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## Library news April 20, 2026

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Mon, Apr 20, 2026 at 9:06 AM



**CLOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
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**April 20, 2026**

## **RESOURCES**

**Visit Kanopy for Adaptations this Month**



Great stories love a second act. This month, Adaptations in April celebrates cinematic interpretations of beloved literary works, where unforgettable characters and timeless ideas make the leap from page to screen. Whether you're revisiting a favorite or discovering a story in a new way, these films prove that powerful storytelling transcends format. Explore these additional chapters.

### **Hoopla Bonus Borrows April 24-30**

Enjoy Bonus Borrows more often! Hoopla's Bonus Borrows will be available the last seven days of each month. Choose from these select titles without using your monthly borrows!

The collection will be live on April 24



## **Museum Passes**

### **NY Space Week Events at the Intrepid Museum**



Here are some of the activities on the Intrepid for NY Space week. Visit the [museum website](#) for more information on these and other activities and exhibits.

New York Space Forum  
Friday, April 24 | 9:30am–7:30pm

Astronomy Night  
Friday, April 24 | 5:30pm–9:00pm | Flight Deck and Space Shuttle Pavilion

[Contact the library](#) to reserve the museum pass.



### **Birding at Storm King Art Center**

Come out on Earth Day weekend for a bird and art-filled excursion led by Orange County Audubon Society board members Roberta Schiffer Rahmer and Diane Tuttle! Registration required.

The tour will traverse the meadows, ponds, and woods at Storm King to appreciate the variety of bird species that make up an essential part of the art and nature ecosystem.

Following the bird walk, artist [Jenny Hersch](#) will lead a hands-on creative workshop drawing on observations from the walk

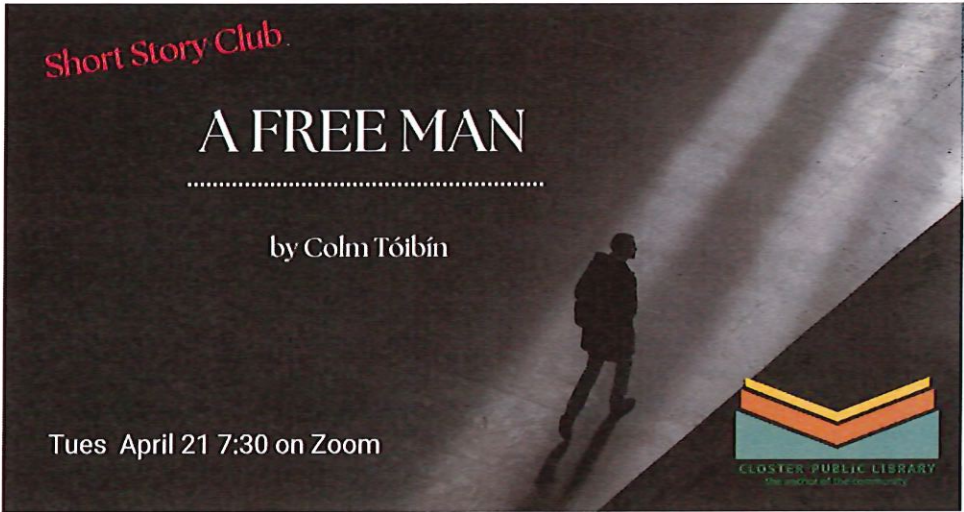
[Click here to register](#)

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.](#)



## Regular Program



### Short Story Club

Tuesday, April 21 7:30pm on Zoom  
Contact [Julia](#) for More information and the Zoom link.



- Monday**  
10-11:30am- Advanced ESL  
Conversation  
7-8pm - Tech Help
- Tuesday**  
10-11:30am - 1to1 ESL tutoring
- Wednesday**  
10-12pm - 1to1 ESL tutoring  
1-2:30pm- Advanced ESL Conversation  
6-7 pm Yoga/Meditation
- Thursday**  
12:30-2pm - Knitting and Craft  
4:30pm - Zumba on Zoom
- Saturday**  
1:30-2:30 - Intermediate ESL *This class is full. Contact the library to get on the*

waiting list  
2-3pm - Tech Help

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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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## Mayors' Newsline April 2026

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NJLM Mayors Newsline <noreply@civicplus.com>

Fri, Apr 24, 2026 at 1:29 PM

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NJLM President Mayor Sean Elwell, Elsinboro

### President's Note

This month has been a good warm up for a celebratory summer. We announced the winner of this year's Show Off Your City Contest at the start of April and the image was featured on the cover of our magazine, *NJ Municipalities*. Congratulations Galloway and Mayor Anthony Coppola Jr. Thank you for sharing a glimpse of a beautiful part of the Garden State.

Many of us also celebrated Local Government Week April 12-18, connecting with the community and honoring the hard, meaningful work of municipal elected and professional officials with events such as "Kid Mayor" days, community walks, and social media profiles of municipal employees. All of this leaves New Jersey's municipalities well positioned for a summer of celebrations.

Throughout the state this summer we will be celebrating the Nations' 250th anniversary and welcoming a world's worth of soccer (football?) fans ready to enjoy what the great Pelé referred to as the beautiful game. While there will be great enjoyment, we all know that the work up to, during, and after the celebrations require creativity and dedication to carry out the best and safest experiences possible.

We hope you share your plans and stories with the League so we can share your experiences with your fellow New Jersey mayors.

### Action List

1. [Review REAL rules testimony](#). Review the testimony from invited speakers concerning the NJ PACT REAL rules via the recording of the joint Assembly and Senate Environment

Committee meeting.

2. **Adopt a [sample resolution](#)** opposing [S-1836](#). The bill would enhance the ability of religious and nonprofit organizations to convert certain property to inclusionary developments with affordable housing. If you adopt the League's resolution in opposition to S-1836, please be sure to send a copy to the League.
3. **Download [guidebook for local soccer celebrations](#)**. Read the [NJ Municipalities blog post](#) about the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) and Downtown New Jersey event, "From Streets to Stadiums Guidebook Launch and Workshop," a recent webinar to show communities and businesses how to turn ideas from the recently released NJTPA guidebook "From Streets to Stadiums."
4. **Save the Date**. The Governor's Conference on Housing and Economic Development will be on September 29 and 30 at Harrah's Resort Atlantic City. Registration and agenda information will be posted and shared when it is available.
5. **Reschedule website accessibility**. The Department of Justice has extended the compliance effective date for website accessibility rules by one year. The new deadlines are now April 26, 2027, for municipalities with populations over 50,000, or April 26, 2028, for all other municipalities.
6. **Register for the NJLM Mini Conference**. This year's Mini Conference will be held on June 10, 2026 in West Windsor. Topics include: Ethics and AI, Navigating NJ's Financial Terrain, Procurement Updates, OPRA Updates, Tax Sale, ADA Rules for Websites, Green Purchasing, Municipal Auditing, and more! Certain Licensees can earn up to 8 CEU credits in one day.

## Legislation: Data Center Infrastructure Permitting

On July 23, 2025, the White House released the [Executive Order on Accelerating Federal Permitting of Data Center Infrastructure \(EO\)](#) in alignment with the Trump Administration's goal to "facilitate the rapid and efficient buildout of this infrastructure by easing Federal regulatory burdens."

Pursuant to the EO, EPA issued [new guidance](#) to help decision makers identify sites that may be suitable for hosting AI data centers. The guidance includes specific considerations that must be evaluated in the development of AI data centers on Superfund and Brownfield sites.

For more information, please review the [write-up](#) from the National League of Cities, the League's federal partner, as well as the AI Data Center [fact sheet](#). We encourage you to review this information with your municipal professionals.

## Test Your Knowledge



Some folks call these flowers weeds, but what city proudly embraces the title Dandelion Capital of the World and holds a Dandelion Dinner each spring? See below for answer.

## League Learning

### Hot Topics in New Jersey Employment Law

On, Friday, May 15, 2026, this webinar will mix the legal and practical information on these matters confronting NJ local governments. A practical update on key public sector employment developments, topics include retiree health insurance contributions, significant 2025 PERC decisions and evolving religious accommodation obligations following *Groff v. DeJoy*.

#### Presenters:

- Joseph Hannon, Esq., NJLM Labor Counsel, Partner at Genova Burns, LLC
- Matthew U. Watkins, Labor Consultant, NJ League of Municipalities, Retired Administrator, NJ Community Solutions

Complete your [registration form](#) today.

## USA 250

### America 250 Celebration Toolkit

The League's federal partners, the National League of Cities (NLC), has released [America 250 Celebration Toolkit](#). The toolkit is a resource for municipalities looking for inspiration for their America 250 celebrations. The toolkit includes customizable graphics from NLC, partnership opportunities, proclamation templates, celebration suggestions, and tips for planning your municipalities' America 250 events.



Downloadable images for 250th celebrations are available

The toolkit includes tips for social engagement, partnership opportunities, proclamation templates, and event planning ideas. The ideas are scaled to basic, intermediate, and advanced levels to meet the requirements of communities of all sizes and resources.

Download the toolkit from [America 250 Celebration Toolkit](#).

# Meet Your Board Members

In November 2020, Mayor Judy Ward became the first woman to be elected as the mayor of Pleasantville in Atlantic County.

Ward served on the Pleasantville City Council starting in 2005 and has a wealth of city administration experience virtually serving on every City Council committee since first elected.

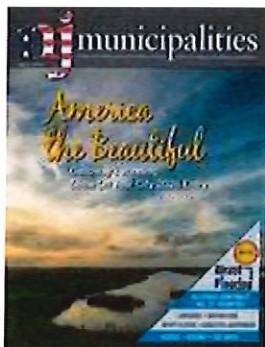
In 2011, she became Pleasantville's first female City Council President and was inducted into the Atlantic County Women's Hall of Fame. Every March during Women's History month, Mayor Ward goes into selected schools to speak to the young ladies. Many of them are so impressed to know they have relatable role models in their own community.

A public servant long before being on City Council, Ward served on the Pleasantville Education Foundation, a committee called PACT, Pleasantville Absecon Coming Together, which was formed to act as a liaison between Absecon and Pleasantville schools. She worked closely with Principal James Watkins and Vice Principal Jean Barksdale, along with the Pleasantville Board of Education members. She also started the African American club at South Main Street School which the students really enjoyed. Mayor Ward was on the UEZ Board prior to being on City Council.

Born in Atlantic City and moved to Egg Harbor at an early age, Ward graduated from Oakcrest High School. She retired from Verizon after 30 years of service. Ward has two children and four grandchildren.



Executive Board Member,  
Mayor Judy Ward,  
Pleasantville



## *NJ Municipalities* Magazine

### Show Off Your City 2026 Winner, Honorable Mentions Announced

Galloway Township is the winner of the 2026 Show Off Your City Contest. The image, taken by Marie DiGiovanni Loch features the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge located in Galloway.

Honorable Mentions were awarded to:

- Bradley Beach
- Collingswood
- Deerfield
- Eastampton

- Mount Olive
- Middletown
- Ocean Township (Monmouth)
- Pemberton Township
- Ridgefield Park

## Seeking Your 250th Stories for June *NJ Municipalities*

Would you like to publish an article about your town's 250th celebrations? Please send it to Editor Amy Spiezio by April 30 for inclusion in the magazine's June issue.

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

## Please Respond: Subscriber's Survey

Please watch your email boxes for a survey heading out to *NJ Municipalities* magazine subscribers from *NJ Municipalities* ([noreply@qemailserver.com](mailto:noreply@qemailserver.com)).

We ask you to share your feedback on the magazine as a subscriber by taking a short 5- to 10-minute survey. We will use your responses to help guide our decisions and make future improvements to *NJ Municipalities* magazine.

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## Test Your Knowledge Answer: Vineland

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## Treasury Budget, Disclosure Due Date, GRC Rules

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## Weekly Roundup

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## State Issues

### State FY2027 Budget: Department of Treasury

The State Treasurer testified before the Assembly Budget Committee on the Department's proposed SFY2027 budget. Please read our recent blog post, "State FY2027 Budget: Department of Treasury," for a detailed analysis.

[Read more: State FY2027 Budget: Department of Treasury](#)

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### Reminder: Financial Disclosure Statement Deadline is April 30

The deadline for local government officers to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement is April 30.

[Read more: Reminder: Financial Disclosure Statement Deadline is April 30](#)

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### FY27 DOT State Aid Programs Accepting Applications

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (DOT) State Aid program is accepting applications for the Municipal Aid, Transit Village, Bikeway, and Safe Streets to Transit programs, now through July 1, 2026.

[Read more: FY27 DOT State Aid Programs Accepting Applications](#)

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## **Government Records Council Readopts Rules**

The GRC rules implementing OPRA were set to expire on February 20, 2026. The GRC recently provided notice that the rules (N.J.A.C. 5:3) have been readopted as originally promulgated and will now expire on January 13, 2033.

[Read more: Government Records Council Readopts Rules](#)

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## **DEP Readopts Noise Control Rules**

DEP Noise Control Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:29) were set to expire on April 11, 2026. The rules have been readopted as originally promulgated and will now expire on February 17, 2033.

[Read more: NJ DEP Readopts Noise Control Rules](#)

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## **2027 Immunization Program Offers Funding**

The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) is offering funding through the Immunization Program 2027, which will continue to support local and state initiatives and activities to increase immunization levels statewide.

[Read more: 2027 Immunization Program Offers Funding](#)

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# **Federal Issues**

## **House Holds American Broadband Deployment Act**

This week, the House of Representatives Committee on Rules held the American Broadband Deployment Act, but we remain concerned about its potential progress.

[Read more: House Holds American Broadband Deployment Act](#)

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## Website Accessibility Rules Compliance Date Delayed

The Department of Justice has extended the compliance effective date for website accessibility rules by one year. The new deadlines are now April 26, 2027, or April 26, 2028, depending on population size.

[Read more: Website Accessibility Rules Compliance Date Delayed](#)

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## FTA Passenger Ferry Grant Program

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is accepting applications for the FY2026 Passenger Ferry Grant Program.

[Read more: FTA Passenger Ferry Grant Program](#)

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## USGS Landslide Hazard Mapping Grant Available

The U.S. Geological Survey announced a federal funding opportunity that supports landslide hazard mapping, risk reduction, and community preparedness initiatives.

[Read more: USGS Landslide Hazard Mapping Grant Available](#)

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## Also of Interest

### Riverdale Earns Tree City Moniker

How is your town celebrating Arbor Day, April 24, 2026? This year, Riverdale will be enjoying its recognition by the Arbor Day Foundation as a 2025 Tree City USA in honor of its commitment to plant, grow, and maintain trees to benefit its community.

To become a Tree City USA, a municipality must uphold four core standards, including maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and participating in an Arbor Day celebration.

Read more about it in this week's [NJ Municipalities blog post](#). Want to share your local story in the blog or print magazine? Please send in your 300- to 1,200-word items and photos.

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## Save the Date: Governor's Housing Conference

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[Read more: Save the Date: Governor's Housing Conference](#)

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## New Jersey Digital Government Summit Set for May 5

The New Jersey Digital Government Summit, a free educational event for municipal and state technology staff, will be held on Tuesday, May 5. Pre-registration is required.

[Read more: New Jersey Digital Government Summit Set for May 5](#)

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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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## Advertiser Spotlight



**NJ has a housing problem for older adults**

- among the top 10 most expensive states for housing
- most homes are 50+ years old
- 2-story homes are inaccessible and unaffordable for older residents.

NJAAW held a Design Competition to find innovative solutions that are financially realistic for people on a fixed income, including Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), Detached single family and Multi-family housing units.

Learn more about Housing Solutions for Older Adults at: "Aging in Every Sector," May 8, 2026, Princeton  
Details at [njaaw.org](http://njaaw.org)

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