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Library news February 16, 2026

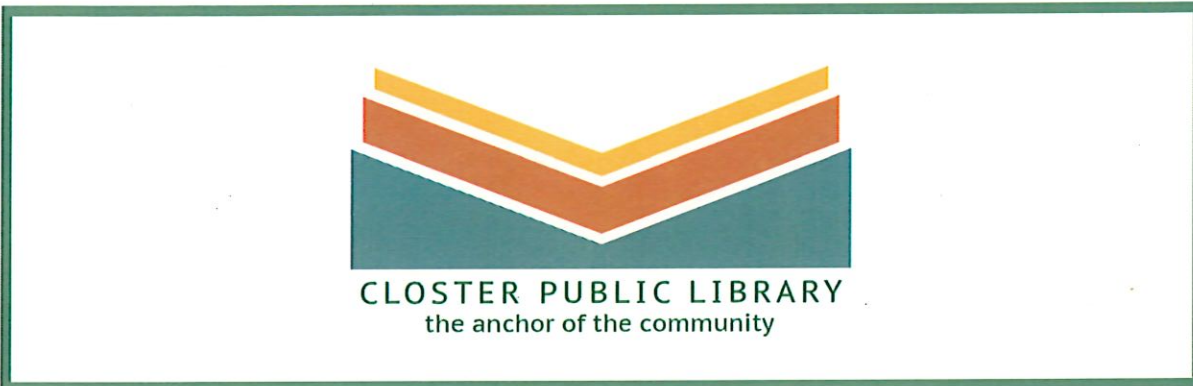
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Closter Public Library <circulation@closter.bccls.org>

Mon, Feb 16, 2026 at 8:02 AM

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February 16, 2026

PRESIDENTS DAY

The Library will be closed today, Monday February 16 for Presidents Day

RESOURCES

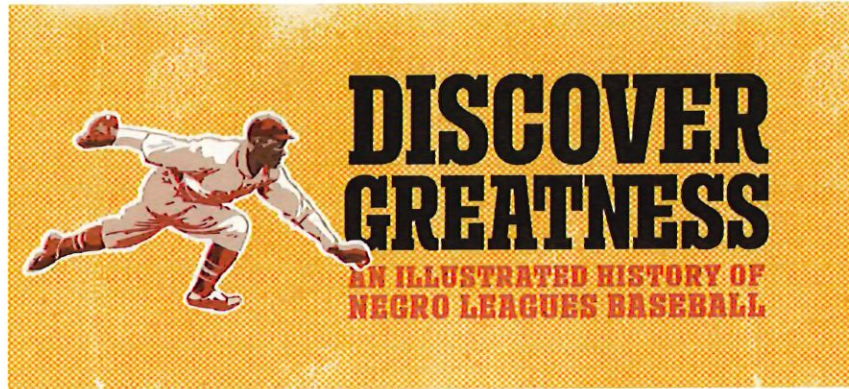
Museum of Natural History Pass Update

We have awarded all the Museum of Natural History passes for the year.

If we were notified that you have passes waiting you muse pick them up by the end of the day on Monday February 23, or we give them to the next person on the list. The passes can be used from now until August 11.

Questions? Please feel free to contact the library.

Museum Passes



Discover Greatness Virtual Program from the Yogi Berra Museum.

The history of Negro Leagues baseball is a uniquely American story, full of aspiration, injustice, triumph and complexity — and now you can explore this story from home courtesy of the Museum! [Click here to experience the exhibit.](#)

Borrow the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center pass with your Closter library card to see the many exhibits at the museum. [Contact the library for more information.](#)

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

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



Hoopla Bonus Borrows Available February 22-28!



More Media without Using Your Borrows

No borrows? No problem! Titles in Hoopla's Bonus Borrows program don't count against your limit, and they're available the last seven days of each month. Enjoy Hoopla all month long!

[The collection will be here from February 22 - 28](#)

Closter History

Where Was Closter?

As we begin celebrating America's 250th, Closter's great Revolutionary War history will be remembered. Momentous events took place within the borough's current 3.3-square-mile area. But did you know that Closter, in the 1700s and 1800s, was a much larger region?



Within this larger area, other significant events occurred. And they are recorded as having happened in Closter. Not taking this into account has led to misunderstandings, especially about the "Closter Horseman," who he was, and where his ride began. (He was a real person.)

Tim Adriance, Chair of the Closter Historic Preservation Commission has prepared a report that documents and explains, for the first time, that Closter was a large region. The attached PDF is illustrated with many period maps and early newspaper mentions of the once-larger Closter area.

[Click here to download the PDF.](#)

Regular Programs

Short Story Club

Short Story Club

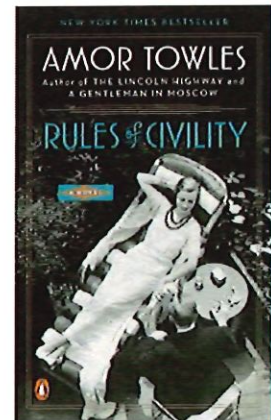
**Roman Berman
Massage Therapist**
by David Bezmozgis

Coming Home Again
Chang-rae Lee
The New Yorker, October 15, 1995

Tues Feb 17 7:30
on Zoom

Tuesday February 17 7:30pm on Zoom
Contact [Julia](#) for more information and the zoom link.

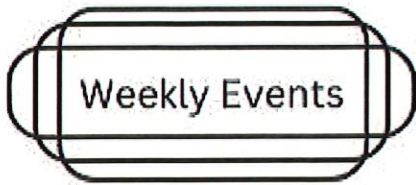
Adult Book Club



Wednesday February 18
3pm

Rules of Civility by Amor Towles

For March, read **Flirting with Danger** by Janet Wallace



Monday

10-11am - 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

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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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COMMISSIONERS: ORDINANCES AND FEBRUARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH

1 message

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Wed, Feb 18, 2026 at 3:00 PM

ORDINANCES INTRODUCED AT FIRST READING

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

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

26-03 "AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING WESTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM MAKING A U-TURN TO TRAVEL EASTBOUND ON HILLSDALE AVENUE AT THE INTERSECTION OF HUNTER'S COURT IN THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE".

VETERAN OF THE MONTH: JAMES GERBIG (HILLSDALE)

Chairman Tanelli is proud to recognize **James Gerbig** as February's Veteran of the Month!

At last night's meeting we honored James Gerbig as our most recent Veteran of the Month.

In addition to his family, several members from **VFW Post 6192** and **American Legion 162** came to watch Mr. Gerbig get recognized – including his roommate from the Naval Academy!



A 1981 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, James served in the United States Navy with distinction, completing five deployments in support of strategic national objectives. He is a proud Desert Storm veteran, having served as an Operations Officer aboard a guided missile cruiser. Over the course of his career, he held key roles on deployed command staffs and within the Surface Force Atlantic Fleet, contributing to mission readiness at the highest levels and helping direct fleet operations for 135 surface ships.

In addition to operational leadership, James was entrusted with major responsibilities in planning and resource management, including fleet budgeting and oversight of critical communications and electronics systems. He also led as many as 130 sailors in wartime environments.

Following his Navy career, Mr. Gerbig continued serving both veterans and the broader Bergen County community. He co-founded a "Guitars for Veterans" program that builds camaraderie and peer support through music. Additionally, he serves as a Service Officer for Hillsdale American Legion Post 162, assisting veterans with benefits navigation and connecting them to resources. Lastly, as Chaplain for Washington Township VFW Post 6192, he provides guidance and support to veterans and their families.

In addition to his veterans' advocacy and community involvement, James is a substitute teacher in Closter and continues mentoring young people by teaching CCD classes, volunteering with youth sports programs, and supporting the service academy nomination process through candidate evaluations for the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, and West Point.

Mr. Gerbig's service has been recognized with the Meritorious Service Medal, multiple commendation medals, including one for valor in combat, along with many other awards for outstanding service.

The County of Bergen is grateful to Mr. James Gerbig for his extraordinary service to our nation and for the meaningful work he continues to do for veterans and his community today.



Bergen County's
Veteran of the Month
February 2026

James Gerbig
Borough of Hillsdale



If you know a Veteran in Bergen County who deserves to be recognized, please let me know and nomination information will be forwarded to you.



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

Clerk to the Board

Bergen County

Board of Commissioners

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[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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ONE BERGEN COUNTY PLAZA
HACKENSACK, NJ 07601

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Ordinance: 26-02f

Agenda: 2/17/2026

Ordinance 26-02

Meeting Date: 2/17/2026

Planning & Engineering/ Division of Engineering

Reading: First

Purpose: Revise Existing Speed Limit on Portion of County Road - West Central Boulevard & East Central Boulevard - Borough of Palisades Park

Prepared By: JAF:sa

Sponsored by Vice Chairwoman Silna Zur, seconded by County Commissioner Marte, and introduced on first reading by the following vote:

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

I, Lara Pollitt, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 26-02f, introduced on first reading by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS on 2/17/2026.

Lara Pollitt

Attest: _____



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ONE BERGEN COUNTY PLAZA
HACKENSACK, NJ 07601

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Ordinance: 26-02f

Agenda: 2/17/2026

**BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ORDINANCE**

“AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMIT ALONG WEST CENTRAL BOULEVARD & EAST CENTRAL BOULEVARD IN THE BOROUGH OF PALISADES PARK.”

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

SECTION I. The speed limits for both directions of travel along West Central Boulevard & East Central Boulevard in the Borough of Palisades Park be established as follows:

ZONE:

- A. 30 MPH from Grand Avenue (NJ Route 93) to the center of Broad Avenue.
- B. 25 MPH from the center of Broad Avenue to the center of Glen Avenue.
- C. 30 MPH from the center of Glen Avenue to the Palisades Park/Fort Lee Borough line.

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

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

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



COUNTY OF BERGEN

ONE BERGEN COUNTY PLAZA
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Ordinance: 26-03f

Agenda: 2/17/2026

Ordinance 26-03

Meeting Date: 2/17/2026

Planning & Engineering/ Division of Engineering

Reading: First

Purpose: U-Turn Prohibition - Hillsdale Avenue Intersection of Hunter's Court - Borough of Hillsdale

Prepared By: JAF:sa

Sponsored by Vice Chairwoman Silna Zur, seconded by County Commissioner Marte, and introduced on first reading by the following vote:

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

I, Lara Pollitt, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 26-03f, introduced on first reading by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS on 2/17/2026.

Lara Pollitt

Attest: _____



COUNTY OF BERGEN

ONE BERGEN COUNTY PLAZA
HACKENSACK, NJ 07601

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Ordinance: 26-03f

Agenda: 2/17/2026

**BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ORDINANCE**

“An Ordinance Prohibiting westbound traffic from making a U-Turn to travel eastbound on Hillsdale Avenue at the intersection of Hunter’s Court in the Borough of Hillsdale”.

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

SECTION I. As requested by the Borough of Hillsdale and upon concurrence by the County Engineer, the following changes be implemented on Hillsdale Avenue, a County road therein:

1. There shall be No U-Turns westbound along Hillsdale Avenue at the intersection of Hunter’s Court.

SECTION II. That appropriate signage will be placed and maintained in conformity with the current “Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways”.

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

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

SECTION V. That this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication as required by law.

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



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PILOTS for Conservation, Contractors' Registry, Clerks' Lunch & Learn

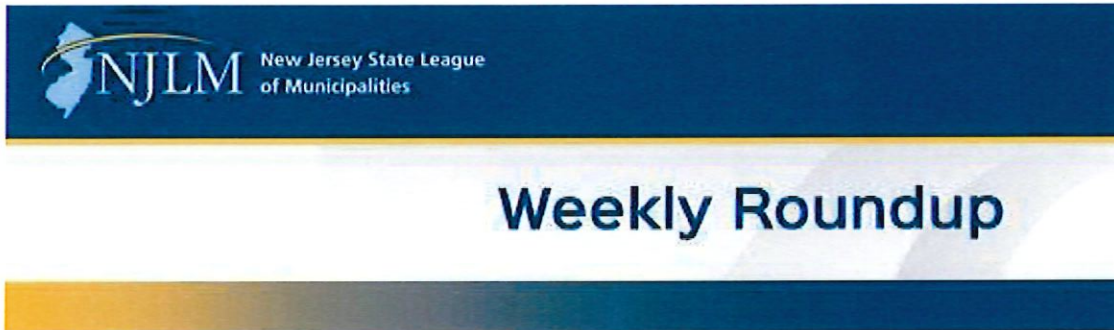
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State Issues

Legislation Advances for Increased Conservation PILOT Funds

On Thursday, the Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reported S-2161, which increases amounts of certain payments in lieu of taxes paid for lands owned by State or nonprofit organizations for recreation and conservation purposes.

[Read on: Legislation Advances for Increased Conservation PILOT Funds](#)

Contact: Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, 609-695-3481 x. 110,
ppenna@njlm.org

SHBC Special Meeting Held on February 11

The State Health Benefits Commission (SHBC) held a [special meeting](#) on February 11 to discuss a mid-year rate change on the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) premium rates.

[Read more: SHBC Special Meeting Held on February 11](#)

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Committee Advances Housing Incentive Legislation

Last Thursday, the Assembly Oversight, Reform, and Federal Relations Committee advanced A-3877, which proposes to establish certain state funding preferences for municipalities that enhance opportunities to develop housing.

[Read on: Committee Advances Housing Incentive Legislation](#)

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Bill Requiring Out-Of-State Contractors Registry Advances

Legislation (A-2078) that requires the State Treasurer to establish a public registry for out-of-state contractors awarded public works contracts advances.

[Read on: Bill Requiring Out-Of-State Contractors Registry Advances](#)

Contact: Lori Buckelew, Deputy Executive Director, 609-695-3481 x. 112, lbuckelew@njlm.org.

Lunch & Learn: Municipal Clerks as Wedding Officiants

Municipal clerks are now authorized to perform marriages and civil unions ([P.L. 2025, c. 222](#)). On March 6 at 12 noon, the League will hold a Lunch & Learn to explain the new law and provide guidance and insights for municipal clerks performing weddings and civil unions.

[Advance registration](#) is required for this free webinar.

Contact: Lori Buckelew, Deputy Executive Director, lbuckelew@njlm.org, 609-695-3481 ext. 112

DEP Quarterly Brownfield Roundtable

NJ Department of Environmental Protection is hosting its quarterly roundtable regarding topics and policies on brownfields work across New Jersey.

[Read on: DEP Quarterly Brownfields Roundtable](#)

Federal Issues

Department of Homeland Security Funding Shut Down

Funding for the Department of Homeland Security expired on February 13, leading to a partial government shutdown.

[Read on: Department of Homeland Security Funding Shut Down](#)

Contact: Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, 609-695-3481 x. 110,
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Wildfire Smoke Preparedness Grant for Community Buildings

The EPA's Wildfire Smoke Preparedness in Community Buildings Grant Program is now open. Funding supports planning, equipment, and facility upgrades to reduce indoor smoke exposure during wildfire events.

[Read on: Wildfire Smoke Preparedness Grant for Community Buildings](#)

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

USDA New World Screwworm Grand Challenge

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (Department) announced a funding opportunity, the New World Screwworm (NWS) Grand Challenge, an opportunity geared to support preparedness efforts against screwworms.

[Read on: USDA New World Screwworm Grand Challenge](#)

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

Also of Interest

This Weekend: NJ Historical Commission Lecture

This week's [NJ Municipalities blog](#) shares an invitation to participate in an upcoming event on the history, narrative, and the enduring impact of African and African diasporic voices. The 46th Annual Marion Thompson Wright Lecture Series, supported by the New Jersey Historical Commission, focuses on the topic Beyond Time: Ancient Africa, History, and the Black Imagination. It will be held at the Paul Robeson Campus Center at Rutgers University-Newark February 21 with a reception immediately after the lecture at the Newark Museum of Art, featuring the Bradford Hayes Quartet.

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.

GFOANJ Bill Homa Scholarship

GFOA has announced that they will again be making available up to four scholarships of up to \$1,500.00 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](#)

NJPACT REAL Rules Webinar

The Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) and the New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers are hosting webinars concerning the NJPACT REAL rules and how they apply to your municipality.

[Read on: NJPACT REAL Rules Webinar](#)

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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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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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Annual New Jersey Watershed Conference Set

The Watershed Institute is hosting the 9th Annual New Jersey Watershed Conference on February 26 and 27 at The College of New Jersey.

[Read more: Annual New Jersey Watershed Conference Set](#)

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2026 AARP Community Challenge Grants

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

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

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Celebrate Your Municipality During Local Government Week 2026

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

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


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