



**Mount Olive Township
Council Public Meeting
July 21, 2026**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

ROLL CALL

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Water/Sewer Analysis - Rate Increase

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - J. Ferrante

1. July 7, 2026 Council Public Meeting Minutes (absent: C. Labow & J. Mania)
2. July 7, 2026 Closed Session Minutes (absent: Ms. Labow and Mr. Mania)

ROLL CALL

CORRESPONDENCE - has been presented to Council

1. Correspondence packet attached to agenda

DISCUSSION OF ACTION ITEMS (as listed below)

1. Ordinances for Public Hearing
2. Ordinances for First Reading
3. Resolutions

PUBLIC PORTION

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING: (2)

- Ord. 19-2026 An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, amending Chapter 550, Land Use, and Chapter 169, Dogs and Other Animals, of the Township Code to establish regulations for deer fencing - M. Lalama**
- The Township would like to make amendments, in response to a resident's request, to the Township code related to the installation of "deer fencing". Deer fencing shall be allowed in rear yards only to protect gardens from deer or other wildlife, and shall be no more than eight (8) feet tall with the issuance of a zoning permit.

Ord. 20-2026 An Ordinance of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, amending Chapter 550, Land Use, of the Township Code to revise home occupation definitions in accordance with the Township's 2024 Periodic Re-examination Report of the Master Plan and development regulations - J. Mania

As recommended in the Periodic Reexamination Report of the Master Plan and Development Regulations, the report recommends reviewing the list of permitted home occupations and to consider more up-to-date classifications. A cottage food operator and telemarketer will be added to the list of occupations.

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS AGENDA: (10) Resos 271-2026 through 280-2026 - R. Ruggiero

271-2026 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive renewing the group dental benefits program for eligible employees and their covered dependents through Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc.

The Township provides dental benefit coverage to eligible employees through Delta Dental of NJ. Our Health Benefits Consultant has examined our plan usage, claims data and network utilization, and has negotiated a renewal rate with our provider. A 0% increase for 24-months has been negotiated and all coverages/benefits remain unchanged.

272-2026 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive waiving construction permit fees to Musco Sports Lighting, LLC related to the Turkey Brook Park Soccer Field Lighting Retrofit Project

The Township has awarded a contract related to the Turkey Brook Park Soccer Field Lighting Retrofit project to Musco Sports Lighting, LLC and would like to waive the municipal fees associated with the permits.

273-2026 Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive requesting permission for the dedication by rider for police donations trust fund required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29

The CFO recommends requesting permission from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to establish a dedicated trust fund for police donations to streamline the financial process of accepting and utilizing the funds.

274-2026 Resolution of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, granting a temporary six-month conditional quarry license to Saxton Falls Sand & Gravel on certain conditions of compliance through December 31, 2026

Saxton Falls is the operator of a quarry located at 66 Waterloo Valley Road. The Township Planning Board reviewed the Operation and Reclamation Plan and recommended the issuance of a license by the Governing Body. A six-month license was initially granted and is recommended to extend the license through the end of the year as all conditions of the license application have been met.

- 275-2026** **Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing a non-fair and open vendor service contract for water improvements to the South Hillside area of the Township pursuant to New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law (FSC Leak Detection)**
The Township would like to provide water improvements to three (3) residents on South Hillside Drive to address a public safety concern. FSC Leak Detection has submitted a proposal not to exceed \$33,075 and it is recommended to award a non-fair and open vendor service in accordance with pay-to-play law.
- 276-2026** **Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing a contract for road resurfacing off the MCCPC Cooperative (Tilcon New York)**
The Township has a need to purchase road resurfacing materials off a Morris County Cooperative Contract not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the Township 2026 Road Resurfacing Program.
- 277-2026** **Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for surveying, engineering and construction administration services for the Wolfe Road Resurfacing Project (Van Cleef Engineering Associates) *REVISED - contract extension**
The Township previously awarded an engineering contract to Van Cleef Engineering Associates for services related to the Wolfe Road Resurfacing Project. The original contract expired on May 13, 2026, and needs to be extended for a one (1) year period.
- 278-2026** **Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for Township Engineer to Michael G. Vreeland of Van Cleef Engineering Associates (January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026) *REVISED - Adding account numbers**
The Township has a need for engineering services and previously awarded a contract to Van Cleef Engineering Associates for various projects. The contract needs to be revised to include other account numbers to be charged.
- 279-2026** **Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement for pyrotechnic services to International Fireworks Mfg. Co. *REVISED — Reallocating Funds**
The Township has a need for pyrotechnic services and previously awarded a contract to International Fireworks MFG. Co which needs to be revised to reallocate funds to a different account.
- 280-2026** **Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive authorizing the use of Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract for 2026 (Denville Line Painting)**
The Township wishes to purchase goods/services thru the Morris County

coop with Denville Line Painting for roadway striping. The amount shall not exceed \$50,000.

COUNCIL COMMENTS ON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

ROLL CALL

RESOLUTIONS NON-CONSENT

COUNCIL COMMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL RESOLUTIONS

ROLL CALL (NON-CONSENT)

MOTIONS - C. Labow

1. Bill List

ROLL CALL

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

LEGAL MATTERS

COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Board of Education Liaison - **C. Aaron**
2. Library Board Liaison - **J. Ferrante**
3. Recreation Liaison - **J. Ferrante**
4. Environmental Committee - **C. Labow**
5. Lake Issues - **C. Labow**
6. Open Space Committee - **C. Labow**
7. Board of Health - **M. Lalama**
8. Legislative Committee - **J. Mania**
9. Senior Citizen Liaison - **J. Mania**
10. Planning Board - **R. Ruggiero**

PUBLIC PORTION

COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT



Business Administrator's Office

To: Mt. Olive Township Council
From: Andrew Tatarenko
cc: Mayor Joe Nicastro
Date: July 13, 2026
Re: Water/Sewer Utility Analysis – Rate Increase

The annual Water and Sewer Utility Rate Study presented earlier this year identified that a rate adjustment will likely be necessary before 2029. Without any changes to the current rate structure, the Utility's fund balance is projected to be depleted, resulting in an estimated revenue shortfall of approximately **\$1,512,287**.

Following the study, the Township's auditors performed additional financial projections to evaluate the impact of incremental rate adjustments. Their analysis indicates that implementing a **5% rate increase in both 2027 and 2028** would significantly improve the Utility's financial position and extend the projected exhaustion of the fund balance by at least one year, to **2030**.

Outlined below is a summary of the anticipated impact these proposed adjustments would have on typical residential utility charges. While the Township will continue to evaluate additional financial strategies to mitigate the impact on ratepayers, and future projections remain subject to actual water consumption and operating conditions, some level of rate increase is ultimately unavoidable. The Water and Sewer Utility has not implemented a rate increase since **2017**, and adjustments are necessary to maintain the long-term financial stability and operational sustainability of the utility.

Water Rates			
Residential Metered			
	2026 Current	2027 Projected	2028 Projected
Quarterly Minimum	\$ 51.00	\$ 53.55	\$ 56.23
7,500 gallons - 22,500	\$ 2.76	\$ 2.90	\$ 3.04
22,500 gallons - 37,500	\$ 3.77	\$ 3.96	\$ 4.16
37,500 gallons and up	\$ 5.22	\$ 5.48	\$ 5.76
Garden Apartments			
Quarterly Minimum	\$ 59.00	\$ 61.95	\$ 65.05
7,500 gallons - 22,500	\$ 2.76	\$ 2.90	\$ 3.04
22,500 gallons - 37,500	\$ 3.57	\$ 3.75	\$ 3.94

Sewer Rates			
Clover Hill Garden Apartments			
Quarterly Rate	\$ 59.25	\$ 62.21	\$ 65.32
Clover Hill Residential			
Quarterly Rate	\$ 120.00	\$ 126.00	\$ 132.30
Wyndahm Pointe			
Quarterly Rate	\$ 233.00	\$ 244.65	\$ 256.88
Budd Lake			
Quarterly Rate	\$ 180.50	\$ 189.53	\$ 199.00
ITC East			
Quarterly Rate			
One-Bedroom	\$ 124.50	\$ 130.73	\$ 137.26
Two-Bedroom	\$ 186.75	\$ 196.09	\$ 205.89
Three-Bedroom	\$ 249.54	\$ 262.02	\$ 275.12

Township of Mount Olive
Water/Sewer Utility Operating Fund
Calculation of Operations and Changes in Fund Balance - 2025 through 2031

	Anticipated Actual 2025	Projected 2026	Projected 2027	Projected 2028	Projected 2029	Projected 2030	Projected 2031
Revenues and Other Income							
Surplus Anticipated	\$ 1,633,834	\$ 1,816,385	\$ 992,159	\$ 1,202,974	\$ 1,809,131	\$ 165,304	\$ -
Rents - Water	1,927,333	1,925,000	1,925,000	2,021,250	2,122,213	2,122,213	2,122,213
Rents - Sewer	4,363,803	4,250,000	4,250,000	4,462,500	4,685,625	4,685,625	4,685,625
Rents - Water 5% Increase 2027 & 2028	-	-	96,250	101,063	-	-	-
Rents - Sewer 5% Increase 2027 & 2028	-	-	212,500	223,125	-	-	-
Special Assessment - Interest	8,890	6,000	9,212	8,600	7,900	7,200	6,500
Miscellaneous	811,527	215,000	190,000	190,000	190,000	190,000	190,000
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	334,835	280,000	280,000	280,000	280,000	280,000	280,000
Additional Revenues Required	-	-	-	-	-	1,742,869	2,336,380
Total Revenues and Other Income	9,080,222	8,492,385	7,955,121	8,489,512	9,094,869	9,193,211	9,620,718
Expenditures							
Operating							
Salaries and Wages	1,481,872	1,522,400	1,598,520	1,678,450	1,762,370	1,850,490	1,943,010
Other Expenses	2,449,662	2,638,850	2,770,790	2,909,330	3,054,800	3,207,540	3,367,920
Musconetcong Sewerage Authority	1,714,976	1,815,000	1,860,375	1,906,884	1,954,556	2,003,420	2,053,506
Capital Improvement Fund	25,000	89,750	28,750	78,750	78,750	28,750	32,500
Capital Outlay	335,000	735,000	20,000	175,000	320,000	185,000	135,000
Debt Service							
Bond Anticipation Notes							
Principal	-	-	204,805	230,595	355,895	467,620	469,256
Interest	-	35,000	81,922	92,238	142,358	187,048	187,703
Bonds							
Principal	350,000	235,000	235,000	260,000	265,000	265,000	265,000
Interest	112,062	92,863	92,675	83,913	74,113	63,313	52,513
Loans							
Principal	19,744	19,859	19,982	20,137	20,301	20,474	20,656
Interest	1,104	988	864	710	546	372	190
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures							
Public Employees' Retirement System	109,424	113,474	119,148	125,105	131,360	137,928	144,824
Social Security	113,363	114,200	122,290	128,400	134,820	141,560	148,640
Anticipated Sewer Utility Assessment							
Trust Fund Deficit	2,627	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus (General Budget)	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000
Total Expenditures	7,514,834	8,212,384	7,955,121	8,489,512	9,094,869	9,358,515	9,620,718
Excess (Deficit) in Revenues	1,565,388	280,001	-	-	-	(165,304)	-
Fund Balance, January 1	5,758,426	5,689,980	4,153,596	3,161,437	1,958,463	165,304	-
Less: Fund Balance Utilized in Budget	(1,633,834)	(1,816,385)	(992,159)	(1,202,974)	(1,793,159)	-	-
Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 5,689,980	\$ 4,153,596	\$ 3,161,437	\$ 1,958,463	\$ 165,304	\$ -	\$ -



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From: Gouveia, Susan
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2026 12:04 PM
To: Mount Olive Township Council
Cc: Erin Meixsell
Subject: FW: Let's "Light to Unite" Red, White and Blue in Morris County
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Correspondence.

Susan Gouveia

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COUNTY OF MORRIS
Office of Communications & Digital Media

Press Release:

July 1, 2026
For Immediate Release

Let's "Light to Unite" Red, White and Blue in Morris County
Join in a Nationwide Patriotic Display Starting July 2



Beginning tomorrow, July 2, Morris County is inviting residents, businesses, schools, places of worship, community organizations and local governments to join the nationwide "Light to Unite" campaign in celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

During the weeklong campaign, participants are encouraged to illuminate homes, businesses, public buildings and landmarks in red, white and blue and share photos on social media using **#NJLightToUnite** and **@morriscountynj**.

The celebration kicks off at dusk on July 2, when the historic Morris County Courthouse and other county facilities throughout the county will be lit in our nation's colors as a tribute to America's founding and the ideals that continue to unite its people 250 years later.

"We hope everyone across Morris County will take part in this special celebration," said **Commissioner Director Stephen H. Shaw**. "Whether you're lighting the windows, doorstep, front porch or façade of your home or building, it's a simple way to show your pride, honor our nation's history and celebrate our Semiquincentennial together."

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The campaign concludes on the evening of July 8, when Morris County joins communities across the nation for a synchronized public reading of the Declaration of Independence at 6 p.m. Eastern Standard Time as part of the **"Sharing the Spirit of America"** initiative. This event coincides with the date and time the Declaration was first read publicly in Philadelphia 250 years ago. Morris County's reading will take place on the lawn of the historic Morris County Courthouse and will **be livestreamed on the Morris County Facebook page**.

County facilities that will be illuminated in red, white and blue from July 2 – July 8 include:

- The Veterans Services Office, 540 W. Hanover Ave., Morris Township
- The Law & Public Safety Complex, 500 W. Hanover Ave., Parsippany-Troy Hills
- The historic Morris County Courthouse, 56 Washington St., Morristown
- The Morris County Administration & Records Building, under "the bridge" at 10 Court St., Morristown.
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- The Morris County Library, 30 E. Hanover Ave., Whippany
- The Human Services Complex at 1 Medical Drive, Morris Plains
- The Morris County 9/11 Memorial, 460 W. Hanover Ave., Parsippany-Troy Hills

The "Light to Unite" initiative is part of the nationwide commemoration of America's Semiquincentennial, encouraging communities across the country to demonstrate civic pride through a shared display of patriotic light.

For more information about 250th Anniversary programs and events happening throughout Morris County, please visit **morriscounty250.com**.

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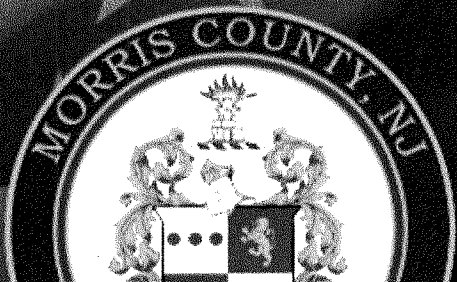
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Celebrating 250 Years of Revolutionary
History in Morris County

LIGHT TO UNITE

July 2-8, 2026

Join Morris County in illuminating our
communities in red, white and blue!



Share your photos

Erin Meixsell

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Many of the programs are part of the nationwide America250 initiative, recognizing the nation's Semiquincentennial and Morris County's role in the American Revolution.

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Local Independence Day Celebrations

- [Dover](#) will celebrate with live music and fireworks beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 2.
- [Mountain Lakes](#) will hold a community barbecue Thursday, July 2, followed by its annual fireworks display Friday, July 3.
- [Chatham Borough](#) will host its annual parade at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 4, proceeding west along Main Street. Fireworks will follow at Chatham Middle School.
- [Denville Days](#) runs Friday, July 3, through Sunday, July 5, at Gardner Field, featuring live entertainment, carnival attractions and a concert with fireworks on Saturday, July 4.
- [East Hanover](#) will celebrate Saturday, July 4, with food, music, a DJ and fireworks.
- [Florham Park](#) is hosting "[America's Birthday Bash](#)" will host "America's Birthday Bash" on Saturday, July 4. The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. in the center of town and concludes at Borough Hall, where a family picnic from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. will feature rides, live music, barbecue and food trucks. A community rendition of "Happy Birthday" to America is planned for noon, followed by evening fireworks beginning at 7 p.m.
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- [Mendham Township \(Brookside\)](#) will hold its annual Fourth of July parade Saturday, July 4.
- [Parsippany-Troy Hills](#) continues its America Week celebration, culminating with a community barbecue and fireworks Saturday, July 4.
- [Whippany Burying Yard Fourth of July guided tour](#) will offer guided tours Saturday, July 4, highlighting Morris County's oldest colonial cemetery, established in 1718, where veterans of the French and Indian War, the American Revolution and the Civil War are buried. Registration is required.

Continuing the Celebration

Independence Day events continue throughout July with additional 250th Anniversary programs across Morris County:

- [The Morris County Traveling Mural Project](#) will visit the Morris County Library on Tuesday, July 7.
- Morris County will participate in the nationwide synchronized "[Sharing the Spirit of America](#)" [reading](#) of the Declaration of Independence at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 8, on the lawn of the historic Morris County Courthouse. Participants are encouraged to share photos on social media and tag @MorrisCounty250.
- [Boonton Township](#) will host a chapel concert Tuesday, July 7. Fireworks are scheduled for July 25 at RVA Field.
- [Randolph's Freedom Festival](#) runs July 9-11, celebrating 50 years of community tradition with live entertainment, food, games and fireworks on July 11.

- Lake Hopatcong will celebrate America's 250th birthday July 11 with a boat parade from Nolan's Point, an all-fleet sail from Bertrand Island to Halsey Island and a paddler flotilla for kayaks, canoes and other small watercraft.
- Mount Arlington will commemorate America's 250th on July 11 with a historical walk through Memorial Park, colonial-era games, interactive exhibits, displays featuring Bertrand Island Amusement Park memorabilia and a concert on the beach.
- Mountain Lakes will host its Stars, Stripes & Sirens Community Photo Exhibit and Touch-a-Truck event July 11.

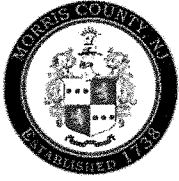
Additional parades, festivals and fireworks displays are planned throughout all 39 of Morris County's municipalities this year.

For a complete calendar of Morris County 250th anniversary events, visit morriscounty250.com.

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Subject: FW: Local Morris County Celebrations Will Mark America's 250th
Attachments: 250th Independence Day Events 07 01 26 updated.docx; 250-fireworks.png

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Please be advised, there were two other events we intended to include in the previously shared press release. Those events are below and have been added to an updated version of the press release (attached). Our apologies if your town is hosting an event that was not mentioned in the press release as we continue to track and support the promotion of the many events and programs taking place in this historic year.

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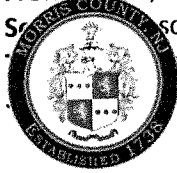
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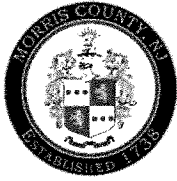
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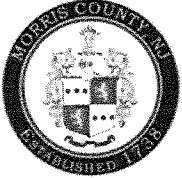
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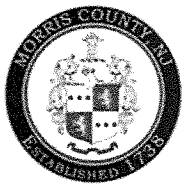
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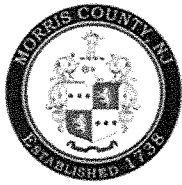
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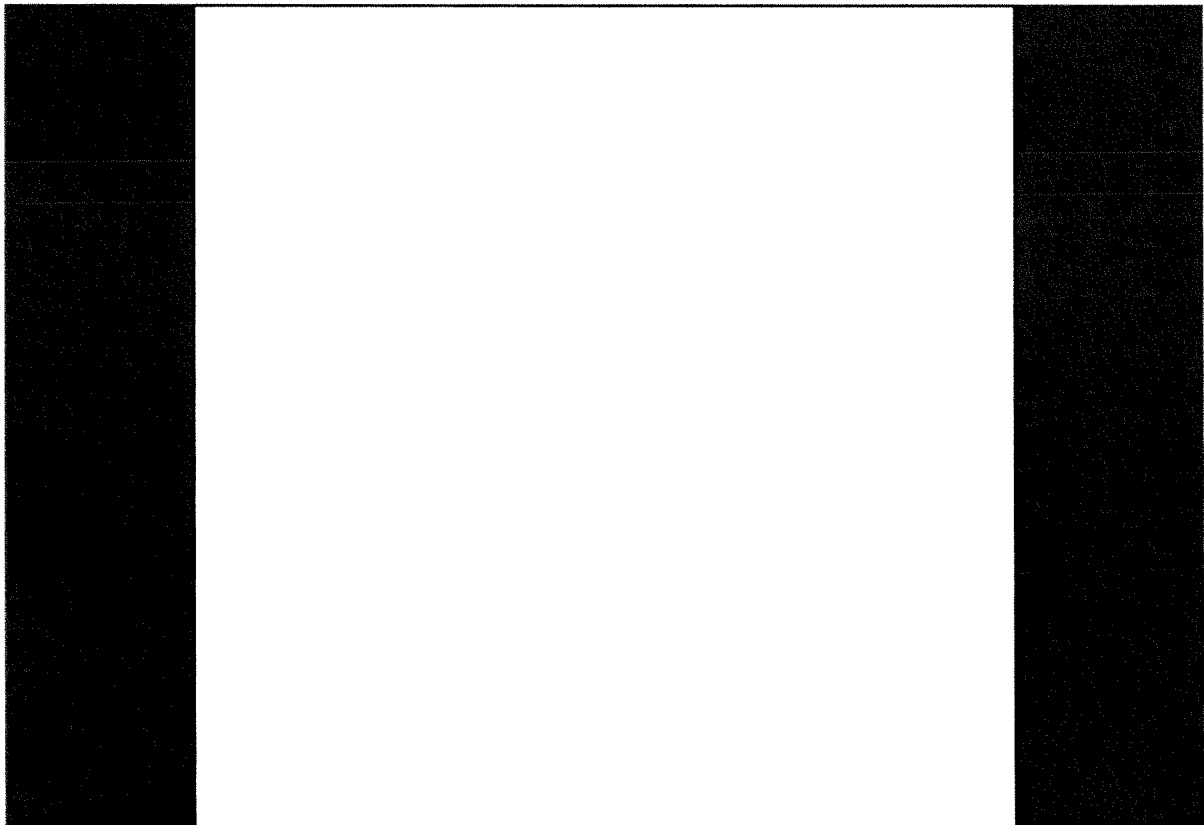
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Weekly Roundup

July 1, 2026

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State Issues

Governor Sherrill Signs SFY2027 Budget Into Law

On Tuesday night, Governor Sherrill signed the \$60.7 billion SFY27 Budget into law.

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

Read more: Governor Sherrill Signs SFY2027 Budget Into Law

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Governor Updates Budget Report Card Ahead of Vote on FY27 Budget

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Read more: Governor Updates Budget Report Card Ahead of Vote on FY27 Budget

OSC Shifts to Fully Electronic Procurement Submissions Starting July 1

The Office of the State Comptroller's Public Contracting Oversight Division (OSC PCO) announced that New Jersey contracting units must transition to a fully electronic procurement notification and submission of procurement documents starting July 1.

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

Read more: OSC Shifts to Fully Electronic Procurement Submissions Starting July 1

A-3877/S-2960 Awaits Action from Governor

A-3877/S-2960, which establishes certain State funding preferences for municipalities that enhance opportunities to develop housing, was a late addition to the Senate Budget Committee agenda. It was amended, passed both chambers on Tuesday, and awaits action from the Governor.

Contacts: Mike Cerra, Executive Director, mcerra@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x120, or Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, ppenna@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x110.

Read more: A-3877/S-2960 Awaits Action from Governor

Public Safety Overtime Clarification Advances

On Wednesday, the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee favorably reported S-4443, which clarifies overtime compensation for certain public employees engaged in law enforcement and fire protection. The League supports this measure.

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

Read more: Public Safety Overtime Clarification Advances

NJ Municipal Technology Use Survey

The League and the DLGS are collaborating with the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy to conduct a survey on municipal governments' use of technology. Please send the survey to the person who manages your municipality's technology.

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

Read more: NJ Municipal Technology Use Survey

NJ ELEC Hearing on Junk Fees

NJ Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) to hold a public hearing on July 21, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. regarding Governor Sherrill's Executive Order 19 to reduce or eliminate "junk fees."

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

Read more: NJ ELEC Hearing on Junk Fees

Federal Issues

21st Century ROAD to Housing Awaits Action by President

As we reported last week, the Senate and House passed the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act. It awaits action by President Donald Trump.

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

Read more: 21st Century ROAD to Housing Awaits Action by President

House Committee to Consider WRDA Legislation

On Friday, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee released a draft bipartisan Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) to authorize flood control, navigation, and ecosystem restoration projects under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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

Read more: House Committee to Consider WRDA Legislation

HUD Continuum of Care Builds Grants Available

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is accepting applications to support the development of new permanent supportive housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

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

Read more: HUD Continuum of Care Builds Grants Available

Conference Connections

Conference Registration is Now Open!

Early Bird Registration and the official Housing system for the 2026 Annual League Conference are now open. Registrants are all welcome to register early and take advantage of the best event prices through August 31.

Contacts: Amy Spiezio, Editor, aspiezio@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x123.

Read more: Conference Registration is Now Open!

Also of Interest

Reminder: Show Off Your Celebrations!

As your municipality's 250th Celebrations roll out, please capture the magical moments for this year's Show Off Your City contest!

For the 2027 contest, we will focus specifically on the fruits of hard work that resulted in so many happy moments during the 250th Anniversary of the USA.

Whether it's a parade, a reenactment, a party, or poignant moment, we look forward to receiving your entries starting Conference week in November.

For more information on contest basics, visit the Show Off Your City webpage.

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***NJ Municipalities* Blog: Piscataway: Home of the First 4th**

Did you know that the first national celebration of Independence Day was held in Piscataway on July 4, 1778? Join reenactors representing General George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette this year on July 4 for a commemoration of the *feu de joie* (fire of joy) that took place on the banks of the Raritan River on July 4, 1778, in Piscataway. Read about the celebrations [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.

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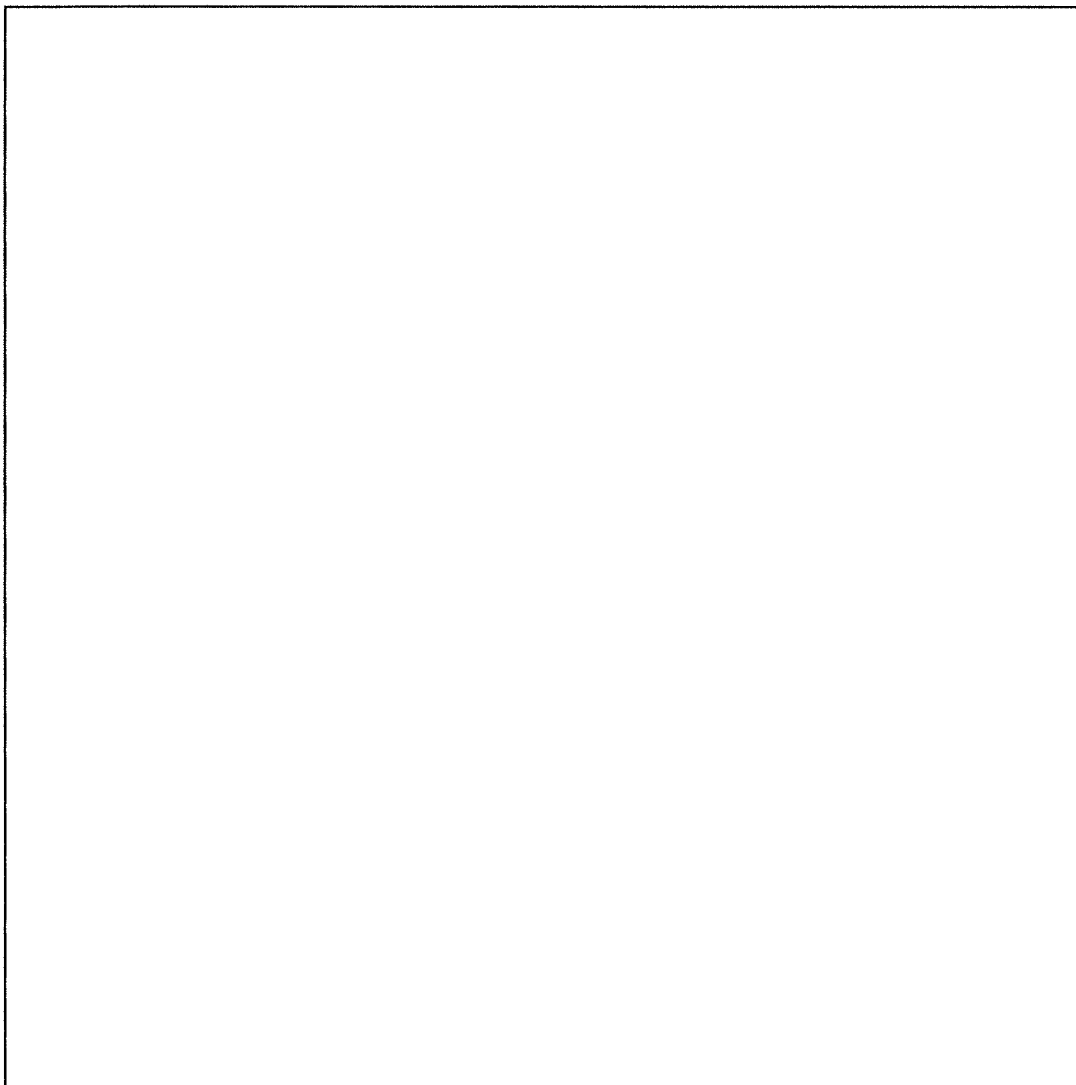
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Read more: Plan4HealthNJ Community Planning Grants Available

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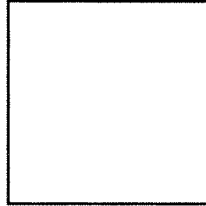
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Governor Sherrill encourages New Jerseyans to take the proper precautions as extreme heat impacts our state.

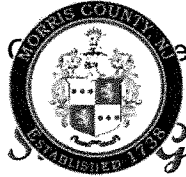
Stay cool, stay hydrated, limit strenuous outdoor activity during the hottest parts of the day, and never leave children or pets in parked vehicles. Please check in on neighbors, older adults, people with disabilities, those with chronic medical conditions, and anyone who may be especially vulnerable to extreme heat.

Please visit https://us-west-2.protection.sophos.com?d=nj.gov&u=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubmouZ292L2hlyXQv&p=m&i=NThINjc2MGFhZjA3OGMxNGY5YjI4M2I4&t=Q3pjNXd5WGIWcmVUL0YyVFpPQ29FQTZQZVN0WEFsT0xWR2hTNTUzNXFPPT0=&h=96b25ec7178048db8572ea764160a7b3&s=AVNPUEhUTONFTkNSWVBUSVa_TXgYDo-d8z-VoZpr4VC8 for the latest information, heat safety guidance, and available assistance.

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at 6 p.m. -- the same time communities across all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and the U.S. territories will participate in the nationwide "Sharing the Spirit of America" initiative.

The Declaration of Independence reading will also be livestreamed on the Morris County Facebook page. If you cannot join us, we encourage our fellow municipalities, local civic organizations, veteran halls and every other group to organize other synchronized readings throughout Morris County at exactly 6 p.m. on July 8.

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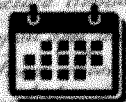
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Celebrating 250 Years of Revolutionary
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SHARING THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA



A Nationwide Reading of the
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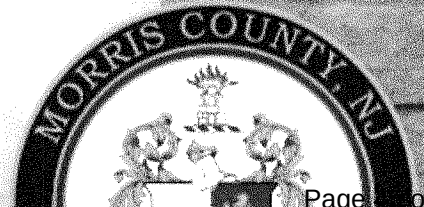


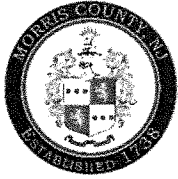
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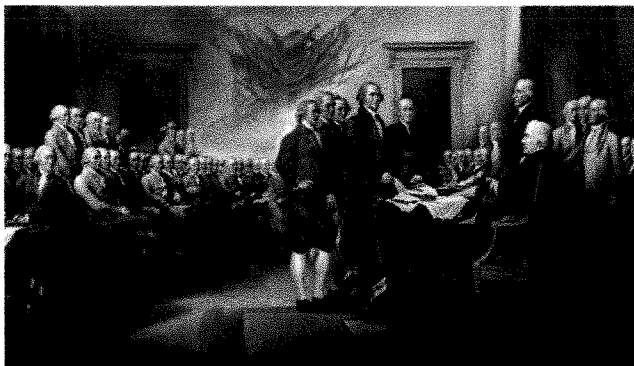
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250th Anniversary
of the signing of the
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This Week in Morris County 

Thursday, July 2, 2026



The Grand Cafe Celebrates 45 Years in Morristown

Congratulations to **The Grand Café** on 45 years of exceptional dining and hospitality!

The Morris County Commissioners, led by Director Stephen Shaw, proudly presented The Grand Café with a plaque commemorating its 45th anniversary on July 1, 2026, honoring the legacy of founders Desmond and Alice Lloyd while celebrating a new generation of leadership under daughter, **Allison Lloyd Porter**.

Sheriff James Gannon also presented a plaque on behalf of Morris County Crime Stoppers alongside Chairman John Sette, while Assemblywoman Aura Dunn and Chiara Garcia, chief of staff for Sen. Anthony M. Bucco, presented a joint legislative citation on behalf of the 25th legislative district. Morristown Fire Chief Bob Flanagan also offered his congratulations.

Surrounded by family, longtime employees and loyal patrons, Allison Lloyd Porter pledged to carry on her parents' legacy as the restaurant launches a month-long anniversary celebration featuring 45% off select wines, a \$45 prix-fixe lunch and live piano every Saturday evening throughout July.



Anniversary of the Revolution

Celebrating 250 Years of Revolutionary
History in Morris County



Red, White and Blue: Light To Unite Starting July 2

Join Nationwide Reading of the Declaration of Independence July 8

Morris County invites everyone to participate in two key milestones that unfolded in July 1776 and gave birth to the United States of America. Today, July 2, is the day in 1776 the Second Continental Congress voted to separate the 13 colonies from Great Britain. July 8 was the exact date 250 years ago of the very first public reading of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia.

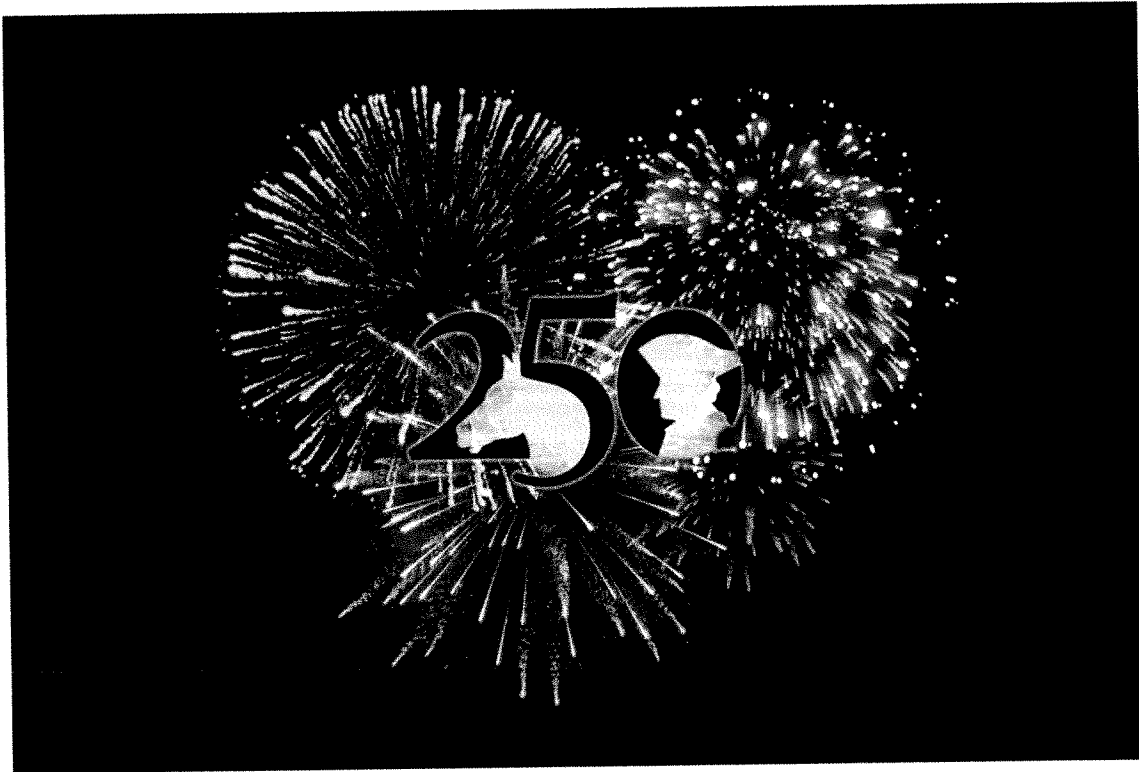
Beginning today, fly your flag and light up your home or office in red, white and blue through July 8 as part of the "[Light to Unite](#)" campaign.

Next week, on Wednesday, July 8, Morris County will participate in "[Sharing the Spirit of America](#)," a nationwide synchronized reading of the Declaration of Independence that will take place at exactly 6 p.m. EDT. Join us on the lawn of the historic Morris County Courthouse at 56 Washington St., Morristown, where

Morris County leaders including the Morris County Board of County Commissioners will be reading the Declaration of Independence at the exact same time that millions of other Americans will be reading it aloud.

[Read a transcript of the Declaration of Independence.](#)

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Local Morris County Celebrations Will Mark America's 250th

Morris County communities are commemorating America's 250th anniversary with Independence Day celebrations throughout the holiday week, including parades, fireworks, concerts, historical reenactments, public readings of the Declaration of Independence and family-friendly events. **View a detailed list of the many Semiquincentennial events happening across the county throughout the week.**

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Picatinny Arsenal's Revolutionary Roots Detailed on Commissioner Tour

The Morris County Board of County Commissioners recently visited Picatinny Arsenal for a tour highlighting the military installation's rich history, modern technological mission and longstanding ties to Morris County dating back to the American Revolution and the nation's founding 250 years ago.

The commissioners viewed historical artifacts and learned about Picatinny's evolution from its official establishment in 1880 as the Picatinny Powder Depot into today's Joint Center of Excellence for Guns and Ammunition, leading research, development, acquisition and lifecycle management of advanced conventional weapon systems and ammunition.

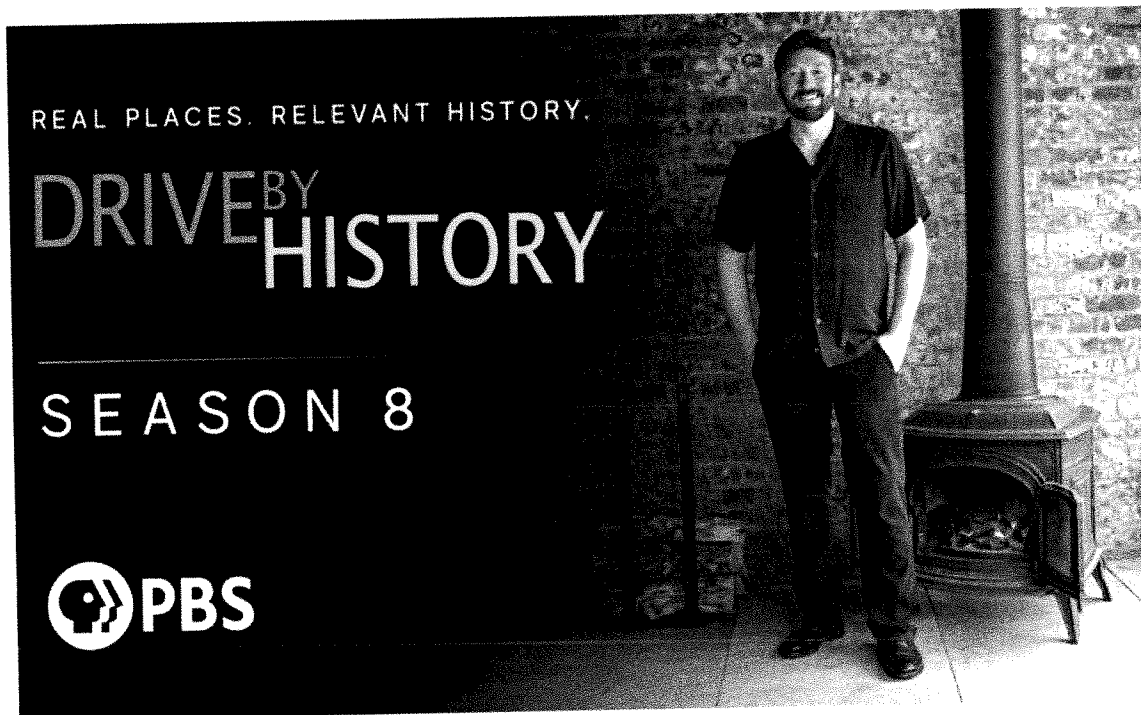
Remembering Picatinny Arsenal's 1926 Explosion is the topic of the next Morris County Revolutionary Lecture Series, held July 15 at Morris County Library.

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Rockaway Township Hosts The Moving Wall Vietnam Memorial

Visit [The Moving Wall](#), a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, through July 6 in Rockaway Township at Peterson Field on Fleetwood Drive. Commissioner Director Stephen Shaw will speak at the opening ceremony tonight at 7 p.m.



Drive By History: Jockey Hollow Viewing Party Set with Ken Magos

Join Morris County 250 and the Morris Museum for a special screening of the acclaimed PBS series Drive By History on July 14. The episode, "The Worst Winter of the Revolution: 1779–80" will be screened at an event hosted by storyteller and Morris County resident Ken Magos. The cocktail reception held before the screening is \$30. The screening is free. Register to attend.

Drive By History explores the stories behind historical sites and roadside markers throughout New Jersey and New York, connecting local history to the broader American story through historians, authors, preservationists and subject matter experts. This special episode highlights the Continental Army's brutal winter encampment at Jockey Hollow during the winter of 1779–1780, called the harshest winter in American history.

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Historical Society Launches African American History Driving Tour

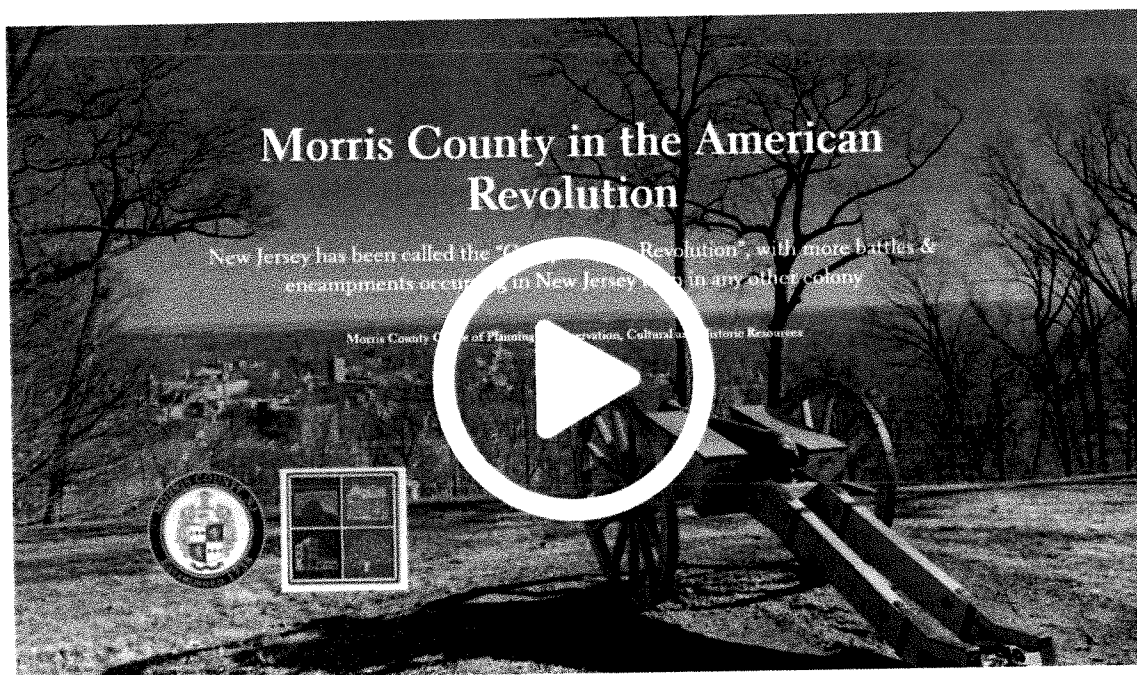
Morris County Historical Society (MCHS) is extremely pleased to announce the launch of another self-guided driving tour, this one highlighting African American history across Morris County in recognition of Juneteenth. The driving tour, announced on MCHS's website earlier this month as part of the "Revolution to Revolutionary" driving tour series, stops at a variety of sites that hold significance to generations of African American community members. The African American History Driving Tour was funded by a recent grant from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority and is part of MCHS's effort to complete Morris County's first-ever countywide survey of African American history and historic sites.

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Explore America's 250th Through Tours and Talks

- [Visit Morris County 250th](#) for a list of local events.
- [RevolutionNJ](#) lists events statewide.
- [Sail4th 250](#) tall ships

- Self-guided walking tour of historic Main Street, Succasunna, ongoing.
- Market Street Mission 5K Race for Recovery is July 4 at Central Park of Morris County.
- A People Harassed and Exhausted: The NJ Militia in the Revolution, July 8 at the Morris County Library and online.
- Declaration of Independence Story Hour and Children's Craft, July 9 at Florham Park's Little Red School House.
- Morristown's Morris Museum will hold an America 250 Concert on Thursday, July 9 featuring the Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey.
- "What the Constitution Means to Me," Chatham, July 11 and July 12
- American Design weekly lecture series through Aug. 8 by the Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms on the Arts and Crafts movement to contemporary debates about technology and AI.
- Florham Park Library hosts Betsy Ross and the American Revolution on July 15.
- Ford Mansion and Powder Mill Colonial Walking Tour, July 19
- The Complete American Revolution with Joel Farkas, Mendham Township Library, Mondays, July 13 to July 27
- New Jersey state parks, forests and historic sites celebrate the nation's 250th.
- Visit Morris Tourism for a day-by-day list of events.



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Morris County Clerk of the Board Debra Lynch Retires

Morris County bids farewell to our beloved Clerk of the Board, Debra Lynch as she retired after nearly a decade of dedicated service to the county.

Deb made one request for her retirement: no plaques, proclamations or formal honors. So, naturally, Commissioner Director Stephen Shaw and Commissioner Christine Myers took that as a challenge and, in good fun, presented Deb with an abundance of awards celebrating her years of professionalism, dedication

and friendship. Sheriff James Gannon, a fellow Boonton resident, also stopped by to congratulate Deb and wish her a happy retirement, presenting her a plaque on behalf of the Sheriff's Office.

The presentations took place during an ice cream social featuring a cart from **Beenie's Ice Cream** of Morristown, where employees from departments across Morris County gathered to thank Deb for the many ways she made county government a better place. She was joined by her husband Jim, her daughter, Diana, and her three grandchildren.

Congratulations, Deb! Thank you for everything you've done for Morris County. We wish you a happy, healthy and well-deserved retirement—you've certainly earned it.



Take Precautions as Temperatures Climb to 100 Degrees

The National Weather Service's extreme heat warning continues through 8 p.m. Saturday, July 4, with temperatures expected to reach 100 degrees. Residents are urged to stay safe by drinking plenty of water, limiting time outdoors and staying in air-conditioned spaces when possible. If someone is experiencing a heat emergency, call 911.

Signs and symptoms of heat-related illness include high body temperature of 103 degrees or higher; hot, red, dry, or damp skin; a fast, strong pulse; headache; dizziness; nausea; confusion; and loss of consciousness or fainting. The expected combination of heat and humidity may cause heat stress during outdoor activities or extended exposure, particularly for older adults and other vulnerable residents.

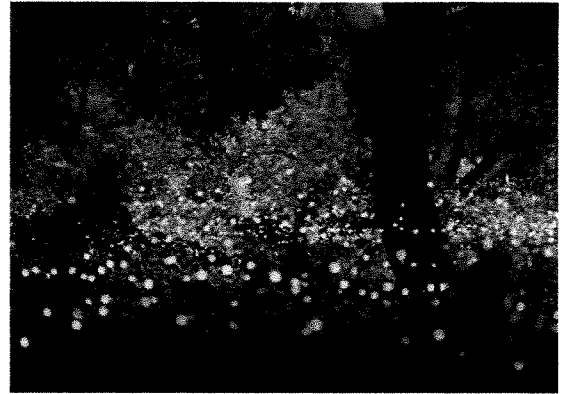
Check on older family members, friends and neighbors. Never leave children, adults, or pets unattended in vehicles. Anyone having difficulty coping with the heat should contact their municipal Office of Emergency Management or police department to locate a cooling shelter in their community. Residents may also call NJ 211 for assistance.

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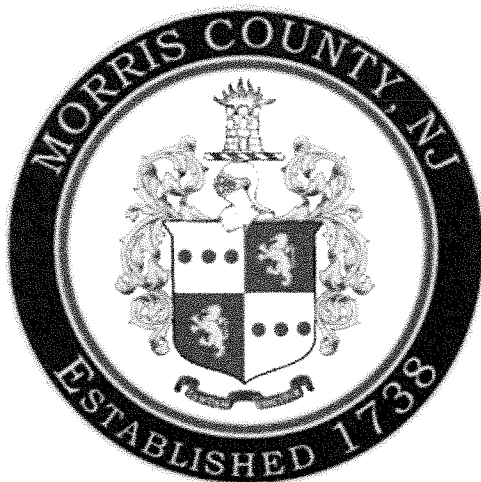
Libraries Have It All: Books, Media, Classes and Great Air Conditioning

Check the holiday hours as well as the online resources available at [local libraries](#), such as the free Libby app for books, audiobooks and magazines. Read [Morris County Library's newsletter](#).



Visit a Morris County Park

Sign up for [Morris County Park Commission's Firefly Walk](#) at Pyramid Mountain on July 6. Visit Fosterfields for a Touch-a-Truck event on July 11. Check the website for parks, trails and events.



Morris County Public Meetings

July 8

- [County Commissioner Work Session](#)
- [County Commissioner Public Meeting](#)
- [Soil Conservation District](#)

July 9

- [Housing Authority](#)
- [Agriculture Development Board](#)

July 14

- [Board of Transportation](#)

July 15

— [Improvement Authority](#)

July 16

— [Planning Board](#)

July 20

— [Flood Mitigation Committee](#)

In Case You Missed It:

— [Veterans, Partners Gather to Strengthen Morris County Support Network](#)

— [Commissioners Invited to 4-H Fair by Youth](#)

— [Morris County Highlights Revolutionary History at State Conference](#)

— [Sign up for "This Week in Morris County" or read prior issues](#)

— [Morris County Visitors Guide](#)

— [Job Openings and Internships: Work for Morris County](#)

— [Morris County Library's July Newsletter](#)

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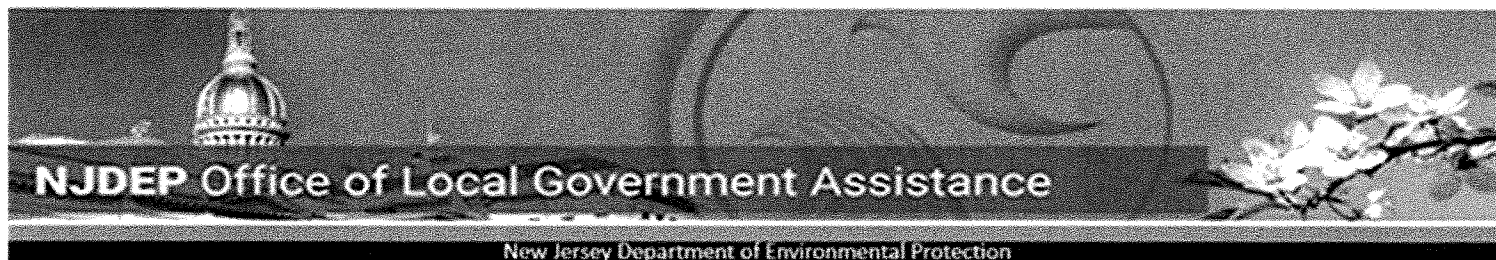
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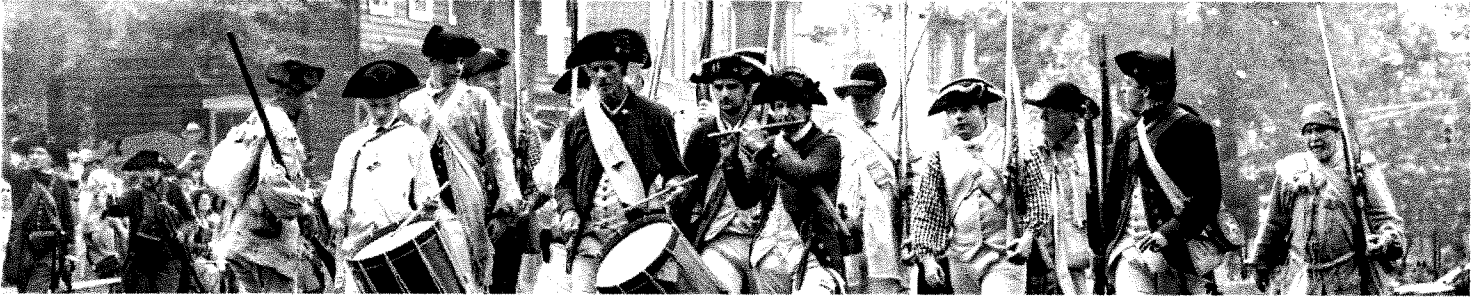
July 3, 2026

Good afternoon, Mayors and Municipal Officials,

As we prepare to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday this weekend, we're also tracking rising temperatures that will require extra caution and community care. Temperatures will climb steadily throughout the weekend, making heat safety a priority as residents participate in Independence Day festivities and outdoor activities. We encourage you to share preparedness tips and safety guidance from Heat Hub NJ with your constituents.

In this week's update, we highlight opportunities for your communities to reduce waste through smart choices with our Division of Sustainable Waste Management's Summer of Sustainability campaign; announce open applications for the 2026-2027 AmeriCorps New Jersey Watershed Ambassadors Program; and share details about fall 2026 Spark Internships. We also invite you to an important webinar: Extreme Heat Protecting New Jersey's Children and Teens, and provide an update on the extended deadline for the Resilient NJ Regional Planning Grant Program. Read on...

Highlights



Celebrate America 250 With New Jersey State Parks

As we commemorate the United States' 250th anniversary, New Jersey State Parks, Forests, and Historic Sites will be offering opportunities throughout this year for the public to connect with our shared heritage. These programs and events provide meaningful ways for communities to explore New Jersey's pivotal role in American history while examining how Revolutionary-era challenges and ideals continue to resonate today.

We encourage you to promote these diverse offerings to your residents—from guided hikes to Revolutionary War reenactments and themed educational programs. These events provide excellent venues for community gatherings, family activities, and civic engagement across all ages and interests.

New Jersey State Parks is collaborating with RevolutionNJ, the New Jersey Historical Commission (NJHC) within the Department of State, and the nonprofit Crossroads of the American Revolution Association to deliver a statewide commemoration worthy of New Jersey's extraordinary contributions to American independence. **Learn more and find events here:** [United States 250 - State Parks, Forests & Historic Sites](#)





Help Keep the Public Safe During This Holiday Weekend's Extreme Heat

As we approach the holiday weekend, our communities face dangerously high temperatures that pose serious health risks to residents across New Jersey. We urge you to use your communications channels to share critical heat safety information with your constituents.

Extreme heat is a silent threat that disproportionately affects our most vulnerable residents—seniors, children, individuals with chronic health conditions, outdoor workers, and those without access to conditioning. **Your voice can reach residents who may not otherwise receive this life-saving information.** Encourage residents to take these important precautions:

- **Stay hydrated** – Drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if you don't feel thirsty
- **Take frequent rest breaks** – Don't overdo outdoor activities
- **Seek shade** – Limit direct sun exposure during peak heat hours
- **Dress appropriately** – Wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing
- **Never leave children or pets in vehicles** – Even for a few minutes

Watch Out For Each Other

This weekend is an opportunity to demonstrate the community spirit that defines us as New Jerseyans:

- Check on neighbors, especially seniors and those living alone
- Offer assistance to vulnerable community members
- Keep pets safe – Ensure they have shade, water, and aren't left on hot pavement
- Know the signs of heat exhaustion – Dizziness, nausea, rapid heartbeat, confusion

Essential Resources

Heat Hub NJ – Information on health impacts, preparedness tips, and safety guidance

<https://dep.nj.gov/heat-hub-nj/>

Chill Out NJ – Find cooling centers near you

<https://dep.nj.gov/heat-hub-nj/learn-where-to-chill/>

Expert Webinars – Learn how extreme heat affects New Jersey communities

<https://dep.nj.gov/heat-hub-nj/news-events/>

How You Can Help Right Now

1. Share this information through your email lists, social media channels, and website
2. Promote local cooling centers in your district
3. Conduct wellness checks or encourage community organizations to do so
4. Amplify the message that heat safety is a community responsibility

As we mark this historic milestone in our nation's history, let's take care of ourselves and each other. Together we can prevent heat-related illnesses and save lives.

The Summer of Sustainability Campaign



This summer, join DEP's Division of Sustainable Waste Management in making simple choices that help reduce waste and protect New Jersey's natural resources.

Visit dep.nj.gov/summer2026 to learn more. [NJDEP | Sustainable Travel and Fun Destinations](#)

DEP Is Accepting Applications for 2026-2027 AmeriCorps New Jersey Watershed Ambassadors Program- [Read the full news release here.](#)

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is seeking 23 recruits for its 27th year of AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassadors Program that channels water quality awareness into steward actions.

Applications for the 2026-2027 program may be submitted through July 10, or until all positions are filled. The next cohort of Ambassadors begins in September.

"New Jersey's Watershed Ambassadors are an important link in helping the public understand how we protect local watersheds and preserve drinking water sources," said **Acting Commissioner Ed Potosnak**. "From sampling waterways to performing educational demonstrations in communities, participants help bring focus and awareness to our water sources and get in-the-field experiences that may shape their future career stewardship."

Watershed Ambassadors are placed at host sites in 20 Watershed Management Areas from Sussex to Cape May counties to serve local communities. For the incoming cohort, three additional full-time Ambassadors will be recruited as Source Water Protection Ambassadors in northern, central, and southern locations to lead outreach and public education campaigns that help protect New Jersey drinking-water sources.

Ambassadors spend 10 months in the AmeriCorps NJ program, during which they must complete 1,700 hours of service. Compensation includes an annual stipend of up to \$25,000. Members may qualify for health insurance benefits while serving as an Ambassador; childcare assistance, SNAP benefits, and deferred qualified student loans during service; and will receive extensive training throughout the program year. In addition, members are eligible to receive an education award of up to \$7,395. Visit the program's [recruitment page](#) to learn more about program eligibility.

Interested applicants may apply to the AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassadors Program through the national AmeriCorps site: <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do>. Full-time positions are available. For more information, visit www.nj.gov/dep/wms/bears/americorps.htm

Launch Your Environmental Career: Fall 2026 Internships Now Open

Get Hands-On Experience Protecting New Jersey's Natural Resources



The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is now accepting applications for Fall 2 internships.

These positions offer students a rare opportunity to work on real projects that directly impact the state's environmental future. Instead of shadowing from the sidelines, interns join teams actively working to protect and improve New Jersey's air quality, water systems, and land resources.

Internship opportunities span multiple disciplines, including:

- **Engineering** – Infrastructure and environmental systems
- **Water Resources** – Quality monitoring and management
- **GIS & Mapping** – Spatial analysis and environmental data
- **Policy Development** – Regulatory and programmatic work
- **Environmental Science** – Field and lab-based research

Whether you're studying environmental science, engineering, public policy, or related fields, there's a program designed to challenge you and build practical skills that employers value.

DEP interns participate in projects that shape statewide environmental outcomes and learn directly from professionals managing some of New Jersey's most pressing environmental challenges.

Apply now: [NJDEP| Spark Internship | Employment Opportunities](#)

Don't miss this chance to step into meaningful environmental work this fall.

Extreme Heat and Protecting New Jersey's Children and Teens

The NJ Interagency Council on Climate Resilience and Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey Presents:

Extreme Heat and Protecting New Jersey's Children and Teens

Join us on July 22nd, 2026, at 11 a.m. as **New Jersey's Interagency Council on Climate Resilience** (I) and **Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey** host an extreme heat webinar, *Extreme Heat and Protecting New Jersey's Children and Teens*, featuring a panel of community experts discussing the impacts that extreme heat has on children, teens, and families.

At this webinar, you'll learn:

- Impacts of Extreme Heat on Children and Teens
- How Extreme Heat Affects Schools, Camps, and Outdoor Activities
- Resources and Community Responses to Protect Young People and Families
- How to Stay Informed and Prepared



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Speakers

Register here: <http://dep.nj.gov/heat-youth>

Visit [NJDEP| Office of Climate Resilience](#) for more information.

Funding Opportunities

The deadline to apply for the Resilient NJ regional planning grant program has been extended to **July 2026**, and updated application forms are also now available. The application Appendices A through D W documents have been updated to be consistent with those found in the [grant application document](#) (p More information about this opportunity and all grant application documents are available on the [Resil NJ website](#).

This opportunity is seeking as many as four (4) regional teams who will receive grants of up to \$350,000 e to improve climate resilience in their communities. Teams must self-select their member municipalities may cross county borders. DEP will match the selected regions with experienced consulting teams provide oversight of the program. Regional teams must be made up of at least three contiguous municipali and at least one community-based organization. County governments, regional planning commissions, utility authorities are also eligible to participate.

Program

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Upcoming Application Deadlines

Grant Name	Deadline
Resilient NJ: Regional Assistance Program – Regional Planning Grants	July 7, 2026 at 12PM
Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program	July 27, 2026
Freshwater Wetland Mitigation Council RFP	October 15, 2026 at 5PM

Thank you for your leadership in protecting New Jersey residents during extreme heat events. Stay informed between updates by following NJDEP on [Facebook](#), [X](#), [Instagram](#), and YouTube for daily heat safety and cooling center updates, and community resources. If you have questions or need additional materials, please contact localgov@dep.nj.gov or reply to this email.

Have a Safe and Happy 250th Independence Day!

Regards,

Keiona Miller

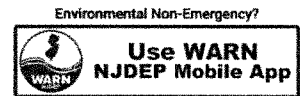
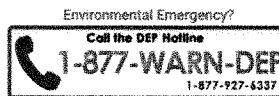
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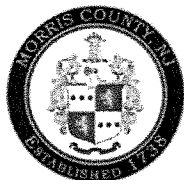
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The sidewalk replacement project at the Morris County 9/11 Memorial scheduled to begin this week has been postponed due to inclement weather.

The memorial, located at 460 West Hanover Avenue in Parsippany-Troy Hills, will remain open until work begins.

The project includes replacing a section of sidewalk leading from the parking lot to the top of the memorial circle to improve safety and accessibility. During construction, the memorial will be closed to foot traffic, and access to the parking lot will be limited.

Morris County will issue an additional notification when construction is scheduled to begin, including details on the temporary closure.

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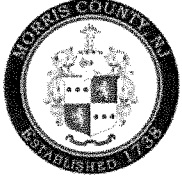
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The Morris County 9/11 Memorial, located at 460 West Hanover Avenue in Parsippany-Troy Hills, will be temporarily closed to the public from Tuesday, July 7, through Friday, July 10, for work necessary to replace a section of sidewalk leading from the parking lot to the top of the memorial circle.

The improvements are intended to enhance safety and accessibility for visitors. The memorial is expected to reopen by the end of the day Friday, July 10, weather permitting and provided construction is completed as scheduled.

During construction, the memorial will be closed to foot traffic, and access to the parking lot will be limited. Visitors are encouraged to plan accordingly during the temporary closure.

Morris County appreciates the public's patience as these necessary improvements are completed.

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Exactly 45 years after opening its doors in downtown Morristown, **The Grand Café celebrated its anniversary on July 1, 2026** with family, friends, longtime employees, loyal patrons and public officials who gathered to honor the restaurant's history and its continued success under second-generation owner **Allison Lloyd Porter**.

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[View More Photos from the 45th Anniversary Celebration](#)

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Approximately 50 people attended the anniversary celebration, including Lloyd Porter’s husband, Michael, and their son, her brother **Desmond Lloyd Jr.**, and longtime members of The Grand Café team, including **Executive Chef Quang** and **Maître d' Walter Hansbury**.

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Founded by Irish immigrants Desmond and Alice Lloyd on July 1, 1981, The Grand Café has been a cornerstone of downtown Morristown, earning a reputation for fine dining, exceptional service and community involvement. Following the passing of Desmond in December 2025 and Alice in February 2026, the restaurant continues under the leadership of their daughter and remains a family-operated business.

The anniversary celebration also marked the launch of a monthlong series of promotions throughout July, including **45 percent off select wines**, a **\$45 prix-fixe lunch menu** featuring Grand Café favorites and **live piano performances every Saturday evening**.

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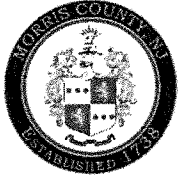
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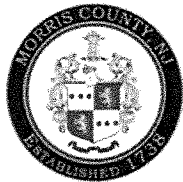
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Celebrate America's 250th Birthday on Lake Hopatcong July 11
Patriotic Boat Parade and Lakeside Festivities Set for Saturday

250 Anniversary
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Celebrating 250 Years of Revolutionary
History in Morris County

The Morris County 250th Anniversary Celebrations Committee, in partnership with the **Lake Hopatcong Foundation**, invites residents and visitors to celebrate **America's 250th birthday this Saturday, July 11**, with a free day of patriotic festivities on **Lake Hopatcong**, New Jersey's largest freshwater lake.

The celebration begins at 11 a.m. and features a **Patriotic Boat Parade, All Fleet Sail, Paddler Flotilla**, live music, family-friendly entertainment and community celebrations around the lake.

"Whether you've lived here for years or are visiting Lake Hopatcong for the first time, this celebration is a wonderful opportunity to experience the natural beauty, recreation and history that make Morris County so special," said **Morris County Commissioner Christine Myers**, member of the Morris County 250th Anniversary Celebrations Committee. "We invite everyone out to celebrate America's 250th birthday out on the water while creating lasting memories with family, friends and neighbors."

Boaters are encouraged to decorate their vessels in red, white and blue and join the **Patriotic Boat Parade**, departing from Nolan's Point at 11 a.m., with participants gathering in Great Cove by 10:45 a.m. Sailboats are invited to participate in the **All Fleet Sail**, departing from Bertrand Island to Halsey Island at 11:30 a.m., with vessels gathering in front of the **Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club** at 11:15 a.m. Kayakers, canoeists and paddleboarders are welcome to join the **Paddler Flotilla**, gathering on the north side of **Lakeside Village** at noon.

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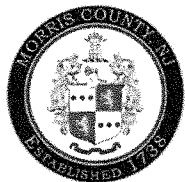
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For a complete schedule of events, visit [America's 250th Birthday on Lake Hopatcong](#). The event is part of Morris County's countywide America 250 initiative, commemorating the county's significant role in the American Revolution while encouraging residents and visitors to explore its historic sites, communities and destinations.

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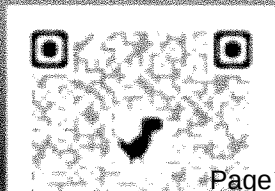


Boat parade kicks off in front of Nolan's Point at 11:00AM
Boats should be gathering in Great Cove by 10:45AM

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All sailing vessels welcome - Gather in front of LHYC at 11:15AM

Paddler Flotilla (Kayaks, Canoes & SUPs.)
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A spectacular not to be missed!
More info: www.lakehopatconghistory.com



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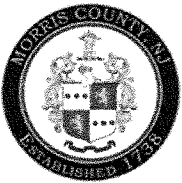
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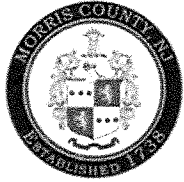
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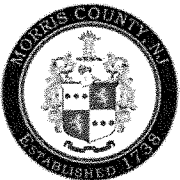
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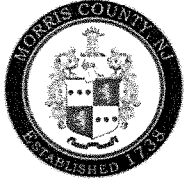
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Image 1: Overall view of New Jersey Merci Train Boxcar at the Roanoke facilities





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State Issues

Data Center Legislation Updates

Two data center-related bills were passed by the Legislature in June. A-796/S-731 was signed by Governor Sherrill on July 6, and S-3379/A-4096 is awaiting consideration.

Contact: Mike Cerra, Executive Director, mcerra@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x120.

Read more: Data Center Legislation

Alcohol Licensing Bills Awaiting Governor's Consideration

As Governor Sherrill considers 72 bills, two specifically impacting municipal interests in alcoholic beverage licenses await her signature, veto, or conditional veto.

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

Read more: Alcohol Licensing Bills Awaiting Governor's Consideration

Bills of Municipal Interest on the Governor's Desk

The Legislature sent 72 bills to Governor Sherrill's for her consideration. Please read the League's recent blog post about bills with municipal interest.

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

Read more: Bills of Municipal Interest on the Governor's Desk

A-3877/S-2960 Establishing Funding Preferences for Municipalities on Governor's Desk

A-3877/S-2960 awaits consideration from the Governor. It would establish a program to incentivize municipalities to amend their master plans and development regulations. It does not preempt local planning or place any new requirements on municipalities.

Contacts: Mike Cerra, Executive Director, mcerra@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x120, or Paul Penna, Director of Government Affairs, ppenna@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x110.

Read more: A-3877/S-2960 Establishing Funding Preferences for Municipalities on Governor's Desk

John Lewis Voter Empowerment Act Signed Into Law

A-1715/S-282, the "John R. Lewis Voter Empowerment Act of New Jersey," was signed into law on July 2.

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Read more: John Lewis Voter Empowerment Act
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New Jersey Supreme Court Clarifies Limits of Council on Local Mandates' Authority

In a recent decision, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that while the Council on Local Mandates may invalidate an unfunded mandate imposed on local governments, it cannot strike down separate statutory provisions that fall outside its jurisdiction.

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

Read more: New Jersey Supreme Court Clarifies Limits of Council on Local Mandates' Authority

Federal Issues

21st Century ROAD to Housing Act

The League's federal partner, the National League of Cities, provided a status update on the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act and a breakdown of provisions in the legislation.

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

Read more: 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act

FY26 COPS Hiring Program Funding Available

The U.S. Department of Justice is offering funding to help law enforcement agencies hire or rehire sworn officers and community policing efforts.

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

Read more: FY26 COPS Hiring Program Funding Available

Conference Connections

Start Your Conference Planning Today: Housing & Registration

[Early Bird Registration](#) and the official Housing System for the 2026 League Annual Conference are now open! Take advantage of the best event prices through August 31.

[Book housing](#) early for the best selection of rooms! Book through the League's official room blocks to ensure the best experience. Is your preferred hotel sold out? Book your next choice of hotel room now and [join the waitlist](#) for your first choice. AC Central Reservations, Inc., will contact you if a room becomes available, confirm you still want the other hotel, and, upon confirmation, switch your reservation.

Halls of Fame Nominations Sought

[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.

[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.

Support Your Causes, Submit a Conference Resolution

Send in 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 on the process and answers to other questions you may have.

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Also of Interest

The New Bug in Town: *NJ Municipalities* Blog

The New Jersey Department of Agriculture reports that the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) has confirmed a find of the Box Tree Moth (*Cydalima perspectalis*) at private residences in Cape May County. A quarantine has been initiated for the movement of any live plants, debris, or dead material of Boxwood (*Buxus spp*) out of Cape May County without a fully executed compliance agreement authorized by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture. [Read about this tiny invader 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, 609-695-3481, x123.

Resilient NJ Regional Planning Grants Available

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has extended the application deadline to July 21 for grants supporting regional climate resilience planning and action plans.

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

Read more: Resilient NJ Regional Planning Grants Available

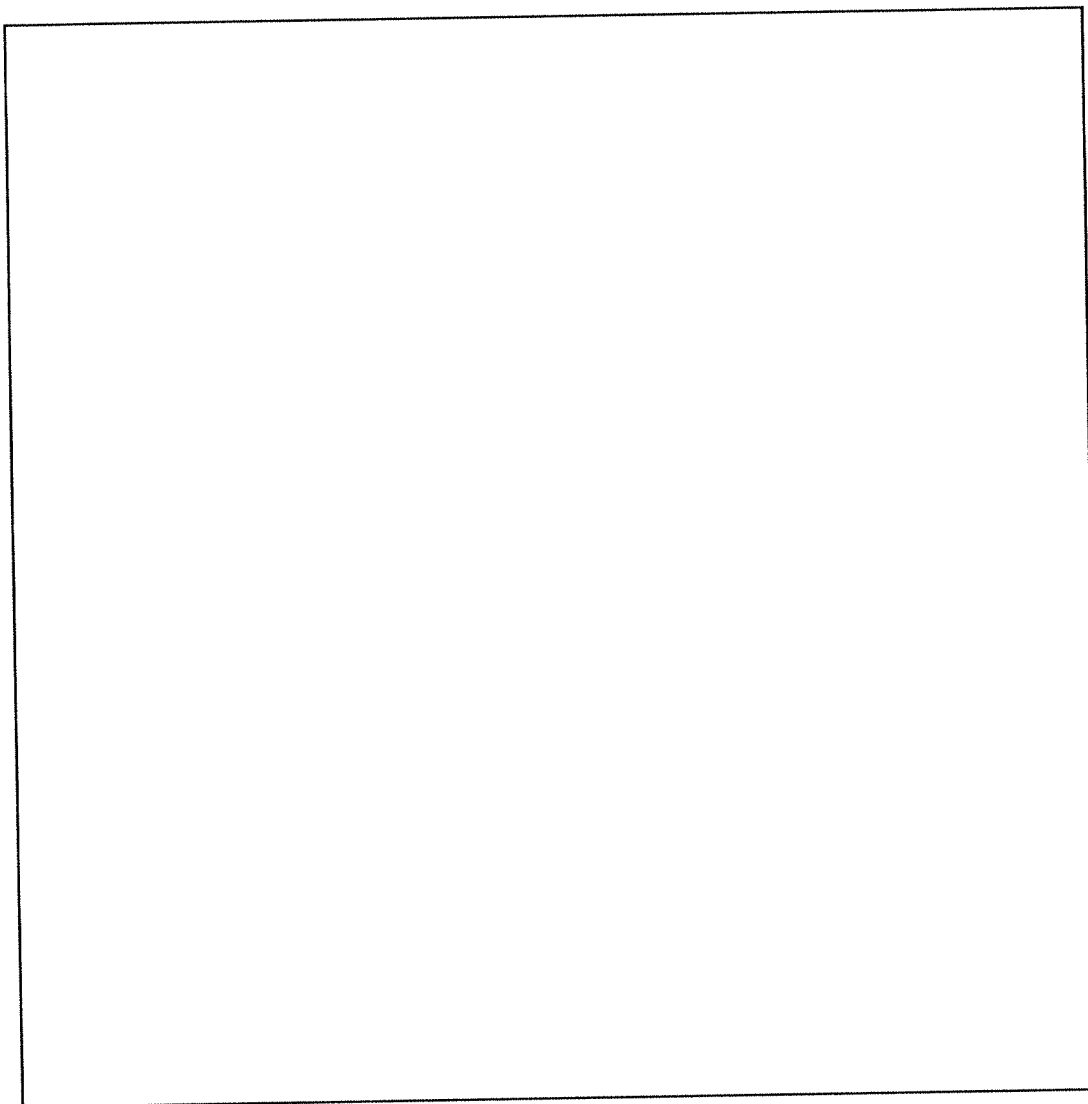
Governor's Housing Conference Registration Now Open

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Registration is [now open](#).

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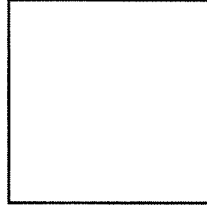
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All,

On behalf of Patrick Wenger, enclosed is the Notice of Public Hearing, scheduled for August 3, 2026, in the above-referenced matter. A hard copy will follow.

Thank you.

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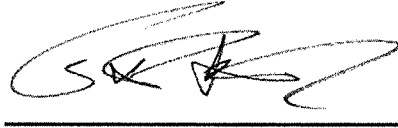
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Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE MERGER OF AMERICAN WATER WORKS COMPANY,
INC. AND ESSENTIAL UTILITIES, INC.**

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC COMMENT HEARINGS

BPU DOCKET NO. WM25110628

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on November 26, 2025, American Water Works Company, Inc. (“American Water”), Essential Utilities, Inc. (“Essential”), Aqua New Jersey, Inc. (“Aqua”), and Alpha Merger Sub, Inc. (“Merger Sub”) (collectively, the “Joint Petitioners”) submitted a Joint Petition (“Joint Petition”) to request approval by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-51.1 and 48:3-10 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.10 and 14:1-5.14, of an indirect change of control of Aqua. The proposed transaction entails the merger of Essential with Merger Sub, a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Water (“Proposed Acquisition”). Upon completion of the Proposed Acquisition, there will be an indirect change of control of Aqua.

As described in the Joint Petition, no rate changes are proposed in connection with the Proposed Acquisition. Aqua will continue to provide utility service to customers pursuant to its current BPU-approved tariffs at the current rates and terms and conditions of service. The Joint Petitioners have also made a number of commitments in connection with the Proposed Acquisition, including the following: maintaining local management for Aqua’s day-to-day operations, as well as a sufficient workforce and operational facilities and offices; charitable contributions at levels consistent with those provided by Aqua in its service areas for two (2) years and, thereafter, at levels consistent with American Water’s contributions in the areas it serves; ring-fencing and governance provisions; and honoring Aqua’s collective bargaining agreements and pension obligations to its employees.

The Board will evaluate the impact of the Proposed Acquisition on competition, the rates paid by Aqua’s customers, the employees of Aqua, and the provision of safe and adequate utility service at just and reasonable rates. The Joint Petitioners state that the Proposed Acquisition will not have an adverse impact on competition, rates, employees of Aqua, or on the provision of safe, adequate and proper utility service, and instead will provide positive benefits for Aqua, as well as its customers and the State of New Jersey as demonstrated by the commitments included in the Joint Petition.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that virtual public hearings have been scheduled on the following date and times as noted below so that members of the public may present their views on the Joint Petition:

Date: August 3, 2026

Times: 4:30 P.M. and 5:30 P.M.

Link:

<https://saul.zoom.us/j/92424739194?pwd=zRCQXplN0h3V4GYg8tfb1GezICFWir.1&from=addon>

Dial-in: 888-788-0099
Meeting ID: 924 2473 9194
Passcode: 020228

Copies of the Joint Petition and this Notice are posted on Aqua's website at www.aquawater.com. The Joint Petition is also available to review online through the Board's website, <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us> where you can search by the above-captioned docket number.

Representatives from the Joint Petitioners, Board Staff, and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the link or dial-in information set forth above and may express their views on this Joint Petition. All comments will be made part of the final record in this proceeding and will be considered by the Board. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearings to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov. Comments may be submitted directly to the specific docket listed above using the "Post Comments" button on the Board's Public Document Search Tool, <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us>.

All comments are considered public documents for purposes of the State's Open Public Records Act. Only submit public documents using the "Post Comments" button on the Board's Public Document Search Tool. Any confidential information should be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3. In addition to hard copy submissions, confidential information may be filed electronically via the Board's e-filing system or by email to the Secretary of the Board, Sherri L. Lewis. Please include "Confidential Information" and the docket number in the subject line of any email. Instructions for confidential e-filing are found on the Board's webpage, <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling/>.

Emailed and/or written comments may also be submitted to:

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Any members of the public who wish to inspect the Joint Petition at the Board should contact the Board's Division of Case Management at 609-292-2338 or board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

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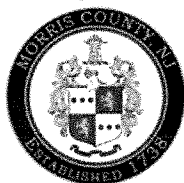
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Independence Rings Out Across Morris County & Nation
Nationwide Public Declaration Reading Recreates Historic July 8, 1776 Event

250 Anniversary
of the **Revolution**
Celebrating 250 Years of Revolutionary
History in Morris County

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"When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another..."

Spectators responded with a resounding **"Huzzah!"** as he concluded with the Declaration's enduring assertion that **"all men are created equal"** and are endowed with the unalienable rights of **"Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."**

[View More Photos from the Declaration of Independence Reading](#)

[View the Livestreamed Recording of the Reading](#)

Morris County joined communities across all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and the U.S. territories in reading the Declaration of Independence at exactly 6 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time as part of a nationwide campaign called **"Sharing the Spirit of America."** July 8 marked the 250th anniversary of when the document was first read in public in Philadelphia, PA. and, later on that same day, in Trenton, N.J.

The Morris County reading was shared by 13 public leaders in honor of the 13 original colonies.

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Following the reading, attendees enjoyed complimentary red, white and blue ice-pops, adding a patriotic touch to the evening's festivities.

The Declaration of Independence reading was coordinated by the **Morris County Board of County Commissioners, the Morris County Heritage Commission, the Morris County Sheriff's Office, the Division of Buildings and Grounds, County Administration and the Office of Communications and Digital Media.**

The ceremony concluded another 250th Anniversary campaign, **"Light to Unite,"** which involved lighting up county facilities with red, white and blue lights beginning on July 2, when the Second Continental Congress formally approved a resolution separating the colonies from Britain. The celebration of American independence in Morris County will continue with a **special 250th anniversary exhibit** presented by the **Morris/Sussex Vicinage of New Jersey Courts** inside the historic Morris County Courthouse, which was built in 1827.

The free, self-guided exhibit commemorates America's Semiquincentennial while launching the **courthouse's 200th anniversary celebration that will take place next year**. Through historic photographs, artifacts and interpretive displays, visitors can explore more than 270 years of Morris County's legal and civic history, tour the historic courtroom and receive a complimentary copy of ***Founding Documents of the United States***. That pocket pamphlet contains the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence -- courtesy of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation. The exhibition is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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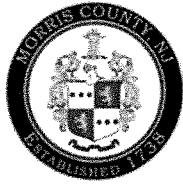
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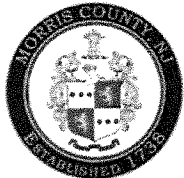
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Public Invited to Screening of "Worst Winter of the Revolution"
Morris Museum July 14 Event features "Drive By History" Host Ken Magos

250 Anniversary
of the **Revolution**
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History in Morris County

The **Morris County 250th Anniversary Celebrations Committee** invites the public to a special screening of the acclaimed **PBS series *Drive By History: The Worst Winter of the Revolution: 1779-80*** on Tuesday, July 14, at the **Morris Museum**.

Located at 6 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown, the event opens with a ticketed **VIP cocktail reception from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** Admission is \$30 and includes an opportunity to mingle with fellow history enthusiasts before the program.

The screening begins at 6:30 p.m. and is free with advanced registration, followed by a live discussion and audience question and answer session with host **Ken Magos**.

Magos, a Morris County resident, created ***Drive By History*** to explore the stories behind historical sites and roadside markers throughout New Jersey and New York, connecting local history to the broader American story through historians, authors, preservationists and subject matter experts.

This special episode examines the **Continental Army's winter encampment at Jockey Hollow** during the winter of **1779-80**, one of the harshest winters in American history. Attendees will learn how **Gen. George Washington** and his troops endured extreme cold, heavy snow, food shortages and disease while encamped in Morristown, and why Morris County played a pivotal role in the fight for American independence.

Following the screening, Magos will offer behind-the-scenes insights into the making of the episode and discuss the importance of preserving and sharing Revolutionary War history as Morris County commemorates **America's 250th anniversary**.

Advance registration is required. Residents and visitors are encouraged to [register online](#) to attend.

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DRIVE BY HISTORY EPISODE SCREENING

The Worst Winter of the Revolution: 1779-1780

Presented in partnership with Morris Museum



250th Anniversary
of the Revolution

During the brutal winter of 1779–80, the Continental Army faced an enemy as deadly as the British Army: bitter cold, ice, and the snowstorm of the century.

Join Morris County's 250th Anniversary Committee and the Morris Museum for a special screening of the PBS series Drive By History, followed by a live Q&A with creator and host, Ken Magos.

Event Details

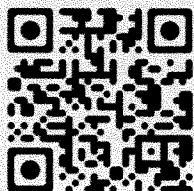
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Morristown, NJ 07960

VIP Cocktail Reception
5:30PM - 6:30 PM
\$30 Admission

Episode Screening & Live Q&A
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Free with Registration

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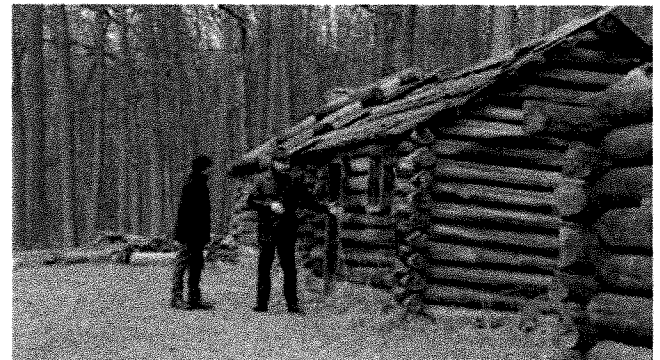
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What to Expect

- Screening of The Worst Winter of the Revolution: 1779–80
- Explore Jockey Hollow and the historic winter encampment of 1779–80
- Hear behind-the-scenes insights from Ken Magos, creator and host of Drive By History
- Participate in a live audience Q&A following the screening
- Enjoy a ticketed cocktail reception before the program begins



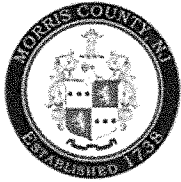
About the Episode

The Worst Winter of the Revolution: 1779–80

During the brutal winter of 1779–80, the Continental Army faced an enemy as deadly as the British: the cold, the ice, and the snowstorm of the century. Host Ken Magos explores how weather shaped history and influenced one of the most challenging chapters of the American Revolution.



Celebrating America's 250th
Anniversary in Morris County



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Public Invited to Screening of "Worst Winter of the Revolution"

Morris Museum July 14 Event features "Drive By History" Host Ken Magos



The **Morris County 250th Anniversary Celebrations Committee** invites the public to a special screening of the acclaimed **PBS series *Drive By History: The Worst Winter of the Revolution: 1779-80*** on Tuesday, July 14, at the **Morris Museum**.

Located at 6 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown, the event opens with a ticketed **VIP cocktail reception from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** Admission is \$30 and includes an opportunity to mingle with fellow history enthusiasts before the program.

The screening begins at 6:30 p.m. and is free with advanced registration, followed by a live discussion and audience question and answer session with host **Ken Magos**.

Magos, a Morris County resident, created ***Drive By History*** to explore the stories behind historical sites and roadside markers throughout New Jersey and New York, connecting local history to the broader American story through historians, authors, preservationists and subject matter experts.

This special episode examines the **Continental Army's winter encampment at Jockey Hollow** during the winter of **1779-80**, one of the harshest winters in American history. Attendees will learn how **Gen. George Washington** and his troops endured extreme cold, heavy snow, food shortages and disease while encamped in Morristown, and why Morris County played a pivotal role in the fight for American independence.

Following the screening, Magos will offer behind-the-scenes insights into the making of the episode and discuss the importance of preserving and sharing Revolutionary War history as Morris County commemorates **America's 250th anniversary**.

Advance registration is required. Residents and visitors are encouraged to [register online](#) to attend.

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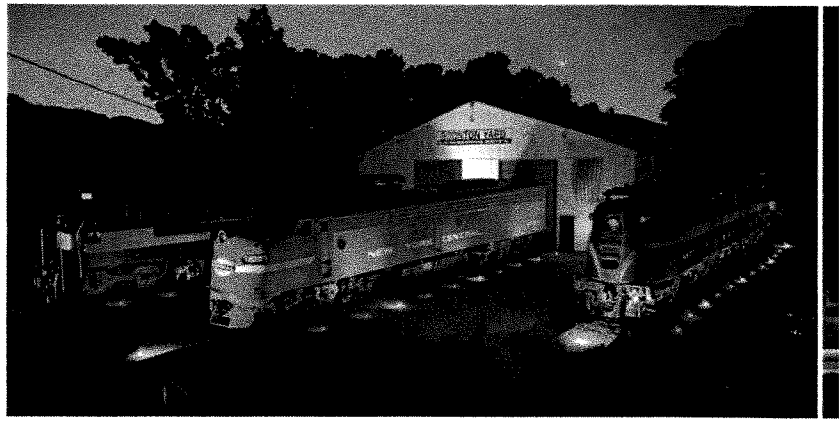
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Independence Rings Out Across Morris County and Nation

At 5:59 p.m. on July 8, 2026, the bell atop the historic Morris County Courthouse rang 13 times as about 70 people s
defining moments: A public reading of the Declaration of Independence exactly 250 years after Americans first heard

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"Light to Unite" Illuminated Morris County in Red, White & Blue

Morris County thanks everyone who participated in the "Light to Unite" campaign throughout the Independence Day photos. At left is the United Railroad Historical Society of NJ's Boonton Rail Yard and at right is the Morris County 9.



Public Invited to Free Screening of "Worst Winter of the Revolution"

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Morris County Awards Nearly \$5 Million in Historic Preservation Grants

The Morris County Board of County Commissioners this week approved \$4.92 million in grants from the county's Pre historic projects in 20 municipalities across Morris County. All projects were recommended for funding by the Morris following its annual review process.

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Celebrations Continue for America's 250th

The Morris County 250th Anniversary Celebrations Committee, in partnership with the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, is celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States on Saturday, July 11, with a free day of patriotic festivities on Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey's largest freshwater lake. The day will feature an All Fleet Sail, Paddler Flotilla, live music, family-friendly entertainment and community celebrations around the lake.



The Mount Olive Carnival continues throughout the weekend at Turkey Brook Park, featuring rides, games, live music, and food. Tickets are available for rides. Live entertainment is scheduled nightly, and parking and shuttle service are available.



Randolph's Freedom Festival runs through Saturday, July 11, with live entertainment, food and games. Fireworks are

Mount Arlington will commemorate America's 250th on Saturday, July 11, with a historical walk through Memorial Park, Island Amusement Park memorabilia and a concert on the beach.

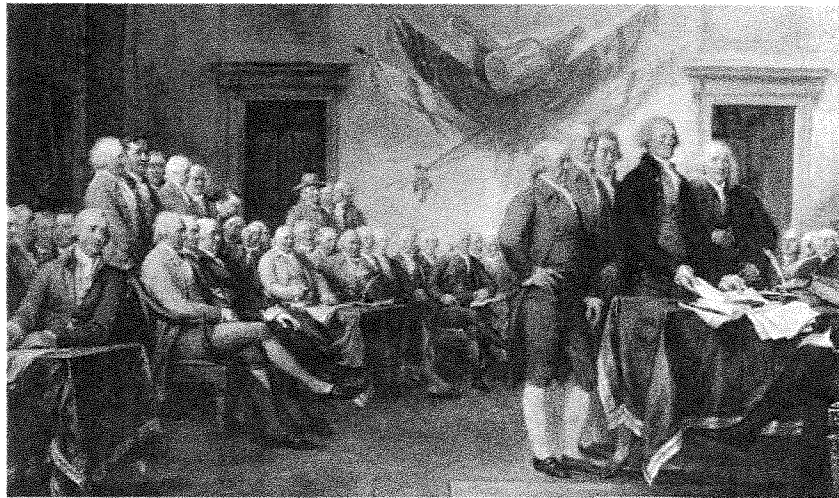
Mountain Lakes will host its Stars, Stripes & Sirens Community Photo Exhibit and Touch-a-Truck event on Saturday,

Florham Park Library presents Betsy Ross and the American Revolution on July 15. Learn the story of the famed flag helped the new nation define itself through flags and colors.

Colonial Taverns and Forges is the July 18 walking tour along the Den Brook to the sites of two pre-Revolutionary War sites where George Washington likely waited there while his horse was shod by a local blacksmith. Register to attend.

Denville fireworks are rescheduled for July 25 at Gardner Field.

Boonton Township fireworks are scheduled for July 25 at RVA Field.



Talk, Reading of the Declaration of Independence Set for Pequannock

Members of the Pequannock community will read the Declaration of Independence on Sunday, July 12, at the Marti Historical Society. The program will also feature a talk on the Declaration's legacy in New Jersey by William Patersc Bloomingdale Coronet Band.

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Revolutionary Lecture: Remembering Picatinny Arsenal's 1926 Explosion

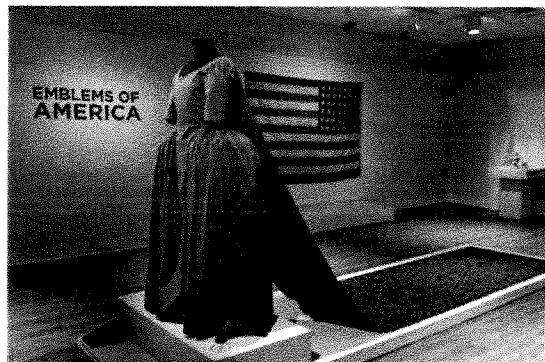
Morris County was forever changed on a hot July evening in 1926 when lightning from a thunderstorm struck a storehouse of surplus World War I explosives in what is now considered one of the worst man-made explosions in U.S. history. Join Picatinny Arsenal's Jason Huggan, chief of the Environmental Affairs Division and Jeff Ranu, a historian and mechanical engineer in the Mortars Division, to walk through the lead-up to the explosion, recently discovered footage of the carnage, and the sweeping changes that resulted from the disaster. The free lecture, held July 15, is part of the Morris County Revolutionary Lecture Series held at the Morris County Library and online. Space is limited; pre-registration required.

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More Upcoming Events:

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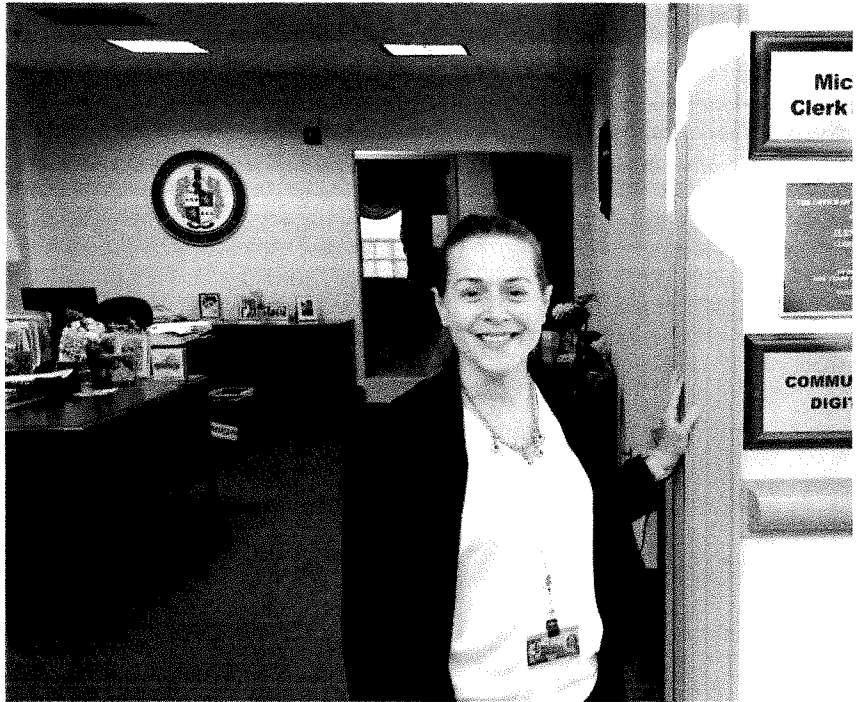
- Family Festival and fireworks presented by Rockaway Borough Fire Department, Saturday, July 11
- "What the Constitution Means to Me," July 11 and July 12 at The Stanley Center, Chatham, with additional perfor
- Revolutionary Voices reading of Robert Schenkkan's "All the Way" at the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, J
- Colonial Olympic Games & Ice Cream Social at Liberty Hall, Union, Saturday, July 11.
- A display of Revolutionary War manuscripts at Princeton University's Firestone Library will close Sunday, July 12
- Events at New Jersey's state parks, forests and historic sites celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary.
- Read the RevolutionNJ for more information and events.



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Welcome to Morris County, Michele Reilly!

Please join us in welcoming Michele Reilly as Morris County's new Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners. Michele will be taking over as clerk of the board on July 1, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of longtime Clerk of the Board Debra Lynch.

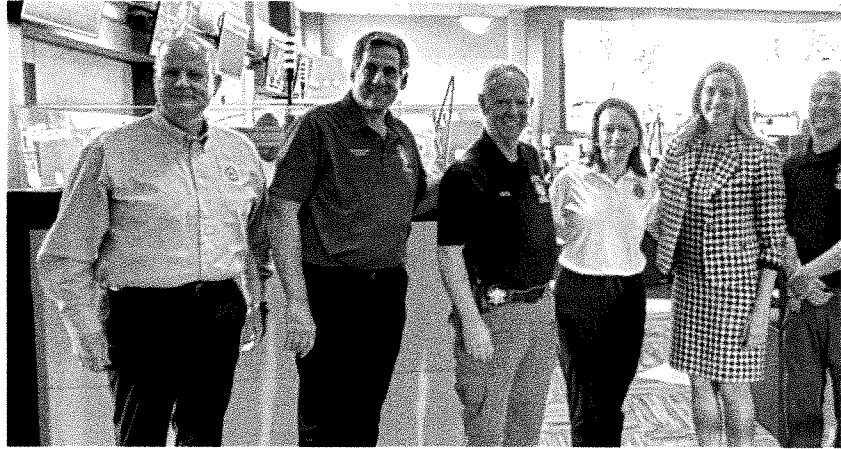
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Morris County Prosecutor Honored as Public Official of the Year

Morris County Prosecutor Robert J. Carroll has been named the 2026 Public Official of the Year by the New Jersey State Bar Association. He has more than 50 years to public service and continues to serve the residents and law enforcement community of Morris County.

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Governor Visits County Emergency Operations After Storms

Gov. Mikie Sherrill visited the Morris County 9-1-1 Center and Emergency Operations Center last week weekend, a region over the holiday weekend. She met with Commissioner Director Stephen Shaw, Sheriff James Gannon, and Assemblywoman Aura Dunn also participated in the visit.

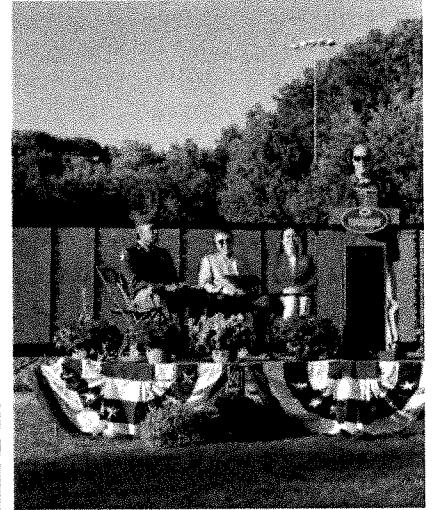
Emergency crews across Morris County have responded to thousands of storm-related incidents, including downed medical emergencies. During the July 3 storm alone, the Morris County Communications Center handled more than during the same period the previous Friday.

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U.S. Marine Corps Celebrates 250th in Madison

The United States Marine Corps 250th celebration at Madison High School drew more than 100 attendees despite 91 of military aircraft, performances by the 2nd Marine Division Band and U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon, and reit Krickus, a Marine Corps veteran. A full gallery of photos is available on the Morris County Flickr page.



Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall Visits Rockaway Township

Director Stephen H. Shaw was honored to deliver remarks on behalf of the Morris County Board of County Commiss Vietnam Veterans Memorial honoring those who gave their lives in the Vietnam War. The memorial was on display a Mayor Joe Jackson for the invitation to event and everyone who helped bring this moving tribute to the Rockaway To



ICYMI: Morris County Honors The Grand Café on 45th Anniversary

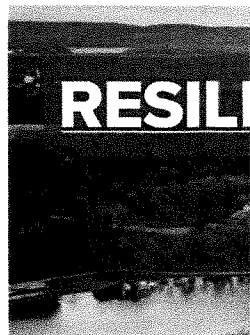
Exactly 45 years after opening its doors in downtown Morristown, The Grand Café celebrated its anniversary on July 1st. Public officials who gathered to honor the restaurant's history and its continued success under second-generation owners.

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Program Offers Grants to Incorporate Health in Municipal Master Plans

The New Jersey Chapter of the American Planning Association is accepting applications for the Plan4HealthNJ program, which helps municipalities integrate public health into local master plans. Selected communities will receive \$20,000, technical assistance, data analysis and planning tools to develop health-focused land-use strategies.



NJDEP Extends

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has extended the deadline to July 21st for the submission of applications for the Resilient Communities Grant Program.

Municipalities interested in participating should submit an online expression of interest by July 29. An informational webinar will be held July 16 for prospective applicants.

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to four regional team action plans. Eligible community-based organizations can apply for the application process and funding opportunities.

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Saturday's Touch-a-Truck Event Promises a Wheel-y Awesome Time

Rev up your engines and head to Fosterfields for the return of Touch-a-Truck on Saturday, July 11 at Fosterfields!. Enjoy the mighty machines. The cost is \$5 per person. Children under 2 are free.

Read the [Morris County Park Commission's weekly newsletter](#) for Garden Sprouts: Can I Pickle That? on July 15; Forest Walk on July 27; Stream Splash for Littles on July 30; and Silver Maples: Flowers From the Garden on July 30.

Upcoming Events

— Visit [Morris Tourism](#) for a day-by-day list of events or read the [Arts in Action newsletter](#).

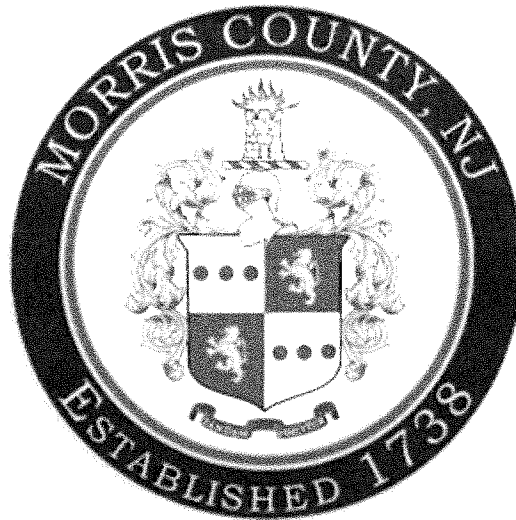
— [Salsa at Sunset](#), a free MPAC program at Headquarters Plaza in Morristown, July 14

- Ken Ludwig's "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery", Shakespeare Theatre of N.J., Madison, July 11 through
- Waterwise Gardening with a Morris County Master Gardener, Mendham Township Library, July 21
- New Jersey State Fair, Sussex County Fairgrounds, July 31 through Aug. 8
- Morris County Arts and Culture Guide



America's Seed Fund Summit Events are Underway

The U.S. Small Business Administration's America's Seed Fund Summit is underway. Events held in July connect e Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer programs. The programs are the nation's I technology startups.



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Courthouse Exhibit Celebrates 250 Years of Justice and Independence
New Self-Guided Exhibit Explores Morris County's Legal History Ahead of Courthouse Bicentennial



The **Morris/Sussex Vicinage of New Jersey Courts** recently opened a special **250th Anniversary exhibit** inside the **historic Morris County Courthouse and adjoining**

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As a commemorative keepsake, visitors may pick up a complimentary copy of "Founding Documents of the United States," a pocket pamphlet containing the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, courtesy of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation.

Self-Guided Tour

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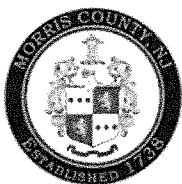
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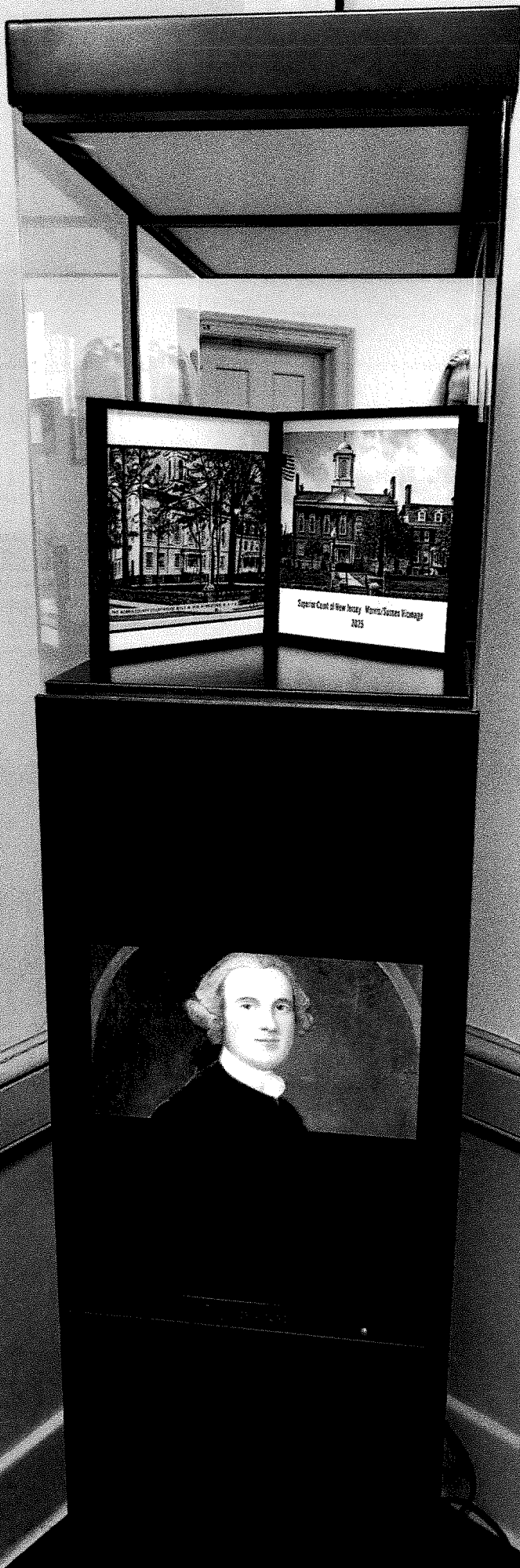
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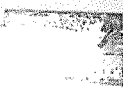






The Morris County Courthouse:

The *Washington Post* and *Washington Times* have been the principal sources of information about the activities of the National Security Council's (NSC) Special Source Operations (SSO) program. The program is a secret, highly classified, and highly controversial program that has been the subject of numerous reports, including a recent report by the House of Representatives' Intelligence Committee. The report, which was released on March 1, 1994, is a 100-page document that provides a detailed account of the program's activities and the role of the NSC in its development. The report is a significant contribution to the public understanding of the program and its implications for national security.



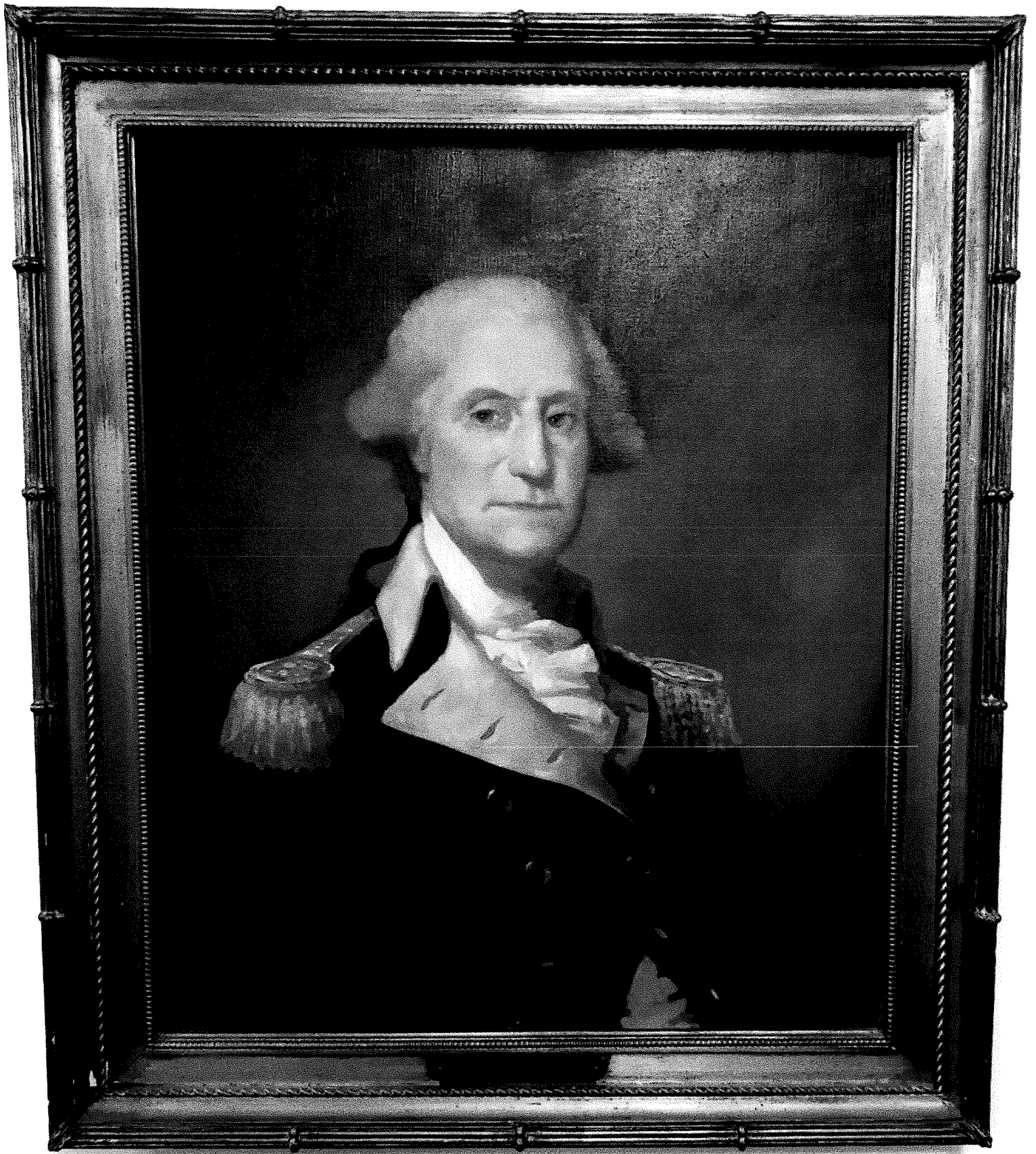
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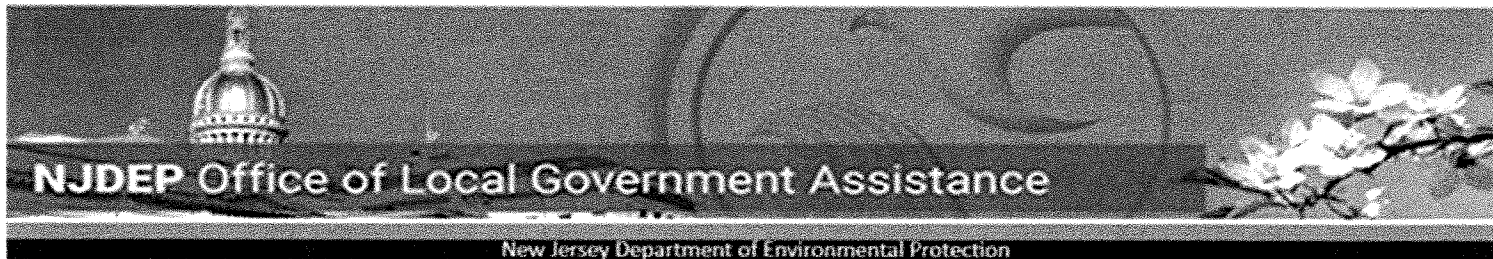
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Good afternoon, Mayors and Municipal Officials,

In this week's update, we invite you to share your input on the Delaware & Raritan Canal Commission Master Plan Update. We're also highlighting DEP's Sixth Annual Summer Youth Inclusion Initiative, which aims to inspire the next generation of environmental leaders. Additionally, DEP Fish & Wildlife encourages the use of the NJ Wildlife Tracker app—a valuable tool that makes it easy for residents to report rare species sightings and wildlife on roadways. Plus, dive into our Notes From Our Naturalists series featuring the Blue Crab. Don't miss an important webinar on extreme heat preparedness presented by The NJ Interagency Council on Climate Resilience and Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey. Read on...

Highlights

DEP Launches Sixth Annual Summer Youth Inclusion Initiative to Inspire Future Environmental Leaders - [Read the full news release here.](#)



The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection announced the launch of its sixth annual Youth Inclusion Initiative, an innovative partnership with community-based organizations that provides young people in underserved communities with the opportunity to experience careers in a wide variety of environmental fields.

Participants aged 16 to 20 are from communities that have disproportionately less open space or lack access to natural lands. They will work closely with DEP staff over the next six weeks with private and non-profit community-based organizations to learn about careers in water and air monitoring, natural resource management, wildlife conservation, and more.

“The DEP is proud to once again offer this award-winning program to help the next generation of New Jerseyans develop skills that prepare them for careers in a variety of environmental professions,” **Department of Environmental Protection Acting Commissioner Ed Potosnak** said. “Our staff is excited to share their expertise and commitment to protecting the environment with emerging environmental leaders dedicated to improving public health and quality of life in their communities.”

Pioneering Initiative

The Youth Inclusion Initiative is believed to be the only state-led program in the nation of its kind that focuses on connecting young people in overburdened communities with hands-on experience in environmental professions.

Since 2021, the summer program has progressed from 18 participants and two host organizations to more than 100 participants from 10 host organizations. Community Host Organizations are essential to the success of the program by working to recruit participants and then planning and supervising their summer experience. Additionally, the organizations promote participants’ continued growth by helping them identify next steps, such as furthering their education.

This year’s community host organizations are Groundwork Elizabeth, Ironbound Community Corporation (ICC, Newark), the Neighborhood Improvement Association (NIA, Trenton), NJ Community Development Corporation (Paterson), the Environmental Justice Alliance (Newark); the Outdoor Equity Alliance (Trenton).

Stevens Institute of Technology (Hoboken), Team Wilderness (Jersey City), United Parks as One (Newark) and WNW Strategies Inc. (Willingboro).

“Environmental careers aren’t one-size-fits-all,” said Elizabeth Dragon, DEP’s Assistant Commissioner for Community Investment and Economic Revitalization. Whether these young people are interested in trades, college, military service, or public sector work, the environment needs them. When alumni tell us, ‘this is what I want to do for the rest of my life,’ we know we’re building more than just a workforce – we’re empowering future environmental leaders.”

[Read the full news release](#) to learn more about the program.

Public Invited To Share Views On The Delaware & Raritan Canal Authority Commission Master Plan Update - [Read the full news release here.](#)

Residents from across New Jersey and visitors will have an opportunity to share their perspectives on sha

the future of the Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park during a series of upcoming public engagement sessions. The canal is one of the state's most popular recreational corridors.

The Delaware & Raritan Canal Commission, the state regulatory agency within the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection that is responsible for adopting and implementing a master plan for the park, has scheduled five sessions to discuss and gather input on its work to update the 1989 Master Plan.

New Jersey State Parks, within DEP, owns the canal park and manages its day-to-day operations, while the New Jersey Water Supply Authority operates and maintains the canal's critically important transmission elements, providing up to 100 million gallons of drinking water daily for an estimated 6 million people in central New Jersey.

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Created by law in 1974, the Delaware & Raritan Canal Commission is responsible for preparing, adopting and implementing a master plan for the physical development of the state park, reviewing state and local actions that impact the park, and coordinating and supporting activities of residents' groups to promote and protect the park.

[Read the full news release here.](#)

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July 14: Rutgers University, Edward J. Bloustein School, 33 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick

July 20: Phillip J. Pittore Justice Center, 25 S. Union St., Lambertville

July 29: Franklin Township Community Center, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset

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Sept. 8: Lawrence Township Library HQ Branch, 2751 Brunswick Pike, Lawrence Township

Members of the public who are unable to attend a session may still offer comments on the project by visiting the Commission website: nj.gov/dep/drcc/master-plan-updates.shtml

To learn more about the D&R Canal Commission, visit nj.gov/dep/drcc

To learn more about New Jersey's State Parks, Forests & Historic Sites, visit stateparks.nj.gov

Report Wildlife Sightings

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common and recognizable species of crab in New Jersey. They have one pair of claws, three pairs of jointed walking legs, and a back pair with a flat, paddle shaped digit. These are known as swimmerets, which aid crab in navigation through the water and make them excellent swimmers. The scientific name for a blue crab, *Callinectes sapidus*, translates from Latin as, “beautiful swimmer.”

A blue crab’s carapace, or shell, has a brownish-green color on top, and a mature crab’s claws will be bright blue. A female’s claws are also tipped with red. The light-colored underside, or abdomen, of a blue crab will be pointed on a mature male and rounded on a mature female. They can grow up to nine inches in length.

A carapace also has marginal teeth, which are ridges on the outside used to shred and break up food, as crabs do not have teeth in their mouths with which to chew. A blue crab will hold a piece of food in its claws and press the food against the marginal teeth to break it into smaller pieces to fit into the crab’s mouth.

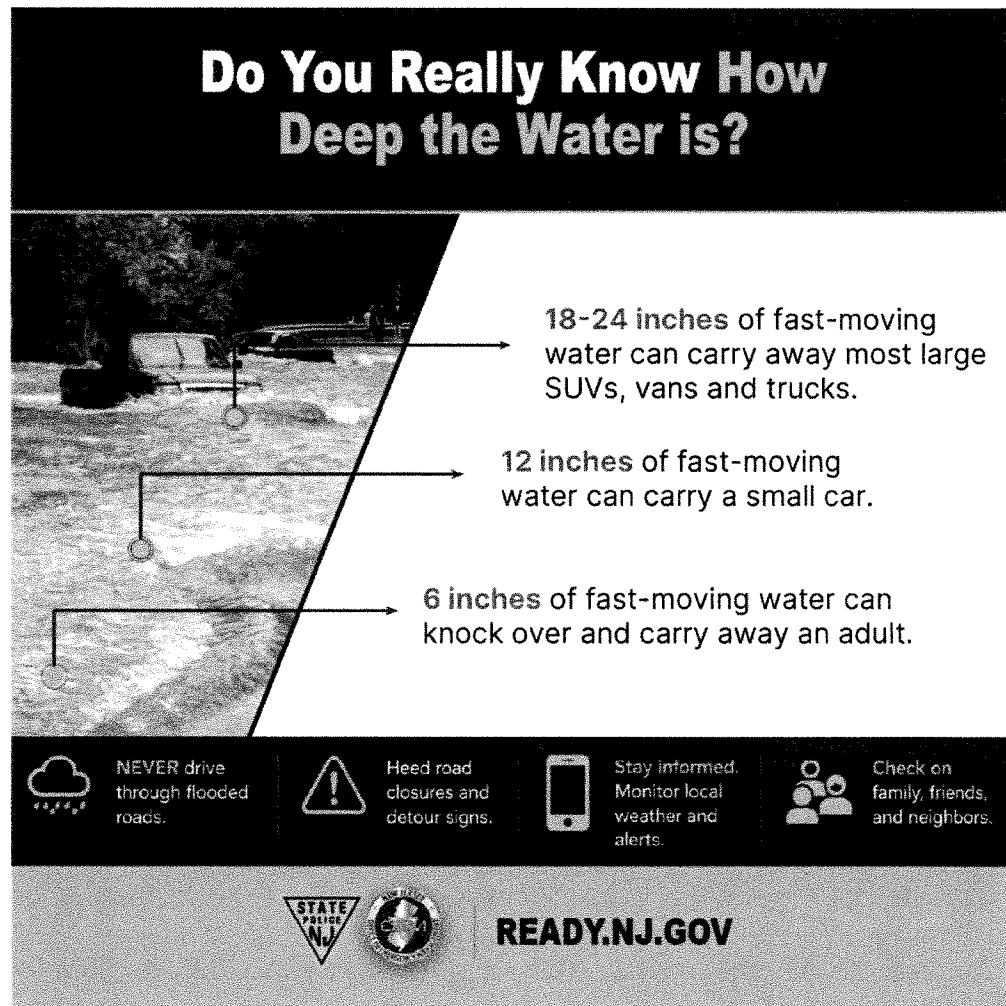
Like many crustaceans, blue crabs have a varied diet. As active predators, they will forage on fish, mollusks, smaller crabs, and other crustaceans. In turn, they are preyed upon by turtles, large fish, and wading birds. They are also a popular commercial species, harvested for sale and enjoyment by people as well as fish and birds.

Crabs are invertebrates, animals which do not possess an internal skeleton, and as they grow, they must shed their exoskeleton and grow a newer, larger one. After molting, a crab’s body is soft for a period of time as the new exoskeleton grows and hardens, and they can be extremely vulnerable to predators. They are known as “soft shelled crabs,” during this time.

Article by Sarajane Bruno, Naturalist, Liberty State Park



Turn Around, Don't Drown! Do not drive through flooded roadways!



EXTREME HEAT WEBINAR

The NJ Interagency Council on Climate Resilience and Girl Scouts Hear New Jersey Presents:

Extreme Heat and Protecting New Jersey's Children and Teens

Join us on July 22nd, 2026, at 11 a.m. as **New Jersey's Interagency Council on Climate Resilience** and **Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey** host an extreme heat webinar, *Extreme Heat and Protecting New Jersey's Children and Teens*, featuring a panel of community experts discussing the impacts that extreme heat has on children, teens, and families.

At this webinar, you'll learn:

- Impacts of Extreme Heat on Children and Teens
- How Extreme Heat Affects Schools, Camps, and Outdoor Activities
- Resources and Community Responses to Protect Young People and Families
- How to Stay Informed and Prepared



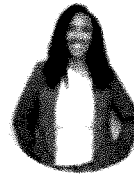
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Register here: <http://dep.nj.gov/heat-youth>

Visit [NJDEP| Office of Climate Resilience](#) for more information.

Funding Opportunities

Upcoming Application Deadlines

Grant Name	Deadline
Resilient NJ: Regional Assistance Program – Regional Planning Grants	July 21, 2026 at 12PM
Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program	July 27, 2026
Freshwater Wetland Mitigation Council RFP	October 15, 2026 at 5PM

Thank you for reading! Stay informed between updates by following NJDEP on [Facebook](#), [X](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) for daily heat safety alerts, cooling center updates, and community resources.

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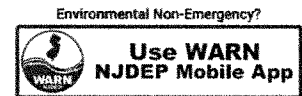
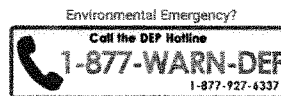
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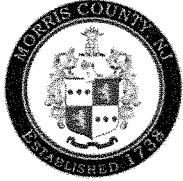






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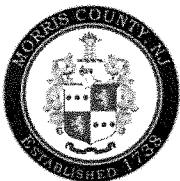
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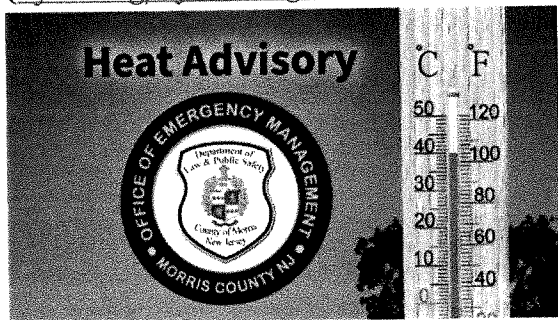
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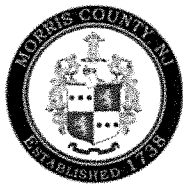
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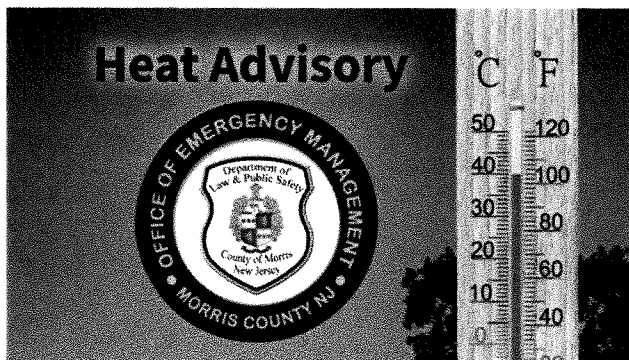
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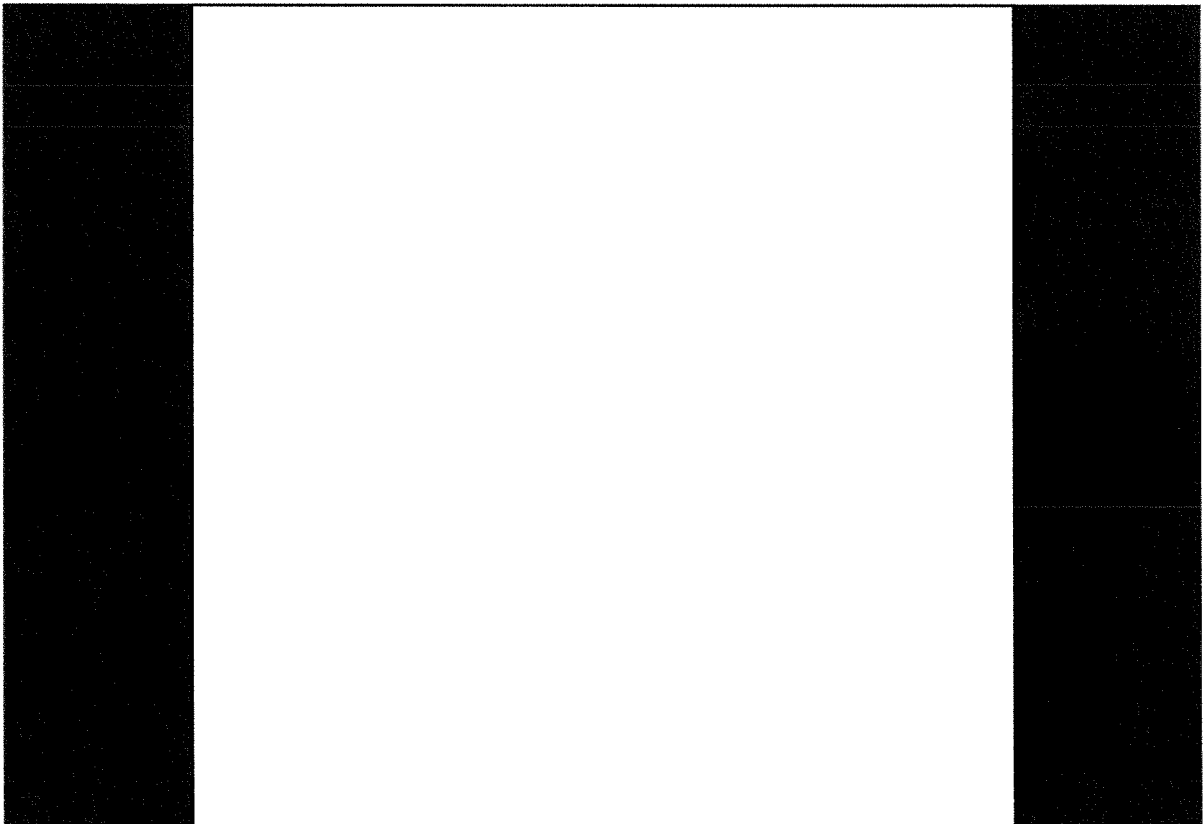
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Weekly Roundup

July 15, 2026

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State Issues

NJ Supreme Court Reconsiders Use Variance Standard

On July 13, the New Jersey Supreme Court released its unanimous decision in *Monarch Communities, LLC v. Township of Montville*, a significant win for municipalities. In *Monarch*, the Court considered the issue of a use variance application.

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

Read more: NJ Supreme Court Reconsiders Use Variance Standard

Division Issues Local Finance Notice on State Aid Payments

The Division of Local Government Services has issued Local Finance Notice 2026-10 summarizing the State Aid payment program for CY2026 and SFY2027 municipal budgets.

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

Read more: Division Issues Local Finance Notice on State Aid Payments

2027 SHBC Rate Renewal Meeting Held

The State Health Benefits Commission (SHBC) met on Wednesday, July 8, on the proposed Plan Year 2027 renewal rates, which included significant rate increases.

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Read more: 2027 SHBC Rate Renewal Meeting Held

Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park Master Plan Public Hearings

A series of public hearings have been scheduled on the Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park Master Plan. The five public hearings will discuss and gather input as the D&R Canal Commission updates the 1989 Master Plan.

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Read more: Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park Master Plan Public Hearings

DEP Heat Hub Offers Resources to Help Communities Prepare for Extreme Heat

In response to longer periods of extreme heat in the state, the NJ DEP has launched the New Jersey Heat Hub to serve as a centralized digital

resource designed to assist with all things related to extreme heat in New Jersey.

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New Jersey Attorney General Proposes Major Updates to OPRA Rules

The New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety has issued a new rule proposal that would bring its government regulations into compliance with the Open Public Records Act.

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BPU Establishes Summer Termination Program by Rulemaking

The NJ BPU has issued proposed amendments and new rules to existing rules at N.J.A.C. 14:3. The proposal establishes a Summer Termination Program pursuant to P.L. 2025, C.145.

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Federal Issues

Senate Committee Releases Bipartisan WRDA Bill

Last week, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee released a bipartisan bill on WRDA and reauthorization of EPA drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater programs.

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Read more: Senate Committee Releases Bipartisan WRDA Bill

21st Century ROAD to Housing Act Becomes Law

On July 10, the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act became law. Please read the League's previous writeups and the National League of Cities 10 Items to know about the new law.

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Conference Connections

Learn and Connect at 2026 League Conference Events

This year, the League will once again celebrate local government and those who serve with the Mayors' Lunch Briefing and the Women in Municipal Government Networking & Awards Event on Wednesday and the League Delegates Luncheon on Thursday. Due to renovations at the Sheraton Hotel, these events will be held in the AC Convention Center.

Join your peers at the League's networking events. Three events occur during the week offering an excellent opportunity to honor peers, connect with others, and have face-to-face conversations with local and state leaders. An event ticket and Conference badge is required to enter each event.

Mayors' Lunch Briefing. Wednesday, November 18, 12:15 p.m.-1:45 p.m., **AC Convention Center, Hall A.** This event is specific to Mayors and two guests. On Wednesday afternoon, join mayors from around the state. Honor your peers for their achievements in the League's Hall of Fame and the Innovation in Governance awards and build a dialogue with the directors of State agencies. Lively discussions during the event provide information not only from the speakers but also from the audience. **Fee: \$30**

Women in Municipal Government Networking & Awards Event. Wednesday, November 18, 5:15 p.m.-6:30 p.m., **AC Convention Center, Hall D.** On Wednesday evening, after Conference sessions have concluded, gather with other elected officials and local government enthusiasts to celebrate the accomplishments of outstanding women in New Jersey government. **Fee: \$35**

League Delegates Luncheon. Thursday, November 19, 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., **AC Convention Center, Rooms 402/403.** On Thursday afternoon, delegates gather for this sit-down lunch which puts them in the room with League and State leadership and creates a learning opportunity to start 2027 strong. The League Delegates Luncheon is a gathering of local government officials and those who support their work. Whether a longtime member or newly elected, it is an inspiring way to wrap up your Conference week. **Fee: \$45**

Purchase tickets when you [register for the Conference](#). If you are already registered, [login to your existing registration to purchase](#).

Also of Interest

NJ Municipalities: Write for the Magazine!

New Jersey Municipalities magazine is seeking articles, news items, columns, and op-eds for the October, November, and December issues and beyond. We are particularly seeking pieces authored by mayors, council members, and municipal professionals with stories from your communities to inform and inspire your peers around the state. Want to write but you're not sure how to get started? [Consider this week's blog on the topic, complete with subjects and writing tips.](#)

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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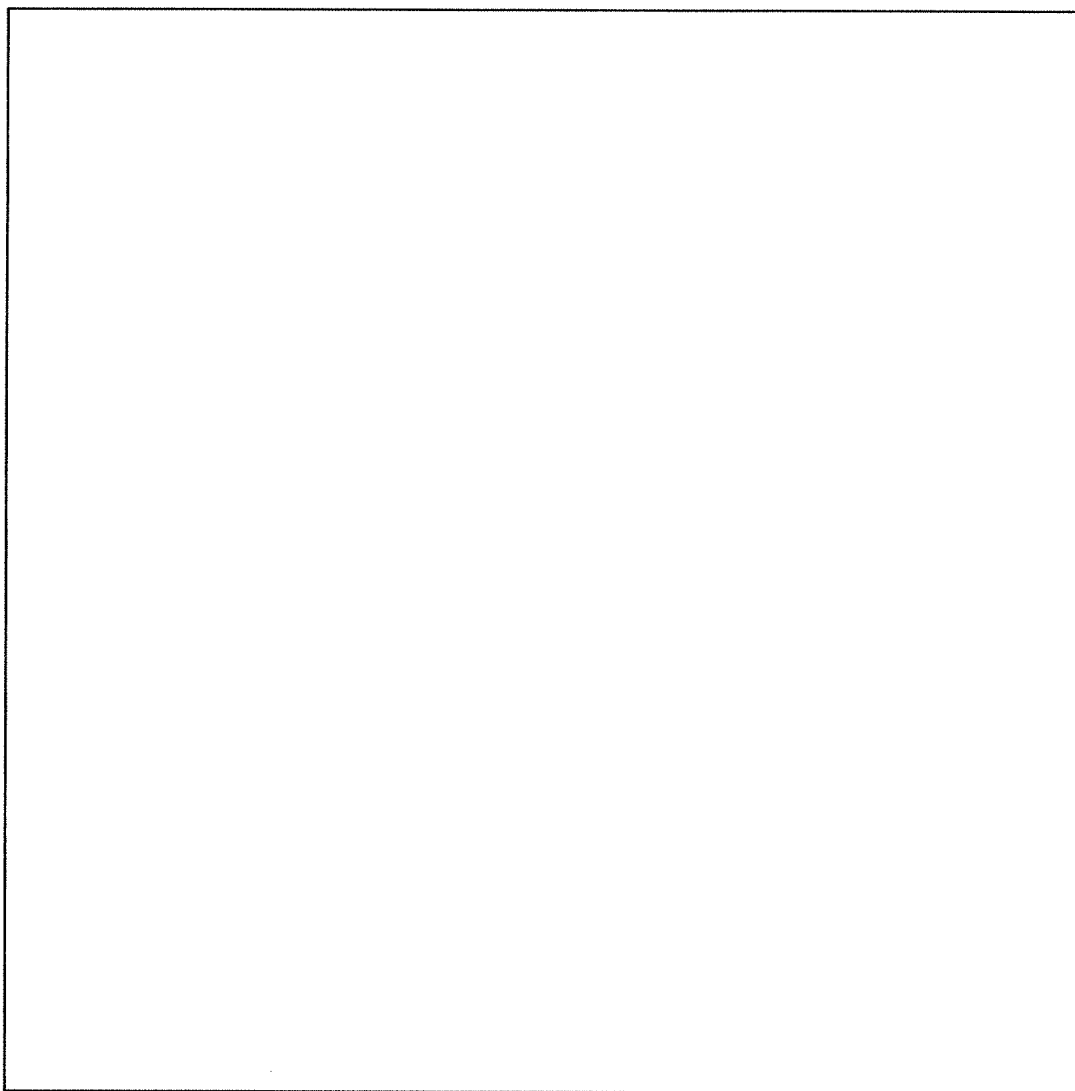
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Registration is [now open](#).

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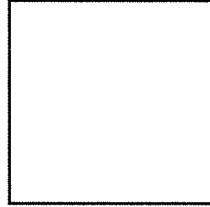
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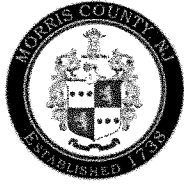
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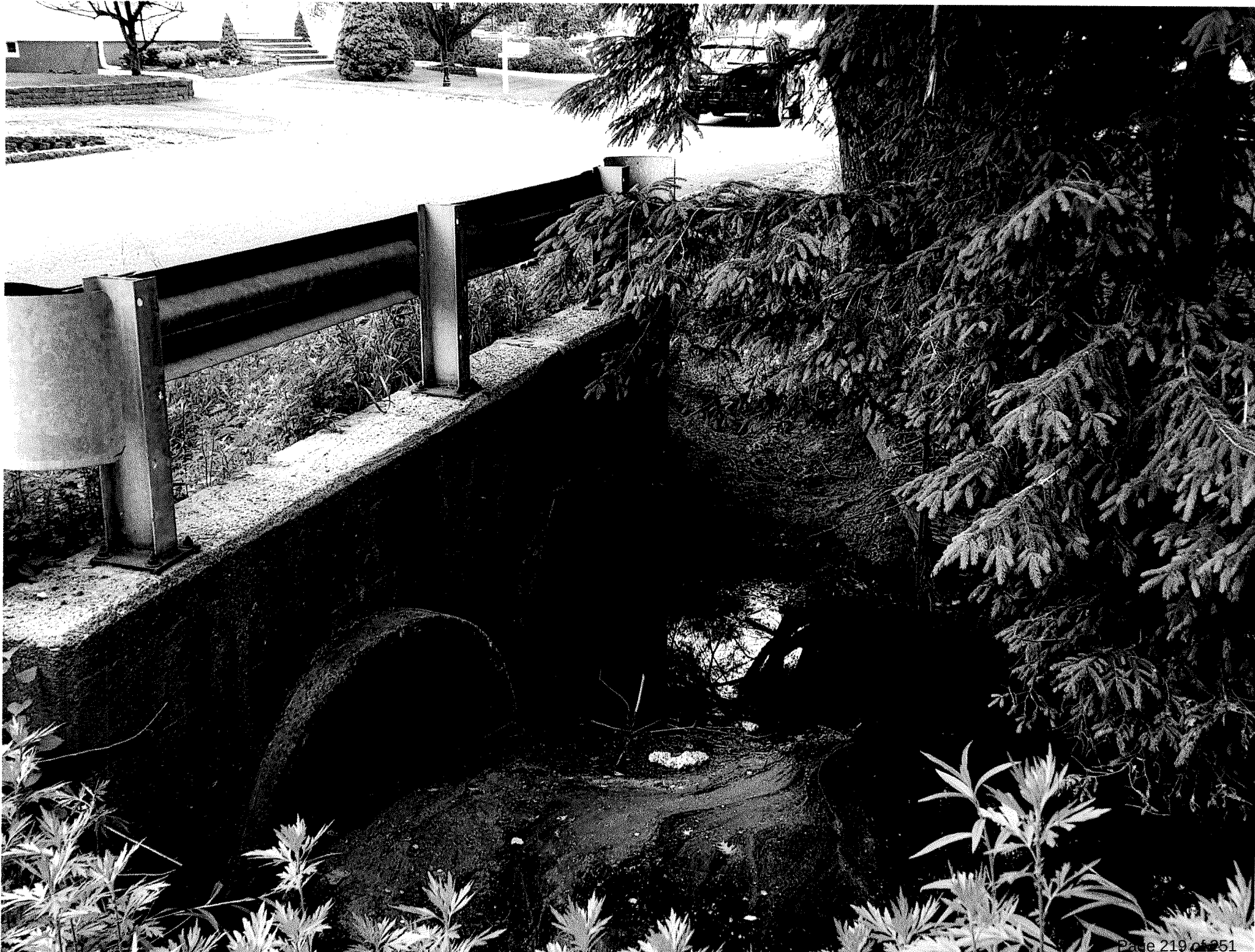
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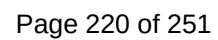
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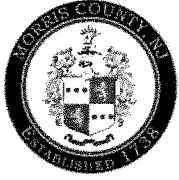
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CHAPTER 550, LAND USE, AND CHAPTER 169, DOGS AND
OTHER ANIMALS, OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO
ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR DEER FENCING**

WHEREAS, in response to a resident's request to the Township of Mount Olive Council regarding deer fencing, the Administration and Township professionals have reviewed the Township Code and recommend amending same to permit deer fencing with certain restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the request and desire to adopt the recommended amendments to the Township Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 550, Land Use, Article VI, Zoning, § 550-82, Fences and walls, Paragraph A, Height and construction requirements; definition, of the Township Code is hereby amended to add the following language:

(12) Notwithstanding any provisions of § 550-82A, "deer fencing" as defined in § 169-55 of the Code of the Township of Mount Olive may be placed only in rear yards to protect gardens from deer or other wildlife. Deer fencing shall require a permit pursuant to § 169-57 and be in full compliance with Article VII, Deer Fencing. Deer fencing shall be no more than eight (8) feet tall, as measured from existing grade for the surface immediately adjacent to the exterior of the deer fence location.

SECTION 2. Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 169, Dogs and Other Animals, is hereby amended to add new Article VII, Deer Fencing, to read as follows:

§169-55 Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

DEER FENCE

A square-mesh or hexagonal mesh fence, with a mesh size of approximately two inches by two inches, used to protect gardens from deer or other wildlife.

§ 169-56 Installation and construction.

Open fencing designed for the purpose of repelling or preventing the travel or entry of deer may be installed only in rear yards, in accordance with § 550-82A(12). The control of deer by the construction of deer fencing shall be subject to the following regulations:

A. No deer fence shall be erected, constructed, or installed that is over eight (8) feet in height,

as measured at existing grade from the surface area immediately adjacent to the exterior of the deer fence location.

- B. Deer fencing shall not be attached to trees, must be securely supported by posts or attached to existing fencing, and shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer specifications.
- C. Deer fencing shall be safely staked or secured at ground level.
- D. Deer fencing materials shall all be of the same color, with colors limited to black, brown, or green to harmonize with the surrounding landscape of the area and to reduce visual impact on surrounding properties.

§ 169-57. Permit required.

Erection, construction, or installation of deer fencing requires a permit from the Township.

§ 169-58. Maintenance; violations and penalties.

- A. Deer fencing and its installation shall be maintained in good condition and be subject to periodic inspection by the Construction Official or Zoning Officer to assure that it has not deteriorated, come loose, or has otherwise become a visual or safety nuisance or hazard.
- B. Enforcement and penalties for violations hereof shall be in accordance with the Code of the Township of Mount Olive regarding property maintenance.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance may be renumbered for purpose of codification.

SECTION 4. Ordinances, resolutions, regulations or parts of ordinances, resolutions, and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such a decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

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Introduced:
Adopted:
Effective Date:

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

Alex Roman, Township Council President

Attest:

Susan Gouveia, Township Clerk

ORD.# 20-2026

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WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Olive Planning Board adopted a Periodic Reexamination Report of the Master Plan and Development Regulations dated November 14, 2024 and revised November 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Report recommends reviewing the list of permitted home occupations to consider more up-to-date classifications; and

WHEREAS, the Township has reviewed the definition of Home Occupations under Section 550-5, Definitions, of the Township Code and recommends certain revisions, including the addition of cottage food operators; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the recommendations and desires to amend the Township Code accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 550, Land Use, Article II, Terminology, § 550-5, Definitions, Home Occupation, is hereby amended to read as follows:

HOME OCCUPATION

A physician, dentist, lawyer, architect, professional engineer, accountant, manufacturer's representative, cottage food operator, telemarketer, or like professional person, provided that such occupation shall be conducted entirely within the residential building and shall be clearly accessory to the use of the dwelling for residential purposes; and such use shall conform to all applicable ordinance requirements. Such use shall not change the residential character of the building, and not more than two persons in addition to the resident occupants shall be employed therein, except that a cottage food operator shall have no employees other than the holder of the cottage food operator permit. No more than 900 square feet or 50% of the first floor area of the building, whichever is less, shall be used for such purposes; and no sale of products or articles shall be offered from the premises. No occupational sounds shall be audible outside of the building, and no machinery or equipment shall be used which will cause interference with radio or television reception in the neighboring residences. Home occupation shall not create any unreasonable odors. The repair, maintenance or outdoor storage of motor vehicles shall not be permitted as a home occupation.

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Introduced:

Adopted:

Effective Date:

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

Alex Roman, Township Council President

Attest:

Susan Gouveia, Township Clerk

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE
RENEWING THE GROUP DENTAL BENEFITS PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES
AND THEIR COVERED DEPENDENTS THROUGH
DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Township of Mt. Olive, hereinafter referred to as the Township, provides dental benefits coverage to eligible employees and their covered dependents as part of the comprehensive Employee Health Benefits Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Health Benefits Consultant, as a matter of due diligence, examined the plan usage, claims data and network utilization and further, engaged in active negotiations for the renewal of the Township's Dental Program, which currently consists of the PPO Plus Premier and the PPO Plan, administered by Delta Dental of NJ, Inc. and

WHEREAS, the Consultant was successful in securing a renewal for both the PPO Plus Premier and PPO Plans, that:

- Provides a 24-month rate with a Flat Renewal – 0% increase over expiring.
- Provides for all coverages/benefits to remain unchanged from the expiring respective plans.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Mt. Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the 12-month Renewal of the dental benefits contract with Delta Dental of New Jersey for the period **August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2028**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Governing Body does hereby authorize and affirm the implementation of this Renewal, which maintains the current plan design of benefits; thereby ensuring the moral and contractual obligation of the Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the contract award for the Renewal Proposal is to a duly licensed and admitted Insurance Carrier within the State of NJ and therefore, such award is exempt from the requirements set forth by P.L. 2004, Chapter 19 (as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51) N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq. and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township Administrator/CFO are hereby authorized and directed to execute the renewal documents in accordance with the existing terms and conditions of the Agreement with the renewal rate provisions, as promulgated herewith; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to PIA Security Programs, A Division of World Insurance Associates, LLC; 429 Hackensack Street, P.O. Box 818 Carlstadt NJ, Health Benefits Consultant to the Township, the Township Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Auditor.

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

Alex Roman, Council President

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution passed by the Mount Olive Township Council at a duly convened meeting held on July 21, 2026.

Susan Gouveia, Township Clerk

Morris County, New Jersey



2026 Dental Renewal Analysis



PROFESSIONAL
INSURANCE
ASSOCIATES
A DIVISION OF **WORLD**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
MOUNT OLIVE WAIVING CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES TO MUSCO
SPORTS LIGHTING, LLC RELATED TO THE TURKEY BROOK PARK
SOCCER FIELD LIGHTING RETROFIT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Mount Olive Township Council has the right to waive certain fees; and

WHEREAS, Musco Sports Lighting, LLC was awarded a contract related to the Turkey Brook Park Soccer Field Lighting Retrofit project; and

WHEREAS, Mount Olive Township owns the facility; and

WHEREAS, Musco Sports Lighting, LLC has filed for a Construction Permit associated with the renovations; and

WHEREAS, they have made a written request to the Mayor and Council to waive the municipal fees associated with the permits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Mount Olive that all municipal fees associated with the permits on behalf of Musco Sports Lighting, LLC for the above referenced event is hereby waived.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

Alex Roman, Council President

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution passed by the Mount Olive Township Council at a duly convened meeting held on July 21, 2026.

Susan Gouveia, Township Clerk

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE REQUESTING
PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR POLICE DONATIONS
TRUST FUND REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29**

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, the N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29 provides for receipt of donations – acceptance of bequests and gifts to the Police Department for the acquisition of Police equipment and community policing programs; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the Police Donations Trust Fund are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirements:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Mount Olive of the County of Morris, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures from the Police Department Donations Trust Fund for the purposes outlined above.
2. The Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, is hereby directed to upload this request and a copy of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services using the FAST system.

Alex Roman
Council President

I hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive at a duly convened meeting on July 21, 2026.

Susan Gouveia
Township Clerk

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE, IN THE
COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, GRANTING A
TEMPORARY SIX-MONTH CONDITIONAL QUARRY LICENSE TO
SAXTON FALLS SAND & GRAVEL ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS OF
COMPLIANCE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026**

WHEREAS, Saxton Falls Sand & Gravel Company, Inc., (“Saxton Falls”), is the owner and operator of a quarry located at 66 Waterloo Valley Road, in the Township of Mount Olive, formally designated as Block 700, Lots 2-5 & 8, Block 701, Lots 4 & 6, and Block 800, Lot 40 on the Township’s official Tax Maps of record in the Office of the Township Tax Assessor (“subject property”); and

WHEREAS, subsection 550-60B of the Code of the Township of Mount Olive (“Township Code”) requires that any person/entity conducting the business of quarrying within the Township must obtain an annual license from the Township in accordance with section 550-60 of the Township Code; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with 550-60D of the Township Code and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26b, prior to the approval or renewal of any annual quarry license, all quarry businesses operating in the Township must submit a complete application and updated Operation and Reclamation Plan for a quarry site to the Township Clerk, the application shall then be referred to the Township Planning Board for review and a public hearing; and upon conclusion of the public hearing the Planning Board shall issue a formal recommendation by resolution to the Township Council as to whether or not to approve and issue such annual license; and

WHEREAS, Saxton Falls timely submitted a license application and the required updated Operation and Reclamation Plan to the Township Clerk, along with an updated Operation and Reclamation Plan and all required fees for the renewal of its annual quarry license in accordance with Section 550-60 of the Township Code for the 2026 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2026 the Township Planning Board conducted a public hearing on Saxton Falls annual license application, during which the public was able to participate, ask questions and make comments; and

WHEREAS, during the Planning Board hearing, the Board considered testimony from Saxton Falls’ President, Richard Schindelar, and members of the public, as well as Saxton Fall’s Operation & Reclamation Plan Update, dated December 1, 2025, inclusive of an updated operation and remediation plan and overview of operations; Saxton Falls Department of Labor and Workforce Development Mine Registration Certificate No. 004951 with an expiration date of March 31, 2026, Saxton Falls’ Morris County Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Certification, with an expiration date of June 6, 2028; an NJDEP Water Allocation Permit, with an expiration date of July 31, 2029; and Saxton Falls’ Certificate of Liability Insurance; and

WHEREAS, during the hearing the Township Engineer Michael Vreeland, PE, PP, CME, confirmed to the Planning Board that he reviewed the quarrying operations and found same to be acceptable and further advised that he conducted multiple inspections of the subject property

during the calendar year, including on November 27, 2025 and was able to confirm the truthfulness and accuracy of the testimony provided by Mr. Schindelar; and

WHEREAS, upon conclusion of the hearing the Planning Board found that Saxton Falls submitted all required information and documentation in accordance with the Township Code; that Saxton Falls ongoing quarrying operations are in compliance with section 550-60 of the Township's Code and that such operations appear to be consistent with the reclamation plan and operations details previously submitted and approved, and recommended to the Township Council the issuance of a 2026 annual license to Saxton Falls subject to certain continuing conditions of compliance; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2026 the Planning Board adopted a Memorializing Resolution setting forth the above findings and recommendation and continuing conditions of compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has also reviewed Saxton Falls' updated status reports/plans and inspected Saxton Falls' operations on June 16, 2026 at the property and has independently determined that Saxton Falls continues to make progress in abating the conditions and alleged violations at the site in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Solid Waste Compliance & Enforcement ("NJDEP") previously approved Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to resolve the outstanding Administrative Order and Notice of Civil Administrative Penalty Assessment ("Enforcement Action") that was issued against Saxton Falls in early 2021 for alleged violations of the Solid Waste Management Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer further reviewed Saxton Falls' updated status reports/plans and inspected Saxton Falls' operations at the property and independently determined that Saxton Falls continues to make progress in abating the conditions and alleged violations at the site in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Solid Waste Compliance & Enforcement ("NJDEP") previously approved Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to resolve the outstanding Administrative Order and Notice of Civil Administrative Penalty Assessment ("Enforcement Action") that was issued against Saxton Falls in early 2021 for alleged violations of the Solid Waste Management Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, based upon the Township Planning Board's findings and recommendations, along with the separate recommendations of the Township Engineer and the Township Attorney, on March 24, 2026 the Township Council adopted a resolution granting Saxton Falls a six-month temporary and conditional quarry license subject to certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Township Council's resolution, dated March 24, 2026, Saxton Falls' six-month temporary and conditional quarry license is subject to further review by the Township Council at its regular meeting of July 21, 2026, at which time the Township Council is to revisit the status of Saxton Falls reclamation plan and progress in completing the terms and conditions of the NJDEP CAP and determine whether to revoke or extend the temporary conditional quarry license to Saxton Falls for the remainder of the 2026

calendar year, with or without conditions, in accordance with Section 550-60L of the Township Code; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2025, Saxton Falls submitted an extension request to the Township Business Administrator in accordance with the conditions imposed in the Township's Resolution adopted on March 24, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has inspected the subject property, most recently in June 2026 and has discussed the status of the Saxton Falls' progress in remedying the alleged violations with the NJDEP's investigation/enforcement officer most familiar with the Enforcement Action and status of Saxton Falls' abatement measures and also discussed the status of Saxton Falls' compliance with State and local soil conservation district requirements with the Morris County Soil Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has since issued a memorandum to the Township Business Administrator, dated June 18, 2026 concerning the status of the CAP and Saxton Falls' compliance thereof; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP Enforcement Action remains a contested case outside of the jurisdictional purview of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP's primary investigation officer has inspected the subject property, most recently has confirmed that no new violations have been observed at the subject property, that Saxton Falls continues to make progress in bringing the subject property into compliance with applicable law and continues to proceed in accordance with the NJDEP's previously approved CAP; and

WHEREAS, according to the Township Engineer's discussions with the Morris County Soil Conservation District, the Morris County Soil Conservation District has confirmed that the required soil erosion and sediment control measures are in-place at the subject property in accordance with applicable State and local laws and regulations/permits and there are no current issues at the site; and

WHEREAS, while the Enforcement Action remains pending, NJDEP's investigation officers continue to conduct independent inspections of the subject property to confirm compliance with the approved CAP, and has independently allowed Saxton Falls to continue quarry operations at the subject property while the NJDEP's approved abatement measures are advanced to rectify the alleged violations; and

WHEREAS, Saxton Falls, however, requires additional time to completely resolve the alleged NJDEP violations, complete the remaining sections of the NJDEP approved CAP, and Saxton Falls is still awaiting issuance of its NJDEPS R13 "stormwater" General Permit for Mining and Quarry facilities from the NJDEP Stormwater Permitting and Water Quality Management and that such stormwater permit has been deemed complete and is in que for processing; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer have also reviewed Saxton Falls' updated status reports/plans and has inspected Saxton Falls' operations at the property and has independently determined that Saxton Falls continues to make progress in abating the conditions and alleged violations at the site in accordance with the NJDEP approved CAP and anticipates it will be complete by the end of the year; and

WHEREAS, based upon the Township Engineer's independent inspections since January 2026 and confirmatory communications with the NJDEP's primary investigation/enforcement officer and Morris County Soil Conservation District, the Township Engineer has no objections to the Township granting a conditional quarry license extension to Saxton Falls for the remainder of the 2026 calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Council do hereby find as follows:

1. Based on the prior recommendations of the Planning Board, and the updated information and recommendations of the Township Engineer, as well information obtained from the NJDEP enforcement officer, Saxton Falls continues to make progress to abate the existing alleged NJDEP violations at the Subject Property in an orderly manner in accordance with the NJDEP approved Corrective Action Plan such that issuance of an extension of the temporary and conditional quarry license for the remaining 2026 calendar year would not pose a risk to the public health, safety and general welfare; and
2. In balancing the relative hardships, the lack of a quarry license has a real and substantial likelihood to cause unnecessary delay in Saxton Falls bringing the subject property into compliance with the NJDEP Corrective Action Plan while the NJDEP's Enforcement Action remains pending; and
3. However, the Township Council does also find that because the NJDEP Corrective Action Plan remain incomplete and the stormwater management permit remains under review by the NJDEP, the issuance of an extension of the temporary quarry license to Saxton Falls for the remainder of the 2026 calendar year, subject to certain conditions of compliance, rather than an annual license, remains appropriate at this juncture.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Saxton Falls' June 27, 2025 request for an extension of the six-month temporary conditional quarry license previously issued by the Township Council on March 24, 2026 be and is hereby granted for the remainder of the 2026 calendar year; and Township Council does hereby authorize the issuance of a six-month temporary conditional quarry license to Saxton Falls for the remainder of the 2026 calendar year subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The sixth-month period of the extended temporary license to Saxton Falls shall run from the date of passage of this Resolution and shall continue until December 31, 2026.
2. At all times during the extended temporary license period, Saxton Falls shall conduct all operations and uses at the subject property in full compliance with all applicable Federal, State,

County and local laws and regulations, and all requirements of the Township Code, including but not limited to the provisions set forth at Section 550-60 of the Township Code.

3. At all times during the extended temporary license period, Saxton Falls shall conduct all operations and uses at the subject property in full compliance with the NJDEP approved Corrective Action Plan and all conditions of compliance/approval set forth in this Resolution, as well as the Township's prior Resolution issued on March 24, 2026, the Township Planning Board's Resolution of January 16, 2025, and any and all other Federal, State and/or local approvals, licenses, permits/certifications/certificates issued to Saxton Falls by any other Federal, State, County and Township regulatory/administrative agencies/authorities.
4. The Township Planning Board's Memorializing Resolution, dated February 12, 2026, and the continuing conditions of compliance set forth therein, are hereby incorporated herein by reference and made part hereof, such that Saxton Falls remains subject to such compliance conditions.
5. Pursuant to subsection 550-60F of the Township Code, Saxton Falls and its agents, contractors, and any other persons/entities using or having access to the subject property is/are prohibited from utilizing the subject property for any operations, including the storage of materials/equipment, not directly related to the permitted use(s) of the subject property as a quarry; and Saxton Falls and its agents, contractors, and any other persons/entities having access to the subject property is/are expressly prohibited from using the subject property as a landfill and from conducting landfilling activities/operations thereon.
6. During the extended period of this temporary conditional license, the Township Enforcement Officer and Township Engineer are hereby authorized to conduct periodic inspections of the subject property, with or without prior notice to Saxton Falls, as necessary to evaluate Saxton Falls' compliance with the conditions of this extended temporary license, the reclamation procedures and Saxton Falls' progress in completing the NJDEP approved Corrective Action Plan.
7. During the extended period of this temporary conditional license, Saxton Falls shall advise the Township Engineer on an ongoing basis, in writing, of the name and contact information of an individual for emergency notification and advise the Township Engineer of any changes within no more than five business days.
8. In accordance with section 550-60 of the Township Code and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26b, by no later than November 7, 2026 Saxton Falls shall apply to the Township for the approval of a 2027 annual quarry license and submit a plan for operation and reclamation of the site to the Township Clerk for referral to the Township Planning Board for its annual review of Saxton Fall's quarry license application for the 2027 calendar year.
9. Prior to consideration of any future quarry license/permit, the Township Enforcement Officer and Township Engineer shall submit to the Township Council a report of the findings at the close of the extended temporary license period.
10. For purposes of enabling the Township Planning Board, Enforcement Officer, Township Engineer and Township Attorney to make any future recommendations to the Township Council as to whether to grant any further temporary/annually quarry licenses, and/or modify any conditions set forth herein, in addition to all other application requirements, by no later

than November 8, 2026 Saxton Falls shall also provide a certified written status update to the Township Clerk advising as to the status of: all required NJDEP and County permits and certifications, including but not limited to, all initial and/or renewal permits for NJDEP air, stormwater, and discharge programs; Saxton Fall's Department of Labor and Workforce Development Mine Registration Certificate No. 004951; all mandatory insurance requirements; the approved reclamation procedures; and Saxton Falls' progress in completing the remaining sections of the CAP.

11. If not already completed, Saxton Falls shall immediately file complete applications (including all renewal applications) for all required Federal, State, NJDEP, and County licenses, permits and certifications, including but not limited to, all initial and/or renewal permits for NJDEP air, stormwater, and discharge programs. Saxton Falls shall complete all applications for and secure all required NJDEP permits, including, but not limited to, all initial and/or renewal permits for NJDEP air, stormwater, and discharge programs and for such NJDEPS R13 "stormwater" General Permit for Mining and Quarry facilities from the NJDEP Stormwater Permitting and Water Quality Management; and Saxton Fall's Department of Labor and Workforce Development Mine Registration Certificate No. 004951.
12. Upon completion of all operations, Saxton Falls shall be required to submit a two-year maintenance bond to ensure completion of the final reclamation plan. The bond amount shall be determined on the basis of the scope of the final reclamation plan and approved by the Township Engineer as to the scope of work and accuracy of cost estimates.
13. Nothing herein shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of, or otherwise limit, the Township's rights to: (a) extend, suspend and/or revoke the temporary conditional license so issued under this Resolution; (b) deny Saxton Fall's application for an annual license; or (c) otherwise pursue formal legal action to enforce the provisions of the Township Code, and/or other Federal, State and local laws, and/or the conditions of compliance set forth herein as against Saxton Falls. Any and all such rights of the Township are hereby reserved.
14. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

Alex Roman, Council President

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution passed by the Mount Olive Township Council at a duly convened meeting held on July 21, 2026.

Susan Gouveia, Township Clerk



State of New Jersey

PHILIP D. MURPHY
Governor

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Division of Waste & UST Compliance & Enforcement
Bureau of Solid Waste Compliance & Enforcement
9 Ewing Street
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REGULAR MAIL

March 25, 2026

MR. RICHARD SHINDELAR

Po Box 576
Stanhope, NJ 07874

**RE: SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
SAXTON FALLS SAND & GRAVEL CO
Waterloo Valley Road
Mount Olive, NJ 07828
EA ID #: NEA250001 - U3177
Resolving: AONOCAPA PEA200001-U3177**

Dear Mr. Shindelar:

Enclosed is the fully executed Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") addressing the Administrative Order and Notice of Civil Administrative Penalty Assessment ("AONOCAPA") issued 12/10/2020 having the EA ID#PEA200001-U3177. Also enclosed is the Enforcement Invoice for submission to the Division of Revenue.

By copy of this letter and enclosure, I am advising the Director of the Office of Administrative Hearings and Dispute Resolution that the above case is settled in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

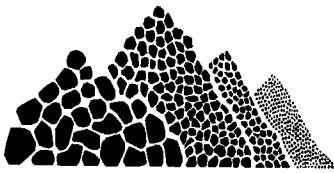
If you have any questions, please contact **Ms. Gina Lugo** of my staff at **609-203-3732**.

Sincerely,

Tom Farrell, Chief
Bureau of Solid Waste Compliance & Enforcement

Enclosure

c: Linda Taylor, Director, Office of Administrative Hearings and Dispute Resolution
Gina Lugo, Supervisor, Bureau of Solid Waste Compliance & Enforcement



Saxton Falls Sand & Gravel Company Inc.

Waterloo Valley Road, P.O. Box 576, Stanhope, NJ 07874

Phone 908-852-0120, Fax 908-852-1360, saxtonfalls.com

Andrew Tatarenko
Mt. Olive Business Administrator
204 Flanders Drakestown Rd.
Bull Lake, NJ 07828

06/26/26

Re: Extension of the Temporary Quarry License for Saxton Falls Sand & Gravel

Mr. Tatarenko,

I am requesting an extension to our Temporary Quarry License for another 6 months.

As per the Temporary Quarry License, the following is an update for what has happened for the first 6 months of 2026.

From January to about the end of March we worked on maintenance of our plant and equipment.

From April to the end of June, We have been doing more maintenance and mining next to the northeast corner of our property. Which is the same area as last year. We had 3 customers bring in clean fill. As always, we went and received the appropriate permit from Mt. Olive to bring in this clean fill.

The Corrective Action Plan has been complete. NJDEP and I finalized the Settlement agreement, and they sent me a letter stating that the Case is settled and it is no longer open. Please see the attached NJDEP letter.

Our NJDEP Storm Water Management plan is still being reviewed at this point. We have not heard anything about when they will issue this permit.

Mr. Vreeland has come out to inspect us, this happened before he approved the permit to bring in clean fill. I showed him around. I believe he has sent you, his report.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me, I will be happy to answer them.

Sincerely,



Richard Schindelar

Owner Saxton Falls Sand and Gravel Co.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE AUTHORIZING A NON-FAIR AND OPEN VENDOR SERVICE CONTRACT FOR WATER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SOUTH HILLSIDE AREA OF THE TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO NEW JERSEY LOCAL UNIT PAY-TO-PLAY LAW (FSC Leak Detection)

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Olive would like to provide water improvements to the South Hillside area of the Township of Mount Olive for the water/sewer utility, for the inclusion of three (3) additional properties located at 24, 25, and 26 South Hillside Drive; and

WHEREAS, recent testing has confirmed that the private wells serving these three properties are contaminated, rendering the water supply unsafe for human consumption and daily use; and

WHEREAS, as the Township is committed to the health and welfare of its residents, it is imperative that these homes be connected to the public water system as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, FSC Leak Detection submitted a proposal in the amount of \$33,075; and

WHEREAS, this contract will be awarded as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Director has determined and certified in writing that the estimated value of the professional services contract may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for the calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS, FSC Leak Detection has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that it has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit it from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a), the maximum dollar value of this contract shall be \$33,075 and the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds; and

WHEREAS, funds for this contract shall be charged to account #C-04-56-958-902.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris, state of New Jersey, that it hereby approves a non-fair and open vendor service contract with FSC Leak Detection in an amount not to exceed \$33,075.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this action shall be posted on the township website as required by law.

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

Alex Roman, Council President

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution passed by the Mount Olive Township Council at a duly convened meeting held on July 21, 2026.

Susan Gouveia, Township Clerk

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE
AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ROAD RESURFACING OFF THE
MCCPC COOPERATIVE
(Tilcon New York)**

WHEREAS, the Township wants to purchase road resurfacing materials and/or services off Morris County Cooperative Contract #6 Road Resurfacing (Milling and Paving); and

WHEREAS, Tilcon New York was awarded MCCPC #6 Road Resurfacing (Milling and Paving); and

WHEREAS, the Township is a member of the MCCPC; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a), the maximum dollar value of this contract shall be \$2,000,000 and the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds; and

WHEREAS, funds for this contract shall be charged to capital account #C-04-26-08N-101.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, state of New Jersey, that it hereby approves a contract award to Tilcon New York based on the contract period and terms outlined in the MCCPC #6 in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

Alex Roman, Council President

I hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council duly held on July 21, 2026.

Susan Gouveia, Township Clerk

REVISED
(Contract Extension)

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE AUTHORIZING
THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR SURVEYING,
ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE WOLFE ROAD
RESURFACING PROJECT
(Van Cleef Engineering Associates)**

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2025, the Township Council approved Resolution #228 authorizing a non-fair and open Professional Services Agreement to Van Cleef Engineering Associates for Surveying, Engineering, and Construction Administration Services for Wolfe Road Resurfacing Project in an amount not to exceed \$47,250; and

WHEREAS, the original contract expired on May 13, 2026; and

WHEREAS, to date this project has not been completed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to extend this contract for a period of one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, this contract will be awarded as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Director has determined and certified in writing that the estimated value of the professional services contract may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, Van Cleef Engineering Associates has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that it has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit it from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a), the maximum dollar value of this contract shall not exceed \$22,139.25 and the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies the availability of funds; and

WHEREAS, funds for this contract shall be charged to capital account #C-04-56-960-931; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a one-year contract extension with Van Cleef Engineering Associates located at 111 Howard Boulevard, Suite 110, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856 as described herein in an amount not to exceed \$22,139.25.
2. The term of this contract shall be for one (1) year and will commence on May 14, 2026, and end on May 13, 2027. This contract may be extended until contract completion.
3. Notice of this action shall be posted on the township website as required by law.

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

Alex Roman, Council President

I hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council duly held on July 21, 2026.

Susan Gouveia, Township Clerk

REVISED
(Adding Account Numbers)

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE AUTHORIZING
THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO MICHAEL G. VREELAND OF VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES
(JANUARY 1, 2026 – DECEMBER 31, 2026)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Olive has a need for engineering services; and

WHEREAS, Van Cleef Engineering Associates submitted a proposal for engineering services at a maximum hourly rate of \$174.00; and

WHEREAS, this contract will be awarded as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Director has determined and certified in writing that the estimated value of the professional services contract may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for the calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS, Van Cleef Engineering Associates has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that it has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit it from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a), the maximum dollar value of this contract shall be \$400,000;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies the availability of funds in the 2026 adopted budget and various identified trust funds; and

WHEREAS, funds for this contract shall be charged to the following accounts:

- #6-01-20-715-028 - \$26,900
- #6-11-55-510-516 - \$70,000
- #6-01-21-720-028 - \$11,600
- #T-17-56-850-800 - \$20,000
- #G-02-28-000-020 - \$50,000
- #T-20-56-850-800 – Escrow as required
- #C-04-56-XXX-XXX – Various capital accounts Section 20 as required

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

Alex Roman, Council President

I hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Mount Olive Township Council duly held on July 21, 2026.

Susan Gouveia, Township Clerk

REVISED
(Reallocating Funds)

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE
AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT FOR PYROTECHNIC SERVICES TO INTERNATIONAL FIREWORKS MFG. CO**

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2026, the Township Council approved Resolution No. 187 authorizing a contract to International Fireworks MFG. Co. for pyrotechnic services for the following recreational events:

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| • Mt. Olive Carnival: July 10, 2026 | \$13,000 |
| • MOPD National Night Out: August 4, 2026 | \$5,450 |
| • Food Trucks & Fireworks Festival: August 22, 2026 | \$9,300 |

WHEREAS, the cost for the Food Trucks & Fireworks Festival will be reallocated to account #6-03-55-510-529; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a), the maximum dollar value of this contract shall be \$22,750 and the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies the availability of funds; and

WHEREAS, funds for this contract shall be charged to the following accounts:

- #6-03-55-510-626 - \$13,000
- #6-03-55-510-529 - \$9,300
- #6-01-25-745-073 - \$450

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Susan Gouveia, Township Clerk

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT
OLIVE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING
COUNCIL CONTRACT FOR 2026
(Denville Line Painting)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Olive desires to purchase goods/services via a purchasing contract off the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council; and

WHEREAS, the Township is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council; and

WHEREAS, Denville Line Painting was awarded Morris County Contract #36 Traffic Striping on Roadways; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a), the maximum dollar value of this contract shall be \$50,000 and the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds; and

WHEREAS, funds for this contract shall be charged to account #6-01-26-775-028; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive that the following contract be approved:

- **Denville Line Painting:** MCCPC #36 Traffic Striping on Roadways in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

Alex Roman, Council President

I hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive at a duly convened meeting on July 21, 2026.

Susan Gouveia, Township Clerk

Check #	Check Date	Vendor Name	Net Amount
101987	7/8/2026	BUDD LAKE FIRE DEPT.	9,870.00
101988	7/8/2026	OPTIMUM	271.53
101989	7/8/2026	CINTAS CORP. 101	1,236.39
101990	7/8/2026	GRAINGER INC.	904.83
101991	7/8/2026	IMPERIAL COPY PRODUCTS, INC	1,858.61
101992	7/8/2026	JS MORGEN BLDG & DESIGN LLC	160.00
101993	7/8/2026	KIA MOTORS FINANCE	1,158.58
101994	7/8/2026	LIGHTPATH FIBER INFRASTRUCTURE	6,560.62
101995	7/8/2026	MONTAGUE TOOL & SUPPLY CO, INC	120.54
101996	7/8/2026	M.C. LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	100.00
101997	7/8/2026	SCOTT NELSON	50.00
101998	7/8/2026	NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER	968.42
101999	7/8/2026	POWER PLACE, INC.	83.22
102000	7/8/2026	ANDREW TATARENKO	100.00
102001	7/8/2026	ULINE INC	391.27
102002	7/8/2026	WB MASON CO., INC.	2,498.48
102003	7/8/2026	LISA BRETT	45.47
102004	7/9/2026	TILCON NEW YORK INC	528.74
102005	7/10/2026	VERIZON	3,000.26
102007	7/15/2026	EMPOWER TRUST COMPANY LLC	218.52
102008	7/15/2026	ADP INC	4,111.16
102009	7/15/2026	ADVOCARE, LLC	400.00
102010	7/15/2026	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1,442.83
102011	7/15/2026	OPTIMUM	273.36
102012	7/15/2026	OPTIMUM	190.39
102013	7/15/2026	OPTIMUM	134.90
102014	7/15/2026	JILL COUNCIL	50.00
102015	7/15/2026	DELTA DENTAL OF NJ INC.	24,981.38
102016	7/15/2026	AMY DELUCCA	250.00
102017	7/15/2026	ENZO'S PIZZERIA	202.50
102018	7/15/2026	FLANDERS BAGELS	599.40
102019	7/15/2026	GILBYS	837.00

102020	7/15/2026 GRAPHIC RESOURCE SYSTEMS LLC	1,264.06
102021	7/15/2026 HARBOR SALES CO. INC.	386.24
102022	7/15/2026 GINA INGA	55.91
102023	7/15/2026 EVAN MAYER	200.00
102024	7/15/2026 MCANJ	175.00
102025	7/15/2026 MOORE CONTROL EXT. CO.	455.94
102026	7/15/2026 MORRIS CTNY MUNI JOINT INS FUN	229,100.01
102027	7/15/2026 N.J. NATURAL GAS	259.21
102028	7/15/2026 NOAH'S ARK PORT-A-JON	810.00
102029	7/15/2026 NJMEBF	561,680.78
102030	7/15/2026 MEGHAN PILLAI	1,250.00
102031	7/15/2026 PITNEY BOWES INC.	1,039.94
102032	7/15/2026 PRO CAP 8 FBO FIRSTTRUST BANK	64,667.68
102033	7/15/2026 SHARPS COMPLIANCE INC.	62.15
102034	7/15/2026 SUN BADGE CO	442.75
102035	7/15/2026 DAVID TURNER	1,376.80
102036	7/15/2026 VERIZON WIRELESS	2,106.76
102037	7/15/2026 VERIZON WIRELESS	466.60
102038	7/15/2026 VERIZON WIRELESS	1,149.20
102039	7/15/2026 VRC COMPANIES INC.	113.86
102040	7/15/2026 WB MASON CO., INC.	1,786.06
102041	7/15/2026 WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERV	4,757.63
102042	7/21/2026 CIT-E-NET ACQUISITIONS, LLC	2,898.00
102043	7/21/2026 CLEARY GIACOBBE ALFIERI &	14,916.49
102044	7/21/2026 FAMILY FORD	3,948.02
102045	7/21/2026 MORRIS SECURITY ELECTRONICS	3,936.00
102046	7/21/2026 PADIK AUTO PARTS INC.	4,315.97
102047	7/21/2026 TREASURER, STATE OF N.J.	51,807.00
102048	7/21/2026 VAN CLEEF ENG. ASSOCIATES LLC	960.00
57985	7/9/2026 MHAEM	36,014.04
57986	7/15/2026 DAVID TURNER	1,000.00
57987	7/21/2026 SAMANTHA BUNSA	12,789.00
57988	7/21/2026 CHRISTIE JAIME	3,410.00

14220	7/8/2026 MORGAN FERRARA	700.00
14221	7/8/2026 LINDA HANLON	100.00
14222	7/8/2026 MICHAEL SCHWARTZ	3,080.00
14223	7/8/2026 WB MASON CO., INC.	165.68
14224	7/15/2026 DELTA DENTAL OF NJ INC.	297.62
14225	7/15/2026 BIANCA MARINELLI	36.13
14226	7/15/2026 NJMEBF	1,227.00
14227	7/15/2026 STEVEN SCHILLER	476.46
14228	7/21/2026 INTERNATIONAL FIREWORKS	13,000.00
14229	7/21/2026 SUMMIT SOUNDZ ENTERTAINMENT	6,000.00
10187	7/8/2026 FF1 PROFESSIONAL SAFETY SERV.	2,876.90
10188	7/15/2026 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	450.70
10189	7/21/2026 THE FLOOR DEPOT INC.	9,190.00
10190	7/21/2026 PAL-PRO BUILDERS, LLC	308,651.00
10191	7/21/2026 STAGELINE MOBILE STAGE INC.	144,675.00
10192	7/21/2026 THE MUSIAL GROUP	5,365.25
29546	7/8/2026 CUSTOM BANDAG, INC	622.54
29547	7/8/2026 DOVER BRAKE & CLUTCH CO,INC	911.36
29548	7/15/2026 DELTA DENTAL OF NJ INC.	1,175.36
29549	7/15/2026 HOOVER TRUCK CENTERS, INC.	1,660.66
29550	7/15/2026 MORRIS CTNY MUNI JOINT INS FUN	24,902.18
29551	7/15/2026 NJMEBF	69,527.00
29552	7/15/2026 VERIZON WIRELESS	114.17
29553	7/21/2026 HOOVER TRUCK CENTERS, INC.	3,889.33
29554	7/21/2026 MORRIS COUNTY MUA	156,033.81
29555	7/21/2026 PADIK AUTO PARTS INC.	516.64
2061	7/8/2026 OPTIMUM	368.38
2062	7/8/2026 NJWA	332.15
2063	7/8/2026 WB MASON CO., INC.	283.36
2064	7/10/2026 JCP&L	494.70
2065	7/15/2026 COPPOLA SERVICES INC.	1,444.20
2066	7/15/2026 DELTA DENTAL OF NJ INC.	1,282.55
2067	7/15/2026 MORRIS CTNY MUNI JOINT INS FUN	78,026.82

2068	7/15/2026 N.J. NATURAL GAS	677.11
2069	7/15/2026 NJMEBF	54,121.21
2070	7/15/2026 PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE	4,796.80
2071	7/15/2026 VERIZON WIRELESS	365.91
2072	7/15/2026 VERIZON	975.84
2073	7/21/2026 CIT-E-NET ACQUISITIONS, LLC	1,932.00
2074	7/21/2026 FSC LEAK DETECTION	4,200.00
2075	7/21/2026 PADIK AUTO PARTS INC.	1,319.78
2076	7/21/2026 PCS PUMP AND PROCESS	4,400.00
2077	7/21/2026 U.S. PLASTIC CORP.	3,838.01
11294	7/15/2026 ANIMAL HEALTH CENTER	200.00
11295	7/15/2026 NJ STATE DEPT. OF HEALTH	60.00
11296	7/15/2026 VERIZON WIRELESS	76.68
6073	7/8/2026 BUDD LAKE FIRE DEPT.	5,250.00
14275	7/8/2026 TIGRIS AQUATIC SERVICES, LLC	2,200.00
6845	7/15/2026 STATE OF NEW JERSEY	379.50
278	7/21/2026 REGAL UTILITY SERVICES INC.	64,502.78
11827	7/9/2026 OFFICER JOHN ORT	293.44
11832	7/15/2026 MT. OLIVE PUBLIC LIBRARY	606.71
11833	7/15/2026 TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE	1,425.06
11834	7/15/2026 EMPOWER TRUST COMPANY LLC	1,769.03
11835	7/15/2026 METLIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	300.00
11836	7/15/2026 MORRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	100.97
11837	7/15/2026 EQUITABLE	9,485.00
11838	7/15/2026 NJ FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER	2,381.94
11839	7/15/2026 OFFICER JOHN ORT	226.89
11840	7/15/2026 NJMEBF	18,000.00
83	7/15/2026 MURPHY MCKEON P.C.	105.00
84	7/21/2026 PHILLIPS PREISS GRYGIEL LEHENY	4,477.50
85	7/21/2026 VAN CLEEF ENG. ASSOCIATES LLC	62.50
86	7/21/2026 VAN CLEEF ENG. ASSOCIATES LLC	1,187.50
87	7/21/2026 VAN CLEEF ENG. ASSOCIATES LLC	2,380.00
88	7/21/2026 VAN CLEEF ENG. ASSOCIATES LLC	609.00

89	7/21/2026 VAN CLEEF ENG. ASSOCIATES LLC	87.00
90	7/21/2026 VAN CLEEF ENG. ASSOCIATES LLC	87.00
91	7/21/2026 VAN CLEEF ENG. ASSOCIATES LLC	2,927.50
1005	7/15/2026 TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	500.00
		2,107,384.11