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Weekly Economic Review & Outlook

 *Ongoing fiscal policy uncertainty should mean continued monetary policy support*

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Weekly Review

The market rally continued last week, as a deal was cemented to reopen the government and avert an historic U.S. default. The agreement will fund federal government operations through mid-January and push the debt ceiling deadline into early February. While this may only set the stage for another rancorous negotiation between Congress and the White House as those deadlines approach, it also serves as a reminder that compromises are to be expected in these cases even if they are only achieved in the face of imminent crisis. In addition, ongoing fiscal uncertainty likely also means a continued high level of monetary policy accommodation. In addition to the shutdown's negative impact on fourth quarter real economic growth, the threat of another shutdown and a renewed flirtation with the debt ceiling should keep the Federal Reserve from tapering asset purchases much, if at all, through the foreseeable future.

For next week's Federal Open Market Committee meeting at least, policymakers will be hard pressed to make any changes to their assessment of economic conditions given the relative paucity of data in recent weeks. The September employment report, originally scheduled to be released on October 4, will finally come out this week while the delayed consumer and producer price reports won't be available until just in front of the FOMC meeting next week. Census Bureau data on retail sales, trade, and housing starts has yet to be rescheduled. Moreover, some of the data that has come out has been skewed by the shutdown and other factors. Initial unemployment claims, for example, have risen by 50,000 over the past two weeks and hit a ten-month high in the process, but this owed in large part to glitches associated with a new computer system in California, as well as to the lack of government activity.

Other data releases have been encouraging. The Philadelphia Fed manufacturing index slipped modestly in October, but remained at a high level as its new orders and employment components rose to

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two-year highs. Somewhat similarly, a New York-area factory index moved lower this month despite a pickup in new orders and the average workweek. The numbers outside of the U.S. continue to point to a broadening global recovery. Annual real GDP growth in China accelerated to 7.8 percent in the third quarter, while industrial production and retail sales in the country both continued to grow at double-digit rates last month. Elsewhere, unemployment claims in the U.K. fell at their fastest pace in 16 years in September, while a measure of investor sentiment in Germany hit a three-year high this month. The shutdown and the uncertainty over future fiscal policy decisions will dent headline U.S. growth rates over the near-term future, but there remains an undercurrent of improvement in the economy that is being reinforced by increasing stability around the world.



“Storming for the Vote”

It was a little more than a week after Superstorm Sandy roared ashore on October 29, 2012, leaving in its wake unprecedented damage and devastation in Ocean County, that County election officials faced one of their greatest challenges – conducting a Presidential Election with limited electrical power, voting districts virtually washed away, and thousands of citizens displaced and homeless.

And yet, the democratic process carried on and with the help of County workers, volunteers, the libraries and a host of advocates, organizations and the individual voters, polls opened, ballots were cast and victories were declared.

These tireless efforts have been captured in a powerful documentary called “Storming for the Vote” which chronicles the actions taken so that everyone who wanted to vote had the ability to do so in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.



Scott Colabella
Ocean County Clerk

The film was presented on October 29th – the one-year anniversary of the storm - by the League of Women Voters of New Jersey at the Mancini Hall of the Ocean County Library in Toms River.

“The League of Women Voters did an exceptional job producing a documentary that captured the emotional and devastating impact that Sandy had on our County as well as showcasing the great spirit of our residents to cast their votes despite the obstacles faced after the storm,” said **Ocean County Clerk Scott Colabella**.

The public was invited to attend two free special forums sponsored by the League of Women Voters of New Jersey to view “Storming for the Vote” and heard from a panel of election officials as they discussed the affects of the storm on the election.

“This film demonstrates that for New Jersey citizens, having the opportunity to cast a vote was a comfort, a palpable sense of relief, a moment of normalcy in an otherwise chaotic and disorienting week, and most importantly an inspiring testament to the fact that participating in the democratic process unites and serves all of us,” said Kerry Butch, Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of New Jersey.

The 20-minute documentary produced and directed by noted filmmaker Christina Eliopoulos, features footage of Ocean County after the storm and interviews County Clerk Colabella and Ocean County Board of Elections

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“Storming for the Vote” *(continued)*

Supervisors as they provide first hand recollections of their efforts to administer a Presidential Election in the aftermath of a natural disaster.

“Scott and his staff and the Board of Elections and so many County and local agencies, and organizations deserve a great deal of credit for running this election under adverse conditions,” said **Ocean County Freeholder Director John P. Kelly**, Director of Law and Public Safety and liaison to the County Clerk’s office. “I would like to thank the League of Women Voters for capturing the spirit of cooperation that was so very apparent during this time.”

According to Colabella 253,333 people cast ballots out of 383,260 registered voters or a 66 percent turnout during the 2012 General Election.

“This was a remarkable turnout considering the circumstances,” Colabella said. “This was an unforgettable time in the history of Ocean County and our state.”

For additional information on the documentary and forums, interested individuals may contact Jesse Burns, Director of Communications for the League of Women Voters of New Jersey, at (609) 394-3303. More information about the League is available at www.lwvnj.org.



Sheriff’s Office Names New K-9 for Wildman Family

by Linda Van Zandt, Somerset County Public Information Officer

The Alison Marie Wildman Foundation was established by her family in 2002 to honor the memory of the 30-year-old Bridgewater resident who loved animals and who was tragically killed in the World Trade Center terrorist attack of Sept. 11, 2001.

Over the past decade the Alison Marie Wildman Foundation has had a very special relationship with the Somerset County Sheriff’s Office K9 Unit. Donations from the foundation have been used for body armor, dog food, veterinary bills and training aides. The foundation has donated approximately \$20,000 to the Sheriff’s Office K9 Unit over the past 11 years.

Because of this special relationship, the Somerset County Sheriff’s K9 Unit is naming its newest bloodhound in memory of Alison Wildman.

On Oct. 15 Alison’s father, Arthur Wildman, came to the Sheriff’s Office for what he believed would be a ceremonial thank-you plaque presentation. Instead, he was introduced to “Wildman,” the newest member of the K9 Unit. Representatives from PNC Bank, which administers the foundation trust, also were in attendance.

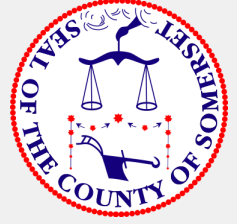
We are proud and honored to dedicate our new K9 member’s name in Alison’s memory,” said **Sheriff Frank J. Provenzano**. “This is a tribute not only to Alison but to her family and to the foundation that was established in her name, which has so generously supported our K9 unit for over a decade.”

The Somerset County Sheriff’s Office K9 Unit was established by Sheriff Provenzano in 2003. The three-dog unit consists of narcotic scent-detection dog Dano, handled by Capt. Tim Pino; explosive-detection canine Nemo, handled by Officer Al Bauer; and human scent-tracking canine Boone, who is retiring and will be replaced by Wildman in 2014, handled by Officer Thomas Wallace.

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Sheriff's Office Names New K-9 *(continued)*

"This past year has been very special and humbling for the Somerset County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit," said **Capt. Pino**, the unit's commander. "First we had Gov. Chris Christie name a law after our K9 Dano and now we are dedicating the name of our newest K9 in memory of Alison Wildman. None of this happens without the great support we get on a daily basis from Sheriff Provenzano."



Mutualink Introduces Five New Products that Bring Emergency Communications to the 'Edge' with Desktop and Mobile Apps for Public Safety Personnel

by Candice Perodeau, Rainier Communications

Full capabilities of Mutualink platform now available for desktops, laptops, iPads and smartphones

Mutualink, Inc. has announced the commercial availability of five new products that provide a significant expansion of its multimedia communication resource-sharing capabilities that places the power of Mutualink's interoperable collaboration suite where the users are: in the office, on the road and in the field. Referred to as the Mutualink Edge, they enable secure multimedia communications sessions on desktops, laptops, iPads, and smartphones.

Mutualink's communications platform is utilized by hundreds of public safety, emergency management and defense agencies worldwide to enable secure interoperable multimedia communication resource sharing among diverse radio, video, voice, sensory and data platforms. Mutualink Edge extends that capability securely to any desktop in an organization as well as capitalizing on the proliferation of mobile devices like iPads, tablets, smartphones and laptops, to share voice, video, text and data within and among organizations. Security and sovereignty remain central to the Mutualink Edge, with its multi-level encryption and distributed architecture.

Mutualink Edge's cost-effective architecture and intuitive user interface allow for more efficient utilization of Mutualink's capabilities within an enterprise, while not sacrificing any of its time-tested value when communicating across multiple agencies.

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We are saddened to hear of the passing of the Honorable Philip Thigpen. He served as the Essex County Register and Democratic Chairman, and previously served as an Essex County Freeholder and East Orange councilman.

"Philip Thigpen was a remarkable individual who continually fought to break down racial barriers in the community and the Democratic Party," **Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo** said. "A gentleman with a kind heart, he provided stability and solid leadership as our Essex County Democratic Chairman. He was a good friend, mentor and confidant, and someone I will miss greatly."

Mutualink Introduces Five New Products *(continued)*

Mobile multimedia communication sharing scenarios include:

- Police officers in the field with iPads or iPhones sharing live video, GPS location and other real-time info with command and control during a manhunt.
- EMTs using iPads sharing images of accident victims' injuries to emergency room doctors before the Ambulance even arrives at the hospital.
- Security personnel using an Edge-enabled laptop in a mobile vehicle patrolling a sports venue during a large-scale event. No additional equipment is needed in this scenario because of Mutualink's flexible deployment capability.
- Linemen using smartphones or tablets to communicate with the power plant in real-time from the field, sharing images of downed power lines or other complications, and receiving instructions from HQ.

"Mutualink's Edge functionally enables agencies to cost-effectively share resources regardless of the type of media, transport mechanism, or device," said **Colin McWay, president of Mutualink**. "In effect, Mutualink's platform goes with the device, and the devices goes where the emergency is."

How it Works

Mutualink's Edge capability is achieved through a combination of two user-determined applications:



- Edge@Command** - available for any desktop or laptop running Windows 7. This provides the full functionality of the command center, allowing the user to securely and efficiently create and manage several sessions simultaneously, without being tied to a specific device.

- Edge@Hand** - brings Mutualink's capability into the field. In an emergency situation, users can instantly create a secure collaboration session within the organization. Streamlined functionality and user-friendly design encourages use at all levels of the organization for communication internally or with external parties. This is currently available for IOS devices, with an Android application coming soon.

For more information about Mutualink Edge, including a video, images and infographics, please visit: www.mutualink.net.

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Parette Somjen Architects Appoints Jason Kliwinski as Sustainable Director

Parette Somjen Architects (PSA) recently appointed Jason Kliwinski, AIA, LEED Fellow, BD&C/OM, as the Director of Sustainable Design. Kliwinski will work from the firm's Rockaway, New Jersey headquarters to integrate a culture of sustainability within the firm and across its wide array of clients and projects.



Jason Kliwinski

Kliwinski is a founding partner of the Green Building Center (GBC), an integrated collaboration of veteran partners that provide complete green consulting, design, construction, education and building products in a single location. In concert with Kliwinski's appointment, PSA became a member of the GBC, where it will collaborate with other members to provide sustainable design services.

"Architects with the level of highly specialized experience Jason brings are a rare find. Throughout his nearly two-decade career, he has become a recognized pioneer in the field of cost-effective sustainable design," said **Marc Parette, President of Parette Somjen Architects**. "His forward-thinking approach and his proven experience in leading a full-fledged industry revolution will go a long way in building a culture of sustainability for the team at PSA, our clients and their projects."

Prior to joining PSA, Kliwinski served as director of sustainable design for Spiezle Architectural Group where he was responsible for integrating sustainable design throughout the company's culture and projects. This was achieved through developing significant internal and external green education programs, initiating sustainable energy and carbon neutrality plans and integrating LEED principles into design and consulting.

Concurrently, Kliwinski spent five years as USGBC LEED Faculty and as an adjunct Professor of Sustainability at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) School of Architecture. In 2010, he served as the American Institute of Architects New Jersey chapter president and is the current Northeast Regional Chair of the Committee on the Environment (COTE) for AIA Nationally as well as Chair of the Resiliency Committee for USGBC-NJ.

Kliwinski earned his Bachelor's degree in architecture from NJIT in 1994. In 2001 Jason obtained his architectural license in New Jersey and became one of the first LEED accredited professionals in the country. Among the highlights of his career following LEED guidelines, Kliwinski participated in the gold certified Microsoft School of the Future project in Philadelphia.

"Building a culture of sustainability transcends the practice of architecture. My role at PSA affords me the opportunity to use architecture as a conduit to establish a strong foundation of sustainable design for the company, its clients and the projects we manage," noted Kliwinski. "I'm eager to help the team adopt a collaborative approach that ensures maximum sustainability with our projects across the board."

Kliwinski has built a reputation as a thought provoking speaker at industry events, including Sustainable Construction Materials and Practices Conference, GovEnergy, WEEC, SCUP, Greenbuild and AIA. In 2012 Jason was named a LEED Fellow at Greenbuild in San Francisco.

For more information about Parette Somjen Architects, please visit www.planetspa.com.



County Breaks Ground on Leachate Treatment Facility

Will reduce landfill costs about \$2.5 million per year

The Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders broke ground yesterday on a new leachate pre-treatment facility at the Monmouth County Reclamation Center.

“When completed, this facility will save the County about \$6,600 every day of the year,” **Freeholder Deputy Director Serena DiMaso** said. “This adds up to approximately \$2.5 million a year and it will improve the efficiency of the landfill operations.”

The current average cost is \$10,500 a day to truck leachate out of the Reclamation Center. The cost savings to have an onsite pretreatment plant will average \$3,900 a day.

Leachate is a byproduct of the landfill. It is created when precipitation falls on the landfill and it combines with the moisture in the decomposing refuse at the landfill. The leachate percolates and makes its way down to the bottom of the landfill where it is retained within the liner.



l to r: Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders - John Curley; Gary Rich; Deputy Director Serena DiMaso; Director Thomas Arnone; Lillian Burry; Monmouth County Administrator Teri O'Connor; and Gerald Turning, Administrator of Tinton Falls.

Currently, the Monmouth County Reclamation Center collects the leachate through a series of sumps and pumps and puts it into a 500,000 gallon holding tank. From the holding tank, the leachate is pumped into 5,600 gallon tanker trucks and trucked off site to various treatment facilities. Depending on the amount of rain or snow, 35 to 50 loads of leachate are trucked out daily.

The onsite pretreatment plant will provide a continuous, seven day a week treatment process of converting raw leachate into treated leachate.

“We have worked out an agreement with the Township of Neptune Sewer Authority (TNSA) to connect to their sewer trunk line and discharge up to 150,000 gallons of the treated leachate daily,” said **Freeholder Director Thomas A. Arnone**.

“We want to thank our host community, Tinton Falls, for their assistance and support in advancing this important project,” said DiMaso. “As part of the host community agreement, the town will receive an additional \$290,000 a year.”

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County Breaks Ground on Leachate Treatment Facility *(continued)*

Other benefits of the completed facility will be the decrease in truck traffic entering and exiting the Reclamation Center and on local roads and greenhouse gas and exhaust emissions will be reduced as well.

Applied Water Management, Inc. of Hillsborough, NJ was awarded a \$7,914,459 contract for the design, build, operations and management of the leachate pretreatment facility. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of December 2015.

The company will operate the facility for 15 years with a renewal option for an additional five year term.

The facility will be constructed with project management by the County's Department of Public Works and Engineering.



For more information on this article, please contact Laura Kirkpatrick, Public Information Officer, at (732) 431-7310 or lkirkpat@co.monmouth.nj.us.

Independent Stationers Awarded New School Supplies Contract

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We are excited to announce that Independent Stationers has been awarded a multi-year contract to provide [educational materials, classroom, art supplies, and related products and services](#) through U.S. Communities. This exclusive contract was awarded through a competitive solicitation process conducted by lead public agency Prince William County Schools in Virginia and is eligible for use effective today.

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This new contract provides a flexible and economical solution with an easy online ordering tool and fixed pricing on thousands of classroom essentials and teaching aids. Independent Stationers utilizes a local independent community-based dealer you can buy local and keep the dollars you spend circulated back into your community. In addition, Independent Stationers offers rebates and aggressive incentives to help you put more money back into your school system while saving on items you are already purchasing.

Details are available through our informational webinars. If you are unable to attend a webinar, [contact Independent Stationers](#) to discuss how you can cut costs on school supplies, improve transparency with procurement and add value to your school and community or [click here for more information](#).



County Administrators Certificate Program

by Kathleen Cupano, Assistant Director of Center for Government Services at Rutgers University - New Brunswick Campus

Rutgers University Center for Government Services, in cooperation with the New Jersey Association of Counties, presented two certificate programs on county administration designed to enhance the operational and functional knowledge of county administrators and professional staff. The sessions were held at The Center for Government Services (CGS) classrooms in New Brunswick on October 12 and 19, 2013.

The two-day Basic Certificate Program covered essential components in the administration of county government. Sessions on public procurement, labor relations, county fiscal affairs, and ethics were presented by subject matter experts and provided an overview of these important day-to-day functions.

The two-day Advanced Certificate Program offered specialized topics on issues that present challenges to the operations of county government. DEP Regulations, Transportation Funding, Human Services Funding, and Privatization Challenges were addressed by recognized experts.

Instructed by experienced professionals in their respective fields, the sessions brought real-life applications and insight to the implementation of daily operations of, and challenges to, county administration.

The program, attended by 24 county administration officials, has been specifically designed to address the needs and interests of managers and administrators working in county government.

Certificates were presented to the following individuals:

Basic Certificate Program

Elizabeth Bozzelli, *Cape May County*
 Marcella Covello, *Mercer County*
 John Eskilson, *Sussex County*
 Louis Garbaccio— *Donohue, Gironda & Dorio*
 Elinor M. Gibney, *Hudson County*
 Dan Hornickel, *Burlington County*
 Bina Kumar— *Nationwide*
 Michael Laffey, *Cape May County*
 Lee P. Liddy, *Sussex County*
 Annmarie McMahan, *Cape May County*
 Francine Springer, *Cape May County*
 Michael F. Strada, *Sussex County*
 Aaron T. Watson, *Mercer County*



l to r: Anne Hartwick, Middlesex County; Abe Antun, Hudson County; Linny Maheda, Somerset County; Paul McCall, Somerset County; David Miller, Mercer County; and Bibi Taylor, Union County

Advanced Certificate Program

Abe Antun, *Hudson County*
 John Bonanni, *Morris County*
 Mary Jo Buchanan, *Morris County*
 Shawn Buskirk, *Warren County*
 Ann V. Hartwick, *Middlesex County*
 Linny Maheda, *Somerset County*
 Paul McCall, *Somerset County*
 David J. Miller, *Mercer County*
 Teri O'Connor, *Monmouth County*
 Bibi Taylor, *Union County*
 Kimberly Wood, *Cumberland County*

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The program is expected to be offered again in Autumn 2014.

CGS and its Rutgers predecessors have been providing training for New Jersey state and local government officials for more than 60 years. The center was established in 1991 from the consolidation of the former Bureau of Government Research and the Department of Government Services. As part of the Division of Continuing Studies, its mission is to improve the knowledge, competency, and professionalism of state and local government employees and officials. CGS has trained thousands of individuals.

For more information about this or other CGS programs, call 732-932-3640, or send email to cgs@docs.rutgers.edu, or visit the website at cgs.rutgers.edu.



CONGRATULATIONS

Downtown Freehold was named a Great Place in New Jersey for 2013 by the American Planning Association-New Jersey Chapter.

Jason Kliwinski, AIA, LEED Fellow, BD&C/OM, is now the Director of Sustainable Design for Parette Somjen Architects.

This year **Genova Burns Giantomasi Webster** was included for the first time in the Top 20 in the [New Jersey Legal Almanac's 2013 list of New Jersey's Largest Law Firms](#). The firm was started by three attorneys in 1989 and is now poised to celebrate its 25th year anniversary in January 2014, with almost 90 attorneys practicing in six offices across the metropolitan area.

The **Atlantic County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** graduated on Saturday, November 2nd.

NJAC President and Hudson County Freeholder Jeffrey Dublin and his wife, Sonia, announce the birth of their son, Javier Manuel. He was born on October 25th.

NJAC Second Vice President and Mercer County Freeholder Ann Cannon received the Interfaith Caregivers Award on October 24th.

Sergio Granados was recently appointed as a Union County Freeholder.

HINJ Honors Six at Inaugural Life Sciences Celebration

by Doug Berger, Director of Communications for HealthCare Institute of New Jersey

On September 26, 2013 the [HealthCare Institute of New Jersey \(HINJ\)](#) honored five New Jersey leaders and a nationally recognized high school last evening for their contributions in human health, public service, patient advocacy, life sciences, and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education. The awards were presented at HINJ's inaugural Life Sciences Celebration, which was held at the Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel in Iselin, NJ.

Those recognized included former Governor Thomas H. Kean, the late United States Senator Frank R. Lautenberg, Dr. Christopher J. Molloy, Dr. Joseph R. Bertino, Dr. Debra L. Wentz, and Biotechnology High School.

Presiding over the event, the **Honorable Kevin Rigby**, U.S. Country Head of Public Affairs and Vice President of Public Affairs at Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation and **Chair of the HINJ Board of Trustees**, said, "There is much to celebrate in New Jersey's life sciences community. HINJ is delighted to recognize the achievements of this distinguished group, who, like our HINJ member companies, have demonstrated a sustained commitment across a broad spectrum of activities to improving the human condition."

"New Jersey has earned the reputation of being the 'Medicine Chest of the World,'" Rigby added. "Our member companies are proud of their unwavering dedication to innovation, their contributions to New Jersey's economy, their corporate social responsibility, and tirelessly working to expand patient access to the medicines, therapies and medical technologies that improve and save lives all around the globe."

HINJ President and Chief Executive Officer Dean J. Paranicas shared Mr. Rigby's enthusiasm. "It is entirely fitting that we honor the efforts of those who share our industry's ideals," Paranicas said. "The life sciences in New Jersey has a long and distinguished history. New Jersey's life sciences community is, and, I am confident, will long continue to be, a global leader — and New Jersey's premier industry."

Rutgers Scarlet Knight Eric LeGrand was the special guest speaker at the HINJ event. Mr. LeGrand, who suffered a severe spinal injury during a Rutgers football game that left him paralyzed from the neck down, is a source of inspiration, hope and perseverance for New Jerseyans and sports fans around the globe.

HINJ presented honors in four categories — public service, research, patient advocacy and STEM education — as well as two special recognitions. The recipients of HINJ's inaugural honors were:



l to r: HINJ Chair Kevin Rigby, Gov. James Florio, Gov. Brendan Byrne, Gov. Thomas H. Kean and HINJ President and CEO Dean Paranicas

The Honorable Bob Franks Public Service Award: HINJ presented the Honorable Bob Franks Public Service Award — named in honor of the late former U.S. Congressman and HINJ President Bob Franks — to the Honorable Thomas H. Kean, former New Jersey Governor, for his leadership in public health through his service on The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Board of Trustees and the restructuring of higher education in New Jersey.

Special Recognition (In Memoriam): HINJ honored the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, the late United States Senator, in recognition of his dedicated work on behalf of patients in New Jersey

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HINJ Honors Six *(continued)*

and around the world. Mrs. Bonnie Englebardt Lautenberg accepted the award on behalf of her husband.

Special Recognition: HINJ honored Christopher J. Molloy, Ph.D., R.Ph., Interim Chancellor, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences, in recognition of his leadership in integrating Rutgers University and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Research: In recognition of his many contributions to life sciences research, HINJ honored Joseph R. Bertino, M.D., Chief Scientific Officer, Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey; University Professor of Medicine & Pharmacology, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School; Interim Director, Rutgers Stem Cell Institute of New Jersey; Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

Patient Advocacy: HINJ honored Debra L. Wentz, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc., in recognition of her leadership in patient advocacy in New Jersey.

STEM Education: HINJ honored Biotechnology High School, Monmouth County Vocational School District (Freehold, NJ), in recognition of leadership and achievement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education in New Jersey. Principal Linda Eno, Ed.D., accepted the award on behalf of the high school.

To download high-resolution video from HINJ's Life Sciences Celebration 2013, please [click here](#). Photographs are also available.

For more details, please contact Doug Berger, HINJ Director of Communications at (732) 729-9619 or berger@hinj.org.



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Dr. Jaime R. Torres, Region II Director
US Department of Health & Human Services
keynote speaker

Somerset County Holds Groundbreaking for Senator Walter J. Kavanaugh Social Services Building

by Linda Van Zandt, Somerset County Public Information Officer

The Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders recently held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new Social Services building, which will be named after the late Senator Walter J. Kavanaugh.

“Senator Kavanaugh was a leader because he served,” said **Freeholder Director Peter S. Palmer**. “I can’t think of a better way to honor the memory of a longtime servant of Somerset County and resident of Somerville than to name the new Social Services building after him.”

The late senator’s widow, Carole Kavanaugh, and state **Sen. Christopher (Kip) Bateman** also spoke at the ceremonial groundbreaking.

“Thank you for this great honor. We are very grateful for the recognition of Walter’s service to the State, County and Borough of Somerville,” said Carole Kavanaugh. “Thank you for putting this building here where he was born, educated, worked and served; the town he loved so much – Somerville, our county seat.”

“Walter had an incredible record in Trenton,” said Sen. Bateman. “He sponsored numerous pieces of important legislation, but what he prided himself on was his assistance to people in the community.”

Walter Kavanaugh served in the State Senate from 1998 to 2008, where he represented the 16th Legislative District. Prior to being elected to the Senate, Kavanaugh served in the General Assembly from 1976-1997. With his 32 years of service in the New Jersey Legislature, Kavanaugh’s tenure was among the longest in state history.

The late Senator was a member of the Somerville First Aid and Rescue Squad. He served as an elected member of the Somerville Board of Education from 1962-1975 and was an appointed member of the Somerset County Park Commission from 1968-1975. Kavanaugh also served in the United States Air Force from 1955 to 1976, earning the rank of Lieutenant.



l to r: Assemblywoman Donna Simon, Social Services Board Members Mary Jane Hoare and Donald Matthews, Senator Michael Doherty, Freeholder Deputy Director Patrick Scaglione, Freeholder Robert Zaborowski, Freeholder Mark Caliguire, Carole Kavanaugh, Freeholder Director Peter S. Palmer, Freeholder Patricia Walsh, Senator Kip Bateman, Social Services Director Dominic Crisall, former director Joseph Kunzmann and Sheriff Frank J. Provenzano.

The Somerset County Board of Social Services, which has offices in Somerville, Franklin and North Plainfield, assisted over 45,000 visitors in 2012. It administers public assistance programs, including SNAP benefits (food stamps), general assistance and Medicaid. The agency also provides social services such as housing, case management, employment training, adult protective services and homemaker services.

The current 35,000-square-foot, five-story building located in Somerville is over 40 years old and no longer meets the needs of the agency. L. R. Kimball designed a three-story structure, totaling 42,440 square feet, which will be erected just west of the existing building. Keeping the Board of Social Services in Somerville will benefit residents who need access to other county facilities, including the Human Services building and the Greater Raritan Workforce Investment Board on Warren Street.

Construction is expected to begin before the end of the year and be

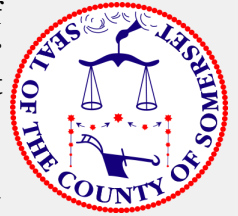
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Groundbreaking for Senator Walter J. Kavanaugh Social Services Building *(continued)*

completed in about 18 months. After the Board of Social Services moves into the new building, the old structure will be demolished and replaced by parking and green space. The estimated total cost of the project, which is being administered through the Somerset County Improvement Authority, is \$20 million.

“The Senator Walter J. Kavanaugh Social Services building will be a more efficient space for staff to meet with clients and to carry out the duties of the Board of Social Services,” said Freeholder Director Palmer. “And, in keeping with Somerset County’s commitment to limit tax-exempt buildings to a two-block area in Somerville, the new building will be a tax-paying property.”

For more information, please contact Linda Van Zandt, Somerset County Public Information Officer, at (908) 231-7020 or publicinfo@co.somerset.nj.us.



Get to know your County Official.....

How many years have you served as Atlantic County Freeholder?

I have served on the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders for four years, and in 2011 I was selected to serve as Chairman by my fellow freeholders.

What was the first public office you held?

Atlantic County Freeholder at the age of 57 in 2009.

Why did you choose to run for freeholder?

I decided to run for 2nd District Atlantic County Freeholder seat during a time when the economy in the local area and county needed to make changes. I figured my big mouth could complain about the economic situation and do nothing or elevate myself and be part of the solution. Since I have been a successful businessman for nearly 40 years, I wanted to offer a business perspective to county government.

What do you do by trade?

I own and operate a 95 year old family business, Formica Brothers Bakery. The bakery produces 20,000 breads daily, has 39 employees, and serves over 400 corporate customers.

What would our readers be most surprised to learn about you?

As a freeholder, I devote much time into county business and enjoy forging relationships of elected officials with State departments that will positively affect areas such as DEP and EDA.

Who is your role model?

From a philosophical point, my role model can be best described as the Hemingway Hero—one who displays grace under pressure. Also considered as my role model is John Galt, who is a fictional character in Ayn Rand’s 1957 novel “Atlas Shrugged.”

Why do you love Atlantic County?

The family roots that began 113 years ago from Sicily, Italy to Atlantic City. Atlantic County is the best of all worlds—it has the beach, piers, casinos, and 20 minutes out of the city the Pine Barrens can be experienced. Last but not least, the strength and devotion of its people and richness in its history.



Frank Formica
Freeholder Chairman
of Atlantic County



NACo Program News

Interest surges in new NACo health discount and dental programs

Many counties are joining NACo's new health and dental discount programs to help their residents with discounts on health services not covered by national health reform. These programs provide many health benefits for nominal fees. NACo and its program partners provide free, turn-key marketing support. Learn more about the [Health Discount Program](#) and the [Dental Discount Program](#) on the NACo website.

Contact: [NACo Membership Team](#) · Toll-free 1.888.407.4226

NACo Webinar: Grow Your County's Green Building Industry – Policies, Codes, and Incentives

Thursday, Nov. 21, 2-3:15 p.m. EST. Counties can support local construction economies and meet growing demand for green buildings with thoughtfully designed policies, mandatory codes and voluntary incentive programs. Learn best practices and common pitfalls where successful approaches are being piloted. [Register](#)

Contact: [Kathy Nothstine](#) 202.661.8807

NACo Webinar: Road to Resilience – Stormwater Planning

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2-3:15 p.m. EST. Whether you live in a coastal county or a flood-prone county, this webinar will provide resources to improve stormwater resilience of your county. Understand the connection to land cover, learn strategies to deal with problems and hear collaboration opportunities to combat stormwater issues. [Register](#)

Contact: [Alyssum Pohl](#) 202.661.8810

Grant opportunity: Environmental Solutions for Communities

Counties that are linking economic development and community quality of life to the stewardship and health of the environment can receive funding through this grant program funded by Wells Fargo and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. To be considered for funding, proposals must be submitted by Dec. 16. [Register](#)

Contact: [Jen Horton](#) · 202.942.4274

Grant opportunity: Georgetown University Energy Prize

The Georgetown University Energy Prize (GUEP) is a new competition to help counties and cities develop an energy efficiency plan. Interested counties can submit a non-binding Letter of Intent (LOI). Just by submitting a LOI, a community will receive access to financial, educational and technical resources. [Read More](#)

Contact: [Jen Horton](#) · 202.942.4274

Grant opportunity: Leadership STAR Community Program

Counties that are pursuing local sustainability initiatives can apply to this one year program that provides communities with access to STAR Communities staff and on-call experts, online tools, training programs and technical assistance to support their efforts. [Read More](#)

Contact: [Jen Horton](#) · 202.942.4267



NACo Prescription
Discount Card Program

Study: Warren/Morris Freight Rail Upgrades Would Add Jobs, Boost Economy *by Art Charlton, Warren County Public Information Officer*

Infrastructure improvements on the main freight rail corridor serving Warren and Morris counties could create thousands of jobs and spur economic development in the area, according to the findings of a recent study.

Funded by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), the Morris/Warren County Rail Corridor Study identifies eight key improvement locations on the corridor, which includes Norfolk Southern's Washington Secondary line between Phillipsburg and Hackettstown, and the Morristown Line from Hackettstown to Morristown. The NJTPA is the federally authorized Metropolitan Planning Organization for the 13-county northern New Jersey region.

"Many employers along the corridor rely on rail freight," said **Warren County Freeholder Director Jason J. Sarnoski**, who represents the County on the NJTPA Board of Trustees. "Improving the corridor's capacity to move goods by rail will help us help retain and grow our existing businesses, and it could be the catalyst for new industrial development and redevelopment," he added.

The study's recommendations include raising the overhead clearance of existing bridges along the corridor to accommodate the larger, heavier freight rail cars that have become the industry standard. The estimated cost for the study's recommended investments is between \$18 million and \$30 million.

Sarnoski noted that improved capacity on the corridor could lead to currently vacant or underutilized industrial properties becoming attractive locations for businesses reliant on freight rail. In particular, the study suggests the former Ingersoll Rand site in Phillipsburg could benefit greatly from freight rail investments.

The study concludes that if its recommended investments are made, the potential exists for the creation of more than 3,000 new jobs based in Warren and Morris counties, as well as other associated economic activity and public revenue, which could cover the cost of recommended improvements.

"This study was a good first step," Sarnoski said. "Now we need to do this much-needed work on the infrastructure itself. When you invest in transportation – in this case by providing state-of-the-industry freight rail service – you essentially are investing in jobs, economic growth and the future of our county."



For more information about the Morris/Warren County Rail Corridor Study, visit www.njtpa.org.

Do you have educational or informational articles you would like published in the NJAC COUNTY BIZ?

Contact Loren Wizman, Director of Business Development, at (609) 394-3467 or loren@njac.org.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNTY WARDEN

The **County of Middlesex** is seeking to fill the position of Warden to oversee the County's Adult Correction Facility and Juvenile Detention Center. Under the administrative direction of the Department of Public Safety and Health, the warden will be responsible for the overall operation of the **Middlesex County Adult Corrections Center and Youth Services Detention Center**.

Responsibilities include formulating and executing a progressive program for the care, discipline, and custody of inmates, both adult and juvenile; and must be responsible for administering safety and security operations, executing administrative policies and procedures to employees.

The qualified candidate will be required to coordinate with management staff regarding the business and financial affairs of the institution, including the preparation of budget estimates and reports, human resource management, requisition and issuance of equipment and maintenance of buildings and grounds.

Candidates must have a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, Public Administration, or closely related field; supplemented with 5-10 years of experience working in a correctional facility and must have extensive knowledge of the administration of a correctional facility.

Qualified candidates should send their resumes to:

County of Middlesex
Attn: John A. Pulomena, Administrator
PO Box 871
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The **County of Passaic** seeks an experienced full-time Assistant Executive Director for **Preakness Healthcare Center**, a 406 bed skilled nursing facility. The position requires current licensure as a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator (LNHA) in the State of New Jersey, a Master's Degree (MSN preferred) and five years senior level administrative experience (Subacute and Long-Term Care). Submit your cover letter and resume to carmenb@passaiccountynj.org or jmclaughlin@passaiccountynj.org.

ASSISTANT NURSING SUPERVISORS

The **County of Passaic** seeks experienced full-time Assistant Nursing Supervisors for day, evening, and night shifts for **Preakness Healthcare Center**, a 406 bed skilled nursing facility. The requirements are a BSN and three years supervisory nursing experience (Subacute or Acute Care experience preferred). Submit your cover letter and resume to carmenb@passaiccountynj.org or jmclaughlin@passaiccountynj.org.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES

The **County of Somerset** is seeking a candidate for the Director of Human Services. The position is one of four key department head positions that will oversee ten divisions, and is a member of the County Management Team. Responsibilities include managing and integrating the delivery of all social and human services within the County; and decision-making authority for the day to day operations and overall direction of the Divisions within the Human Services Department as related to social and human service management, planning, direct service provision, funding and monitoring. The qualified candidate will ensure County compliance with a host of local, state, and federal guidelines and regulations relative to specific human service program administration; manages 11 direct reports and a diverse staff of 266 persons throughout the Department; develops and oversees a County budget totaling approximately \$20,000,000.00 with an additional \$5,800,000.00 comprised of outside funding. The Director serves as Chair of or in a leadership capacity on a multitude of Freeholder-appointed Committees, Boards, Commissions, Councils, Task Forces, etc., as well as NJ State Human Service-related bodies; works with County and State officials on a broad range of human service issues having wide-ranging policy implications. The position has extensive contact with residents, non-profit agencies, municipal and State officials; prepares high-level correspondence, special reports, and budgetary information for the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Experience as a visionary and strategic leader with integrity and professionalism; and must possess comprehensive knowledge of the principles and practices of public administration. Requirements also include knowledge of current trends in technology; ability to identify and implement technological advances to increase efficiency in a variety of government operations. The incumbent must be able to analyze, develop, and interpret County policies, and to work harmoniously with all Departments, associates, subordinates, and others having an interest in County government.

Candidates must have a degree in the Social Services or related field with emphasis on administration and management from an accredited four year college or university and a minimum of 10 years of human service related experience; experience supervising a large staff and managing a significant budget. A Master's Degree in Public Administration or related field, or equivalent experience is preferred. At least ten years of experience as a director in local government, with a thorough knowledge of County policy and procedures, is desired.

Salary range is \$121,590 to \$151,000.

Qualified candidates should submit their cover letters and resumes to:

Somerset County Human Resources
PO Box 3000
20 Grove Street
Somerville, NJ 08876

Fax: (908) 575-9309

Email: humanresources@co.somerset.nj.us



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As Trenton begins preparing for what should be an interesting lame-duck session, NJAC is focusing on the following issues:

- Extending the expiration date under the interest arbitration reform law;
- Securing fair and equitable Medicaid reimbursement rates for county operated nursing homes; and,
- Advocating for a supplemental budget appropriation to replace the loss of critical transportation funding.

John G. Donnadio, Esq.

NJAC is also collaborating with the National Association of Counties (NACo) on a statewide county call to action opposing various proposals that would eliminate or cap the tax exempt interest of municipal bonds. For more details about our legislative advocacy, please check out **State House News** on our website at www.njac.org.

Finally, we're pleased to announce that **Dr. Jaime R. Torres, Region II Director for the United States Department of Health and Human Services**, has committed to providing the keynote remarks at our December 13th Summit on the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear State, federal, and healthcare industry experts discuss county governments' unique role under the ACA as both an employer and conveyor of essential human services programs. We've put together two terrific panel discussions for an informative and educational half-day event. The first panel will discuss the ACA, Medicaid expansion, what's expected out county governments, and the potential impact on county jails. The second panel will discuss employer responsibilities, legal and tax ramifications, and other practical implications under the ACA. **NJ 101.5's Kevin McArdle** will moderate both discussions. If you haven't done so already, please make sure to visit our website at www.njac.org for important details about the agenda, registration, NJAC's board of directors meeting, the panel discussions, luncheon, and networking.

Have a happy, healthy, and safe Thanksgiving!

Did you know?

*The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor began at 7:55 am on December 7, 1941. Japanese naval forces compiled for the raid included 4 heavy aircraft carriers, 2 heavy cruisers, 35 submarines, 2 light cruisers, 9 oilers, 2 battleships and 11 destroyers. The attacking forces came in two waves, the first consisting of 183 aircraft which included 40 torpedo planes, 49 level bombers, 51 dive bombers and 43 fighters. The second wave included 170 planes, 54 of them level bombers, 80 dive-bombers and 36 fighters. Over 350 Japanese planes were involved in overall attack, which surprised the United States. At the end of the day, over 2,000 men lost their lives.

Remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day is December 7th.



*This information was obtained from the Navy Museum website:
<http://www.history.navy.mil/branches/teach/pearl/aftermath/facts.htm>


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.....Is Diabetes Awareness Month

MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
				15	16	17
					Project Fairy Tale 2p.m. Rhino Theatre Pompton Lakes	Sensory Friendly Theatre 2p.m. Performing Arts Center Rahway
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Job Help Seminar 1p.m. Galloway Twp. Library	Men's Health Screening 5:30p.m. - 8p.m. Sparta Health & Wellness in Sparta	Duke Island Walkers 9:30a.m. Duke Island Park Somerset		Pet Expo 4p.m. - 8p.m. Meadowlands Expo Center Secaucus	Trace Adkins in concert 8p.m. TD Bank Arts Centre Sewell	The Hendrik Meurkins Quartet 3p.m. Mountain Villa School Allamuchy
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		Prosperstown Schoolhouse Museum 9a.m. - 5p.m. Jackson			Wheaton Arts Studio Sale 10a.m. Millville	

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.....Is AIDS Awareness Month

MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
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						Historical Train Show Old City Hall Bordentown
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Cedric the Entertainer 8p.m. Performing Arts Center Englewood		50th Anniversary of Amiri Bara 6p.m. - 8p.m. Billy Johnson Auditorium Newark Museum		Holiday Tree Lighting 6p.m. Huddy Park Highlands	 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Wreath Ceremony Camden Waterfront	Victorian Holiday Celebration 12p.m. - 6p.m. Smithville Park Eastampton
9	10	11	12	13	14	
	HIV/AIDS Advisory Board Mtg. 11a.m. 3 Executive Dr. Morris Plains	Vienna Boys Choir 8p.m. State Theatre New Brunswick	Hospitality Nights 7p.m. - 9p.m. Washington St. Mall Cape May	NJAC Board of Directors Mtg. & SUMMIT on the ACA 8:30 a.m. Trenton Country Club	"Hunterdon in My Heart" Book Signing 1p.m. - 4p.m. Red Mill Museum Clinton	