable choice. Using locally sourced boulders minimizes environmental impact and supports ecological design, while the longevity of stone reduces the need for replacement, aligning with long-term sustainability goals in play environments.



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Log Play Follies



Log structures and log play areas incorporate natural timber elements — such as whole trunks, stumps, and branching limbs — to create dynamic, nature-based play environments. Aesthetically, they introduce warmth, texture, and organic form, often reinforcing a site's ecological character and blending seamlessly into forested or naturalized landscapes. Playfully, logs offer endless possibilities: they can become balance beams, climbing challenges, forts, or imaginative creatures. Their irregular shapes and varied sizes promote physical coordination, problem-solving, and cooperative play, while fostering a sense of adventure and connection to nature. From a sustainability perspective, using locally sourced or salvaged wood reduces environmental impact and promotes circular design practices. These play spaces can also serve as living lessons in ecology, decomposition, and material cycles, deepening children's environmental awareness through direct engagement.



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Dry Creek Beds



Dry creek beds are shallow, meandering channels filled with rocks, gravel, and native plants that mimic the appearance of natural streams. Aesthetically, they add movement, texture, and visual interest to landscapes, offering a seasonal rhythm as they occasionally fill with rainwater. For play, they provide a rich sensory environment where children can explore, build, balance, and imagine in a setting that invites both quiet reflection and active engagement. Beyond play and beauty, dry creek beds offer significant sustainability benefits: they support stormwater management by slowing runoff, promoting infiltration, reducing erosion, and filtering pollutants, all while enhancing biodiversity with native planting zones.



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Caregivers Conference

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Do you provide care for a loved one or neighbor?
Join us to learn about services, support, and other helpful information.

Caregivers Conference

Saturday, October 4, 2025
9:30am - 2:00pm

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

Featured Speakers & Presentations:

Joan DiPaola, RN, Senior Dementia Care Specialist, Care One
"Recognizing Alzheimer's and Other Dementias"

Marize Helmy, Esq., Manna-Helmy Law Group
"Advance Planning: Legal Documents"

Louanna Branca, Louanna Branca's Senior Hub
"Aging in Place: Combining Households"

Yoo-Sun Midgley, Care for the Caregiver
"Forever Young: Connection, Laughter & Belonging"

To register, please call (201) 336-7400 or email seniors@bergencountynj.gov

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Department of Human Services, Division of Senior Services/ADDC

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025
9:30AM-2:00PM

**BERGEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM (5TH FLOOR)**
One Bergen County Plaza
Hackensack, NJ 07601

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To RSVP, please call (201) 336-7400 or email Seniors@BergenCountyNJ.Gov

This presentation is brought to you in partnership with the
Division of Senior Services Advisory Council, Education & Outreach Committee and
Caregiver Coalition of Bergen County.

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PROGRAM

9:30AM-10:30AM Registration & Light Refreshments

10:30AM-10:45AM Welcome and Introductions
Lorraine Johnson, Director of Senior Services

Opening Remarks
James J. Tedesco, III, Bergen County Executive

10:45AM-11:15AM Recognizing Alzheimer's and other Dementias
Joan DiPaola, RN, Senior Dementia Care Specialist, Care One

11:15AM-12:15PM Advance Planning: Legal Documents
Marize Helmy, Esq., Manna-Helmy Law Group

12:15PM-12:45PM Intermission to visit the exhibit tables

12:45PM-1:15PM Aging in Place: Combining Households
Louanna Branca, Louanna Branca's Senior Hub

1:15PM-1:45PM Forever Young: Connection, Laughter & Belonging
Yoo-Sun Midgley, Care for the Caregiver

*The following agencies have representatives available throughout the Conference:

- Act Now Alzheimer's Resource Center
- Bergen County Division of Senior Services
- SHIP Medicare Counseling
- Bergen County Division of Senior Services Advisory Council Education & Outreach Committee/CCBC
- Bergen County Division of Disability Services (Statewide Resource: All Abilities Support Group, In Home Caregiver Education & Support)
- Bergen County Board of Social Services/Adult Protective Services
- Speakers table
- Pampering and/or Stress Relief Activity Station(s)
- Aromatherapy/Hand Technique with Lou Schmitt, Julo Essentials

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2026 FIFA World Cup Toolkit Webinar

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Good morning Mayors & Administrators – A few weeks ago you all may have seen the that NY/NJ 2026 FIFA World Cup Host Committee published a [community engagement toolkit](#) which has a number of tips and protocols for how your community can play a significant role in our region hosting the FIFA World Cup and World Cup Final. Please see the details below for a webinar that will further walk you through the toolkit as well as important milestones to look out for as we approach June 2026.

I ask you to please distribute this to your local businesses as it will be a useful resource to all hoping to make the most out of this important community and tourism opportunity.

[Please click here to sign up.](#)

My best,

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

Deputy Chief of Staff

Office of County Executive James J. Tedesco III

County of Bergen

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Dear NYNJ Community,

As we prepare to welcome the world to our region for FIFA World Cup 2026™, the New York New Jersey Host Committee invites you to join us for a webinar on **Monday, September 29, 2025**, that will provide a deeper look at our **Community Engagement Toolkit** and highlight how your organization, business, or community can play a meaningful role in this historic moment.

Webinar Details:

- **Date:** Monday, September 29, 2025
- **Time:** 11:00 AM-12:00 PM EST
- **Microsoft Teams Link (Register Here):** Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams

What to Expect:

- A refreshed walkthrough of the Community Engagement Toolkit
- Key milestones as we count down to June 2026
- Ways to align your local efforts with the global moment
- **Submit your questions in advance to be answered by NYNJ Host Committee leadership here: <https://forms.office.com/r/tduQpELdNG>**

The session will be recorded and shared following the webinar. If you are unable to attend, we encourage you to join us for our November webinar. Details to come!

Sincerely,

The New York New Jersey Host Committee

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TOOLKIT

Welcome to Your **FIFA World Cup 2026™** Toolkit: A Quick-Start Guide to Getting Involved, Making an Impact, and Celebrating Our Communities

FIFA World Cup 2026™ is coming to New York New Jersey - and it's going to be huge for our region, as well as the rest of the country. As we prepare to welcome the world, it presents an exciting opportunity for local businesses, nonprofits, and community groups to get involved and be part of something unforgettable.

This toolkit was made just for you. It's packed with resources, ideas, and guidance to help you channel the energy of the tournament - whether you're a small business looking to attract new customers, a local organization with a story to tell, or a neighborhood leader ready to rally your community for a cause.

Think of it as your playbook for getting involved, boosting your visibility, and helping turn this global event into a local celebration that reflects everything that makes our region special, and helps you drive your business or organization forward.

Let's show the world what New York and New Jersey are all about - together.



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1. WHAT'S FIFA WORLD CUP 2026™ ALL ABOUT?

Why This World Cup Is a Game-Changer - and Why It Matters for You

FIFA World Cup 2026™ isn't just any tournament - it's a historic first. For the first time ever, the World Cup will be hosted across three countries: the United States, Canada, and Mexico. It's also the biggest tournament yet, with 48 national teams and over 6 million fans expected to attend matches in the U.S. alone.

And right at the center of it all? New York New Jersey.

Our region isn't just hosting matches - we're hosting the match: **the Final**. That's right, the most-watched sporting event on the planet will be played right here. In total, **NYNJ will welcome fans for eight epic matches**, turning our cities into a global stage - and a massive celebration.

This means billions in economic impact, millions of visitors, and endless chances for local businesses and organizations to get involved and shine. Think packed fan zones, national and international media, cultural showcases, pop-up events, and community celebrations - all happening from Times Square to Atlantic City, from local parks to New York New Jersey Stadium (MetLife Stadium).

Whether you're a restaurant, retailer, artist, nonprofit, or neighborhood leader, this is your chance to be part of something truly historic - to get in front of the world, attract new audiences, and make a lasting mark on your community.

The countdown is on. Let's make this World Cup unforgettable - and make sure the world feels the energy of NYNJ every step of the way.



2. WHO'S LEADING THE CHARGE IN NYNJ?

The FIFA World Cup 2026™ New York New Jersey Host Committee - Leading the Way Locally

The **FIFA World Cup 2026™ New York New Jersey Host Committee** is the local team responsible for bringing the tournament to life in our region. We're leading the effort to welcome the world to New York and New Jersey, hosting eight unforgettable matches—including the Final.

Working closely with FIFA, city, and state leaders, we're committed to world-class planning across everything from stadium operations to fan experiences. As an independent nonprofit partnering with New York City and the State of New Jersey, our mission is to deliver an exceptional tournament that showcases our region's energy, pride, and hospitality on the global stage.



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Our Objectives - What We're All About

We're here to deliver on four strategic pillars - security, transportation, economic impact and fan engagement.

We want the world to experience the energy, creativity, and hospitality of New York New Jersey, from iconic venues and great fan experiences to local events that showcase our region.

This isn't just a big event, it's a big opportunity to bring visitors, create jobs, and support local and diverse businesses, with benefits that last well beyond the final whistle.

We're committed to delivering a safe, secure, and accessible World Cup experience, working with partners across the region to ensure smooth transportation and operations.

Soccer unites people, and we want everyone to feel part of the action through youth programs, community events, volunteering, and cultural celebrations that build connections, local pride, and lasting memories.



3. KEY TOURNAMENT DATES TO KNOW

These match days will bring major crowds, increased foot traffic, and media attention. Whether you're a small business, a local organizer, or part of a municipal team, having the key dates on your radar means you can:

The full **FIFA World Cup 2026™** match schedule - including all games across the United States, Mexico, and Canada – is available [here](#).

The matchups for the **Group Stage** (including which countries will play each other) will be identified during the tournament draw on **Dec 5, 2025**.

- ✓ **Total Matches:** 104
- ✓ **Tournament Duration:** June 11 - July 19, 2026
- ✓ **NYNJ Venue:** NYNJ Stadium (MetLife Stadium), East Rutherford, NJ

Stage	Dates	Venues
Group Stage	June 11 - 27	Across all host countries
Round of 32	June 28 - July 3	Across all host countries
Round of 16	July 4 - 7	Across all host countries
Quarterfinals	July 9 - 11	LA, KC, Miami, Boston (U.S.)
Semifinals	July 14 - 15	Dallas, Atlanta (U.S.)
Third-place Playoff	July 18	Miami (U.S.)
Final	July 19	NYNJ (U.S.)

Group Stage Matches in NYNJ

- June 13, 2026 - **Match 7: Group C**
- June 16, 2026 - **Match 17: Group I**
- June 22, 2026 - **Match 41: Group I**
- June 25, 2026 - **Match 56: Group E**
- June 27, 2026 - **Match 67: Group L**

Knockout Stage Matches in NYNJ

- June 30, 2026 - **Match 77: Round of 32**
- July 5, 2026 - **Match 91: Round of 16**

Final Match in NYNJ

- July 19, 2026 - **Match 104: FIFA World Cup Final Match**

What You Can Do Right Now:

Mark your calendars. If you haven't already, it's time to start thinking about:

Operations & Staffing:

Prepare for higher volumes in foot traffic, transit, dining, lodging, and public spaces. Consider extending hours, hiring seasonal staff, or adjusting transportation schedules.

Events & Activations:

Host watch parties, street fairs, or cultural celebrations around match days. Use this time to bring your community together and give visitors a reason to stay and explore. Refer to section about Watch Parties for more!

Marketing & Promotions:

Think about special offers, themed products, or experiences that tie into the tournament. Highlight what makes your town, business, or district unique to fans from around the world.

Beautification & Wayfinding:

Spruce up storefronts, districts, and public spaces. Clear signage, clean streets, and welcoming visuals will go a long way in creating a great impression. Refer to "Welcome World" branding for this!

Partnerships:

Connect with local businesses, tourism offices, chambers of commerce, and community groups to create a unified plan that benefits everyone.



4. MILESTONE MOMENTS ON THE ROAD TO 2026

From official announcements to citywide events and fan-focused celebrations, these key dates give you a reason to activate your space, engage your audience, and create shared experiences that connect your community to this global event.

4.1 Celebrations

- **Summer 2025:** Skyline to Shoreline Road Tour™ Through Labor Day
- **July 19, 2025:** One Year to the Final Match
- **3rd Quarter 2025:** FIFA World Cup 26™ General Admission Tickets On Sale
- **4th Quarter 2025:** FIFA World Cup 26™ Official Ball Launch
- **November 23, 2025:** 200 Days to Go until the FIFA World Cup 26™
- **December 5, 2025: The FIFA World Cup 26™ Draw** (Qualified nations are assigned into Groups. We'll know which teams will play in NYNJ during the Group Stages.)
- **January 11, 2026:** 6 Months to Go until the FIFA World Cup 26™
- **1st Quarter 2026:** FIFA World Cup™ Trophy Tour
- **March 3, 2026:** 100 Days to Go until the FIFA World Cup 26™
- **May 11, 2026 - July 19, 2026:** Skyline to Shoreline Road Tour™
- **May 25, 2026:** World Football Day
- **June 11, 2026:** FIFA World Cup 26™ Opening Match in Mexico City
- **June 13, 2026:** First FIFA World Cup 26™ Match in NYNJ
- **June 11, 2026 - July 19, 2026:** FIFA Fan Festival™ NYNJ NYNJ Fan Zones™
- **July 19, 2026:** FIFA World Cup 26™ Final in NYNJ

4.2 FIFA World Cup 26™ NYNJ Host Committee-Led Events

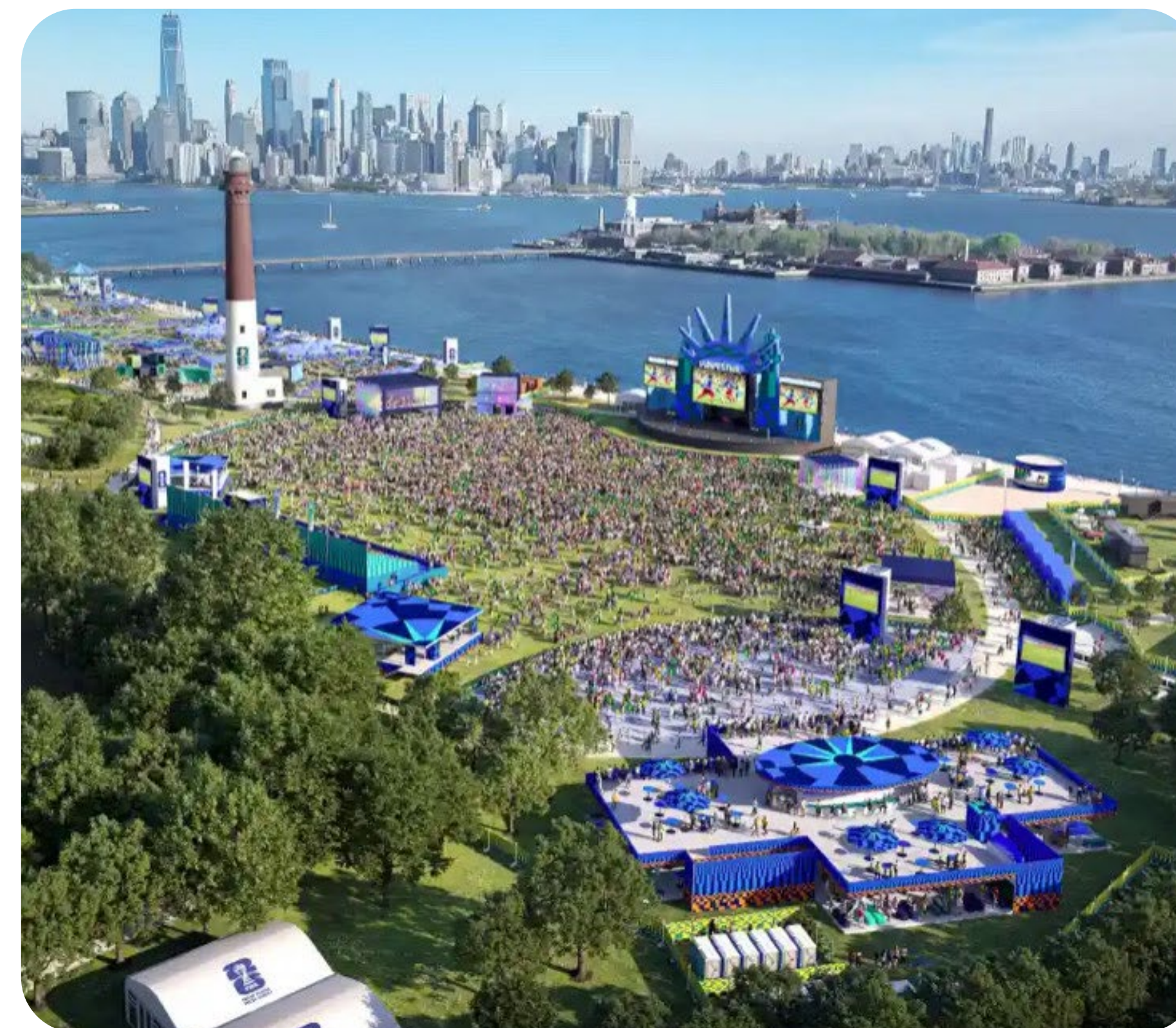
FIFA Fan Festival™ NYNJ:

- **Location:** Liberty State Park, Jersey City, NJ
- **Dates:** June 11 - July 19, 2026

The **FIFA Fan Festival™** is the central fan destination of the **FIFA World Cup 26™** for local communities as well as for fans from around the globe. It is the best place outside of the Stadiums to watch FIFA World Cup™. With the iconic Manhattan skyline, Ellis Island, and the Statue of Liberty as its backdrop, Liberty State Park in Jersey City, NJ will serve as the official home of the **FIFA Fan Festival™** New York New Jersey—the largest and most visible fan experience of the entire tournament.

Live Nation, the world's leading live entertainment company, in partnership with renowned event producer DPS, will produce the 39-day event. The energy and creativity of NYNJ will come to life with performances, talent, cultural showcases, diverse culinary offerings, immersive activities and of course, viewing of the **FIFA World Cup 2026™** matches. Attendees can expect:

- **Live match broadcasts on massive screens**
- **Concerts presented by Live Nation on non-match "Rest Days"**
- **Interactive games and activations**
- **Local food vendors and official merchandise**
- **Sponsor experiences and special performances**



*For illustrative purposes

Additional Host Committee NYNJ Fan Zones™ across the NYNJ region will be announced soon.

More **FIFA Fan Festival™ NYNJ** info coming soon on our website, including maps, ways to get involved, and information for daily access.

To learn about Procurement Opportunities for the FIFA Fan Festival™ NYNJ, please complete our Interest Form, [HERE](#).

Skyline to Shoreline Road Tour™:

The Skyline to Shoreline Road Tour™, a mobile fan engagement experience is traveling across New York and New Jersey this summer, bringing the anticipation and magic of the tournament directly to communities, from city streets to boardwalks. Running through Labor Day 2025, the tour will feature interactive soccer elements, music, giveaways, local storytelling, and pop-ups at summer festivals, public parks, and neighborhood events. Following is the schedule, which will continue to be updated as additional stops are secured.

This Road Tour will return next year in 2026 on May 11 - to mark the One Month to Go mark and will run through the end of the Tournament.



Reach out to us to learn more about how your community can be part of these incredible experiences. Let's make the World Cup truly felt across every corner of NYNJ!

2025 Dates	Location / Events
June 11	Year Out Press Conference , Liberty State Park, NJ
June 14	Unity Cup , Sofive Soccer, Brooklyn
June 15	Touch a Truck , Liberty Science Center, NJ Seaside Sand Soccer Storm , Seaside Heights, NJ
June 20	Swedish Midsummer Festival , Rockefeller Park, NY
June 28	NY Red Bulls vs Minnesota FC Match Sports Illustrated Arena, NJ
June 28	NYCFC Consulate Cup , Al Oerter Recreation Center, NY
July 04	NY Mets Block Party , Citi Field, NY 4th of July Celebration , City of Elizabeth, NJ
July 05	NY Mets Block Party Citi Field, NY
July 12	2025 Chopped Cheese Classic , Williamsburg, NY
July 15-16	Visit AC Airshow Atlantic City, NJ
July 19	More Beach Blast Tournament , Wildwood, NJ NY Red Bulls v. Inter Miami Match , Sports Illustrated Arena, NJ
July 26	Summer Streets , Staten Island, NY
August 02 - 03	Alianza de Futbol , Randall's Island, NY
August 09	Summer Streets , Foley Square, Manhattan
August 16	NY Giants v. NY Jets Preseason Game , MetLife Stadium, NJ
August 17	NJ/NY Gotham FC v. Houston Dash , Sports Illustrated Arena, NJ
August 23	Summer Streets , Bronx, NY

5. HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Be Part of Official Celebrations Through These Following Actions:

Submit Your World Cup-Inspired Event:

Planning a tournament-themed festival, watch party, art show, or community gathering? Let us know! Your event may be featured on our official NYNJ Host Committee website and promoted through our social media, PR, and marketing channels.



Display the “Welcome World” Badge:

Show your support by using the “Welcome World” logo at your business, on your website, or in your storefront. It’s a simple way to say: We’re part of this!

[Read more on usage and guidelines here](#)



Procurement/Work With Us:

We’re gathering information from potential suppliers to support our planning efforts. Our short, AI-powered form will guide you through a few key questions to help us better understand your business. To be considered for future opportunities, please complete the interest [form here](#).

Create Soccer-Inspired Art:

Murals, sidewalk chalk, sculptures—get creative! We’d love to feature local art that brings the spirit of the game to life. Share your creations with us for a chance to be part of our beautification stories and social content.

Partner on Local Storytelling:

We’re looking to highlight real voices and local perspectives. If you’ve got a great story to tell — about your business, your team, or your community’s passion for the game — we want to help amplify it.

Join Our Community Partner List:

Stay in the loop with insider updates, engagement opportunities, and resources from the NYNJ Host Committee. Subscribe to our newsletter via our website.

Let’s make this celebration local, loud, and unforgettable. Visit our website at www.nynjfwc26.com via the contact us form if you have any questions or to share your plans above. Let’s show the world what NYNJ is all about.

6. CREATIVE WAYS TO CELEBRATE LOCALLY

Ready to Bring the World Cup to Your Community? Let's Get Creative.

To help you get started, we've put together some fun, creative ideas - no formal or big budgets required. These are simple ways to tap into the global energy of the tournament, rally your community, and show your local pride while the world is watching.

Whether you're a business owner, community leader, artist, or just a passionate fan, there's something here for everyone. Let's turn this global moment into something unforgettable at the local level.



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Categories of Public Viewing Events

→ **Throw your own public Watch Party** in plazas, rooftops, local parks, or community centers. Whether you're planning a community event, a local business gathering, or a fan zone celebration during the **FIFA World Cup 2026™**, you can find more information via the [FIFA Public Viewing website](#).

Please note: The FIFA broadcasting license request portal will open in Q4 2025. Depending on your event's size and purpose, you may need a broadcast license from FIFA, so be sure to review the regulations above. Before Q4, the NYNJ Host Committee is gathering information on who plans to apply for a FIFA public viewing license. Please [click here](#) for event type descriptions and fill out [this form](#) or scan the QR code to share with us what you're planning.



Does NOT Require Public Viewing License

Non-Commercial Events

- ✓ These are events that occur as part of a venue's usual course of business (e.g., bars, restaurants, hotels).
- ✓ Includes small-scale community-driven events, under 1,000 people, and no commercial benefits to the organizer at the event.
- ✓ These do NOT require FIFA review and a license from FIFA's Media Partners.

Requires Public Viewing License

Special Non-Commercial Events

- ✓ Larger non-commercial events, over 1,000 people, in spaces including but not limited to community centers, schools, and universities.
- ✓ No commercial benefits for the organizer.
- ✓ These require FIFA review and a license from FIFA's Media Partners.

Commercial Events

- ✓ Events involving a commercial element such as sponsorships, admission fees, or any other financial benefit.
- ✓ These require FIFA review and a license from FIFA's Media Partners.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REFER TO THE FIFA PUBLIC VIEWING WEBSITE ABOVE FOR MORE INFORMATION AS GUIDELINES ARE RELEASED.

Host & Entertain Fans

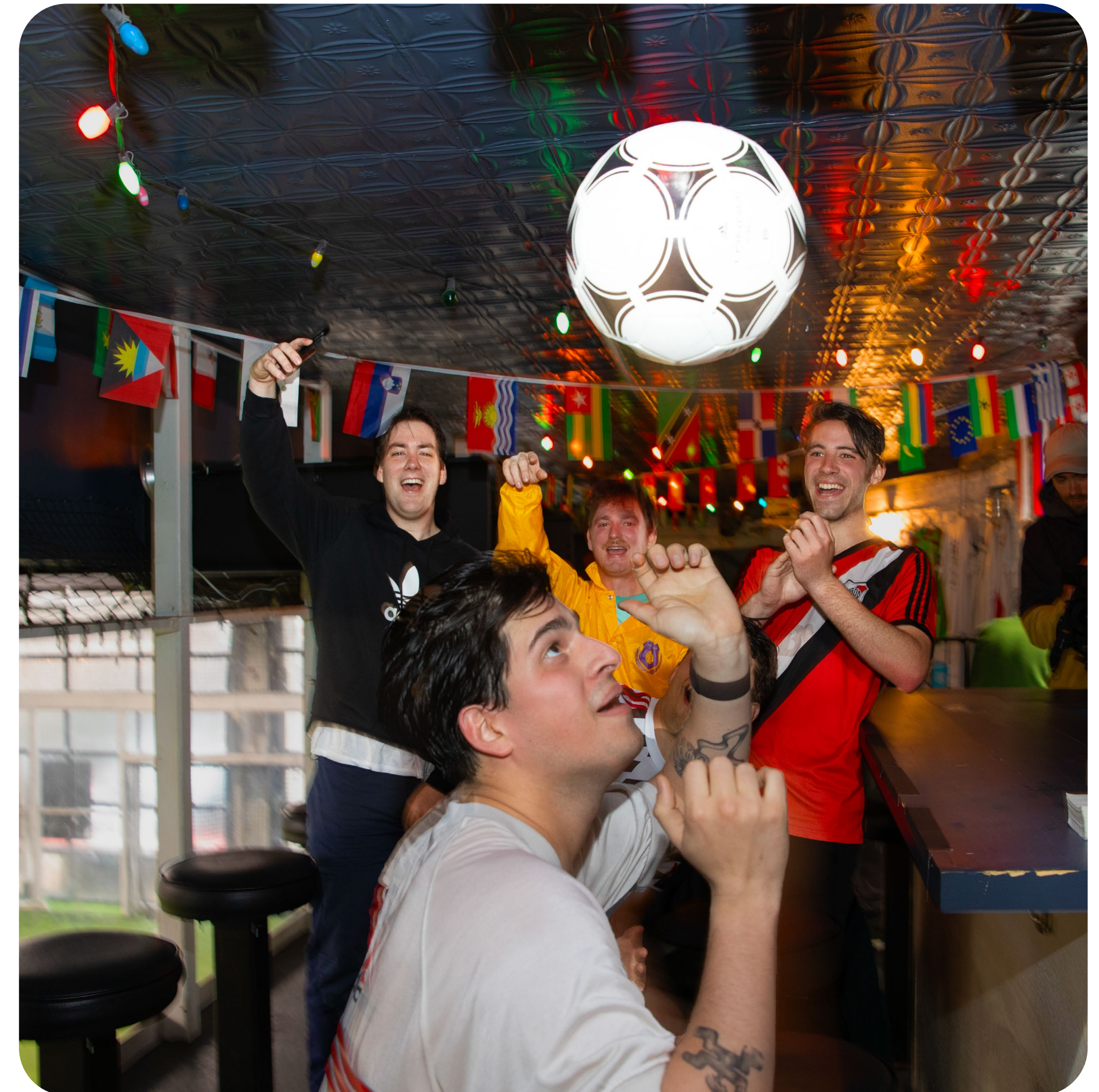
- **Optimize your business hours** during key match days to welcome fans and create a festive atmosphere.
- **Run World Cup trivia nights** or fan lounges with themed drinks, décor, and giveaways.
- **Encourage your neighborhood to launch a passport program** where visitors collect stamps or stickers from local businesses for prizes or discounts.
- **Partner with local artists or DJs** for live music nights inspired by World Cup countries to bring a global vibe to your space.
- **Set up interactive photo booths** with soccer-themed props or murals for fans to capture and share their experience.
- **Create a “Fan Wall”** where visitors can leave messages, predictions, or shout-outs to their favorite teams.
- **Offer discounts or freebies** to customers who wear their team’s jersey or colors on match days.
- **Work with your community to host mini skill challenges** like juggling contests or penalty shootouts in collaboration with nearby businesses or parks.



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Celebrate Through Food & Retail

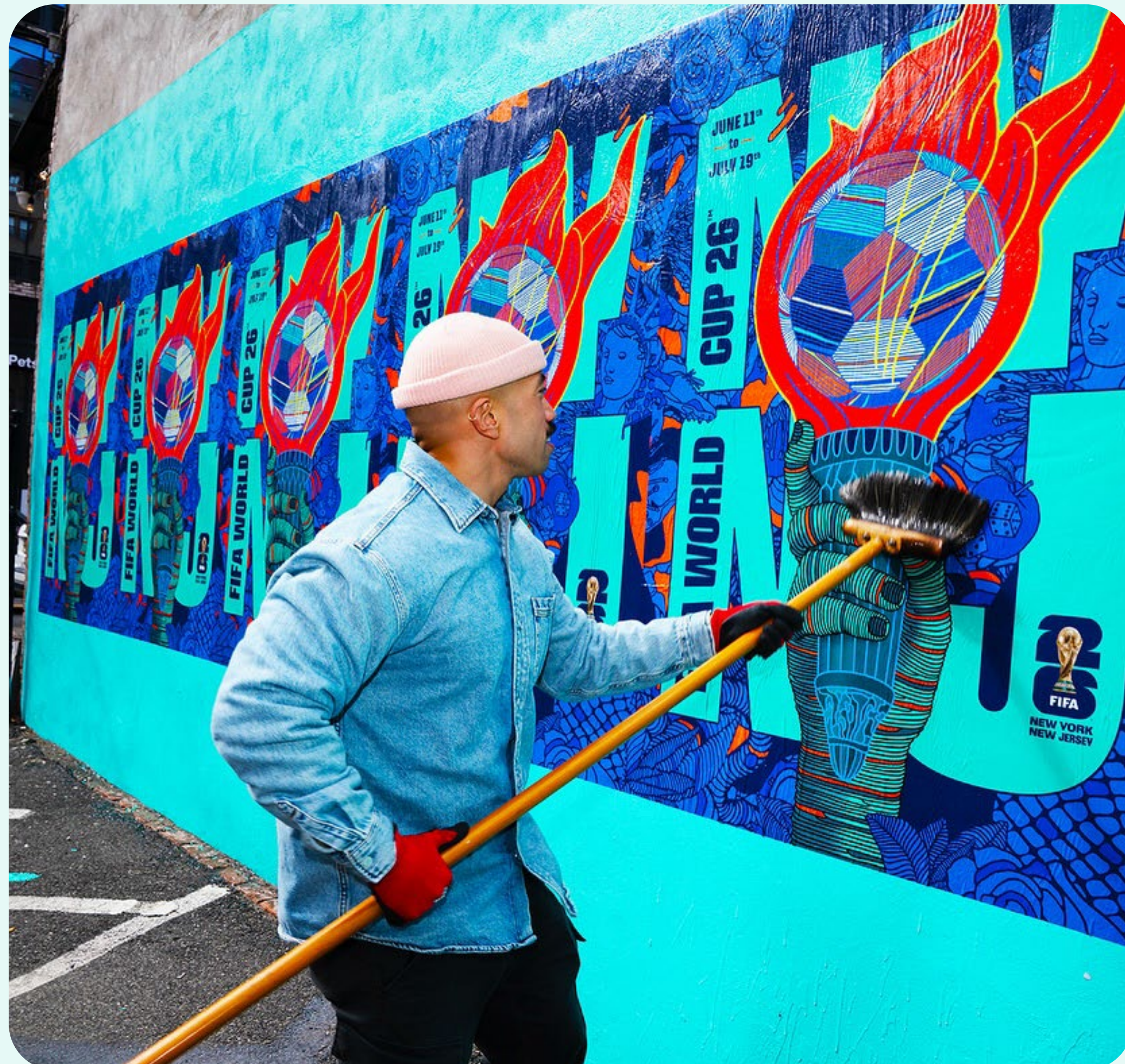
- **Launch a soccer-themed menu** or feature dishes inspired by the 48 qualified countries.
- **Start a World Cup Loyalty Card program** to reward shoppers and diners.
- Collaborate with other local businesses to **create a “World Cup Market”** weekend featuring global foods, crafts, and pop-ups.
- **Host cooking demos or tastings** spotlighting cuisine from participating countries with local chefs or home cooks.
- **Create DIY fan gear kits for kids** and families to decorate scarves, hats, or face paint.
- **Offer “World Cup Combo Deals”** pairing themed food, drinks, or merchandise.



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Celebrate Community & Culture

- **Host cultural celebrations** tied to countries playing - with music, dance, art, or interactive activities.
- **Mark national and global soccer holidays** like World Football Day (May 25, 2026) and Independence Days of qualified nations with special programming.
- **Decorate storefronts or blocks** with flags, soccer balls, and national colors to bring the tournament spirit to your neighborhood.
- **Paint the town** by adding colorful World Cup-inspired flags or banners on lamp posts and public spaces.
- **Organize storytelling or film nights** featuring soccer documentaries, player stories, or cultural shorts from participating countries.
- **Launch community mural projects** that celebrate soccer, diversity, and unity.
- **Spotlight local “World Cup Heroes”** - youth players, coaches, volunteers, and community leaders involved in soccer or neighborhood efforts.
- **Host language and culture exchange meetups** inspired by the countries competing to celebrate diversity and connection.



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Activate through Sports & Wellness

- **Organize youth mini-pitches, clinics, or pick-up games** in local parks, parking lots, or school fields.
- **Offer wellness activations** like cool-down lounges for fans after matches or community yoga/stretching sessions.
- **Create walking or running routes** with World Cup-themed checkpoints or trivia stops to encourage active exploration of your neighborhood.
- **Provide “Game Day Recovery Kits”** with healthy snacks, hydration, or self-care products for fans post-match.
- **Host inclusive “Soccer for All” events** with adaptive clinics or games welcoming people of all abilities.

Don't forget to spread the word! When you're sharing your World Cup events or celebrations, tag us @fwc26nynj and use these hashtags:

**#WeAreNYNJ, #SomosNYNJ, #WeAre26 #Somos26
#NYNJWelcomeWorld, and #FIFAWorldCup.**

That way, we can see what you're up to and help share your story with more people. The more we all share, the bigger and better the excitement will be — together.



7. USING LOGOS & BRANDING – WHAT TO KNOW

As you plan your World Cup-inspired events or promotions, here are a few key guidelines to keep in mind about the use of logos and branding:

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- ✓ **You can't use official FIFA logos or branding** unless you're an official partner or rights holder. Do not create any lockups with our logo. The official title “FIFA World Cup™” can only be used for editorial purposes and must always include a trademark symbol (™). The official title is NOT permitted for any other use (i.e. event branding) without FIFA or NYNJ Host Committee approval. The title “FIFA World Cup” is NOT permitted without FIFA or NYNJ Host Committee approval and must always include a trademark symbol (™). Please feel free to use our [Welcome World Branding](#) as a sign of regional unity!
- ✓ **You can celebrate the tournament in your own way** like using general soccer themes, national flags, or team colors.
- ✓ **If you're sharing content (like photos or videos) for editorial or non-commercial use**, that's okay - as long as it follows these basic FIFA guidelines.

Keeping these guidelines in mind will help protect your organization/community, the integrity of **FIFA World Cup 2026™** planning process, uphold the commitments of official FIFA and NYNJ Host Committee sponsors, intellectual property rights, and maintain the trust of the public and our partners. If you have any questions, please contact: marketing@nynjfwc26.com. When in doubt, keep it creative and community-focused. Celebrating the spirit of the game is more than enough!

8. WANT TO CONNECT WITH US?

Have an idea? We're all ears and here to help.

The NYNJ Host Committee's mission is to make sure **FIFA World Cup 2026™** isn't just something happening here - but something truly felt here. Whether you're looking for guidance, have an idea you want to bring to life, or just aren't sure where to start - reach out.

We're a resource for you, and we're happy to answer questions, offer direction, and help you find meaningful ways to get involved. Together, we can make sure this moment moves your community forward.

Reach us at www.nynjfwc26.com via our **contact form** if you have any questions or to share your plans/ideas with us!



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State Issues

SHBP Plan Design Committee Special Meeting on September 18

The State Health Benefits Commission Plan Design Committee will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, September 18.

[Read more: SHBP Plan Design Committee Special Meeting on September 18](#)

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

Governor Murphy Signs Affordable Housing Bill into Law

On September 11, Governor Murphy signed S-2506/A-2390 into law, requiring that municipalities in compliance with affordable housing obligations be provided priority consideration for certain State grants and assistance.

[Read more: Governor Murphy Signs Affordable Housing Bill into Law](#)

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

NJEDA Adopts New Rules and Amendments Establishing New Jersey Aspire Program

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) has published a notice of special adoption of new rules and amendments to implement the provisions of the New Jersey Economic Recovery Act of 2020, establishing the New Jersey Aspire Program. On January 23, Governor Murphy signed S-1323 into law, which revised various provisions of the Aspire Program.

[Read more: NJEDA Adopts New Rules and Amendments Establishing New Jersey Aspire Program](#)

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

NJ Municipalities Blog: Plainfield Hosts Music Festival & Promotes Health

[This week's NJ Municipalities blog](#) shares how the City of Plainfield promotes entertainment and health education at the Lenny Cathcart House Music Festival.

Plainfield sets the stage each year for a celebration of house music that also serves as a healthcare information space. Entering its 5th year, the event has a new name: the Lenny Cathcart House Music Festival.

Want to share your local story? Please send in your 300- to 1,000-word items and photos to Editor Amy Spiezio at aspiezio@njlm.org.

Contact: Amy Spiezio, Editor, aspiezio@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x123.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant Opportunity

Municipalities have the opportunity to apply for the Electronic Monitoring and Reporting (EMR) Grant Program 2025-2026.

[Read more: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant Opportunity](#)

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

Electric School Bus Grant Opportunity: 2nd Round Due Soon

The second round of the Electric School Bus Grant Program funding is due on September 26. Required elements include zoning approvals, site planning, and permitting for charging infrastructure.

[Read more: Electric School Bus Grant Opportunity: 2nd Round Due Soon](#)

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

Federal Issues

Federal Budget Expires on September 30

As we reported a few weeks ago, the federal budget expires on September 30. House and Senate leaders are expected to announce a short-term funding extension, and it is anticipated that they will attempt to pass it later this week.

[Read more: Federal Budget Expires on September 30](#)

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

Conference Connections

Conference Hotel Deadline Approaches

The League's room blocks, which close on October 10, provide the best rates and shuttle bus service to the AC Convention Center along with payment by purchase order. Ensure your best Conference experience, [book your housing for the Annual Conference now](#).

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NJLMEF Plans Session on Hometown Security & Human Trafficking

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Get Your Tickets for League Events Today

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. Fee: \$30.

Also, on Wednesday, show your support for women's outstanding achievements at the Women in Municipal Government Networking & Awards Event from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. Fee: \$35

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Apply for the Innovation in Governance Program

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the New Jersey League of Municipalities (NJLM) are accepting applications for the [Innovation in Governance through our annual recognition program](#) through Friday, October 3, 2025.

Showcase innovative solutions developed in your municipality. [Visit our awards page](#) to see previous years' ideas created by our winning municipalities, as well as the full invitation and application to this year's program. For more information on the contest, contact Ciara Bradley, League Research Associate, CBradley@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x128.

Also of Interest

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NJLM President Mayor Paul Tomasko, Alpine

President's Note:

While the State legislature is not slated to hold sessions before the elections, there continues to be major State-level issues for local governments to navigate.

As discussed in last month's newsletter, healthcare continues to be a major pain point for many as costs continue to skyrocket. In the past month, the State Healthcare Benefits Plan (SHBP) Committee voted to accept a 36% increase for local government participants. Governor Murphy also announced a memorandum of agreement with State worker unions designed to reduce State health benefits.

As the legislature and State officials continue to discuss solutions, the League, in partnership with the New Jersey Conference of Mayors and New Jersey Association of Counties, is also working hard to share insights on the ever-changing status, presenting options for municipalities, and supporting local government representation in this process. Take a moment to review the [Health Benefits webpage](#), which includes a newsflash and useful [State Health Benefits Timeline](#) for your information.

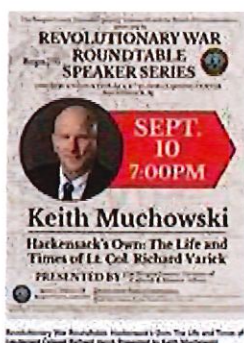
Moving into fall, there will be more opportunities to explore the issues and potential solutions for the health benefits conundrum, including two articles in the upcoming October issue of *NJ Municipalities* and Annual League Conference sessions on the topic including *Can the SHBP Be Saved?* on Tuesday, November 18 at 3:45 p.m.

Action List: September

1. [Submit an FY26 Affordable Housing Trust Fund \(AHTF\) RFP](#) to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The total amount of available funding is \$35

million and the DCA anticipates funding approximately 10-20 affordable housing projects with the allocated funds. There is an additional \$10 million for Habitat for Humanity projects from previous budget allocation. For all projects, the maximum amount of AHTF per project that can be applied for is \$3 million. Applicants will have until 5 p.m. October 3 to complete the application process. It is anticipated that funding awards will be announced on November 7. Applicants can submit questions via email at AHTF@dca.nj.gov and answers to questions will be posted on the DCA AHTF website in the form of FAQs.

2. Review the [Governor & Unions' Health Benefit Memorandum of Agreement](#). This agreement between Governor Murphy and 17 public sector unions representing State workers designed to achieve approximately \$75 million in recurring health benefit savings for the final six months of Fiscal Year 2026. This agreement does not include local governments in the SHBP and represents a short-term remedy. It is our hope that this agreement influences discussions for the SHBP Local Government Employer Group. The League and its State Health Benefits Task Force are reviewing the agreement and will report more information as necessary. For municipalities in the State Health Benefit Program, we encourage you to discuss the Memorandum of Agreement with your professionals to determine what cost savings may be achieved if these parameters are applied to local governments.
3. [Submit a topic for consideration as a Conference Resolution](#). If you have a topic you feel will improve local government and address an issue impacting local governance, submit it to the League for consideration at the League's Resolution Committee meeting. Or, if you already have a resolution drafted, please submit [your resolution for consideration](#). The resolution will be reviewed by League staff and presented at the Resolutions Committee meeting during the Annual League Conference to help share the League's future legislative goals. Visit the [Conference Resolutions webpage](#) for more details on the process and more information.



Hackensack's Own: The Life and Times of Lieutenant Colonel Richard Varick

250th: American Revolutionary War Roundtable Series

[Bergen250](#), the Bergen County Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs, and the County of Bergen kicked off its Fall 2025 American Revolutionary War Roundtable Series on September 10 at the Bergen County Administration Building's Learning Center in Hackensack.

The evening's lecture, "Hackensack's Own: The Life and Times of Lieutenant Colonel Richard Varick," was presented by Professor Keith Muchowski, librarian and faculty member at New York City College of Technology (CUNY). Born in Hackensack in 1753, Varick was a Revolutionary War officer who served under generals including Philip Schuyler, Horatio Gates, Benedict

Arnold, and George Washington. The lecture was recorded and will be published on the [County of Bergen's official YouTube channel](#).

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Recognize Local Service

Halls of Fame nomination forms will be accepted until November 5.

- Marking its 40th anniversary, the [Mayors' Hall of Fame is seeking nominations](#) of candidates for the 2025 Mayors' Hall of Fame. These nominees must be currently serving as mayor and have mayoral service of at least 10 years for Silver level, 20 years for Gold level, and 30 years for Platinum level.
- [The Elected Officials' Hall of Fame](#) is also accepting nominations for this year's inductees. Local municipal governing body members, active and retired, who have served for 20 or more years as a governing body member are eligible for inclusion.

Shape the League's Legislative Future: Conference Resolutions and Ideas

Is there a topic that you think the League should be considering because it will improve local government or address an issue affecting local governance? Every year, the League invites elected officials currently in municipal office, municipal professionals, and members of the League's Affiliate groups to submit resolutions. [Resolutions and topic suggestions](#) help the League staff identify issues impacting local governments throughout the State. Resolutions are reviewed by League staff, and those selected are presented at the Resolutions Committee meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the Annual League Conference for review.

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League Learning

Management Workshop Series-Essentials of Management Finance and Personnel Management

The Management Workshop Series returns on October 1. The first virtual session will include an overview of how the annual budget is assembled and managed with our unique method of accounting and is important to all decision-makers who run local governments. There will be a review of key components of the budget, Salary and Wages, Other Expenses, Statutory Expenses and Capital Budget. Including an explanation of Inside/Outside the CAP and Tax Levy calculation and limits

Additionally, it covers a number of key personnel issues that administrators should be aware of including Hiring and Termination, Disciplinary Action, Labor Contracts, Primary laws including PERC, Civil Service, and key portions of legal personnel management in New Jersey.

[Registration for this workshop now.](#)

Grants

Resilient NJ Funding

Resilient NJ aims to fund up to six new regional teams as they create resilience action plans. Regions will self-identify, but each must be made up of at least three contiguous municipalities plus one or more community-based organizations. Each selected regional team will be awarded up to \$300,000 and paired with a multidisciplinary professional consulting team to aid in the development and implementation of an action plan to build local capacity, identify regional solutions, and increase climate resilience.

Applications

[Resilient NJ Grant applications](#) can be found online.

Due Date

Must be submitted by October 14, 2025.

Information

A Resilient NJ: [Regional Assistance Program Planning Grant Webinar](#) can be viewed on YouTube. All information can be found at the [Resilient NJ website](#).

NJ Municipalities Magazine

Share Your Stories: Fall Issue Articles Sought

We invite Mayors all over New Jersey and their teams to send in articles on success stories, challenges, and innovations. Currently, we are seeking stories, news briefs, op-eds, and columns for the fall issues. The due dates are September 23 for the November issue, and October 15 for the December issue. Have a potential story you'd like to discuss? [Email Amy Spiezio](#) today.

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2025 Bergen County Job Fair

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Thu, Sep 18, 2025 at 3:18 PM

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Good afternoon, Mayors, Administrators, and County Partners – On behalf of County Executive Jim Tedesco and the Board of Commissioners, please see the attached flyer for the 2025 Bergen County Job Fair which will take place on **Friday, October 17th** from **9am to 2pm** at Bergen Community College's Gymnasium, [400 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ](#).

If you could please distribute and circulate this within your communities it would be greatly appreciated!

My best,

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

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 **Job Fair Flyer.pdf**
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BERGEN COUNTY JOB FAIR 2025

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FIND YOUR OPPORTUNITY

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- Multi-Industry In-demand Jobs
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*Be dressed to impress and
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9:00AM - 2:00PM
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BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
GYMNASIUM - PARKING LOT B
400 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ 07652



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Bergen County Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

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Good afternoon - Please join Bergen County Executive Jim Tedesco and the Bergen County Board of Commissioners as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month on **Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 5:30pm** at Bergen Community College's Campus Quad located at **400 Paramus Road, Paramus.**



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The Campus Quad at Bergen Community College
400 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ

Join us as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with
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