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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Fall 2026 Mental Health First Aid Classes

1 message

Powers, Kelly <kepowers@bergencountynj.gov>

Fri, Sep 18, 2026 at 11:03 AM

Good morning,

The Bergen County Department of Health Services, Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services, invites you to register for our **Fall 2026 Mental Health First Aid classes**. Please see the attached flyer for upcoming dates.

Our next class is Youth Mental Health First Aid on Friday, October 30th, 2026.

Please note: This course is not for youth to attend. It is designed for adults who work with, care for, or interact with youth, including parents, educators, coaches, healthcare professionals, first responders, and other caring adults.

Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour certification course that teaches participants how to recognize the signs of mental health and substance use challenges, respond appropriately, and connect individuals to professional support.

At this time, our Fall schedule includes Youth Mental Health First Aid classes. Adult Mental Health First Aid dates are TBD and will be announced once available.

To register or for more information, please contact healthtraining@bergencountynj.gov or (201) 634-2750.

We hope you'll join us!

V/R

Kelly E. Powers

Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services

Bergen County Department of Health Services

One [Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor](#)

[Hackensack, NJ 07601](#)

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*** Please Note: Formally known as Kelly Mendez. This is my new email address — please update your records. ***



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 **2026 MHFA Fall Schedule.pdf**
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MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CLASSES FALL 2026

AT A GLANCE

Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour course that teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges amongst adult or youth. You'll build the skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to those who are struggling. You'll also learn how to connect them to appropriate support.

JOIN US FOR YOUTH CLASSES:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

ADULT DATES TBD



WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?

- EMPLOYERS
- POLICE OFFICERS
- HEALTHCARE WORKERS
- PARENTS
- EDUCATORS
- FIRST RESPONDERS
- CARING INDIVIDUALS

LOCATION:

Classes are held from **8:30am - 4:00pm** on the 4th Floor Learning Center at **One Bergen County Plaza in Hackensack, NJ 07601**

TO REGISTER:

Please contact:

healthtraining@bergencountynj.gov
201-634-2750



**Mental Health
FIRST AID**

from NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR
MENTAL WELLBEING



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Laura Rametta <lrmetta@closternj.us>

Library news September 21, 2026

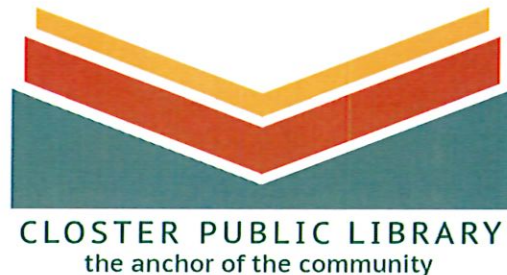
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September 21, 2026

COMING NEXT WEEK

Betsy Ross: Presented by character actor Alisa Dupuy

Tuesday, September 29 6-7:30pm

Betsy Ross, aka Elizabeth Claypoole, was a flag maker, seamstress, upholsterer, wife, mother, and Quaker. Learn about her contributions to American independence and her connections to America's Founding Fathers as we celebrate America's 250th birthday with character recreator Alisa Dupuy. Huzzah!



ADULT ART PROGRAM

We need your input

Please fill out our survey.

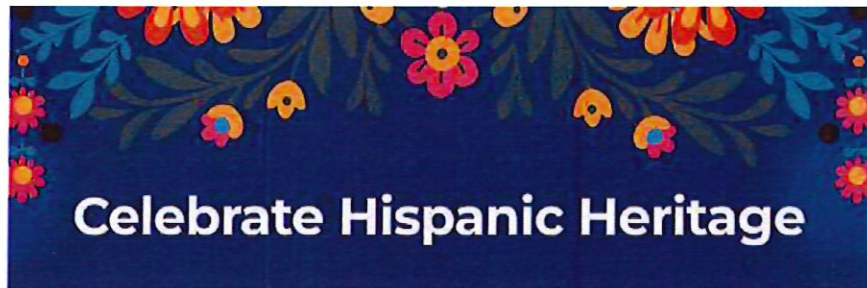
We're exploring the possibility of offering an art class for adults at the library, taught by local artist Barry Shiff, whose work is currently on display on the Belskie Art Wall. Barry has shared a couple of class options, and we'd like to hear which one interests you most. Please take a few moments to complete our short survey and let us know how likely you would be to participate. Your feedback will help us choose a class that appeals to our patrons and plan a program that you'll enjoy.

[Click the picture to fill out the Survey.](#)



RESOURCES

Hispanic Heritage Month at Hoopla



Hoopla - Led by Hispanic Talent

Take a look at Hoopla's collections for Hispanic Heritage month. There are [books and comics by Hispanic creators](#) to read, [movies led by Hispanic Talent](#) to watch, and [top Latin albums](#) to listen to. Hoopla offers a wide range of electronic resources, all free with your Closter Library card.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Advanced ESL Conversation

Mondays 10-11:30am

The Advanced Conversation ESL classes will resume on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 10 am. Classes will focus on conversation about topics of general interest, movies, articles, and personal experiences. Vocabulary expansion and improved pronunciation are important goals and grammar will be addressed as needed.

Contingent on the enrollment numbers, we may add a second class on Wednesdays from 1-2:30 PM.

[Click here to register.](#) Call or [email](#) the library for more information.



NEW PROGRAM



Chair Pilates

Tuesdays 12pm

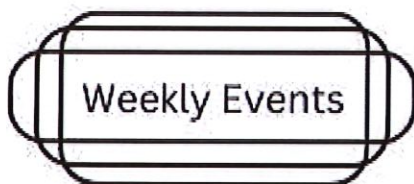
This Pilates inspired workout is suitable for people who have difficulties getting down on the floor and prefer the support of a chair.

We are using all of the same Pilates fundamentals and principles to improve posture, muscle tone, balance and joint mobility as well as relieve stress and tension.

As you age, you lose mobility because of

physiological changes. With chair pilates you will practice positions that challenge your body's orientation to gravity and you can practice movements that put the least amount of stress on your joints, while at the same time stabilizing your range of motion, and making you stronger. For maximum benefit please bring one or two pound weights to class.

Contact the library for more information.



Monday

10-11:30am- Advanced ESL - [Click here to register.](#)

Conversation

7-8pm - Tech Help

Tuesday

10-11:30pm - 1to1 ESL tutoring

12-12:45pm - Chair Pilates

Wednesday

6-7 pm Yoga/Meditation

Thursday

10-11:30am - 1to1 ESL tutoring

12:30-2pm - Knitting and Craft

4:30 Zumba on Zoom

Saturday

1:30-2:30 - Intermediate ESL - [Click here to register.](#)

2-3pm Tech Help

Download the BCCLS App

Always have your library card with you; check your account and request books from your phone. Scan the QRcode or visit the [App store](#) or the [Google Play store](#).



THE LIBRARY IS ALWAYS OPEN ONLINE

As ever, please contact the library:
Ruth and **Deborah** for general questions
Vida for Kids N Young Adults question
Tim for Reference questions and issues
with electronic media
Julia for the short story club
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Closter Recreation Commission

Po Box 143, Closter NJ 07624

Jim Oettinger Director

joettinger@closternj.us

9/22/26

To: Mayor and Distinguished Council Members

From: Jim Oettinger

On behalf of the Recreation Commission, the Closter PTO and Bill Barbieri (ambassador for Tunnel to Towns Foundation), we are asking permission to hold the 3rd annual Car show, PTO Halloween Fair, Recreation Halloween parade- all on Sunday 10/25/26. This would mean the closing of Harrington Ave from West Street-Cedar Lane from 7:30am-3pm** (** PTO event runs till 4pm but the road can be opened at 3:30pm)

Timing of events:

Car show runs 10am-3pm, (Road closed at 7:30am for cars to enter-reopen Harrington ave at 3:30pm)

Parade would kick off from the borough hall at 10:45am- proceed to Tenakill School for costume judging – (JUDGES NEEDED 😊) Costume contest judging 11am

PTO Halloween Fair 11am-4:30pm

Sincerely yours,

Jim Oettinger

Jim Oettinger

Recreation/Parks Director.

CC: Chief James Buccola



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FALL 2026 PROGRAM REGISTRATION

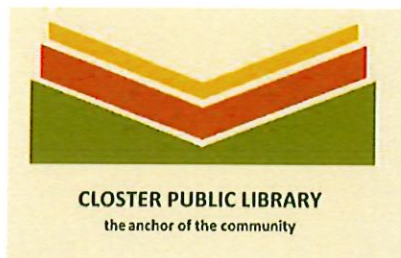
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Children and Young Adult Newsletter



JUST ADDED-CREATIVE WRITING

Creative Writing Class with Ellie

Ignite your child's imagination with our creative writing course! Designed for kids 7-12, this fun interactive class helps kids bring their imagination and skills to paper! Come join the fun!

Wednesday 4pm

Drop In or Email vida.deleon@closter.bccls.org to Register

Storytime Room:

Dates: 9/30; 10/7; 10/14; 10/21; 10/28; 11/4; 11/11; 11/18; 12/2; 12/9; 12/16

Have questions or ideas for children/teen programming, please contact me via email:
vida.deleon@closter.bccls.org or 201-768-4197





Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Fall Programs Just Added

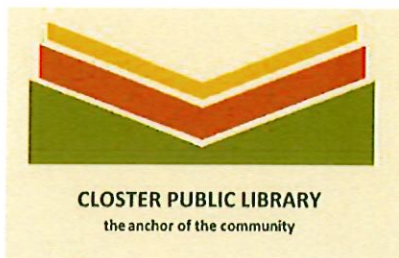
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Children and Young Adult Newsletter



More Fall Programs!

Minhwa Korean Art Program

Come learn the artform of Minhwa, Korean Dot Art in a playful manner. Karin is a local high school student and author of her own Minhwa coloring book! Learn about the art form and have fun connecting the dots and drawing. Ages 7 & up

Saturday October 3 at 10 am in the Storytime Room

Drop In or Email vida.deleon@closter.bccls.org to Register

Stitching Against Screens- Embroidery Workshop

This a a great program that teaches kids the benefits of spending less recreational time on their devices and to put their time and energy into hands on hobbies, like embroidery. This interactive embroidery program will teach participants basic stitching skills while creating their own project. Bring an item like a shirt or tote to work on! Ages 10 & up

Tuesday October 13 at 4 pm in the Storytime Room

Drop In or email vida.deleon@closter.bccls.org to be put on the list

Financial Literacy Class for Kids

Here's a great program that helps kids understand the basics of saving, budgeting, spending, investing and credit while learning how everyday financial decisions can shape their future. Led by Ayush, a local high school student who has created his own app. Please don't miss this opportunity to have your kids learn about smart money habits early. Ages 8 & up

Wednesdays 4:00 - 4:45 pm 8 sessions
Storytime Room

October 21
October 28
November 4
November 18
November 25
December 2
December 9
December 16

Drop In or register at vida.deleon@closter.bccls.org

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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER



September 30, 2026

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am pleased to provide the Mayor's Newsletter designed to highlight and inform our residents with information on the activities and events taking place in Closter. My door is always open, so please feel free to call me at 201-784-0600 x 500 with concerns or suggestions.

IMPORTANT NOTICES ~ CLOSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Old Hook Road Gas Improvement Project

PSE&G will begin upgrading aging underground gas pipes along Old Hook Road near the Closter/Harrington Park border beginning the week of October 1, 2026. Work is expected to continue intermittently through mid-November. The project will require temporary lane closures on Old Hook Road between Bogert Mill Road and Schraalenburgh Road. Motorists should expect traffic pattern changes, lengthy detours, construction activity, and additional travel time. Work will generally take place Monday through Friday, with possible weekend work, and schedules may change due to weather and construction conditions.

High Street & Perry Street - Intersection Improvements

During the month of September, upgrades were made to the intersection of High Street and Perry Street to improve driver awareness. Working in coordination with our Department of Public Works, solar powered LED stop signs were installed on Perry Street. LEDs make the STOP sign more noticeable, especially at night, during rain, fog, or other low-visibility conditions. They can also provide a relatively energy-efficient, low-maintenance way to enhance existing traffic signage.

Traffic Signal Update: Closter Dock Road & Piermont Road

A recent traffic study at the Closter Dock Road and Piermont Road intersection, including traffic counts conducted on May 7, 2026, identified an opportunity to improve traffic flow and intersection operations. As a result, an eastbound leading left-turn signal phase will be added to the traffic signal. The updated signal timing has been provided to the County's signal crew and is expected to be installed as soon as possible. This adjustment is intended to improve the operation of the intersection, particularly for eastbound left-turning traffic.

Traffic Detours – West Street & Herbert Avenue

PSE&G will be continuing gas main replacement work in the area of West Street and Herbert Avenue. As construction progresses, motorists should expect temporary road closures, lane restrictions, and detours. Drivers are encouraged to follow posted detour signs, use alternate routes when possible, and allow additional travel time while work is underway. Construction schedules are subject to change based on weather and site conditions. The Borough appreciates residents' patience and cooperation as this important infrastructure work is continues.

Korean-Speaking Officers Serving Our Community

The Borough is pleased to have two Korean-speaking police officers serving the community. Their language skills provide an important resource not only for law enforcement and public safety, but also for helping strengthen communication and connections between the Borough and our Korean-speaking residents, families, and businesses. Their ability to communicate directly in Korean can help other Borough departments and local businesses better connect with Korean-speaking members of our community, assist with outreach and community events, and help make Borough services more accessible. This resource reflects the Borough's commitment to strong communication, community engagement, and serving all residents and businesses.

CLOSTER RECREATION

Winter sports registration for Recreation Basketball, Indoor Soccer and Wrestling will open on **October 5th**. Please register prior to November 1st to take advantage of the early bird rate and save \$50.00 per child. Detailed information on Winter sports and registration information can be found on www.Closterrec.com.



Mark your calendars for some spooky fun!!!! On **Sunday, October 25th**, the Closter Recreation Halloween Parade will kick off at **10:45am** and march to Tenakill School where the Tunnel to Towers Car show will be held (Harrington Ave will be closed) and the PTO Fall Festival Extravaganza will be taking place at Tenakill Field and Memorial Park. Bring the entire family as there will be something for everyone!!!

NJ MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION – MOBILE VEHICLE INSPECTION TEAM

The NJ MVC's Mobile Vehicle *Inspection* Team is bringing its onsite vehicle inspection service to the Borough on **Thursday, October 22nd between 9:00am – 2pm**. Inspections are conducted at the **Memorial Field parking lot located on Old Closter Dock Rd. (near the band shell)** on a **first-come, first-serve basis**, so no appointments are required. Vehicles are lined up and processed in the order they arrive. Inspections can be performed only up to 2 months in advance.

- Passing vehicles will receive a 2-year inspection sticker
- New car dealer vehicles receive a 5- year inspection sticker
- Failing vehicles will receive a rejection sticker along with a 30-day report, allowing the owner time to address the issue and return to an inspection facility for re-inspection

CLOSTER SHADE TREE COMMISSION



The Closter Shade Tree Commission is pleased to announce the 2026 Fall Foliage Photo Contest. The Commission is looking for photos personally taken by a resident this fall (2026) that includes a tree (or trees) within the Borough of Closter that best captures the spectacular colors of the season and includes the identification of the Closter location of the photo. Three winners will be awarded Visa Gift Cards. The STC's Photo Contest runs from October 12th through November 13th. Winners will be announced the weekend of November 28th. Email your photo and a completed Photo Release form to joettinger@closternj.us. Be sure to identify the location in the Borough where the photo was taken. Finalists will have their photographs displayed in the Closter Library. The contest is limited to one submission per entrant. Contest ends on November 13th. Release forms are available on the Closter website –

<https://www.closterboro.com/documents/boards-%26-commissions/shade-tree-commission/news-%26-information/565794>.

Should you have any questions on Shade Trees, please send an email to shadetree@closternj.us.

THE BELSKIE MUSEUM OF ART & SCIENCE

The Opening Reception for the upcoming exhibit, *"Salute to Women in the Arts"*, an exhibit by 34 members of Salute to Women in The Art is Sunday, October 4th from 1-4pm. This exciting exhibit runs from October 4th – 25th and includes a wide range of art, including painting, mixed media, assemblages, ceramics and more.

Following the exhibit opening on October 4th museum hours for the Belskie return to Saturdays & Sundays from 2-4pm. Hours by appointment can be arranged. Admission is always free. The Belskie Museum is conveniently located adjacent to the Closter Public Library at 280 High St.; 201-768-0286 or www.belskiemuseum.com,

CLOSTER'S MACBAIN FARM

As tradition has it, October at the MacBain Farm includes the *Annual Fall Festival*; an event filled with pumpkin picking and decorating, s'mores by the fire pit, crafts, a scavenger hunt, refreshments and more. Families are invited to take pics in the fall photo "booth" and the join in the dedication of *"Farmer John's Garden"*. Join the volunteers on Saturday, October 24th from 2pm to 4pm. with the special *dedication of "Farmer John's Garden" at 3pm*. (The rain date is Oct. 25th from 2 to 4pm). Parking is on Hickory Lane.



There is a large variety of cherry tomatoes, eggplants, basil, parsley, cilantro, kale, mint and various other vegetables that are ready for picking. Gentle reminder, Closter residents will need ID and proof of residency to register and pick produce once a week on **Wednesdays, Saturdays, or Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.** Residents may stop by the farm on non-picking days to pick up ripe produce which will be left on the table outside the gate. Please park on Hickory Lane.

There is still time to volunteer at the farm. As picking season unwinds, there are many other opportunities to help prepare the farm for the coming winter. The Farm Committee is *always* looking for volunteers to assist with tasks on the farm —email friendsofMacBain@gmail.com. Families are welcome (and encouraged), keeping in mind children 16 years and younger *need to be accompanied by an adult*.

CLOSTER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



Curbside leaf pickup begins **October 1st**. The last day to place leaves curbside is **December 7th**. Leaf piles containing branches, twigs, garbage, vines, or stones *will not* be picked up until the debris is removed. NJ DEP Regulations require leaves be placed at least 14 feet from a storm drain.

Note – the DPW *cannot* pick up leaves obstructed by vehicles parked on the street.

Saturday, November 7th from 9am-1pm is the *Residents Only* Shredding Event at the DPW located at 130 Ruckman Rd.

Borough of Closter

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CLOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Saturday, October 3rd at 2pm: *Closter: Rich In History* presented by well-recognized historian and a past president of the Bergen County Historical Society, Tim Adriance.

Saturday, October 17th at 9am-4pm: *Fall Book Sale*

Advanced ESL Conversation is offered on Mondays from 10-11:30am. The class will focus on conversation about topics of general interest, movies, articles and vocabulary expansion. The Queens of Potluck (An International Cookbook Club) takes place on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:15pm; Blood Pressure Screening is offered the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm.

First Friday Flicks is October 2nd at 1pm featuring "The Sheep Detectives". The Library offers a full range of programs and services, inclusive of activities for students. Please visit the library's website, www.closterpubliclibrary.org, for the comprehensive calendar and extensive list of the Library's regular programming, including the services and programs for children. Please visit the library in person or online to benefit from all the programs the library.

CLOSTER NATURE CENTER

October is "fundraising month" at the Closter Nature Center. It's a beautiful time of year to join friends and neighbors while supporting the Closter Nature Center in the 3rd Annual Hike-A-Thon. The *Community Hike* is scheduled for **November 7th at 10am**. Participate in the third annual Hike-A-Thon to help fundraise for the CNC! You can register as a fundraiser, contribute donations and hike with our community. Prizes will be awarded for three categories; the most money raised; highest number of donations received and most miles hiked. Register now to join the fun! www.closternaturecenter.org

CLOSTER ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Join the Closter Green Challenge! The October/November WALK/BIKE CHALLENGE begins October 1st! Challenge yourself to swap short car trips for walking or biking. Explore Closter's neighborhoods, downtown and the Closter Nature Center. Enter to Win by sharing your actions & tag @closterEnvironmentalCommission or email to gc@sustainablecloster.org by November 30th. Bi-monthly winners receive gift cards to Closter businesses. Overall winner earns Mayor's Award at year-end celebration.

MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS

As summer fades into fall, I would like extend sincere appreciation to Councilwoman Vicky Amitai for her diligence in coordinating the musicians who brought "the sounds of music" to Edens Closter Plaza. The Summer 2026 Concerts have been enjoyed by all who have attended them. Friday nights in "Closter Plaza's Concert Corner" were delightful!

The Mayor's Committee for the Arts was established to bring the arts to Closter by having artists provide pop-up exhibits of music and visual arts. The Mayor's Committee for the Arts is interested in showcasing artists and performers of all ages to participate in Closter's Arts Events. Please contact the committee, mayorscommitteearts@gmail.com, if you are interested in performing.

CLOSTER FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



As we rapidly approach October and National Fire Prevention Week this year's theme and message across the USA is "*Safe Charging*". With the ever increasing use and importance of the wide range of portable/battery powered devices in our daily life, please follow these few key points below. For additional safety recommendations there are many resources to be found via a quick Google search. As always, if any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us anytime at fireprev@closternj.us

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SEPTEMBER 11th MEMORIAL SERVICE

Our community joined together in remembrance, fulfilling the promise "*we will never forget*". It is with gratitude and appreciation to the volunteers and employees who continue our September 11th Service.



Closter's Vaswani Church celebrates the week-long festival of Maha Ganesh Utsav where families and neighbors come together. Lord Ganesh is the remover of obstacles and the patron of wisdom, arts and new beginnings.



Mayor Glidden celebrates Maha Ganesh Utsav with members of Closter's Vaswani Church

Volunteering is the backbone to a strong, vibrant community. Please consider ways in which you can participate and make a difference. Closter offers invaluable services for our residents in a safe environment in which to raise our families, participate in activities for all age groups and move forward in many positive directions.

Closter's emergency operations, ambulance and fire, are two prime examples of volunteering. These dedicated first responders are available to meet the needs of our community 24/7, 365 days of the year. Both the Closter Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Corps and the Closter Fire Department have mailed their 2026 Fundraising Campaigns. Consider supporting these invaluable agencies who are readily available to meet our needs regardless of the time of day, weather conditions,

All the Best,



Mayor

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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

Asbestos Remediation, Wireline Deployment, Census Webinar

1 message

Weekly Roundup <njleague@njlm.org>

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Weekly Roundup

September 23, 2026

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State Issues

Asbestos Remediation Bill Passed by Committee

On September 17, A-4103 was released from the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee. The bill advances requiring construction permits for certain work involving asbestos on single-family homes, duplexes, or townhouses.

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

Read more: Asbestos Remediation Bill Passed by Committee

Federal Issues

NLC and Others Support Local Authority Over Wireline Deployment

The League's federal partner and other local government representatives jointly filed comments with the FCC opposing federal preemption of municipal oversight and permitting processes regarding its proposed rules.

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

Read more: [NLC and Others Support Local Authority Over Wireline Deployment](#)

Webinar Outlines Proposed Census Changes

The League's federal partner, the National League of Cities, is hosting a webinar with the U.S. Conference of Mayors to review the proposed changes to the 2030 decennial census.

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

Read more: [Webinar Outlines Proposed Census Changes](#)

FY2026 PROTECT Transportation Grants Available

USDOT is offering funding in PROTECT grants to help communities strengthen transportation infrastructure against flooding, severe weather, and other natural hazards. Applications are due October 9, 2026.

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

Read more: [FY2026 PROTECT Transportation Grants Available](#)

USDA Community Forest Grants Available

USDA is offering grants to help local governments acquire private forestland for community forests that provide recreation, environmental, and economic benefits. Applications are due October 13, 2026.

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

Read more: [USDA Community Forest Grants Available](#)

Conference Connections: Due Dates

Innovation in Governance Awards Application Open

Due October 3. The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the New Jersey League of Municipalities are seeking applications for the [Innovation in Governance recognition program](#). Showcase your municipality's solutions to problems large and small in any department of municipal government. Along with an award presented at the 111th Annual League Conference in November, the projects will be featured in *NJ Municipalities* magazine, the League's official publication.

[Apply for an Innovation in Governance Award today.](#)

Saluting Service

Due October 6. Municipal officials with current or previous military service are invited to [complete a nomination form](#) as part of the New Jersey League of Municipalities' celebration of the nation's 250th. The League's 111th Annual Conference will include a recognition of municipal officials who have served or are currently serving in one of the branches of the United States Armed Forces. This recognition will be featured as part of the League celebration of the United States' 250 years.

Support Your Causes, Submit a Conference Resolution

Due October 16. [Complete a topic consideration as a Conference Resolution](#) on a topic to improve local government and address an issue impacting local governance. 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. Visit the [Conference Resolutions webpage](#) for more details.

Halls of Fame Nominations Sought

Due November 5. [Nominate candidates for the Mayors' Hall of Fame.](#) The Mayors' Hall of Fame is seeking nominations for 2026 inductees. These nominees must be serving as mayor and have at least 10 years of mayoral service to be inducted at the silver level, at least 20 years of mayoral service to be inducted at the gold level, and at least 30 years to be inducted at the platinum level.

Due November 5. [Submit nominations for the Elected Officials' Hall of Fame.](#) The Elected Officials' Hall of Fame is now accepting nominations of local municipal governing body members, active and retired, who have served for 20 or more years as a governing body member.

Also of Interest

NJ Municipalities Magazine Blog: Repair Café Helps Residents, Prevents Waste

Roxbury Library is hosting a [Repair Cafe at the Roxbury Fire Company No. 2 in October](#). Thanks to the help of volunteers, work includes repairs on bicycles, sewing, electronics, lamps, jewelry, appliances, woodworking, watch batteries, and knives sharpened. [Read about it in this week's NJ Municipalities magazine blog.](#)

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