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Laura Rametta <lrassetta@closternj.us>

Library news October 5, 2026

1 message

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

Reply-To: cltrcirc@bccls.org

To: lrametta@closternj.us

Mon, Oct 5, 2026 at 8:04 AM



October 5, 2026

IMPORTANT NEWS

Beginning October 8 You'll Need your Library Password on OverDrive/Libby and Kanopy

**Do you know your library
password?**

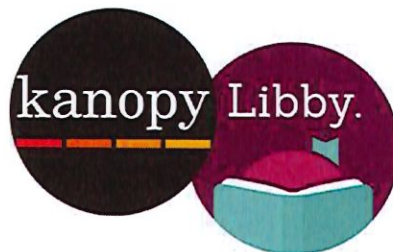
Stop by the library and we can reset it for you.

To add your library password to Libby:

1. When you access Libby on or after 10/8, you will be prompted to verify your card.
2. Enter your library account number and password (your BCCLS library account password).
3. Once you are signed in you'll get a success message.

To add your library password to Kanopy:

1. Go to [kanopy.com](https://www.kanopy.com) and log in to your Kanopy account.
2. Select the menu button in the top-right corner and go to My Account > My Libraries.



3. Select Re-enter your login information under the library name.
4. Enter your library card number and password.
5. Select Save.

Once you enter your password during this update, the app stays logged into your account. Libby or Kanopy will ask to reverify your credentials if your library account expires or if you get a new library account number.

COMING NEXT WEEK

Fall Book Sale



Come get some bargains

Saturday October 17, 9am-4pm

Come by, find some bargains, and support your library. Over 100,000 items for sale - including books, audiobooks, records,

children's books, books in Hebrew and Korean.

REGULAR PROGRAMS

Short Story Club

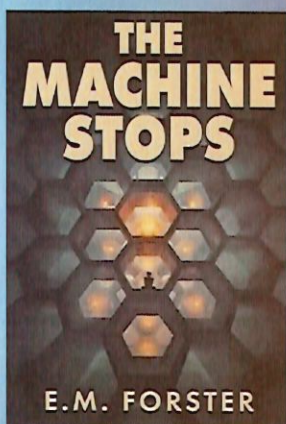
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BY E.M. FORSTER

TUES OCT 6 7:30 ON ZOOM



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Short Story Club

Tuesday October 6, 7:30pm on Zoom

The Machine Stops by EM Forster.

Contact [Julia](#) for more information and the Zoom link.

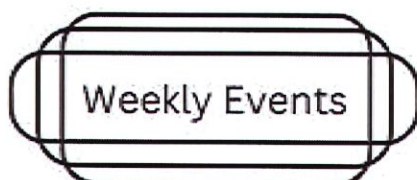
Blood Pressure Screening

Wednesday, October 7 1:30-2:30pm



Know Your Numbers — Free Blood Pressure Checks
Stop by the Library for a quick, free blood pressure screening — no appointment, no cost, no rush.
Staying on top of your blood pressure is one of the easiest ways to protect your health.

Questions? Contact the Library.



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

4:30-5:30pm - Zumba

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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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

URGENT: Herbert Avenue- Four Immediate Safety Issues Requiring Borough Action

1 message

David Weinstein

Sun, Oct 4, 2026 at 8:30 PM

To: boroclerk@closternj.us, dpw@closternj.us, mayor@closternj.us, police@closterpolice.org, commissioners@co.bergen.nj.us, engineering@co.bergen.nj.us, "jwinters@closternj.us" <jwinters@closternj.us>, construction@closternj.us

Dear Mayor, Members of Borough Council, DPW Superintendent, and Chief of Police,

I am writing on behalf of myself and a growing number of concerned Herbert Avenue residents regarding four increasingly serious problems on our street. After living on Herbert Avenue for eight years, I have watched the street deteriorate significantly and become increasingly difficult and unsafe for a residential neighborhood.

These are not isolated issues. They reinforce one another and require action as a coordinated road-safety problem:

1. Excessive Speeding and the Need for Physical Traffic Calming

Herbert Avenue is a relatively long and a uniquely **straight** residential street where vehicles regularly travel at speeds that are clearly inconsistent with a 25-mph neighborhood road. Police enforcement and the electronic speed display may help temporarily, but they do not address the underlying problem.

The Borough should evaluate and implement physical, self-enforcing traffic calming, particularly wide, low-profile speed humps or speed tables designed to bring traffic down to the posted 25 mph without creating unnecessary noise or discomfort for residents.

2. Deteriorating Asphalt and Severe Truck Noise

Sections of Herbert Avenue have become rough and uneven, including areas affected by blessed utility work and trench restoration. When heavy trucks and empty trailers pass over these uneven surfaces, the result is not ordinary traffic noise. The impact creates extremely loud metallic crushing and slamming sounds that carry directly into surrounding homes.

The Borough should have DPW inspect the roadway and utility restoration areas and require correction of deficient pavement restoration so that the road is returned to a smooth, properly finished residential condition.

3. Herbert Avenue Has Become a Heavy-Truck Through Route

Herbert Avenue increasingly functions as a shortcut for heavy commercial vehicles rather than a normal residential street. The trucks contribute directly to pavement deterioration, excessive noise and the danger created by speeding traffic.

The Borough should take immediate steps within its authority to address inappropriate heavy-truck through traffic and evaluate appropriate routing onto roads better suited to commercial traffic (Railroad ave, Livingston St.) rather than allowing Herbert Avenue to function as a truck corridor.

4. Pedestrian and Crosswalk Safety

This is perhaps the most concerning issue.

The designated two-line crosswalks along Herbert Avenue leading toward downtown- including near Closter Dock Road - are severely degraded and functionally invisible to oncoming drivers. Pedestrians attempting to cross are regularly stranded mid-street while oncoming vehicles execute hazardous swerving maneuvers around them rather than coming to a full stop. What are meant to be safe crossing zones have instead become active hazard areas where pedestrians, particularly young children and seniors, are left entirely exposed to oncoming traffic and constant near-misses.

Furthermore, there is an absence of a defined pedestrian crossing directly serving Palisades Country Day **School** and the primary walking route toward downtown. We urge the Borough to prioritize immediate high-visibility "zebra" markings paired with physical traffic-calming measures, such as raised crosswalk tables, specifically at these high-exposure locations to guarantee pedestrian right-of-way.

Immediate Action Requested

I am asking the Borough to address these four issues as an integrated Herbert Avenue safety project and to identify the fastest lawful path to action, rather than allowing the matter to be deferred indefinitely between departments or committees.

Within the next 14 days, I respectfully ask the Borough to:

1. Have DPW inspect the deteriorated and uneven roadway and utility restoration areas and identify corrective work.
2. Conduct targeted enforcement of speeding and inappropriate heavy-truck traffic while permanent measures are developed.
3. Have Borough Engineering evaluate locations for wide, low-profile speed humps/speed tables and identify the fastest path to implementation.
4. Repaint and restore the faded pedestrian crossings toward downtown, including the Closter Dock Road area, and identify any additional crossings required for the school and pedestrian routes.
5. Identify appropriate measures to prevent Herbert Avenue from continuing to function as an unnecessary heavy-truck through route.
6. Provide a written response identifying the immediate actions the Borough will take, the department or official responsible for each action, and the expected timeline.

A neighborhood petition is also being circulated among Herbert Avenue residents, reflecting the growing concern among people who live directly on the street.

We are not asking the Borough to wait for another serious incident before acting. The conditions are visible today: excessive speeds, deteriorating pavement, heavy-truck traffic, and pedestrians crossing at poorly marked crossings while vehicles continue moving through them.

These are practical problems with practical solutions. We are asking the Borough to act before someone is seriously hurt.

Thank you for your prompt attention. I would appreciate confirmation of receipt and a written response outlining the Borough's next steps.

Sincerely,

David Weinstein
141 Herber Ave

(On behalf of concerned residents of Herbert Avenue)

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Closter Recreation Commission

Po Box 143, Closter NJ 07624

Jim Oettinger Director

joettinger@closternj.us

10/6/26

To: Mayor and Distinguished Council Members

From: Jim Oettinger

On behalf of Chief James Buccola, DPW Superintendent AJ Martin and I, we would like to ask for permission to host a Veteran's Day ceremony at Veterans Monument Park (Herbert Ave) on Veterans Day November 11, 2026.

The ceremony will form at 10:30am, start promptly at 10:45am and conclude approximately at 11:30am.

We would need to close the portion of Herbert Ave from Homans Avenue to Closter Dock Road for set up at 9:20am-11:30am.

We hope that we can get a good turnout for this event to honor and recognize all our veterans who have served and done so much for our country.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Oettinger

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Recreation/Parks Director.

CC: Chief James Buccola
DPW Superintendent AJ Martin
Borough Administrator James Winters



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Mari Margiotta <mmargiotta@closternj.us>

SHBP Working Group, Best Practices Due 10/30, Federal Housing Webinar

1 message

Weekly Roundup <njleague@njlm.org>

Wed, Oct 7, 2026 at 4:15 PM

Reply-To: njleague@njlm.org

To: mmargiotta@closternj.us



Weekly Roundup

October 7, 2026

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State Issues

Governor Announces State Health Benefits Reform Working Group

On October 1, Governor Sherrill announced a State Health Benefits Program Reform Working Group. The League is part of the working group.

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

Read more: Governor Announces State Health Benefits Reform Working Group

DLGS Updates Guidance on Direct Install Energy Efficiency Program

On October 1, the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) issued Local Finance Notice 2026-15 to provide updated guidance on the Direct

Install (DI) Energy Efficiency Program for public sector entities and to supplement guidance previously issued in LFN 2025-11.

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

Read more: DLGS Updates Guidance on Direct Install Energy Efficiency Program

DLGS Issues LFN on Unpaid Water and Sewer Charges Billed to Condo Associations

The Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) has issued Local Finance Notice 2026-16 regarding the enforcement of unpaid water and sewer charges billed to condominium associations.

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

Read more: DLGS Issues LFN on Unpaid Water and Sewer Charges Billed to Condo Associations

State Launches Nuclear NJ Information Hub

On October 1, the NJBPU launched its Nuclear NJ website designed to provide stakeholders with information on nuclear energy in the state.

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

Read more: State Launches Nuclear NJ Information Hub

A-3346 on Local Government Efficiency Passed by Committee

On October 5, 2026, A-3346 was amended and released from the Assembly Community Development and Women's Affairs Committee. A-3346 requires the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy to undertake a study to determine local government service efficiency.

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

Read more: A-3346 on Local Government Efficiency Passed by Committee

Reminder: Best Practices Inventory Due October 30

The Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) has issued Local Finance Notice 2026-14 regarding the Best Practices Inventory due on October 30 for all municipalities, including state fiscal year municipalities.

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

Read more: Reminder: Best Practices Inventory Due October 30

Federal Issues

21st Century ROAD to Housing Act Webinar

Housing Solutions Lab, in collaboration with the National League of Cities (NLC), is hosting a webinar on October 13 at 3 p.m. to discuss the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act incentives and support for both the public and private sectors.

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

Read more: 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act Webinar

Census Webinar on Importance of LUCA

The National League of Cities is hosting a webinar on the 2030 Census Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) operation on October 28 at 1:00 pm.

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

Read more: [Census Webinar on Importance of LUCA](#)

Veterans Treatment Court Grants Available

Bureau of Justice Assistance is offering grants to help local governments implement and enhance treatment courts serving veterans with substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders. Applications are due November 5, 2026.

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

Read more: [Veterans Treatment Court Grants Available](#)

Natural Climate Solutions Grant Deadline Extended

NJDEP has extended the deadline for Round 2 of the Natural Climate Solutions Grant Program, supporting projects that restore and enhance New Jersey's natural carbon sinks. Applications are due December 31, 2026.

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

Read more: [Natural Climate Solutions Grant Deadline Extended](#)

Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program Grants Available

FHWA is offering grants for projects that reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve habitat connectivity. Local governments are eligible to apply. Applications are due November 16.

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

Read more: [Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program Grants Available](#)

Conference Connections

Saluting Service

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.

Municipal officials with current or previous military service are invited to [complete a nomination form](#) by October 16 for inclusion at this year's event.

Book Your Hotel Space

[Reserve your housing](#) with AC Central Reservations, the League's Official Housing Partner, by October 16. Booking through the official block ensures the best experience. Book with a trusted vendor, receive onsite support, and no surprise fees.

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: Funding Fighting Cyberattacks.

Across New Jersey, cyberattacks have become one of the most urgent threats facing local government. Whether managing police and EMS dispatch systems, tax records, water utilities, public-facing portals, or everyday email and file storage, the continued operation of municipal government depends on secure and resilient technology. For elected officials, cybersecurity is no longer an IT department problem; it's a core municipal risk and budget priority.

[Read all about it in this weeks' NJ Municipalities magazine 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, 609-695-3481, x123.

Free Webinar on Energy-Saving for Smaller Public Buildings

Sustainable Jersey and experts from the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBL) will host a free webinar, Building Automation Solutions for Smaller Municipal and School Buildings, on October 28, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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

Read more: [Free Webinar on Energy-Saving for Smaller Public Buildings](#)

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