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Monmouth County Accomplishments in 2024 And Goals For 2025

by Thomas A. Arnone, Monmouth County Commissioner Director



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On behalf of the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners, I delivered the Monmouth County “State of the County” address on Feb. 11 to discuss the County’s accomplishments in 2024 and goals for 2025.

During 2024, some of the County’s accomplishments included:

- We launched the MedStar program.
 - We announced the Monmouth ACTS Navigation System hotline.
 - We declared Craft Beverage Month in Monmouth County through Brewed & Distilled in Monmouth and will do so again on March 3, 2025.
 - The Monmouth County Vocational School District received various accolades.
 - We hosted two Made in Monmouth expos.
 - Our Tourism industry had record-breaking beach revenue.
 - We hosted a Shared Services Summit.
 - The Library Headquarters renovations were completed.
 - We administered the Municipal Land Preservation Program to 21 towns in Monmouth County.
- The County held multiple job fairs.
 - The County hosted the MonmouthNJ 250 State Summit.
 - We published the first two editions of the County’s newsletter, *The Monmouth Minute*.

We are finalizing the rebranding of the Special Citizens Area Transportation (SCAT) program to “Ride in Monmouth,” which will also provide all medical trips, including trips for life-sustaining treatments, at no cost to County residents.

The County is always looking for ways to better serve our residents. That is why Monmouth ACTS launched the Navigation System in 2024 to streamline access to human services resources. Now, residents can call 732-683-8959 to connect with various human services resources offered through Monmouth ACTS.

As a Board, we are committed to supporting our business community which is why we have developed multiple programs to assist businesses. These programs include Made in Monmouth, Grown in Monmouth, and Brewed & Distilled in Monmouth.

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We are excited to announce our latest initiative to help our small businesses, Slice in Monmouth! Slice in Monmouth will help showcase and promote all of the great pizza spots in Monmouth County! Stay tuned for more information!

In 2025, we will also be looking forward to 2026 as we celebrate America's 250th birthday! The MonmouthNJ 250 Committee, chaired by myself and Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon, was proud to host a meeting with historical groups, and two municipal Summits with mayors and governing body members from Monmouth County municipalities.

To watch the entire State of the County Address, go to the Monmouth County Government Facebook @MonmouthGovNJ and YouTube Channel @MonmouthCountyNJ.

To learn more about Monmouth County, go to visitmonmouth.com!



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By Stacey Turner, Marketing Communications Specialist, GovDeals

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Did You Know? Your County Has Exclusive Access To Over 1,000 NJ State Contracts!

All counties in New Jersey are registered with NJSTART, granting access to more than 1,000 state contracts available for cooperative purchasing. This ensures compliance and helps counties achieve significant cost savings.

If anyone in your county needs access to the NJSTART system, they can register easily using the following link—there's no limit to the number of departments or users. [Register Here](#)
NJSTART also provides comprehensive training, both onsite and virtual. To schedule a session, contact the NJSTART Co-Op team at coop-njstart@mdfcommerce.com.

Upcoming Training Alert: NJSTART 101 Training is scheduled for March 4th. Register via this [link](#) or email coop-njstart@mdfcommerce.com to secure your spot!

Take full advantage of NJSTART's resources and maximize your county's purchasing power today!



Congratulations to 24 Noble Public Servants

By Jane Sharp, MPA, Director, Certified Public Manager Program, School of Public Affairs and Administration

Congratulations to 24 noble public servants from state, county, and local agencies who completed the State of New Jersey Certified Public Manager Program in Jan. 2025. Special thanks to Monmouth County for hosting the 6th cohort in Freehold. We're looking forward to the start of the Westampton 8 cohort hosted Burlington County on April 3rd and our Newark 9 cohort beginning May 13th. The Certified Public Manager Program is administered by the NJ Civil Service Commission and delivered by the School of Public Affairs and Administration. We appreciate our hosts for their commitment to leadership development of public and nonprofit managers. For more information go to <https://spaa.newark.rutgers.edu/cpm>.



Mercer County Clerk Informs Public Of Recent U.S. Passport Gender Marker Policy Changes

By Mercer County Clerk's Office

Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello advises that the U.S. Department of State has ceased issuing passports with the "X" gender marker, which prior to January 20, 2025, was available to non-binary individuals who do not identify as strictly male or female. As a result, applications submitted with an "X" gender marker have been placed on hold by the Federal Government.

On February 11, 2025, Secretary of State Marco Rubio further instructed State Department staff to assign a male or female sex designation to transgender passport applicants already submitted. If sufficient evidence of biological sex at birth is not provided, applications will be suspended until appropriate documentation is submitted.

For individuals currently holding passports with an "X" gender marker, we recommend contacting the U.S. Department of State for guidance on obtaining a new passport with a male or female designation. For further information or assistance regarding the recent policy change, please contact the U.S. Department of State or visit their official website.

Mercer County Clerk Sollami Covello acknowledges the challenges this policy shift may present to our community members who have already applied through one of her Office's two locations for a passport. "While our Office does not have the authority to override these Federally mandated changes, we stand in solidarity with those affected and regret any inconvenience caused. This action, which began via a Presidential Executive Order, is beyond our jurisdiction," she added.

The Mercer County Clerk's Office remains committed to assisting Mercer residents with their passport needs. We provide passport services in two locations on a regular basis, in Trenton and at the Mercer County Connection Office in Hamilton. In Hamilton, services are by appointment only due to a significant increase in demand for passports.

Please visit [Mercer County Passport Appointments](#) to schedule an appointment for Hamilton or call our main office in Trenton at 609-989-6473. We encourage applicants to review the required documentation prior to their appointment to ensure a smooth process. Detailed information can be found on our website: [Passports | Mercer County, NJ](#)

Additionally, we will hold two passport service events this Spring. The County Clerk's Office will be in Princeton on March 19th along with Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman and hosted by Mayor Mark Freda. Also, the County Clerk's Office will visit East Windsor, hosted by Mayor Janice Mironov, on April 2nd, 2025. Appointments may be made for these locations by contacting 609-989-6473. Please visit our website for further details at [County Clerk | Mercer County, NJ](#)



A Message From The Association Of NJ Recyclers

By President of the Association of NJ Recyclers (ANJR) & the Executive Director of the Clean Communities Council of NJ

We are thrilled and proud to let you know about the 2025 NJ Sustainability in Motion Conference (SIM's). The 3rd annual SIM's Conference is being held on March 5th through the 7th at Caesar's Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, NJ. This Conference is a collaboration between ANJR and Clean Communities Council of NJ (CCC). In the last 2-years over 1,000 people have attended, and 200 Exhibitors have made this Conference amazing. Our 3rd year will be our break-out year.

In just three years-time, this conference has become a go-to event for NJ's sustainability representatives and offers a unique opportunity to network, learn and share our successes. SIM's attracts recycling coordinators, clean communities' coordinators, sustainability officers and elected officials. More information and registration information can be found on our website: [NJ Sustainability In Motion Conference](#)

Our exhibit ballroom is just about 80% sold-out. Our exhibitor return percentage is over 90%! We are confident to inform you , that *this is your audience*. The Exec Team has put in so much effort to put the attendees in front of you as much as possible.

So far our amazing sponsors are as of January 8th:

- Republic Services
- Bayshore Recycling
- Mazza Recycling
- Recycle Coach
- Altria Client Services
- Association of NJ Household Hazardous Waste Coordinators
- Atlantic County Utilities Authority
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- Garbo Grabber
- Hunterdon County Clean Communities
- New Jersey Natural Gas
- Mercer County Improvement Authority
- Kean University
- Township of Lakewood
- SSI Schaefer
- Storm Water Systems
- Atlantic City Electric

Our committed exhibitors include the NJ DEP - Recyclable Commodity Brokers - Compost Recycling - E-Waste - Promotional Products companies - cart manufacturers - and many more....

We trust that you give this Conference some consideration. Please reach out to us with any questions/concerns whatsoever!!

info@njsustainabilityconference.com

Save The Date And Join Us!

by Yvonne Ha, Marketing, MRA International

April 9th NJ GMIS, The Palace at Somerset Park, Somerset, NJ

Time: 7:30 am – 5:00 pm

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This informative meeting will cover how to:

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Special Guest: Dr. Ann Prime, Associate Dean, John S. Watson School of Public Service

Come with your questions—we will have a live Q&A!



Federal Resources & Grant Opportunities

FEMA announced **\$1.35 billion** for two new grant programs designed to help communities enhance their resilience to the impacts of increasingly frequent and extreme weather events. The [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\)](#) annual grant program is making **\$750 million** available for projects that protect people and infrastructure from natural hazards and the effects of extreme weather events. The [Flood Mitigation Assistance](#) program is making **\$600 million** available for projects that mitigate flood risks facing homes and communities across the nation. The funding opportunities for BRIC and Flood Mitigation Assistance grants are available on [Grants.gov](#) and applicants must apply for funding using [FEMA Grants Outcomes](#) system. **APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 18, 2025.**

The Congressional Black Caucus Spouses Education Scholarship application is now open. Applications can be submitted via the [CBCF website](#). For information on other CBC scholarship opportunities, please visit the [CBCF scholarship page](#). **APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 29, 2025.**

The Department of Transportation's Build America Bureau released a [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) for the [Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program](#). The NOFO offers **\$27 million** in technical assistance grants to rural and tribal communities for the planning and design phase development of transportation projects. This program has two types of grants: Single project grants ranging from **\$200,000** up to **\$750,000** each; and Multi-community grants ranging from **\$500,000** up to **\$2.25 million** each to fund projects in at least three eligible communities submitted in a single application. The Bureau will accept applications beginning Tuesday, March 4, 2025. **APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 3, 2025.**

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- Citizen Experience
- Cloud Services
- Innovation and Collaboration

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

If you influence or participate in technology decisions or implementations at any level, you will find benefit in attending. Don't miss this opportunity to see the latest in digital government solutions, keep abreast of current policy issues and network with key government executives, technologists and industry specialists.

EVENT DATE

Tuesday, May 13

VENUE

The War Memorial, 1 Memorial Drive, Trenton, NJ 08608

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APRIL 1st and 2nd 2025

8:00am-4:30pm

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- Suleman Masood Esq. - Attorney & HT Expert
- Ashleigh Grace - Speaker, High Profile Trafficking Ring
- Theresa Flores - Survivor & HT Expert
- Cristian Eduardo - Survivor & HT Expert
- John-Michael Lander - Survivor, Expert, Former Athlete
- Debra Jones - IOFA
- CAP Erika Halayko - Atlantic Co. Prosecutor's Office
- AP Joseph Remy - Atlantic Co. Prosecutor's Office

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NACo, NLC, NCSL, USCM, CSG and ICMA Emphasize The Impact Of Policy Changes To Eligibility Requirements And Financing Of Medicaid

by NACo

The National Association of Counties (NACo), in partnership with a coalition of bipartisan membership organizations representing state legislators, state governments, county managers and cities sent a letter to House and Senate leadership expressing concern over proposed changes to Medicaid financing requirements, following recent proposals that would enact significant cuts to Medicaid.

Established in 1965, Medicaid is a federal entitlement program paid for by taxpayers that provides health and long-term care insurance to low-income families and individuals. Medicaid operates and is jointly financed as a partnership between federal, state and local governments. Counties across the nation deliver Medicaid-eligible services and in many instances help states finance and administer the program.

The letter can be found [here](#) and below:

As a coalition of bipartisan membership organizations representing governors, state legislatures, cities, and counties, we are committed to working collaboratively to strengthen the Medicaid program so that states and localities can continue to meet the needs of their residents effectively. We write to express concern over proposed changes to Medicaid financing and requirements that could significantly impact state and local budgets, healthcare infrastructure, and millions of Americans who rely on the program. Medicaid is a federal-state-local partnership that provides health coverage to over 70 million Americans, including children, seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income adults. It covers 38 million children, funds 40% of all births, supports rural hospitals, and is the largest payer of long-term care and behavioral health services. Expansion has provided additional federal funding to 41 states, increasing access to care, particularly for those with substance use disorders.

Policy changes that mandate specific eligibility requirements and changes in the fiscal makeup of the program threaten Medicaid's effectiveness and reduce state flexibility in program design. Such changes have costly implications, leading to significant coverage losses for beneficiaries and increased medical debt, with unclear long-term savings. For example, reducing the 90% federal match rate for Medicaid expansion could cut federal spending by \$561 billion over nine years, forcing states to either drop expansion or absorb higher costs—jeopardizing coverage for millions and harming state economies. Likewise, proposals such as per capita caps or block grants that do not account for increases in health costs or fluctuations in enrollment would shift financial risks to states and counties. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that half of those losing Medicaid coverage under such changes would become uninsured, leading to higher medical debt, uncompensated care costs, and potential hospital closures, particularly in rural areas.

Medicaid accounts for over half of all federal funds to states and is the largest source of federal funding for state budgets, making it essential to states' ability to design and administer healthcare programs that meet the unique needs of their populations. Preserving state flexibility and preventing significant funding cuts are both critical to ensuring Medicaid can be tailored to local priorities, as such cuts would severely limit this ability, forcing states to reduce services, restrict eligibility, or shift costs to local governments. These reductions would jeopardize access to affordable healthcare and long-term services and place an unsustainable financial burden on states and counties, which often serve as payers of last resort.

We look forward to continuing our work together as intergovernmental partners to enhance the Medicaid program and ensure that states and localities can effectively serve their residents.

For more information on Medicaid and counties, click [here](#).



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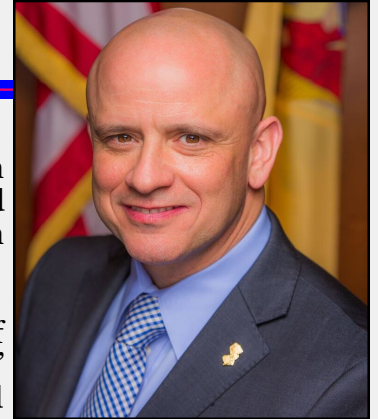
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On February 20th, NJAC testified before the Assembly Labor Committee in opposition to **A-919** (*Reynolds-Jackson D-15/Wimberly D-35*), which would establish procedures and standards concerning public services privatization contracts.



John G. Donnadio, Esq.

NJAC strongly opposes this measure as it would effectively prohibit the use of privatization contracts by requiring county governments to pay new employees' wages and benefits at a rate not less than the wages and benefits paid to displaced employees. As noted below, counties enter into privatization contracts to recognize important cost savings in salary, wage, pension, and health benefit costs that make up approximately 65% of overall operating budgets. At a time in which counties, municipalities, and school districts across the State are struggling with double digit health benefit increases, pension payments, utility expenses, property and casualty insurance coverage, and the cost of goods and services, this legislation eliminates one of the only limited resources available for local governments to control the ever-increasing property tax burden. NJAC is also alarmed that this legislation would create an overly burdensome, adversarial, and unnecessary level of bureaucracy by requiring the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) to review and approve privatization contracts. Moreover, local governments should retain autonomy to enter into such agreements that they believe serve in the best interest of their constituents.

As a means to deliver often mandated services in a more cost effective and creative manner, and without impacting the level of service provided, counties throughout the State have carefully chosen to privatize various services and functions that may include: medical, dietary, and laundry services at county jails and juvenile detention facilities; maintenance services at county administrative, judicial, and prosecutorial facilities; home health services; risk management services; and, much more. Importantly note that several counties have considered privatizing welfare services and transportation services for the aged and disabled, but ultimately decided against it after conducting comprehensive feasibility studies. Despite opposition from NJAC, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities (NJLM), the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA), the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce (NJCC), the New Jersey Business and Industry Association (NJBIA), and more, the Committee second referenced **A-919** to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The companion version **S-1518** (*Turner D-15/Greenstein D-14*) is currently in the Senate Labor Committee awaiting consideration.

2025

NJAC CELEBRATION OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT

May 7th through 9th
Caesars Hotel
Atlantic City, New Jersey

EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 Irish Festival 12:00pm-6:00pm Washington Street Toms River Ocean County
 1:00pm-5:00pm Monmouth Street Gloucester City Camden County	3 Spring Craft & Vendor Show 3/1 11:00am-4:00pm St. John's Church Passaic Passaic County	4 Catching the Moon: A Young Girl's Baseball Dream 3/2 2:00pm The Growing Stage Netcong Morris County	5 District Wellness Fair 3/6 5:00pm-8:30pm Woodstown Middle School Woodstown Salem County	6 Job Fair 3/7 9:00am-12:00pm Rowan College of South Jersey Sewell Gloucester County	7 Mid-Atlantic Cheerleading Championships Grand Nationals 3/7 - 3/9 Convention Center Wildwood Cape May County	8 Food Truck/ A Slice of NJ 3:00pm-8:00pm CZig Parking Lot Hackettstown Warren County
9 Alice in Wonderland Jr. 6:00pm-8:00pm H.T. Costello Lyceum Hall Burlington City Burlington County	10	11	12 Little Music for Little Ears 3/13 & 3/27 10:00am-10:45am Library Sussex Wantage Branch Wantage Sussex County	13 Devils vs. Oilers 7:30pm Prudential Center Newark Essex County	 3/14 - 3/16 NJCEC Edison Middlesex County	15 USA Wrestling NJ State Finals 3/15 & 3/16 9:00am CURE Arena Register Here Trenton Mercer County
16 Hunterdon County Irish Festival 3:00pm-8:00pm Red Mill Museum Clinton Hunterdon	17 	18	19 Woodcock Talk & Walk 3/20 6:00 pm-7:30pm Lenape Park Register Here Cranford Union County	20  3/20 & 3/21 11:00am-11:30pm Meadowlands Racetrack Register Here East Rutherford Bergen County	21 Grease the Musical 7:00pm Levoy Theatre Millville Cumberland County	22 4-H Spring Craft Show 10:00am-4:00pm 4-H Center Bridgewater Somerset County
23 	24	25	26 Beautiful-The Carole King Musical 2:00pm Axelrod PAC Register Here Deal Monmouth County	27 L.A.S.O. Latin Music Fest 9:00am-12:00pm Mac Mahon Student Center Jersey City Hudson County	28	29 Atlantic City Beer & Music Festival 12:00pm-4:00pm 7:00 pm-11:00pm Convention Center Register Here Atlantic City Atlantic County
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