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## NJ Updates: Avoiding Online Investment Scams, Human Trafficking Hotline, and More

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The State of New Jersey <updates@info.nj.gov>  
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### NJ Updates: Events, Deadlines, Programs, Guidance, and More

Want to know about current topics in New Jersey? The State of New Jersey Update features information, news, resources, guidance, and more. Additional featured news is also available at [NJ.gov](https://www.nj.gov).

#### **N.J. Intensifies Anti-Human Trafficking Efforts During the World Cup: Where Witnesses and Survivors Can Turn for Help**

If you or someone you know is a victim of labor or sex trafficking, New Jersey offers resources to report those crimes and connect survivors with services to address their physical, emotional, and mental health needs.

To report human trafficking, call 911 for emergencies or call 855-END-NJHT (855-363-



6548). This 24/7 toll-free hotline is available for human-trafficking related matters meant for law enforcement.

To view reports, learn about the warning signs, and find out other information about human trafficking in New Jersey, visit the [Human Trafficking Unit](#) of the Division of Criminal Justice. The website includes red flags and fact sheets, legal information, as well as awareness and prevention resources.

Survivors should not suffer in fear and silence. Help is available.

[Learn More](#)

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## Parents, Relatives, and Even Friends Can Save for a Child's College — and Get Money Back From New Jersey

An NJBEST 529 College Savings Plan helps you save for a child's future education expenses. Almost anyone can open an account, including parents, relatives, or friends.

New Jersey even rewards you for saving. Households with Adjusted Gross Incomes (AGIs) of \$75,000 or less may qualify for a one-time match of up to \$750 on your initial deposit. Those with AGIs of \$200,000 or less may be able to deduct up to \$10,000 per year in contributions from state income taxes. Students attending New Jersey colleges may also be eligible for scholarships up to \$6,000.



May is 529 Month, which means now is the perfect time to get started!

[Explore Benefits](#)

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## NJ TRANSIT Is Your Official Ride to FIFA World Cup 26™

FIFA World Cup 26™ is coming to NYNJ Stadium this summer, and special NJ TRANSIT match tickets are now available *exclusively* in the mobile app. Quantities are limited and sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Your special event ticket includes round-trip rail travel to and from the stadium, plus a preferred boarding arrival window so you can enjoy pre-match festivities without the stress.

Each match and boarding window has limited capacity. Some matches and travel windows may sell out quickly. Plan ahead and arrive during your selected boarding period.

Visit [NJTWORLDCUP.COM](http://NJTWORLDCUP.COM) for match-day travel information, boarding procedures, service updates, and travel tips from NYC, Newark Airport, and regional destinations.



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## Don't Miss Out on State Financial Aid for College

New Jersey residents planning to go to college in the Fall now have one more resource available to help guide them through the financial aid process. In addition to [free online webinars](#) that clarify how to apply for federal and State financial aid, the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority has also created a video explaining next steps after the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (better known as the FAFSA) is completed. It's important to follow these steps to access State financial aid, so make sure to check out this helpful video if you recently completed your application.



[Watch the Video](#)

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## Don't Fall for Investment Scams on Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp

Scammers are flooding Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp with fake investment ads designed to steal your money. These scams look professional — they use stolen celebrity images, fake testimonials, and sophisticated "deepfake" videos to convince you they're legitimate. They're not.



Here's how they work: You see an ad promising guaranteed returns or exclusive crypto opportunities. It features someone recognizable like a CNBC personality or financial expert (whose image was stolen). You click, and you're pressured to move the conversation to WhatsApp. Once there, scammers develop a relationship with you, "teach" you to invest on a fake trading platform, and eventually drain your money. When you try to withdraw funds, they'll demand fees you'll never see again.

**Red flags to watch for:** Promises of guaranteed returns, pressure to invest immediately, requests to use crypto ATMs, demands to move conversations to encrypted apps like WhatsApp or Telegram, and celebrity endorsements that seem too polished.

If you've been targeted or lost money to an investment scam, report it immediately. New Jersey's Bureau of Securities investigates these schemes, and your report helps protect others.

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## Library news June 1, 2026

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

Mon, Jun 1, 2026 at 8:01 AM

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To: lrametta@closternj.us



**June 1, 2026**

## **SPECIAL PROGRAM**

### **Education Fund Planning Workshop**

**Friday June 5 10 am**

Understand college tuition and fees, how financial aid is calculated, how to maximize free grants and aid even for high income families



**New Program**

**Chair Yoga**

Tuesdays May 12 to June 30 (no class June 2)



**11:30am**

Chair yoga is a modified form of yoga designed to be done while seated and standing with the support of a chair. Anyone that needs gentle controlled modified movements, gentle stretching, guided breathing, managing arthritis, recovery, or limited mobility. Standing poses with the support of a chair and easy modified balance poses also supported by a chair. No registration required.

#### **About the instructor**

Arlene Minoyan is a many-years yoga instructor/practitioner. In addition to private & group various yoga classes, she has traveled to major cities, (sponsored) to bring health and awareness to many people with physical and health related issues.

## **RESOURCES**

### **Growing Up in June on Kanopy.**

#### **Coming of age films to stream**

Growing up isn't easy, but it makes for great stories. Explore Kanopy's Coming of Age collection, featuring movies that celebrate the journey of growing up. Stream now with your Closter library card!

**[Click here to borrow from the collection](#)**



## **Museum Passes**

### **Interactive Intrepid Museum Map**



Thinking of visiting the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum?

There is a virtual interactive map on the website that you can use to plan your trip. **[You can find it here.](#)**

Borrow the Intrepid pass to see the museum.

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.](#)**



## Primary Voting Information




### Tuesday is Primary Day Closter Polling Locations

DISTRICTS 1 & 5  
CLOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY  
280 High Street Meeting Room

DISTRICTS 2, 3, 4 & 6  
CLOSTER SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER  
4 Lewis Street (Borough Hall Parking Lot) Community Room


You can look up your polling location by address here.

## Regular Programs



Death by Landscape  
by  
Margaret Atwood

Tues Jun 2 7:30 on Zoom



CLOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY  
The spirit of the community

The complex block contains a book cover for "Death by Landscape" by Margaret Atwood. The cover features a painting of a canoe on a riverbank with trees and a cloudy sky. To the right of the cover is the title and author's name. Below that is the date and time of the program. At the bottom right is the Closter Public Library logo, which consists of a stylized 'V' shape made of three horizontal bars in blue, orange, and green, with the text "CLOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY" and "The spirit of the community" below it.

### Short Story Club

Tuesday June 2 7:30pm on Zoom

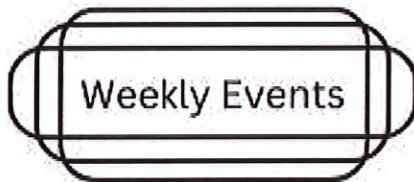
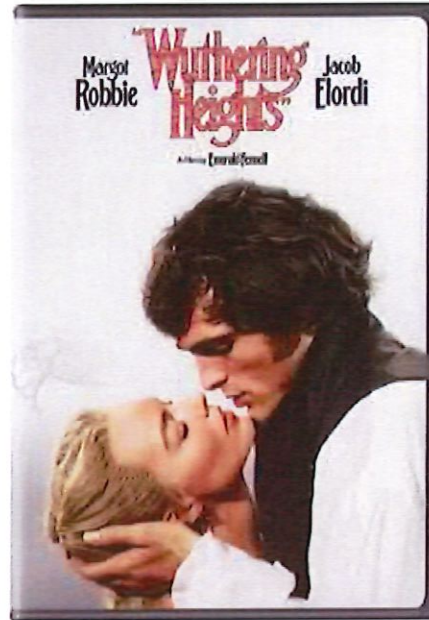
Death by Landscape by Margaret Atwood. Contact Julia for more information and the Zoom link.

## First Friday Flicks

Friday June 5 1pm

### Wuthering Heights

A passionate and tumultuous love story set against the backdrop of the Yorkshire moors, exploring the intense and destructive relationship between Heathcliff and Catherine Earnshaw.



### Monday

10-11:30am- Advanced ESL  
Conversation

7-8pm - Tech Help

### Tuesday

11:30am- Chair Yoga

### Wednesday

1-2:30pm- Advanced ESL Conversation  
6-7 pm Yoga/Meditation

### Thursday

10-11:30am - 1 to 1 ESL Tutoring

12:30-2pm - Knitting and Craft

4:30pm - Zumba on Zoom

### Friday

10-11:30am - 1 to 1 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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## Bergen County Celebrates Philippine Independence Day

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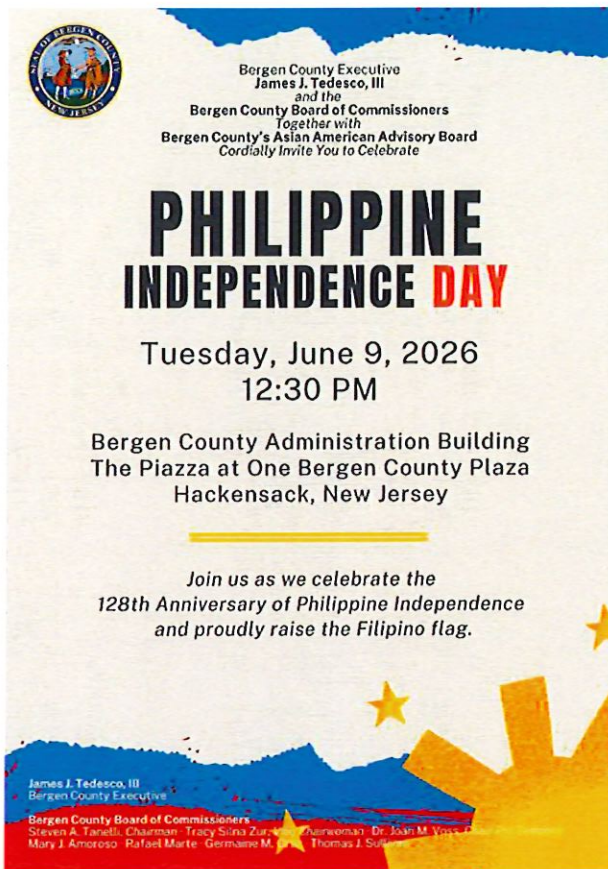
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To: "Sands, Derek" <DSands@bergencountynj.gov>

Cc: "Dorsett, Craig" <CDorsett@bergencountynj.gov>, "Razzaq, Sidra" <SRazzaq@bergencountynj.gov>, "Pellicano, Breanne" <BPellicano@bergencountynj.gov>

Good afternoon:

Please join Bergen County Executive Jim Tedesco and the Bergen County Board of Commissioners as we celebrate Philippine Independence Day on **Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 12:30pm** in the Piazza of One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack.



My best,

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

**Deputy Chief of Staff**

Office of County Executive James J. Tedesco III

County of Bergen

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## COMMISSIONERS: ORDINANCES INTRODUCED AT FIRST READING

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

Mon, Jun 1, 2026 at 1:09 PM

### ORDINANCES – INTRODUCED AT FIRST READING

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#### 26-06

“An Ordinance Establishing No Turn on Red from northbound Forest Road to Hillside Avenue from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM Monday thru Friday in the Borough of Allendale”.

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**On or about 7:00 PM on June 3, 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 Ordinance 26-06.**

#### 26-07

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$6,207,047 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,911,473 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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#### 26-08

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$29,989,988.94 THEREFOR, INCLUDING A GRANT EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE SUM OF \$12,764,148, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$16,405,562.80 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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#### 26-09

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$7,659,750 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,295,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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**26-10**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOLS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$4,550,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,550,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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**26-11**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOLS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,274,750 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,245,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

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**26-12**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$2,346,750 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,235,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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**26-13**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENT OF PARK IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$14,358,750 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$13,675,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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**26-14**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS BOARD OF ELECTIONS IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$72,975 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$69,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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**26-15**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$3,645,961 THEREFOR, INCLUDING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,595,961 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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**26-16**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,050,000 THEREFOR, AND

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

## 26-17

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$11,102,553 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$10,573,860 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

**The Bond Ordinances 26-07-26-17 were introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the County of Bergen, on May 27, 2026. They will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing to be held at One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, New Jersey, on June 17, 2026 at 7:00 PM.**

### 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.

- Hyperlink to the County Site - [Bergen County Public Notices](#)
- Hyperlink to the State Site - <https://www.nj.gov/state/statewide-legal-notices-list.shtml>



[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 3<sup>rd</sup> my e-mail address  
has changed from:  
[lrodriguez@co.bergen.nj.us](mailto:lrodriguez@co.bergen.nj.us) and  
[lpollitt@co.bergen.nj.us](mailto:lpollitt@co.bergen.nj.us) to  
[lpollitt@bergencountynj.gov](mailto:lpollitt@bergencountynj.gov)

Our website is now:  
[www.bergencountynj.gov](http://www.bergencountynj.gov)

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## Data Centers, REAL Rules, Cannabis' Local Bypass

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NJLM Weekly Roundup <noreply@civicplus.com>

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## Weekly Roundup

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June 3, 2026

## State Issues

### Governor Announces Data Center Plan

Last week, Governor Mikie Sherrill announced a comprehensive plan on data centers to address the growing impacts on energy demand and resource use in local communities.

[Read more: Governor Announces Data Center Plan](#)

**Contact:** Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, [ppenna@njlm.org](mailto:ppenna@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x110.

### NJ DEP Extends Compliance Deadline for NJ PACT REAL Rules to July 2027

Today, the NJ DEP published a rulemaking proposal extending the legacy provisions of the Resilient Environments and Landscapes (REAL) rules to July 2027.

[Read more: NJ DEP Extends Compliance Deadline for NJ PACT REAL Rules to July 2027](#)

**Contact:** Sadayah Q. DuRant-Brown, Legislative Counsel, [sdurantbrown@njlm.org](mailto:sdurantbrown@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x137.

## **Legislation Signed Into Law Bypassing Local Approval of Cannabis**

After passing the Senate on Thursday, May 28, S-4297 was signed by Governor Sherrill on Friday evening. It allows the three remaining medical cannabis dispensaries in NJ to apply to the State for Class 5 retail licenses without first obtaining local approval.

[Read more: Legislation Signed Into Law Bypassing Local Approval of Cannabis](#)

**Contact:** Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, [ppenna@njlm.org](mailto:ppenna@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x110.

## **DCA Launches NJHOMES Affordable Building Club**

DCA launched the NJHOMES Affordable Building Club (ABC), an educational series on affordable housing topics, including housing needs, funding sources, data tools, life-cycle housing, project development, community engagement, and more.

[Read more: DCA Launches NJHOMES Affordable Building Club](#)

**Contact:** Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, [eknoedler@njlm.org](mailto:eknoedler@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x116.

## **Land Use Preemption Legislation Reported From Committee**

On Monday, June 1, the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee favorably reported legislation that would preempt local control of zoning, S-1786 and S-1836, by a party-line vote of 3-2.

[Read more: Land Use Preemption Legislation Reported From Committee](#)

**Contact:** Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, [ppenna@njlm.org](mailto:ppenna@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x110.

## **BPU Proposes Maintenance of Abandoned Telecommunications and Cable Lines**

The Board of Public Utilities is currently accepting comments from the public on its proposed new rules and amendments to N.J.A.C. Title 14 outlining the process for requests for removal of suspected abandoned telecommunications and cable lines.

[Read more: BPU Proposes Maintenance of Abandoned Telecommunications and Cable Lines](#)

**Contact:** Sadayah Q. DuRant-Brown, Legislative Counsel, [sdurantbrown@njlm.org](mailto:sdurantbrown@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x137.

## **ABC Issues Guidance on Sampling “Non-Dosed” Beverages**

The New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control has issued guidance on the sampling of “non-dosed” beverages.

[Read more: ABC Issues Guidance on Sampling “Non-Dosed” Beverages](#)

**Contact:** Erin Knoedler, Legislative Analyst, [eknoedler@njlm.org](mailto:eknoedler@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x116.

## **NJCCIC Advises on Spoofing of FIFA Websites**

NJCCIC has issued an advisory regarding the spoofing of FIFA website in advance of the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Recipients who discover signs of malicious cyber activity are encouraged to contact the NJCCIC via the cyber incident report form.

[Read more: NJCCIC Advises on Spoofing of FIFA Websites](#)

**Contact:** Lori Buckelew, Deputy Executive Director, [lbuckelew@njlm.org](mailto:lbuckelew@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x112.

## **SADC Seeking Input on Woodlands Preservation**

The State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) is seeking input on identifying woodland characteristics to guide targeting, ranking, and formulating value criteria under the new Woodlands Preservation program.

[Read more: SADC Seeking Input on Woodlands Preservation](#)

**Contact:** Sadayah Q. DuRant-Brown, Legislative Counsel, [sdurantbrown@njlm.org](mailto:sdurantbrown@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x137.

# **Federal Issues**

## **U.S. House Passes Farm Bill**

Earlier this year, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Farm, Food and National Security Act of 2026, covering nutrition, conservation and rural development, broadband, and preemption. The Senate has not yet acted.

[Read more: U.S. House Passes Farm Bill](#)

**Contact:** Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, [ppenna@njlm.org](mailto:ppenna@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x110.

## **FEMA Grant for Fire Staffing & Volunteer Recruitment**

The FY2025 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Program grant from FEMA will make available \$324 million to volunteer and paid fire departments to assist in increasing the number of firefighters. The deadline is 5:00 p.m. on June 22, 2026.

[Read more: FEMA Grant for Fire Staffing & Volunteer Recruitment](#)

**Contact:** Lori Buckelew, Deputy Executive Director, [lbuckelew@njlm.org](mailto:lbuckelew@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x112.

## **ARPA SLFRF Reporting Office Hours**

If your municipality is noncompliant with the 2026 annual or quarterly reporting, the U.S. Treasury has open virtual office hours on June 4, 11, and 18 at 2:00 p.m.

[Read more: ARPA SLFRF Reporting Office Hours](#)

**Contact:** Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, [ppenna@njlm.org](mailto:ppenna@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x110.

## **Also of Interest**

### ***June NJ Municipalities Blog: Bringing the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution to Life***

As the United States approaches its 250th anniversary, communities across New Jersey have a unique opportunity to take part in a growing national movement of commemoration, celebration, and civic engagement. Through RevolutionNJ, New Jersey's official initiative for commemorating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, municipalities can easily connect to meaningful programs. Read more in this week's [NJ Municipalities Blog](#).

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](mailto:aspiezio@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x123.

### **Governor's Housing Conference Registration Now Open**

The Governor's Conference on Housing and Economic Development will be held on September 29 and 30 at Harrah's Resort Atlantic City.

[Registration is now open.](#)

**Contact:** Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, [ppenna@njlm.org](mailto:ppenna@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x110.

### **NLC National Constituency Group Meetings**

The National League of Cities' (NLC) Constituency Groups will host two conferences, bringing together municipal leaders from across the country to connect, share best practices, and advocate for policies that benefit their communities.

[Read more: NLC National Constituency Group Meetings](#)

### **NJ Reentry Corporation Hosting H.R. 1 Implementation Conference**

NJ Reentry Corporation is hosting two statewide H.R. 1 Implementation conferences addressing the practical impact of new Medicaid and SNAP requirements on reentry, recovery, veteran, and low-income populations.

[Read more: NJ Reentry Corporation Hosting H.R. 1 Implementation Conference](#)

Contact: Lori Buckelew, Deputy Executive Director, [lbuckelew@njlm.org](mailto:lbuckelew@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x112.

## CARA Local Drug Crisis Grant Funding Available

Federal funding is available to support community-based coalitions working to prevent and reduce opioid, methamphetamine, and prescription drug misuse among youth ages 12 to 18.

[Read more: CARA Local Drug Crisis Grant Funding Available](#)

Contact: Ciara Bradley, Research Associate, [cbradley@njlm.org](mailto:cbradley@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, x128.

## USDA Community Connect Grants Available

The USDA is offering approximately \$17 million to expand broadband access and high-speed internet infrastructure in rural, economically challenged communities lacking adequate broadband service.

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

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