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Bridging Budget Gaps: Leveraging PFAS Cost Recovery For County Funding

By Ken Sansone, Sr. Partner & Kyla Tengdin, Education & Outreach, SL Environmental Law Group



County leaders often seek new funding sources to protect taxpayers from the financial burden of infrastructure upgrades, like managing emerging contaminants such as PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances). PFAS are a group of chemicals that have been used in consumer and industrial products and firefighting foams for over 50 years. Because they don't break down in the environment, they've earned the nickname "forever chemicals." Manufacturers failed to warn consumers and the U.S. government of the risks associated with PFAS exposure, which include certain cancers, thyroid disorders, ulcerative colitis, infertility, and more.

Counties that manage airports, firefighting training facilities, landfills, and wastewater treatment plants can be impacted by PFAS without even knowing it. As a funding strategy to help mitigate any damage and potentially fund related projects, many counties are pursuing litigation against the manufacturers responsible for PFAS contamination. Read on to explore the various areas in which counties may encounter PFAS and the potential for cost recovery.

1. County-owned airports

Airports were required to use aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF), which contains PFAS, for emergency fire response and training exercises for decades without being warned of the risks. This led to unintended contamination of nearby soil and water. Expenses may include transitioning away from AFFF, testing and remediation, public communication and potential third-party lawsuits over legacy contamination.

2. Fire training facilities

Like airports, many county fire training facilities have a history of AFFF use. Since manufacturers didn't warn of PFAS risks, training exercises were often conducted in open areas or unlined pits. PFAS leached from the soil over time, contaminating groundwater. Similarly to airports, these sites could already face costs, from replacing firefighting foam, to cleaning or disposing of contaminated equipment, to soil and groundwater remediation.

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3. Wastewater plants

PFAS enters wastewater from residential, industrial, and stormwater sources. Because traditional wastewater treatment cannot destroy PFAS, contaminants may remain in the treatment residuals, called biosolids. Biosolids have historically been sold or reused as fertilizer, but several states now limit or even ban this practice due to PFAS concerns. Counties may see financial loss from the inability to sell the biosolids, as well as increased disposal costs.

4. Landfills

County-owned landfills often receive waste containing PFAS, given the widespread presence of the chemicals in consumer products and biosolids, leading to contaminated leachate. To protect nearby soil and water, some landfills send leachate to wastewater plants for treatment. Counties that own both the landfill and the wastewater plant will need to determine where the cleanup will be most cost-effective.

Counties don't have to bear the financial burden of PFAS alone. Hundreds of local governments have pursued [litigation against PFAS manufacturers](#), recently securing landmark settlements for drinking water utilities, totaling over \$14 billion. These settlements, while specific to drinking water providers, show that companies can be held accountable for the contamination they have caused. By considering litigation as a strategy for PFAS impacts, counties can help ensure that polluters, not taxpayers, pay for cleanup costs.

Learn more in our free eBook, [The PFAS Playbook: Communication, Treatment, and Cost Mitigation](#)



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June 27, 2025**

**NJAC Virtual Workshop
July 9, 2025**

Mercer County Executive Leads Major Upgrade Of Countywide Radio System To Support First Responders

By Ana Montero, Deputy Administrator for Public Health & Safety, Mercer County



DAN BENSON
County Executive

Under the leadership of new County Executive Dan Benson, and with support from the Board of County Commissioners, Mercer County is making a significant investment in public safety by upgrading its countywide emergency radio system. The initiative, executed in partnership with PMC Wireless, a New Jersey-based company with 37 years of experience serving local and state agencies, addresses long-standing performance issues and positions the County for more reliable emergency communications for years to come.

The existing system, first installed in the early 2000s, faced increasing reliability challenges due to design limitations and interference from nearby television broadcast stations. Recognizing the urgency of modernizing the system, the Benson Administration prioritized this project as part of a broader public safety improvement strategy.

With support from County leadership, PMC Wireless deployed monitoring tools across Mercer County to assess sources of interference and develop a targeted mitigation plan. The upgrade includes the addition of new transmission sites and advanced antenna technologies designed to enhance coverage and reduce both internal and external signal interference.

At the core of the new system is open-standards P25 technology from Tait Communications, supported by a modern microwave and MPLS (Multi-Protocol Label Switching) network for secure, high-speed connectivity between sites. This ensures a robust, future-ready infrastructure for emergency communications.

A key benefit of the County's strategic approach is its focus on compatibility and long-term cost efficiency. Existing dispatch consoles and logging systems can continue to be used, and local agencies won't be required to replace their current radios—reducing disruption and saving taxpayer dollars. The new system also offers a clearly defined 10-year cost of ownership, without surprise upgrade requirements, which will allow departments to plan and budget with confidence.

The contract for this upgrade was awarded in January 2025, and the system is expected to be fully operational by the end of the year.

This vital infrastructure project underscores the County Executive and County Commissioners' shared commitment to ensuring Mercer's first responders have access to dependable, state-of-the-art communication tools, while protecting the investments already made by local public safety agencies.



What Is The Future Of Artificial Intelligence (AI) In The Business World

By Nicole Buccola, Marketing Assistant, PKA Technologies, Inc.

People often ask what the future of artificial intelligence (AI) looks like in the business world. While large language models (LLMs) and general-purpose AI tools have captured widespread attention—and certainly offer exciting opportunities for experimentation, such as calculating how many Legos it would take to build a life-size replica of the Empire State Building—we believe the real transformative potential of AI in business lies in something more focused and practical: smaller, specialized models built to solve specific problems using a company's own internal data.

Unlike massive, generalized AI models trained on everything from online forums to historical literature, these purpose-built models are designed to understand the nuances of a particular business, its data, and its workflows. Rather than relying on public data that may have little relevance to a given organization, these smaller models can draw insights from proprietary information—helping to drive decisions that are not just smart, but deeply contextualized.

Consider, for example, an AI model tailored to a company's sales operations. By learning from years of historical sales data, customer behavior, and seasonal trends unique to that business, the model can forecast revenue more accurately than any off-the-shelf tool. It can identify subtle patterns that humans might miss and deliver actionable insights that are grounded. Similarly, a model focused on operational efficiency might analyze logistics data, employee productivity metrics, or supply chain performance, flagging bottlenecks or redundancies and offering real-time recommendations to improve processes.

These targeted applications are where AI begins to move from a novelty or experimental tool to a true value driver. The shift toward smaller, task-specific models doesn't mean abandoning LLMs entirely—far from it. General-purpose models still have their place and can be incredibly useful for creative brainstorming, summarizing reports, or even answering quirky questions like how many pizzas are needed to feed everyone at a Super Bowl party. But the real promise lies in embedding AI deeply into the operational fabric of a business.

At PKA Tech, our team is always looking ahead to what's next. We believe the companies that will thrive in the AI-driven era are the ones that harness the power of their own data through custom, purpose-built AI tools. These solutions aren't just about automation—they're about intelligence. They're about giving teams the information they need, when they need it, in a way that directly supports business goals.

If you're ready to explore what tailored AI can do for your organization, reach out to our team at PKA Tech. Let's build something smarter—together.



Monmouth County Advances Roundabout Initiative With Millstone Project

By Mike Levan, PE, GPI

Existing "Scooter Corner" Intersection
to be improved with a new Roundabout.

GPI



Under Commissioner Director Thomas A. Arnone's leadership, Monmouth County continues expanding its use of modern roundabouts to enhance traffic safety while preserving community character. Studies by the Federal Highway Administration have consistently demonstrated that roundabouts reduce the number and severity of crashes, improve traffic flow, and offer environmental benefits, making them an increasingly preferred solution for problematic intersections. Roundabouts at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft and Dutch Lane in Colts Neck have demonstrated the effectiveness of this approach, which will now be applied to Millstone's "Scooter Corner" intersection.

The Millstone roundabout addresses a complex five-way junction where County Route 524, County Route 571, and Paint Island Spring Road converge. This unconventional intersection has long posed safety hazards due to its unusual geometry and is a significant crash generator. With approximately 10,000 vehicles passing through the intersection daily and each approaching road having a different speed limit ranging from 35 mph on Paint Island Spring Road to 50 mph on Stage Coach Road, the need for intervention was clear.

Originally designed as a signalized intersection, the plan evolved after community feedback. "That intersection is horrible. The County wanted a traffic light. We didn't want that," noted former Committeeman Robert Kinsey. Millstone Township, valuing its rural character, has no traffic signals and sought a solution that would maintain this distinctive quality while improving safety.

The design features a 190-foot diameter, five approach legs, decorative lighting, and stormwater management. Engineering of the roundabout was completed by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI), with the County ensuring all stakeholder concerns were addressed during the final design phase. Construction is expected to proceed following advertisement and award. The five-legged design presented unique engineering challenges, requiring a larger roundabout to safely accommodate all approaching roads.

Compared to a traditional four-way intersection with 32 potential collision points, roundabouts for a similar traditional four-way intersection have only eight (8). This design difference helps to significantly reduce injury crashes by up to 80% and overall crashes by 40%. The reduced vehicle speeds in roundabouts are a key safety factor - slower-moving vehicles result in less severe impacts during collisions, significantly decreasing the risk of serious injuries and fatalities. Operational savings are estimated at \$5,000 annually with a longer service life (25 years vs. 10-20 years for signals). Roundabouts also function during power outages, providing reliability during emergencies. For Millstone residents who have waited years for a solution, the roundabout represents improved safety and a testament to collaboration between the County and local communities. This project demonstrates how modern traffic engineering can address critical safety concerns while respecting community values—a balance that will guide future Monmouth County infrastructure improvements.

The Millstone roundabout was funded through the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), with approximately \$ 3.56 million in federal funds for construction and construction administration. Commissioner Arnone, who serves on the NJTPA board, was instrumental in securing this support, underscoring his commitment to implementing innovative traffic solutions throughout Monmouth County.

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The Average Credit Card Balance Just Hit a Record High- What this means for employees

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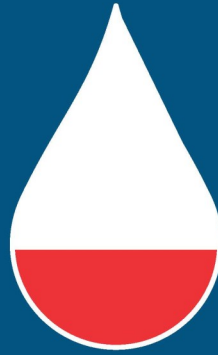


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Discover What's New In The NJSTART Marketplace

By Tania Dinis, Marketing Communications Manager, SOVRA

Purchasing just got a whole lot easier for New Jersey's public agencies. The **NJSTART Marketplace**—the state's official procurement platform—has been upgraded with new tools and features that make it faster, smarter, and more convenient to buy the goods and services your agency needs.

Whether you're outfitting a department, sourcing technology, or restocking supplies, the enhanced NJSTART Marketplace is designed to support your workflow from start to finish.

What's New?

Direct Vendor Communication

Have questions about a product or service? Now you can message vendors directly through the platform to get timely answers, quotes, or support.

Contracted Vendor Punchouts

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Effortless Cart Sharing

Speed up internal approvals and streamline your purchasing process with the new cart sharing functionality.

Intuitive User Interface

An updated look and feel makes browsing more efficient, so you can find what you need with fewer clicks.

Smart Filtering & Keyword Search

Quickly search by contract category, vendor, or item using a single, powerful search field. It's never been easier to locate contracts that meet your needs.

Statewide Purchasing Power

Access **competitive pricing** through **reliable, vetted contracts** that meet all state procurement laws—so you can buy with confidence.

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See It in Action

NJSTART holds quarterly webinars where we provide helpful information and tips and tricks on how to use NJSTART. If you are interested in signing up for these webinars, are having a personal training session for yourself or your team, please contact us at coop-njstart@mdfcommerce.com.

For more information, visit njstart.info.



Trade-In or Resell? What Counties Should Know Before Parting With Fleet Vehicles

By Shari Williams, Content Creator, GovDeals

When it's time to replace aging fleet vehicles, the default move for many counties is to trade them in. It's fast, convenient, and doesn't require much thought. But is it the smartest financial decision?

Not always.

In recent years, more counties have begun to rethink this automatic trade-in model, and for good reason. Reselling used vehicles through competitive bidding platforms or public auctions can result in significantly higher returns, especially for trucks, vans, and utility vehicles with solid maintenance histories. In some cases, we've seen resale values come in 30–50% higher than what a dealer offers on trade.

So why are counties still leaving money on the table?

A lot of it comes down to habit and process. Trade-ins feel easier because they're bundled into a new purchase. Reselling feels like "extra work" even if that extra effort results in thousands of dollars that could be reinvested into infrastructure, upgraded technology, or new public safety vehicles.

The good news? Selling doesn't have to be complicated. With the right platform, counties can list their vehicles directly to a national audience of buyers who are actively searching for fleet assets. These listings typically include vehicle specs, photos, and maintenance records, giving counties more control over pricing and timeline.

It's not just about money. It's about transparency and public trust. When a vehicle is resold in a competitive environment, counties can point to the actual sales data, rather than relying on a vague trade-in valuation. That builds confidence with residents and aligns with procurement best practices.

Of course, not every vehicle is worth reselling. In cases where a unit is heavily damaged or has minimal remaining value, a trade-in might still be the right move. But for operational trucks, vans, and SUVs that are simply being cycled out of the fleet, resale should at least be considered.

Bottom line: Counties should approach fleet replacement with strategy, not just speed. A few extra steps can unlock real value and those dollars add up fast across an entire fleet.

Curious what your county's vehicles could bring at auction?

Reach out to explore real examples, best practices, and tools that make resale easier than you think.

For more information on how your county can utilize the GovDeals platform through our partnership with the New Jersey Association of Counties, please contact **Mike Baker** at 609-713-7888 or mbaker@govdeals.com



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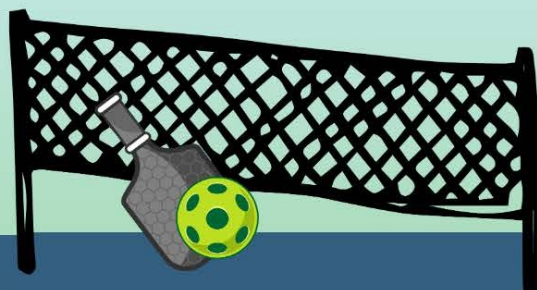
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Inside Washington County Impacts from the White House & Congress

Thursday, June 12, 2025
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. EDT

Register

This series will take place on Zoom Webinar.

Please email nacomeetings@naco.org with any questions regarding registration or login issues.



Join NACo's Government Affairs team for week three of a biweekly series on key developments from the White House and Congress. Discussions will focus on policies and actions that directly impact counties – from federal funding and regulatory changes to intergovernmental partnerships. Tune in for an inside look at how these evolving federal dynamics may shape county priorities, responsibilities and operations.

Improving Census Data. Here's How, Starting Now

Friday, June 13, 2025
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. EST

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This webinar will be hosted by the National Conference of State Legislatures. Please email registration@ncsl.org with any questions regarding registration or login issues.

The Census Bureau's first operation in preparation for the 2030 census is the Local Update of Census Addresses, or LUCA, and it needs your help in updating its address list. Preparation starts now. States, local jurisdictions and tribal nations can identify areas with hidden and low-visibility housing, lots of in-fill and new residential developments; areas recovering from disasters; and areas with nontraditional addresses.

In this webinar cosponsored by the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National League of Cities, the International City/County Management Association and NACo, learn about the steps you and your partners can take now to get this critical census activity right!

Impacts of Federal Action on Local Jurisdictions: A Conversation on County Administration

Monday, June 16, 2025
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST

Register

This series will take place on Zoom Webinar. Please email nacomeetings@naco.org with any questions regarding registration or login issues.



National policy has far-reaching implications across our entire country, but distilling its impacts on specific states and localities can be difficult. Join NACo staff and representatives of the National Association of County Administrators (NACA) for deep dive into how recent federal action is impacting county government administration and management. In this webinar, you will hear from a panel of county administrators as they unpack their local responses to the current federal and political environment and, ultimately, prioritize good governance and high-quality service delivery.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



John G. Donnadio, Esq.

MAURICE FITZGIBBONS COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF THE YEAR AWARD

SHAUN C. VAN DOREN, HUNTERDON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

For his steadfast, measured, and non-partisan leadership during a year as President of NJAC that presented several unique legislative challenges.

COUNTY SERVICE AWARDS

CLARIBEL CORTES, MIDDLESEX COUNTY SURROGATE

For her positivity, commitment, and enthusiasm as an active member of NJAC's Board of Directors and the NJAC Foundation.

STACY PENNINGTON, SALEM COUNTY DIRECTOR OF EVERYTHING

For being one of the hardest working professionals in county government and an incredible resource for NJAC.

HELEN FIORE, MONMOUTH COUNTY DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING

For her innovative and outstanding leadership among purchasing officials and commitment to shaping procurement legislation and regulations.

COUNTY SERVICE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

DOMINIC J. VESPER, JR., CAMDEN COUNTY DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

For his remarkable career in public service that greatly benefitted the lives of those struggling with opioid addiction, homelessness, food insecurity, and more.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

EVE CULLINAN, BURLINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

For her exceptional leadership and service to NJAC's Board of Directors, the NJAC Foundation, and as NJAC's PFRS Board of Trustees Representative.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER HALL OF FAME

BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONER

For her extraordinary commitment to shared services, human services, open space preservation, and especially transportation.

PAT LEPORE, PASSAIC COUNTY COMMISSIONER

For his distinguished career and visionary leadership that resulted in a dozen credit rating upgrades during his time as Director and Budget

TERRY DUFFY, PASSAIC COUNTY COMMISSIONER

For his lifelong commitment to volunteerism and active supporter of the law enforcement and public safety communities.

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PETER PALMER BUSINESS ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR

NEW JERSEY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION (NJWA)

For the unwavering advocacy of Rob Ivanoff and Dominick Villecco that helped NJAC secure funding for county 911 centers for the first time in two decades.

COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COOK-OFF CHALLENGE - PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

As voted on by all participating conference attendees and tabulated by ES&S.

GOLD MEDAL (\$1,250.00 SCHOLARSHIP): CAPE MAY COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS
Shrimp & Crabcake Sandwich with Lemon Caper Aioli

SILVER MEDAL (\$750.00 SCHOLARSHIP): PASSAIC COUNTY TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
Chicken & Cheese Empanadas with Chicharron Tostones

BRONZE MEDAL (\$500.00 SCHOLARSHIP): UNION COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS
Braised Pork Tacos with Plantain Tortillas

COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COOK-OFF CHALLENGE - NJAC JUDGES AWARDS

As voted on by selected conference attendees from the business community.

GOLD MEDAL TASTE: ATLANTIC COUNTY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Tandoori Chicken Skewers with Coconut Sauce & Garlic Naan

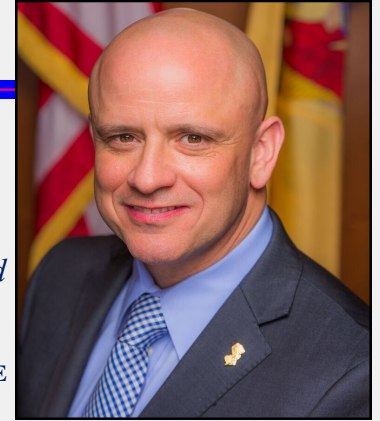
SILVER MEDAL TASTE: SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL SCHOOLS
Pancetta Bruschetta

BRONZE MEDAL TASTE: CAPE MAY COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS
Shrimp & Crabcake Sandwich with Lemon Caper Aioli

GOLD MEDAL STATION DISPLAY: PASSAIC COUNTY TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
Chicken & Cheese Empanadas with Chicharron Tostones

SILVER MEDAL STATION DISPLAY: CAPE MAY COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS
Shrimp & Crabcake Sandwich with Lemon Caper Aioli

BRONZE MEDAL STATION DISPLAY: UNION COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS
Braised Pork Tacos with Plantain Tortillas



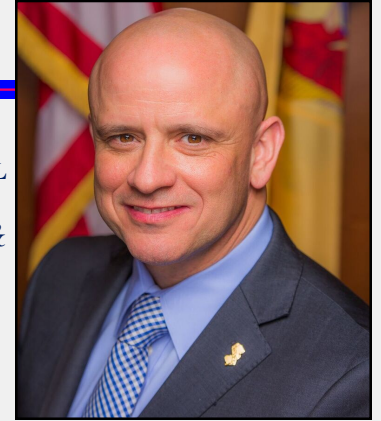
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COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COOK-OFF CHALLENGE - PROFESSIONAL CHEFS AWARDS

As voted on by professional chefs in Atlantic City & featuring Chef David Burke & Man Verses Food Star Casey Webb.



John G. Donnadio, Esq.

GOLD MEDAL TASTE: OCEAN COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Sea Scallops wrapped in local Black Sea Bass

SILVER MEDAL TASTE: CAPE MAY COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS
Shrimp & Crabcake Sandwich with Lemon Caper Aioli

BRONZE MEDAL TASTE: UNION COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS
Braised Pork Tacos with Plantain Tortillas

GOLD MEDAL FOOD PRESENTATION: CAPE MAY COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS
Shrimp & Crabcake Sandwich with Lemon Caper Aioli

SILVER MEDAL FOOD PRESENTATION: PASSAIC COUNTY TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
Chicken & Cheese Empanadas with Chicharron Tostones

BRONZE MEDAL FOOD PRESENTATION: UNION COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS
Braised Pork Tacos with Plantain Tortillas

Additional fantastic dishes included: Highland Harvest Pierogi by the Bergen County Technical Schools, Paramus Campus; Spring Lamb with Asparagus, Mint Yogurt, Gremolata, & Bordelaise by the Burlington County Institute of Technology; Kauai Hawaiian Street Tacos by the Hunterdon County Polytech; Surf & Turf Paella by the Middlesex County Magnet Schools; and, Pate de Campagne with Pickled Turnups by the Morris County School of Technology.



EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2 Tab Benoit: Sunset Jazz Series 8:00pm - 11:00pm Waterfront Stadium <i>Camden Camden County</i>	3 Taste Hoboken 6:00pm - 9:30pm Maxwell Place Park <i>Hoboken Hudson County</i>	4 The MRB Jazz Project 6/5 6:00pm Roselle Park Veterans Memorial Library <i>Roselle Park Union County</i>	5 Rose Day Festival 6/7 11:00am - 5:00pm Colonial Park Gardens <i>Somerset Somerset County</i>	6 ShopRite LPGA Classic 6/6-6/8 Seaview Bay Course <i>Galloway Atlantic County</i>	7 Cultural Festival 11:00am - 7:00pm Mercer County Park <i>West Windsor Mercer County</i>
8 Hot Air Balloon, Arts & Crafts 6/7 & 6/8 1:00pm - 8:30pm College of Washington <i>Washington Warren County</i>	9	10 Tuesday's at the Plaza FREE 11:00am - 2:00pm Courthouse <i>Paterson Passaic County</i>	11 Epic Soul FREE 7:00pm The Village of Ridgefield Park <i>Ridgefield Bergen County</i>	12 Irish Festival 6/14 12:00pm <i>Spring Lake Monmouth County</i>	13 Geyser Dogs 6/14 11:00am - 4:00pm County Fairgrounds <i>Ringoes Hunterdon County</i>	14 Geyser Dogs FREE 7:00pm DJ Bentz Memorial Soccer Fields <i>Clayton Gloucester County</i>
15 	16  6/12-6/15 1:00pm-7:00pm Christ Church <i>Rockaway Morris County</i>	17	18 Food Truck & Music Festival 6/21 11:00am - 7:00pm Jones Road Field <i>Forked Ocean County</i>	19 Summer Concert Series 7:00pm - 9:00pm MLK Park <i>Salem Salem County</i>	20 Fearless-The Taylor Swift Experience FREE 6:00pm Amphitheatre Historic Smithville Park <i>Westampton Burlington County</i>	21 Fitness Expo 12:00pm - 5:00pm Cumberland Mall <i>Vineland Cumberland County</i>
22 Music in the Park FREE 7:00pm - 8:30pm Rotary Park Bandstand <i>City of Cape May Cape May County</i>	23 Frankford Township Car Show 6/22 9:00am - 5:00pm County Fairgrounds <i>Augusta Sussex County</i>	24	25 NJ Symphony FREE 7:30pm - 8:30pm Raritan Bay Waterfront Park <i>South Amboy Middlesex County</i>	26	27	28 Gospel Festival FREE 12:00pm - 6:00pm Monte Irvin Orange Park <i>Orange Essex County</i>
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