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Last 2025 Revolutionary War Roundtable this Wednesday, Dec 10th

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Good afternoon local officials & county partners:

Please see the press release and attached flyer for the Bergen 250 Initiative's final Revolutionary Roundtable event for 2025. We are working on the schedule for 2026 and I will send that over once finalized.

All the best,
Derek

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

December 8, 2025

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**LAST 2025 REVOLUTIONARY WAR ROUNDTABLE
THIS WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10th**

The Bergen250 Program, through our Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs, will host the final Revolutionary War Roundtable joined by Robb Haberman on Sgt. James Selkirk and the Morristown and Pompton Encampments

(HACKENSACK, N.J.) – The Bergen250 initiative, through the Bergen County Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs, continues its Fall Series of **Revolutionary War Roundtable** presentations with another compelling installment. On **Wednesday, December 10th at 7:00 PM**, historian Robb Haberman will deliver a lecture titled **“Surviving Through Community: Sgt. James Selkirk at the Morristown and Pompton Encampments.”**

This presentation will explore the remarkable story of Sgt. James Selkirk, a Continental soldier whose experiences at the Morristown and Pompton encampments highlight the critical role of community in sustaining the army through hardship. Haberman will examine how Selkirk and his fellow soldiers endured the challenges of winter encampments, relying on networks of support, resilience, and shared sacrifice to survive and continue the fight for independence.

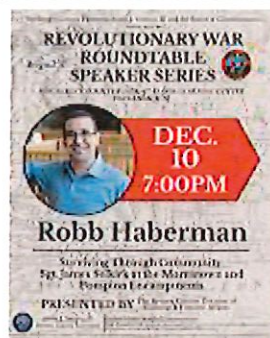
The event will take place at the **4th Floor Learning Center at One Bergen County Plaza** in Hackensack offering attendees an opportunity to gain fresh insight into the lived experiences of Revolutionary War soldiers. Haberman, known for his engaging research on everyday lives during the Revolution, will bring to life the struggles and perseverance of Selkirk and his comrades, underscoring the importance of community bonds in the broader fight for liberty.

Admission is FREE and open to the public. Seating is limited, so early arrival is recommended.

About Bergen250

Bergen250 is Bergen County’s initiative to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, highlighting the county’s critical role in the nation’s founding and engaging the public through lectures, events, and community programming. For more information, visit www.Bergen250.com.

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December 4th, 2025

Honorable John C. Glidden, Jr.
Borough of Closter

295 Closter Dock Road
Closter, NJ 07624

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Dear Mayor Glidden:

We are writing to you to make you aware of an opportunity to preserve land from being developed, and to protect our natural environment and water supply. With the announcement of Green Acres 2026 Funding Round, and its *application deadline of February 26, 2026*, we urge you to give the opportunity described below serious consideration.

The County of Bergen and Save the Watershed Action Network (SWAN) have partnered on an initiative to protect the upper Hackensack River Watershed by awarding up to \$1,000,000 of Green Acres funding for the acquisition of land. Projects must be located on or near Lake Tappan, Woodcliff Lake, the Oradell Reservoir, or a Hackensack River tributary. Only a select number of Bergen County municipalities are eligible for this special funding, *including yours*.

Projects that meet the following criteria will be given highest priority:

1. Natural woodland or wetland
2. Acreage near or contiguous to other preserved open space
3. Property owned by a willing seller
4. Land free and clear of contamination and/or problematic structures

To access this funding, municipalities should submit an application for Land Acquisition directly to Green Acres. Information on the Green Acres 2026 Funding Round, including application training and Q&A sessions, can be found at: <https://dep.nj.gov/greenacres/2026-funding/>

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Prospective applicants may reference the application (<https://dep.nj.gov/greenacres/forms-and-regulations/#green-acres-application-forms>) to determine eligibility and matching grant percentages. Note Green Acres requires applicants to conduct public engagement; applications will only be considered if they demonstrate meaningful public outreach and involvement.

Also note that this State funding can be used in conjunction with, and supplement, a grant from the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund (<https://bergencountynj.gov/bergen-county-departments-of-parks/bergen-county-arts-grant-program/land-acquisition-grant-program/>)

We encourage you to apply ahead of the February 26, 2026 deadline if your municipality may have an eligible watershed preservation project. Please feel free to reach out to us anytime should you have questions.

Best regards,



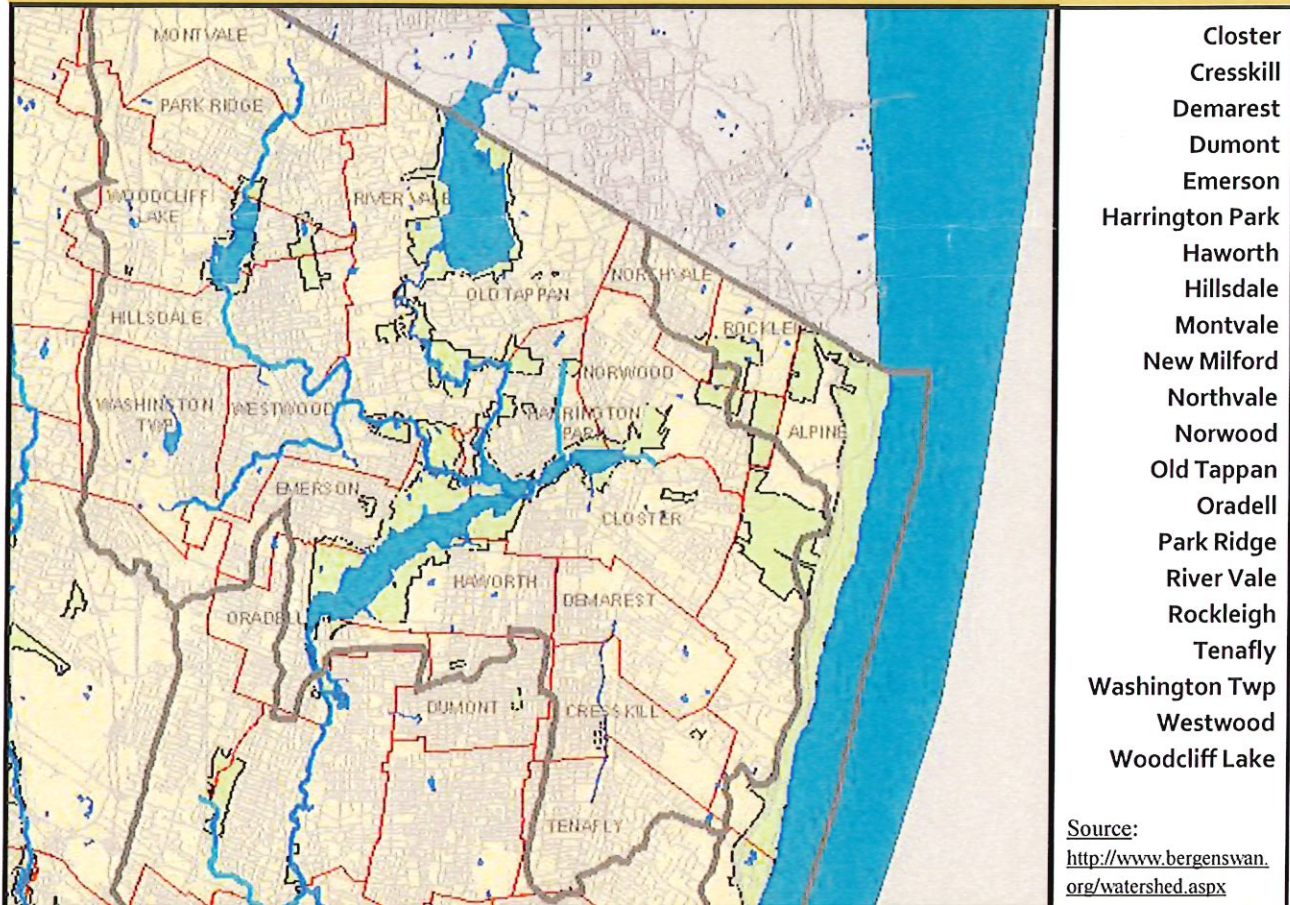
Kenneth Aloisio, AICP/PP
Executive Director
Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund



Lori Charkey
Executive Director
Bergen SWAN

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OF STATE FUNDING FOR THE UPPER HACKENSACK WATERSHED



HELP PROTECT OUR DRINKING WATER!

Do you have unprotected, natural watershed buffer land in your municipality? There is funding available to conserve it!

For more information, or to discuss a potential parcel within your jurisdiction, please contact local open space advocate, Lori Charkey, from Bergen Save the Watershed Action Network (Bergen SWAN).

Email: bergenswan@sprynet.com

Phone: 201-666-1877

Projects meeting the following criteria will be given highest priority:

1. Natural land (woodland or wetland) located on or near Lake Tappan, Woodcliff Lake, or Oradell Reservoir, or a Hackensack River tributary.
2. Located near or contiguous to other preserved open space.
3. Owner is a willing seller.
4. Land is free of and clear of contamination and/or problematic structures.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
COUNTY OF BERGEN
OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED 2025 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

Please Take Notice: As required by the State of New Jersey in N.J.S.A. 40:12-15, et seq., the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Public Advisory Committee, on behalf of the Bergen County Board of County Commissioners, will conduct a public hearing on the proposed allocations of its Open Space Trust Fund for Funding Year 2025 on Thursday, September 25th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. It will be held in the County Commissioner Meeting Room on the 5th Floor of the County Administration Building, One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ 07601.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.3(d), the County of Bergen is proposing the following funding allocations from the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the Trust Fund's 2025 County Program:

Open Space Land Acquisition Projects Totaling \$2,674,000.00 as follows:

County of Bergen	166 Forest Avenue, Paramus	\$1,000,000
Borough of East Rutherford	Morton Street Acquisition	\$450,000
City of Englewood	173 West Forest Avenue Acquisition Project	\$165,000
Borough of Fairview	444 North 8th Street	\$475,000
Borough of Park Ridge	Pascack Road Land Acquisition	\$232,000
Borough of Saddle River	125 West Saddle River Road Acquisition	\$352,000

Historic Preservation Projects Totaling \$1,110,662.00 as follows:

Div. of Historic & Cultural Affairs	Baylor Massacre Archeology Monitoring	\$100,000
Div. of Historic & Cultural Affairs	Easton Tower Roof Replacement	\$50,000
Div. of Historic & Cultural Affairs	Waterworks Additional Roof Work	\$750,000
Div. of Historic & Cultural Affairs	Wortendyle Barn Fencing, Paving, & New Sign	\$50,000
James Rose Center	Exterior Restoration	\$35,662
Borough of Montvale	J. Blauvelt Octagon House HP Plan & Design	\$75,000
Borough of New Milford	French Burying Ground Restoration	\$50,000

County Park Improvements Projects Totaling \$10,500,000.00 as follows:

Division of Golf	Overpeck and Soldier Hill Short Game Area	\$1,250,000
County Parks Department	Carlton Hill Greenway Construction	\$2,000,000
County Parks Department	Overpeck Park Area 3B Landfill Closure	\$3,881,868
County Parks Department	Saddle River Otto Pehle Inclusive Playground & Pond Restoration	\$2,784,000
County Parks Department	Saddle River Pathway Improvements & Safety Study	\$584,132

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.3(d), the County of Bergen is proposing the following list of funding allocations from the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the Trust Fund's 2025 Municipal Park Improvement Program of \$6,834,801.00 for municipal park improvement projects:

Allendale	Crestwood Park: Construction of basketball court, pickleball courts, tennis courts resurfacing	\$77,000
Bergenfield	George Hendrickson Park: Upgrading of basketball courts with installation of lighting fixtures	\$120,000
Bogota	Vincent F. Petrik Park: New playground equipment, chain-link fencing, landscaping	\$164,365
Carlstadt	Zimmerman Park: Extension of existing walking path, retaining walls, seating and terrace	\$141,793
Cliffside Park	CP Little League Field: Community Garden and dog park, fencing, ADA-accessible ramp	\$300,000

Cresskill	Third Street Recreational Facility: Parking lot improvements: milling, paving and re-striping	\$137,500
Demarest	Wakelee Field: Drainage improvements, turf restoration, sustainable landscaping	\$143,200
Dumont	Memorial Park: LED lighting upgrades	\$37,500
East Rutherford	Anthony Gallo Park: Installation of ADA-compliant and inclusive playground, fencing	\$141,793
Edgewater	River Road Park: Installation of new playground	\$200,000
Emerson	Ackerman Park: Six playground units and shade structures	\$75,500
Englewood	Garrity Field: Stormwater improvements at baseball field and current playground site	\$42,500
Fair Lawn	Memorial Park: Benches, flag poles, monuments, lighting, and ADA-compliant walkway	\$107,500
Fairview	Columbus Park: Playground, pavilion with sound system and lighting, court resurfacing	\$136,500
Fort Lee	Constitution Park: New ADA-compliant playground, poured in place safety surface	\$231,000
Franklin Lakes	Muni Fields: New fencing, bases, sodding of field, sprinkler heads, scoreboard, and dugouts	\$126,280
Garfield	20th Century Field: Construction of spray park, water play sets, surfacing, and drainage	\$300,000
Glen Rock	Wilde Memorial Park: Replace outdated fencing, purchase of new backstops and dugouts	\$100,000
Hackensack	Staib Park: Walking path, benches, lighting, landscaping, security cameras, drainage	\$303,780
Hasbrouck Hts	Woodland Park: Installation of accessible exercise equipment	\$100,000
Haworth	Haworth Swim Club: Reconstruction of non-compliant ramp and stairs, walkway, and fencing	\$198,088
Hillsdale	Beechwood Park: Pavilion near bandshell	\$74,986
Leonia	Wood Park: Basketball court renovations	\$75,000
Lodi	Voto Tedesco Park: New walking path, landscaping, signing, benches, and split rail fencing	\$125,000
Lyndhurst	Little League Field: Replace existing lighting with energy-efficient LED bulbs	\$100,000
Mahwah	Darlington Avenue Recreation Area: Parking lot resurfacing and new retaining wall	\$98,000
Maywood	Maywood Memorial Park: Playground, drainage, fencing, seating, pathways, landscaping	\$250,000
Midland Park	Dairy Street Recreation Complex: Addition of parking spaces, curbing and drainage	\$112,490
Montvale	Memorial, Railroad, and Fountain Parks: Benches and ADA sidewalk path improvements	\$80,704
Moonachie	Concord Street Park: ADA-compliant rubberized surfacing at playground	\$46,704
New Milford	Williams Field: Installation of outdoor lighting	\$194,343
North Arlington	Fisher Field: ADA-compliant walking path, LED landscaping lighting, benches, site restoration	\$50,000
Northvale	Veterans Memorial Park: Synthetic turf system, new player benches, bases, new fencing	\$198,088
Oakland	Great Oak Park: Removal of existing concrete, new basketball courts, new roadway access	\$150,000
Old Tappan	Stone Point Park: Outdoor exercise stations	\$20,000
Oradell	Memorial Field: New asphalt, restriping of courts, nets, chain-link fencing, mulch, and topsoil	\$80,704
Paramus	Reid Park: Basketball court resurfacing and hoops, playground with safety surfacing, dugouts	\$280,000
Ramsey	Finch Park: Replace lighting at practice fields with six new LED poles and fiber controls	\$117,500
Ridgefield	Veterans Memorial and Willis Park: Chain-link fencing, lightning detection, mulch and topsoil	\$150,000
Ridgewood	Citizens Park: Fencing, dugouts, player benches, concrete flooring, backstop, bleachers	\$121,775
River Vale	Town Hall: Reconstruction of current tennis courts	\$80,704
Rochelle Park	Carlock Field: Fencing, security features, ADA accessibility to playground, and scoreboard	\$200,000
Rutherford	Tyron Playground: Walkways, drainage, curbing, playground, safety surface, and benches	\$141,793
Saddle River	Rindlaub Park: Extension of multi-purpose path	\$90,000
Teaneck	Phelps Park: Replace and upgrade existing tennis courts with brand new ones	\$198,088
Tenafly	Roosevelt Common: Reconstruction of tennis court to address drainage issues	\$175,000
Wallington	Centennial Field: Field leveling of soccer and baseball fields, drainage, bleachers	\$141,793
Washington Twp	Memorial and Clark Field: ADA seating, parking, and ADA-compliant playground	\$80,704
Westwood	McKinley Park: ADA-compliant playground	\$80,704
Woodcliff Lake	Woodcliff Lake Tennis Courts: Court reconstruction, fencing, lighting, nets, and landscaping	\$80,704
Wyckoff	Community Park: Drainage improvements, new sidewalks with curbing for ADA accessibility	\$55,718

The anticipated commencement date for these proposed projects is on or about November 12th, 2025. The anticipated completion date for these proposed projects is on or about November 12th, 2027. Written comments to the County may be submitted on or before the date of the public hearing, or a request for additional information may be directed to the Bergen County Department of Parks, Division of Land Management, Bergen County Administration Building, One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ 07601, Attn: Kenneth Aloisio, Trust Fund Executive Director, Division of Land Management or by email to kaloisio@bergencountynj.gov. Comments by email are preferred.

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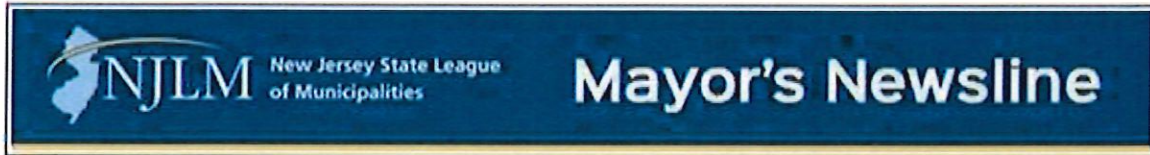
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Mayors' Newsline December 2025

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Fri, Dec 12, 2025 at 9:14 AM



NJLM President Mayor Sean Elwell, Elsinboro

President's Note:

The following are the acceptance remarks made by Mayor Sean Elwell at his swearing in as President during the League's November 20 Business Meeting.

Good afternoon, everyone.

Standing before you today as the newly elected President of the New Jersey League of Municipalities is one of the greatest honors of my public service career. I am deeply humbled by the trust you have placed in me, and I accept this responsibility on behalf of all of New Jersey's mayors, council members, and local officials who work every day to make their communities stronger.

I want to begin by expressing my sincere thanks to our outgoing President, Mayor Paul Tomasko, for your leadership, guidance, and steadfast dedication to New Jersey's municipalities. You've set a high bar, and I'm grateful for the foundation you've built. I want to acknowledge a few specific items during your term, which include:

- Working to ensure ongoing Title 59 reforms in government insurance.
- Enactment by municipalities of affordable housing.
- Working to solve the State Health Benefits Program cost challenges.
- And representing us in DC with both the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce and the National League of Cities.

Thank you, Mayor Tomasko. I appreciate your dedication to the league and your friendship

To the League staff and Executive Board—thank you for your tireless work. You are the heartbeat of this organization, ensuring that local government has the support, the advocacy, and the information it needs to succeed.

And to my friends, family and colleagues from Elsinboro Township—thank you for reminding me every day why this work matters. Elsinboro may be small in population, but like so many of New Jersey's towns, it's rich in heart, history, and a deep sense of community. It's where I learned that good government isn't about size—it's about service.

For those that don't know me, I am the Mayor of Elsinboro Township, a Salem County community, finishing my 19th year as an elected official, including 15 as Mayor. My roots in the community run deep, as I was raised in this amazing community. Public service is extremely important to me. It is why I began volunteering as an EMT and firefighter at the age of 16 and maintain one of the highest active percentages in our volunteer organization today. My community service roots led me to my career in healthcare, where I am a pediatric emergency nurse, currently in a leadership role.

For the last 11 years I have served on the League's Executive Board and am honored that my colleagues throughout this great state have placed their confidence in me to represent this organization. What better way to start a term than at the conclusion of a conference that continues to grow and provide the support that all of our municipalities need.

This year specifically, we've exceeded all previous parameters – from attendees, exhibitors—including expanding the exhibit floor that added dozens of additional exhibitors, to programming—both educational as well as new sessions for collaboration. I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge the new programs at this year's conference:

- For now the second year in a row, a municipal job fair—the Pathway to Public Service—where we partnered with colleges and universities through New Jersey, the Department of Community Affairs, and our Affiliate Groups so college students can learn from municipal experts and see what career paths in local government look like and how rewarding they can be.
- We also continued the ICS 402 Emergency Training for Elected Officials and added a new town training "Film Ready," just in time as New Jersey strives to become the Hollywood of the East Coast.
- On Monday, as the exhibitors were setting up for the conference the Division of Local Government Services held the state exam for the Qualified Purchasing Agent, Certified Tax Collectors and Certified Municipal Finance Officer exams. Hopefully the test takers pass the exam and attend the conference next year as certified municipal professionals.
- Earlier today NJPBS taped a segment with Governor-elect Mikie Sherrill
- For the second year, conference attendees could get a free digital head shot.
- And lastly, we heard from Governor Murphy for the 9th year in a row.

Of course, that's on top of the dozens of sessions over three days in the Convention Center and throughout Atlantic City.

This success would not be possible without the tireless work of the entire League staff, our affiliate groups, and our officers and board. Thank you, we are proud of you, and you

should be proud of yourselves for executing a great conference.

As I take on this role, I'm guided by one simple belief: local government is where democracy truly lives. It's in our council or committee meetings, our volunteer firehouses, our local schools, and our small businesses that the promise of public service becomes real. We see our residents face to face. We hear their concerns directly. And we work every day to make a difference—one street, one park, one family at a time.

The League of Municipalities has always been our collective voice—a voice that brings together all 564 municipalities, from the largest city to the smallest township, united by a common purpose: to make New Jersey's communities thrive.

Looking ahead, we face real challenges—rising costs, infrastructure needs, evolving state mandates, and the ongoing demand for innovation and transparency.

But we also see opportunities. Opportunities for shared services, for sustainable growth, for regional collaboration, and for stronger advocacy in Trenton and Washington. Thank you in advance for your help and engagement.

As President, my priorities will be clear:

- To build on the work of my predecessors to strengthen our partnerships—among municipalities and with state leaders—so we can meet challenges together.
- To expand access to resources and training, ensuring that every local official—regardless of town size—has the tools to lead effectively.
- And to keep pushing for policies that respect local decision-making and empower municipalities to serve their residents best.

Because in New Jersey, home rule isn't just a phrase—it's a principle. It's what allows our towns to reflect the character, values, and priorities of the people who live there.

I've learned in Elsinboro that when neighbors work together, there's no problem too big to solve. And I know that same spirit lives in every community represented here today.

So let us move forward—united in purpose, confident in our ability, and committed to ensuring that every corner of New Jersey has a strong, responsive, and resilient local government.

Together, we will continue the League's proud legacy—standing up for our municipalities, strengthening our state, and proving that when local leaders lead with integrity and collaboration, great things happen.

Thank you for this incredible honor, for your trust, and for your partnership. I am proud to serve as your President—and I look forward to working alongside each of you in the year ahead.

Thank you—and let's get to work for New Jersey.

Action List: December

1. Congratulate your peers! During the 110th Annual New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City, the 2025 honorees were inducted into the Mayors' Hall of Fame.
The League established the Mayors' Hall of Fame to recognize mayors who have served for over 10, 20, or 30 years. The following members of the 31st induction class of the Mayors' Hall of Fame were honored during the Mayors' Lunch Briefing on Wednesday, November 19, in Atlantic City.

Platinum level (30 or more years): Mayor Leonard C. Desiderio, Sea Isle City

Gold level (10 or more years): Mayor Dave Fried, Robbinsville Township; Mayor Benedict Romeo, Cresskill Borough (Posthumously)

Silver level (10 or more years): Mayor Samuel Cohen, Deal Borough; Mayor Bert H. Steinman, Ewing Township; Mayor Raymond Coles, Lakewood Township; Mayor Derek Armstead, Linden City; Mayor Patrick Rosenello, North Wildwood City; Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, City of Orange Township; Mayor Robert D. White, Saddle Brook Township; Mayor Tony Vaz, Seaside Heights Borough; Mayor Sheena C. Collum, South Orange Village.

2. [Update the 2026 Mayors' List and GovConnect](#). The Department of Community Affairs is requiring municipalities to update the 2026 Mayors' List and GovConnect authorized users. Please follow the instructions on the spreadsheet tab.
3. Please [contact your Assembly Representatives and Senator](#) and urge them to vote no on S-1518/A-919. The League joined the New Jersey Association of Counties and the New Jersey School Boards Association in opposing S-1518. [The requirements of S-1518](#), as amended, would apply to any privatization contractor valued over \$500,000 that results in the loss of employment for regular employees.

250th Grants

The National Civic League is accepting applications for the 2026 All-America City Award. "America at 250: Strengthening Civic Health and Building Trust," celebrating communities that are bringing our founding ideals to life.

Deadlines

Optional letters of intent are due January 5, 2026, with final applications due February 26, 2026. Twenty finalists will be announced in the spring and invited to participate in the second stage of the competition, held June 26-28, 2026, in Denver, CO.

Applications

Visit the NCL website for [award applications](#).

League Learning

Newly Elected, Reelected, & Experienced Municipal Officials Orientations

There will be 2 Orientations for Newly Elected, Reelected, and Experienced Municipal Officials this year.

- [Register for January 31](#), 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Westin Hotel, Mount Laurel.
- [Register for February 21](#), 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at The Park Hotel (formerly Hilton Meadowlands).

This orientation program is fast-paced and designed to quickly bring officials up to date on important municipal issues. The newly elected officials will get a thorough overview of their major areas of responsibility, key contact at the State level, and important sources of information and assistance. Reelected and experienced officials will receive valuable up-to-date reference materials that will guide them to the answers they seek. They will also get the latest information on the most important municipal issues-all while meeting their newly elected peers and the League Staff.

Meet Your New Vice President

Mayor Jacyn Veasy was elected 3rd Vice President of the New Jersey League of Municipalities at the November annual business meeting held in Atlantic City on November 20. She was elected to the Executive Board in 2024. She is currently serving in her second term as Mayor of Evesham, where she is only the second woman to ever be elected as Mayor (2018) and the first woman to ever be re-elected as Mayor (2022).



3rd Vice President, Mayor Jacyn Veasy of Evesham

As a major proponent of citizen involvement, Jackie has used her time serving as Mayor to oversee the creation of the township's Disability and Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee, Farmers Market Committee, Evesham Economic Advisory Committee, Human Rights Advisory Council and Community Celebrations Committee, as well as the

revitalization of the Historic Preservation Committee, Youth Advisory Committee and the Senior Citizen Advisory Board.

During her service, the township has also purchased and permanently preserved 176 acres of open space for passive recreation.

In order to ensure Evesham's public spaces and services are prepared for the future, Veasy also helped lead the township in developing new, long-term comprehensive management plans for the township's roads, parks, facilities and vehicle fleet.

Under her leadership, the township has also been able to secure millions of dollars in county, state and federal grants for road improvement projects, open space preservation, park improvements and other additional services, thereby freeing up more local funding for other projects across the community.

In addition to her service to Evesham Township and the League, Mayor Veasy also has the pleasure of currently serving as 1st Vice President of the NJ Conference of Mayors; Vice Chair of the Burlington County Bridge Commission; Member of the Burlington County Board of Social Services; and as a Member of the Burlington County Women's Advisory Board.

In her personal life, Jackie has been a long-time volunteer in Evesham Township, promoting her love for giving back to her community. For more than a decade, she has served as a committee member for the Relay for Life of Marlton to raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

She also remains an active member of the St. Joan of Arc Parish family, serving as a Lector at Sunday Mass. With her mother, Joan, Jackie coordinates St. Joan of Arc's Sunday-morning children's liturgy program. Jackie also organizes and volunteers at St. Joan of Arc's annual summer carnival.

She attended Rutgers University for her postsecondary education, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in American Studies. She also currently works in a sales position in the insurance industry in her professional life.

Jackie is an avid traveler and yoga practitioner. Her family and friends are incredibly important to her, as is her desire to give back to the community in the Evesham community where she and her sister were born and raised.

NJ Municipalities Magazine

Share Your Stories: Fall Issue Articles Sought

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 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.


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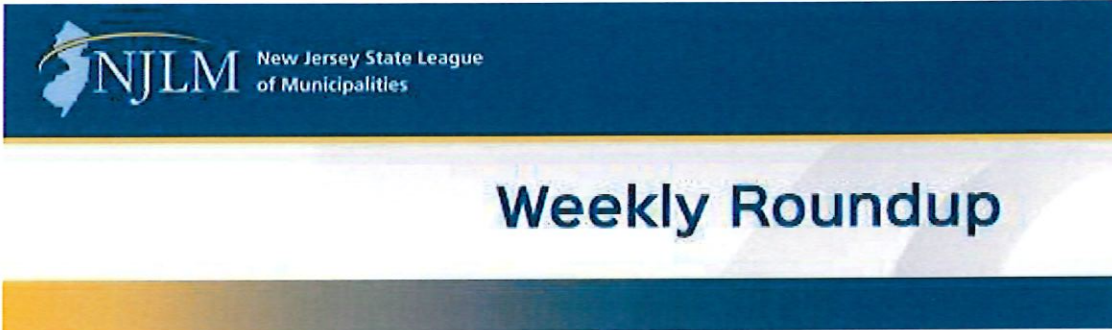
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State Issues

Flood Mediation Package of Bills Discussed

The Assembly Science, Innovation and Technology Committee heard from academic experts on ways to alert the public when flooding is imminent. None of the legislation was considered at this hearing but will likely be in the next legislative session.

[Read more: Flood Mediation Package of Bills Discussed](#)

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

Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee Advances S-4787

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee advanced S-4787, which provides for certain energy storage projects to be considered "inherently beneficial use" under the Municipal Land Use Law.

[Read more: Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee Advances S-4787](#)

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

Senate Transportation Committee Advances S-1990/A-560

The Senate Transportation Committee advanced S-1990/A-560, which requires transportation network company drivers to complete anti-human trafficking training course.

[Read more: Senate Transportation Committee Advances S-1990/A-560](#)

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

S-2160 Advances in Senate Committees

S-2160, concerning seasonal retail consumption licenses, has been favorably reported out of both the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee and the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

[Read more: S-2160 Advances in Senate Committees](#)

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

New Jersey Gas Tax Rate Will Increase 4.2 Cents on January 1

The New Jersey Department of the Treasury announced that New Jersey's gas tax rate will increase by 4.2 cents per gallon beginning on January 1, 2026.

[Read more: New Jersey Gas Tax Rate Will Increase 4.2 Cents on January 1, 2026](#)

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

DCA Podcast on Shared Services

The Department of Community Affairs has posted a podcast on Shared Services: Local Assistance Bureau.

[Read more: DCA Podcast on Shared Services](#)

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

Statewide Drought Warning Issued

The Murphy Administration issued a statewide Drought Warning, urging residents and businesses to reduce water usage. Below average precipitation and deteriorating water supply conditions apply across the state.

[Read more: Statewide Drought Warning Issued](#)

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

NJ Launches Civilian Cyber Resilience Corps

New Jersey Launches Civilian Cyber Resilience Corps to Enhance Statewide Cybersecurity.

[Read more: NJ Launches Civilian Cyber Resilience Corps](#)

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

Federal Issues

Senator Kim's Office Hosting Webinar on Federal Grants & CDS

Senator Andy Kim's office is hosting a webinar, "Introduction to Federal Grants & Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS)," on Tuesday, December 16, at 12:00 p.m.

[Read more: Senator Kim's Office Hosting Webinar on Federal Grants & CDS](#)

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

Also of Interest

NJ Municipalities Blog: Trenton Holiday Window Contest

This week, [NJ Municipalities' blog](#) shares Trenton's promotion of local businesses and holiday spirit with a storefront decorating contest.

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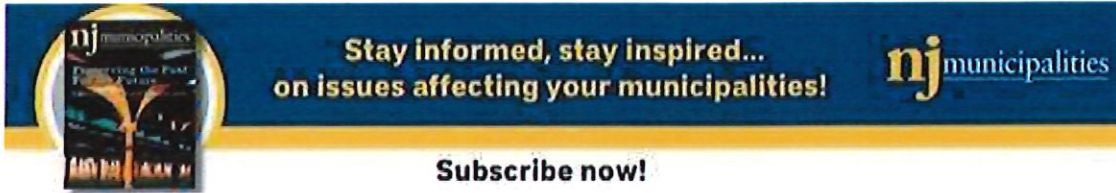
Contact: Amy Spiezio, Editor, aspiezio@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x123.

National Civic League's 2026 All-America City Award

The National Civic League is accepting applications for the 2026 All-America City Award. "America at 250: Strengthening Civic Health and Building Trust" celebrates communities bringing our founding ideals to life. Applications are due February 26.

[Read more: National Civic League's 2026 All-America City Award](#)

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