

MAIL LIST
March 6, 2026

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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Mayors' Newsline February 2026

1 message

NJLM Mayors Newsline <noreply@civicplus.com>
Reply-To: noreply@civicplus.com
To: mmargiotta@closternj.us

Thu, Feb 26, 2026 at 3:45 PM



NJLM President Mayor Sean
Elwell, Elsinboro

President's Note

Hopefully this snow-clogged winter is nearly over—it certainly has proven the groundhog correct this year! Many of us have spent countless hours responding to emergency conditions in our communities while continuing to manage the daily operations of local government. Thank you for your dedication and good luck as these efforts continue.

While we are looking at last years' budgets and determining what is needed to meet this years' needs, there is the opportunity to work with the League to learn more about the ins and outs of local government budgets. On March 7, the [Budgeting for Elected Officials](#) special half-day program will feature Jon Rheinhardt, Chief Financial Officer and County CFO for the County of Bergen; Charles Daniel, Mayor of Califon; and Jason Gabloff, Business Administrator/CFO for Mendham Township in a four-part discussion of budget law, practical applications, state aid, and planning for the future.

I hope you take the opportunity to join these experts and make your budget planning process more meaningful and successful.

Action List: February

1. **Confirm with your Municipal Clerk** that your town will meet the March 1 deadline for local governments to [publish their legal notices on their official websites](#). A municipality may publish legal notices in a print or online newspaper if they choose, but they still must publish them on their municipal website.

2. **Prepare for Local Government Week 2026.** We invite you to join in with municipalities across the Garden State during NJ Local Government Week, April 12-18, to engage citizens while celebrating the work of local government. Municipalities are on the front lines of community service and generally receive higher approval ratings than other levels of government. However, many residents are unaware of how these services impact their daily lives. [Download customizable NJ Local Government Week logos](#) and share your plans with the League. Remember to use #NJLocalGovt when promoting your activities!
3. **Make a nomination for [Emergency Manager of the Year \(EMOTY\)](#).** The [New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Association \(NJEPA\)](#) is seeking nominations for the EMOTY recognizing an individual or program, private or public, that has demonstrated leadership, partnership, selflessness, and ingenuity in New Jersey emergency preparedness programs by investing time and talent to make positive changes in the emergency management profession. The award will be presented at the [Annual Awards & Networking Reception](#). Nominations close on March 18, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
4. **Honor your students.** Are you planning to participate in the [League's Louis Bay 2nd Scholarship Essay Contest](#)? Please remember to send in your town's entries to the League by April 1.
5. **Improve your spaces.** AARP has opened the 2026 Community Challenge grant program, offering funding to help communities become more livable through improvements to public spaces, transportation, housing, digital access, and disaster resilience. Applications are due by March 4 at 5:00 p.m. The funding will be available across three tracks: Flagship Grants (up to \$15,000) for local improvements; Capacity-Building Microgrants (\$2,500) paired with expert support for walkability, bikeability, home modifications, and preparedness; and Demonstration Grants (\$10,000-\$25,000) to scale projects focused on pedestrian safety, broadband expansion, and housing choice. Program details and past grantees are available at [AARPs Community Challenge page](#).

League Learning

New Management Workshop Series Scheduled

The League has announced a new Management Workshop Series- Department and Workforce Management. The webinars by League Labor Consultant Matt U. Watkins will run on Thursdays from May 7 through May 28.

The workshop series is designed for flexibility and affordability of instruction, providing options to select single classes, choose a particular series based on an area of concentration, or the full 4-part program. Those who finish the full 4-part program will be awarded a certificate at completion. To allow for easier scheduling and student availability we have moved this program to an online platform.

Topics Include Negotiating and Contract Construction; Health Insurance and Retirement Benefit Programs; Arbitration and Grievance Arbitration; Disciplinary Action. [Register at the Series webpage.](#)

Grants

EPA Wildfire Program Open for Applications

The [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) (EPA) has announced the Wildfire Smoke Preparedness in Community Buildings Grant Program, a competitive federal funding opportunity designed to help communities protect public health during wildfire smoke events. The program supports projects that improve indoor air quality in community buildings, including municipal facilities, community centers, schools, and emergency shelters.

Eligibility

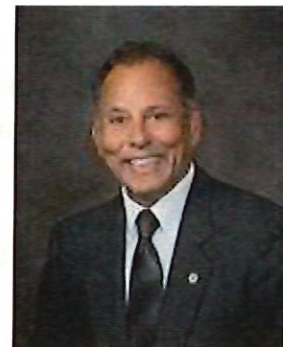
Eligible activities include developing smoke readiness and response plans, public outreach and training, deployment of indoor air quality monitoring equipment and portable air cleaners, designation of cleaner air shelters, and capital improvements such as HVAC upgrades, filtration enhancements, and weatherization. The EPA will award grants ranging from \$350,000 to \$2.5 million, with project periods of up to three years.

Due Date/Application Information

Applications are due April 15, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. through [Grants.gov](#).

Meet Your New Board Member

Deptford Mayor Paul Medany is a retired Member of UA Local 322 Pipefitters and Plumbers Union and spent most of his career as a Project Manager and holds an NJ State Master Plumber's license.



Executive Board Member,
Mayor Paul Medany, Deptford
Township

Mayor Medany has coached in practically every youth sports organization, is a past VP of Deptford Little League, and served as VP of Deptford Township Midget Football (DTMF). He is a twice-elected member of the Deptford Volunteer Hall of Fame for his time in youth sports and is currently in his 21st year on Deptford's Planning Board. He is currently a certified Rutgers Safety Instructor and has taught well over a thousand youth sports volunteers. He holds a fourth-degree black belt in the art of Tang Soo Do karate.

The Mayor has served on Township Council for over 25 years and is in his 21st year, serving as Mayor. He is a member of the Deptford Library Board of Trustees, the Deptford

Veteran's Advisory Committee and the Deptford Recreation Committee. He is a member of the Gloucester County GCIA Board. He is a published author in several state and national magazines on municipal issues.

He serves as a member of the Legislative Committee, Mayor Medany is also a Board Member of the NJ Conference of Mayors and Vice President of the NJCM Legislative Committee.

The Mayor was inducted into the League's Local Government Leadership Program at the level of Municipal Leader and the League's Mayors' Hall of Fame Silver level in 2024. he was the recipient of the Southern New Jersey Development Council's Economic Development Award, among many other awards.



NJ Municipalities Magazine

250th Stories: Ewing's 250 for America's 250th

In the February issue of *NJ Municipalities* magazine, Ewing Mayor Bert H. Steinmann shared the story of the town's 250 Trees for America's 250th campaign, a community-wide effort led by Ewing's Green Team and Environmental Commission, in partnership with Mayor and Council, residents, local businesses, and civic organizations. The goal is simple, visible, and achievable: plant at least 250 new trees in Ewing by the end of 2026.

Mayor Steinmann wrote: I share this initiative not just as a point of pride, but as an example of how municipalities can leverage a national anniversary to advance local priorities. Tree planting is adaptable, bipartisan, and deeply connected to both environmental responsibility and civic identity.

How to Replicate This Program

Ewing Township's 250 Trees for America's 250th initiative is designed to be easily adapted by other municipalities.

Key elements include setting a clear, measurable goal tied to a meaningful milestone, such as a historic anniversary. The program relies on existing advisory bodies—such as a Green Team or Environmental Commission—to provide leadership and technical guidance.

Participation is flexible: residents, businesses, and organizations can plant trees on private property or support plantings on public land. Providing residents with basic planting and care guidance, along with a recommended list of native or non-invasive species, helps ensure long-term success.

A simple pledge system allows municipalities to track participation without adding administrative burden, while early engagement with local businesses can expand reach through partnerships or incentives.

Publish Your Story in *NJ Municipalities Magazine*

Would you like to publish an article about your town's 250th celebrations? Please send it to Editor Amy Spiezio by April 15 for inclusion in the Magazine's June issue.


In 2026, please consider sending in articles, op-eds, and news releases to the League's magazine, *NJ Municipalities*. Every year, the magazine and its [new magazine blog](#) features hundreds of stories from mayors and other local, state, and federal organizations. We hope you will share your strategies, thoughts, and insights with your peers in local government. Interested? Please review our [2026 authors' kit](#) or reach out to editor Amy Spiezio, aspiezio@njlm.org, for more information and to reserve your space.


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Are you and your team [subscribing to *NJ Municipalities*](#)? Inspire your local government work by reading and building a library of the League's magazine in print or online. [View a sample of the magazine.](#)

Support the League's Magazine

If your municipality has recently used a vendor and you feel that their services would benefit other municipalities, [email Tasneem Kapadia](#), Advertising and Subscription Manager, with their details so she can send them information about the League's magazine. Advertising in *NJ Municipalities* magazine promotes their services and could benefit other towns.

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Laura Rametta <lrametta@closternj.us>

Library news March 2, 2026

1 message

Closter Public Library <circulation@closter.bccls.org>
Reply-To: cltrcirc@bccls.org
To: lrametta@closternj.us

Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 8:03 AM



CLOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
the anchor of the community

March 2, 2026

SATURDAY CONCERT SERIES

Saturday, March 7 2pm

Chamber Music with Diana Mase, Patricia Zuber, and Lindy Clarke

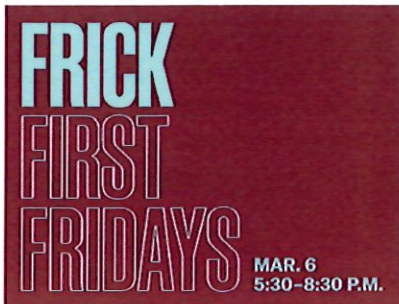


RESOURCES

Museum Passes

First Fridays are back at the Frick!

Friday March 6 5:30-8:30pm



The Frick invites you to FREE evenings of art and culture! Visit from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the first Friday of each month (except January and September). Grab a drink at the café or coffee bar, explore the galleries and special exhibitions after hours, and enjoy exciting talks, live music, and more.

Advance timed tickets are required. Only children ages 10 and older are admitted.

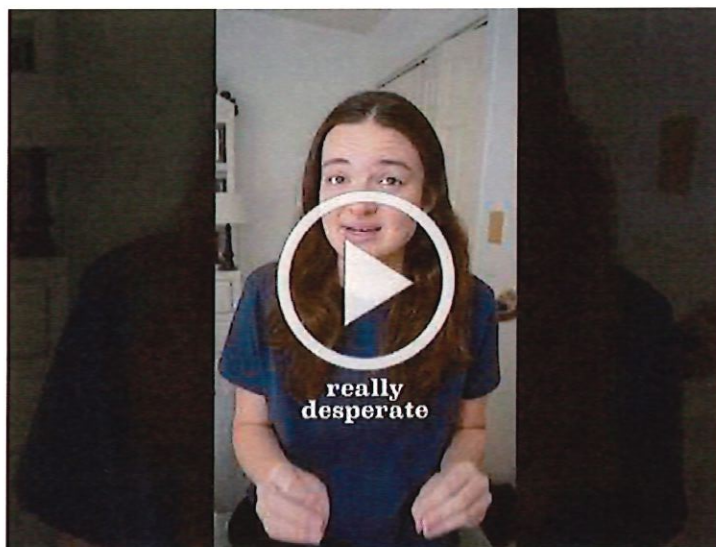
You can also borrow the pass to the Frick Collection to visit for free. [Contact the library for more information.](#)

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.](#)



Just for Laughs



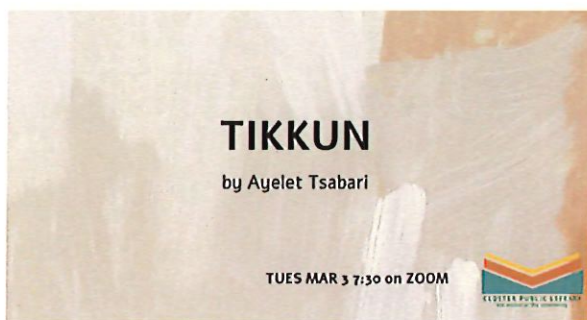
World Bookmark Day

In honor of **World Bookmark Day** (February 25), **1000 Libraries Magazine** noted some of the odder things patrons have used for bookmarks. Please don't emulate these folks; if you need a bookmark, we have plenty at the library for you.

[Click here to see these "bookmarks"](#)

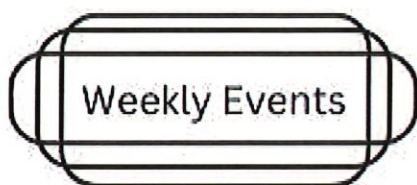
Regular Program

Short Story
Club



Short Story Club

Tuesday, March 3
7:30pm on Zoom
Contact [Julia](#) for more
information and the Zoom
link.



Monday

10-11:30am- Advanced ESL

Conversation

7-8pm - Tech Help

Wednesday

1-2:30pm - Advanced ESL

Conversation *This class is full. Contact
the library to get on the waiting list*

6-7 pm Yoga/Meditation

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
ClosterPublicLibrary.org



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COFFEE with a COP



*A chance for families and neighbors to connect
with Closter police—one cup at a time.*



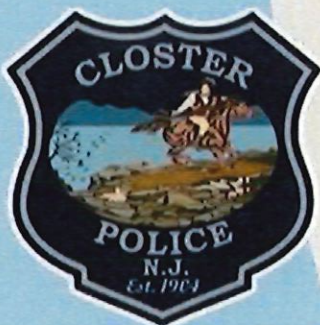
**Target Closter
Plaza**



**March 19, 2026
Thursday**



**11:00 AM
to 12:30 PM**



**Any questions contact:
Jvela@closterpolice.org**





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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Closter Lions Club Announces Spring Pancake Breakfast Event

1 message

Borough of Closter <newsletters@closterboro.com>

Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 10:15 AM

Reply-To: newsletters@closterboro.com

To: lcastano@closternj.us



Borough Of Closter
Historic Hub of the Northern Valley

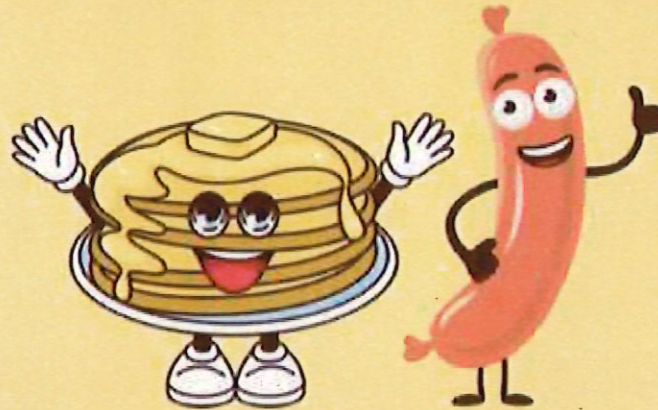
Closter Lions Club Announces Spring Pancake Breakfast Event

CLOSTER LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 26, 2026 8am - 12pm

Elk's Club

148 Railroad Ave, Closter NJ



**Pancakes served with sausage, fruit,
coffee, tea, juice and milk**

Tricky Tray Baskets

Tickets: \$15 Adults/ \$6 Child / under 6 free

For tickets Contact:

Karen

201-390-0184

Karenseagaard@gmail.com



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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Greek Independence Day Celebration

1 message

Anna Maroules <amaroules@closternj.us>

Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 10:33 AM

To: James Winters <jwinters@closternj.us>

Cc: Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>, Leslie Weatherly <lweatherly@closternj.us>

Good morning Jimmy,

I am requesting to have this year's Greek Independence Day Celebration on March 25th 2026 at 5pm at the Senior Center. We have a Mayor and Council Meeting that evening but will be finished by 6:30 so that there is no conflict.

Linda confirmed that the space is available.

Good morning BC Mari,

Can you please put this on the mail list for our next meeting?

Thank you,

Anna

Anna Maroules
Councilwoman
Borough of Closter
917-440-3714



HAPPY
INDEPENDENCE DAY

GREECE

25 MARCH





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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Bergen County celebrates Irish American Heritage Month

1 message

Sands, Derek <DSands@bergencountynj.gov>

Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 1:29 PM

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

Cc: "Pellicano, Breanne" <BPellicano@bergencountynj.gov>, "Lautz, Jared" <JLautz@bergencountynj.gov>, "Dorsett, Craig" <CDorsett@bergencountynj.gov>

Good afternoon:

Please join Bergen County Executive Jim Tedesco and the Bergen County Board of Commissioners as we celebrate Irish American Heritage Month on **Friday, March 13th** at **12:30 PM** in the Commissioners Public Meeting located on the 5th floor of One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack.



Bergen County Executive
James J. Tedesco, III
and the
Bergen County Board of Commissioners
Invite you to celebrate

**IRISH AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH**



**Friday, March 13, 2026
12:30 PM**

BERGEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - 5TH FLOOR
ONE BERGEN COUNTY PLAZA
HACKENSACK, NJ 07601

Join us as we celebrate Irish culture and history
with traditional dancing, music, and food.

Presented in Partnership with:
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&
The Bergen Irish Association

James J. Tedesco, III
Bergen County Executive

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Derek Alan Sands (he/him/his)
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of County Executive James J. Tedesco III
County of Bergen

Office – 201.336.6979

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IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



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COMMISSIONERS: RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCE, RECOGNITION, ON THE ROAD REMINDER AND ADVERTISING

1 message

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

Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 3:13 PM

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTIONS

292-26 MS Awareness Week – Commissioner Tanelli/Body as a whole

295-26 Opposing unlawful enforcement tactics of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and/or any other federal agency employed by the federal government

in conducting civil immigration enforcement activities in the County of Bergen. – Commissioner Ortiz/Commissioner Sullivan

If you require a non pdf document for your own purposes, please let me know.

ORDINANCES ADOPTED AT SECOND READING

March 4, 2026, at the Bergen County Board of County Commissioners Public Meeting Room

26-02 "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMIT ALONG WEST CENTRAL BOULEVARD & EAST CENTRAL BOULEVARD IN THE BOROUGH OF PALISADES PARK."

RECOGNITION



It was the Commissioners privilege to be recognizing March 8th through March 14th, as **MS Awareness Week in Bergen County**.

We were honored to be joined yesterday by leaders from the **National Multiple Sclerosis Society**, including **Michael Starr** and **Lisa Stolarz**, both Bergen County residents living with MS who serve in leadership roles within the New Jersey Metro Chapter. Their advocacy reflects extraordinary resilience and a deep commitment to improving the lives of others facing similar challenges.

We also recognized the distinguished medical leadership — **Dr. Florian Thomas, Dr. Krupa Pandey, and Dr. Judith Creighton** — whose work at Hackensack University Medical Center and the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine continues to shape the future of neurological care and MS research.

Yesterday, we were especially proud to highlight two remarkable young leaders. **Jay Creighton** who has undertaken extensive accessibility mapping in **Maywood**, work that has been submitted as an abstract to the Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals. **Bella Pandey**, a student from our very own **Bergen County Academies**, who is participating in a class initiative focused on mapping sidewalk accessibility to help identify opportunities to make our communities more inclusive for individuals with disabilities. Their efforts demonstrate that service and innovation know no age, and that the next generation is already committed to building a more accessible Bergen County.

We also extended our gratitude to caregivers here with us yesterday: **Barbara Starr and Cynthia Asabea Twomasi**, whose strength and dedication remind us that MS impacts families and communities, not just individuals.

This week, we reaffirm our support for those living with MS, for the caregivers who stand beside them, and for the medical professionals and advocates working tirelessly toward a cure.

ON THE ROAD REMINDER

The Bergen County Board of County Commissioner's **PUBLIC SESSION** previously scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2026 commencing at 7:00 pm in the Public Meeting Room has been moved to:

3/31/26

MOONACHIE BOROUGH HALL

70 MOONACHIE ROAD

MOONACHIE, NJ 07074

The work session for the above dates will be held at 4:30 in the Calabrese Caucus Room, Administration Building, 5th Floor, One **Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ 07601**

ADVERTISING REMINDER

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

[Bergen County Public Notices](#)



Lara Pollitt (she/her/hers)

Clerk to the Board

Bergen County

Board of Commissioners

Phone: 201-336-6536

One Bergen County Plaza




Hackensack, NJ 07601

Please note that effective October 3rd my e-mail address has changed from:
lrodriguez@co.bergen.nj.us and
lpollitt@co.bergen.nj.us to
lpollitt@bergencountynj.gov

Our website is now:
www.bergencountynj.gov

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-  **292-26 original signature.pdf**
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-  **Moonachie On the Road Reminder Advertisement.doc**
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February 26, 2026

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Borough Council
Borough of Closter
295 Closter Dock Rd.
Closter, NJ 07624

Dear Governing Body,

We are engaged to audit the financial statements of the Borough of Closter (the "Borough") for the year ended December 31, 2025. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit. We would also appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this information further since a two-way dialogue can provide valuable information for the audit process.

Our Responsibilities under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS), Government Auditing Standards, Uniform Guidance and NJ OMB Circular 25-12

As stated in our engagement letter dated February 10, 2025, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

In planning and performing our audit, we will consider the Borough's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. We will also consider internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal or state program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB Circular 25-12.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Borough's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions is not an objective of our audit. Also in accordance with Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB Circular 25-12, we will examine, on a test basis, evidence about the Borough's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement applicable to each of its major federal programs and the New Jersey OMB Circular 25-12 State Aid/Grant Compliance Supplement applicable to each of its major state programs for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the Borough's compliance with those requirements. While our audit will provide a reasonable basis for our opinion, it will not provide a legal determination on the Borough's compliance with those requirements.

We have been engaged to report on the supplementary schedules, including the schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance, which accompany the financial statements. Our responsibility for this supplementary information, as described by professional standards, is to evaluate the presentation of the supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole and to report on whether the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

We have not been engaged to report on the supplementary data and letter of comments and recommendations which accompany the financial statements. Our responsibility with respect to this other information in documents containing the audited financial statements and auditor's report does not extend beyond the financial information identified in the report. We have no responsibility for determining whether this other information is properly stated. This other information will not be audited and we will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Planned Scope, Timing of the Audit, Significant Risks and Other

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested.

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the entity and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Material misstatements may result from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the entity or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the entity. We will generally communicate our significant findings at the conclusion of the audit. However, some matters could be communicated sooner, particularly if significant difficulties are encountered during the audit where assistance is needed to overcome the difficulties or if the difficulties may lead to a modified opinion. We will also communicate any internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under professional standards.

Planned Scope, Timing of the Audit, Significant Risks and Other (continued)

According to GAAS, significant risks include management override of control. Accordingly, we have considered this as a significant risk. In addition, we have not yet concluded our audit planning process and therefore have not identified any significant risks of material misstatement. If additional significant risks are identified subsequent to the date of this letter, we will communicate those significant risks to you.

It is our understanding that you have designated the Chief Financial Officer to oversee the non-audit services and the overall audit process. Additionally, you acknowledge this individual has the suitable skill, knowledge and/or experience to oversee the non-audit services and the overall audit process to evaluate the adequacy and results of the services and accept responsibility for them.

If you do not respond to this letter, nor request a meeting with the audit partner, we will presume you have no issues or concerns to communicate to us relating to the annual audit.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Governing Body and management and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP

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This letter has been reviewed by the Governing Body of the Borough of Closter.

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



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Statewide Legal Notice Site, ABC Guidance, Confirmed Nominees

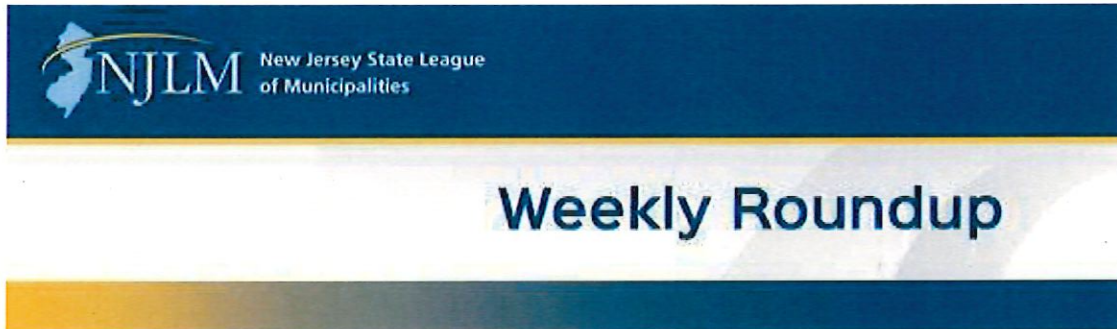
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State Issues

Secretary of State's Statewide Legal Notice Website Active

P.L. 2025, c. 72 required the Secretary of State (SoS) to create a statewide legal notice webpage and for municipalities to submit their public notice webpages to the SoS and include the link to the SoS's webpage in their bi-monthly notices.

[Read more: Secretary of State's Statewide Legal Notice Website Active](#)

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

LFN Issued on Financial Disclosure Statements and Roster Update

The Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) has issued Local Finance Notice (LFN) 2026-06 regarding the 2026 Financial Disclosure Statements (FDS) and roster update.

[Read more: LFN Issued on Financial Disclosure Statements and Roster Update](#)

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

ABC Issues Guidance on Public Notice Requirements

The Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control issued Advisory Notice 2026-01 providing guidance on the publication of legal notices under P.L. 2025, c. 72.

[Read more: ABC Issues Guidance on Public Notice Requirements](#)

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

ABC Issues Advisory Notice on Theater Licenses

The New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) has issued Advisory Notice 2026-02 providing guidance to municipal authorities on non-profit and new community theater licenses.

[Read more: ABC Issues Advisory Notice on Theater Licenses](#)

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

ABC Issues Advisory Notice on Mobile Bartending

The New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) has issued Advisory Notice 2026-03 providing guidance to municipal authorities on mobile bartending businesses.

[Read more: ABC Issues Advisory Notice on Mobile Bartending](#)

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

Governor Sherrill Nominees Confirmed by Senate

At its voting session on February 24, five cabinet nominees were confirmed by the State Senate.

[Read more: Governor Sherrill Nominees Confirmed by Senate](#)

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

SHBP Plan Design Committee Holds February Meeting

On Wednesday, February 25, the State Health Benefits Program Plan Design Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting.

[Read more: SHBP Plan Design Committee Holds February Meeting](#)

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

Upcoming Municipal Milestone? Let the Legislature Know

If your municipality is celebrating a milestone, please inform Assemblyman Karabinchak, chair of the Assembly State and Local Government Committee, so a joint resolution can

be drafted and considered.

[Read more: Upcoming Municipal Milestone? Let the Legislature Know](#)

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

Federal Issues

Urge Congress to Pass Rail Safety Legislation

The League, along with our federal partner, the National League of Cities, asks municipalities to urge your Members of Congress and Senators to pass Railway Safety legislation.

[Read more: Urge Congress to Pass Rail Safety Legislation](#)

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

Also of Interest

***NJ Municipalities* Blog: Advancing Life Cycle Housing Across NJ**

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has taken a significant step forward in advancing affordable life cycle housing through the development of the New Jersey Housing Opportunities for Municipal Equity and Success (NJHOMES) program. The NJHOMES program is designed to address one of the most persistent challenges facing municipalities: translating affordable housing policy goals into actionable, community-supported projects that meet the needs of residents at all life stages.

Read all about it in this week's [NJ Municipalities](#) blog, which shares the March issue of *NJ Municipalities*' Up Front Feature.

Want to share your local story in the blog or print magazine? Please send in your 300- to 1,200-word items and photos.

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

NJ-GMIS Technology Education Conference

The New Jersey-GMIS Technology Education Conference (TEC 2026) returns for technology professionals.

[Read more: NJ-GMIS Technology Education Conference](#)

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

GFOANJ Bill Homa Scholarship

GFOANJ has announced that it will again be making available up to four scholarships of up to \$1,500 through the Association's Collegiate and CMFO Track Scholarship programs in honor of the late Bill Homa. Submissions are due March 20.

[Read on: GFOANJ Bill Homa Scholarship](#)

Rutgers Center for Government Services Public Purchasing Forum

The Rutgers University Center for Government Services 56th Annual Public Purchasing Educational Forum is scheduled for April 28-30.

[Read more: Rutgers Center for Government Services Public Purchasing Forum](#)

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Emergency Manager of the Year Nominations & NJEPA Scholarships

The New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Association (NJEPA) is seeking nominations for the Emergency Manager of the Year, student scholarships, and scholarships for emergency managers working on their NJ Certified Emergency Manager certification.

[Read more: Emergency Manager of the Year Nominations & NJEPA Scholarships](#)

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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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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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