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CFG HEALTH SYSTEMS AND HUDSON COUNTY JAIL EMPLOYEES PRAISED BY FREEHOLDERS FOR NCCHC ACCREDITATION

By: Jeanine Miles, Director of Business Development and Marketing

CFG Health Systems, LLC and the staff of the Hudson County Department of Corrections were recently honored by the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders for achieving accreditation of their adult correctional facility.

At a meeting held July 11, 2013 the Freeholders approved a resolution congratulating CFG, which provides medical services to inmates, and the jail's professional staff for being awarded accreditation by the National Commission of Correctional Health Care (NCCHC). The jail was found to be in 100 percent compliance with all NCCHC standards.

The resolution also noted that CFG was instrumental in helping Hudson County nursing and correctional (custody) staff members attain the NCCHC's Certified Correctional Health Professional (CCHP) certification. The Hudson County Department of Corrections is the first in New Jersey to have its staff members achieve the CCHP designation.

NCCHC officials commented that they had not expected such a high score on the results because it was the first time that the Hudson County staff had sought CCHP certification.

CFG CEO Les Paschall said the county's custody staff members were instrumental in making sure the survey was a success.

"We are extremely gratified to be recognized by the Freeholders and County Executive Thomas A. DeGise," Mr. Paschall said. "The accreditation is the result of the partnership that has developed between CFG and Hudson County officials and employees since we began providing services at the jail. It has been a real team effort, with everybody doing their part to make sure that quality, effective services are delivered to the inmate population."

The National Commission of Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) is recognized throughout the country for setting standards relative to sustaining and improving the quality of health care in correctional and detention facilities. It developed a nationally recognized and accepted standard for health services in such facilities, established by leaders in the fields of health, law, and corrections. These standards cover areas of care, treatment, health records, administration, personnel, medical legal issues, and are essential resources for correctional and detention facilities in their efforts to improve the health of inmates.

The Freeholder Board's praise for the workers at the jail went beyond the accreditation received by the NCCHC. The resolution specifically mentioned actions taken during Hurricane Sandy, noting that "during the height of the storm's catastrophic flooding CFG staff and County personnel remained on site providing much needed healthcare to inmates and detainees at their own peril, and in one instance to a person

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NJAC WELCOMES NEW BUSINESS ASSOCIATES

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Government Strategies**

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Government Affairs
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HELP WANTED

Human Resources Director

HUNTERDON COUNTY: Under direction of the Appointing Authority, is responsible for the overall Human Resources function in the public service delivery system of Hunterdon County(600 employees). Maintains liaison between the NJ Civil Service Commission and other public entities in all HR functions including but not limited to personnel administration; managing the operation of a personnel work unit and directs one or more personnel functions such as, employee and labor relations, coordination of performance management systems, personnel policy development, classification and compensation, and related employment activities in accordance with applicable Local, State and Federal rules, regulations ,policies and procedures.

Position Requirements:

Minimum of a Bachelors Degree(Masters degree a plus) in related field preferably with a concentration in Human Resources Services(include copy of diploma or transcript) from accredited institution

Demonstrated general experience/working knowledge of Civil Service regulation and application in public sector NJ or other State Civil Service System which is not limited to areas of specialization such as hiring, promotion, discipline, benefits coordination, etc.

5 years demonstrated Supervisory Experience in the delivery of Human Resource Services

Please provide resume with all requested documents to:

County of Hunterdon

Attention: Cynthia J Yard, County Administrator

PO Box 2900

Flemington, NJ 08822

Landfill Supervisor

SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY— is seeking to hire a Landfill Supervisor. The Landfill Supervisor is a salaried position and works an annual average of a minimum of forty (40) hours per week. This position reports directly to the Solid Waste Division Manager and is a working supervisor. The person in this position will be required to hold and maintain a CDL license issued in NJ and is responsible for the management and daily operations of the Solid Waste Division's Landfill and related facilities including Leachate Collection System, Landfill Gas Collection System and Flare, Special Waste Handling Area, Convenience Center, etc. The Supervisor is responsible for the supervision of all employees within the Operations Department, which include Equipment Operators, Service Workers, Laborers, Summer Interns, Community Service Workers, etc. Qualifications: High School Diploma, minimum 3 years work experience with landfill industry and/or supervisory or management experience. Desired SWANA Certified Manager or NJ Certified Public Works Manager. Knowledge of DOT, PE-OSHA, and other related State and Federal regulations. The Salem County Improvement Authority offers a competitive benefits package including major medical coverage, prescription, dental, Pension, Short Term Disability, flexible spending account, paid vacation, holidays and personal days.

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Mail application and resume to Attention:

Casie Garton

Human Resources

Salem County Improvement Authority

199 East Broadway

Salem, NJ 08079

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County Government Information Systems

By: David Gross, Director of Operations, PropertyPilot LLC

mation systems or GIS have become invaluable tools for governments. GIS visualizes specific data sets, enabling governments to interpret volumes of information. This helps them make informed, data-driven decisions on how to deploy resources based upon traceable analytics. GIS is also an integral tool for evolving government transparency. Many New Jersey counties have built and deployed GIS over the years and we have taken a look at their efforts to ascertain the current state of New Jersey GIS.

A big part of GIS's adoption (and success) among stakeholders is accessibility and usability. There has been a trend in software development that has emphasized the role of user experience and access across mobile, table and desktop devices. By focusing on these two areas, software developers aim to be more inclusive in their designs as to encourage greater engagement with their platforms. GIS is no different.

We evaluated the eleven available countywide GIS platforms in New Jersey as part of a broader forthcoming study. Our findings indicate that accessibility is inconsistent across browsers and devices and there is room to improve user experience.

A web browser is the gateway to access GIS systems. Individual and organizational browser preference varies. GIS rendered on different browsers produce different user experiences. PropertyPilot tested the compatibility of the 11 available County GIS platforms across popular desktop and mobile browsers. We chose four of the leading web browsers; Google Chrome, Microsoft Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox and Apple Safari. In addition, we tested the mobile browser for the iPhone, Safari IOS.

Of the 11 platforms tested, only two counties' GIS worked on all of the browsers, (Chrome, Internet Explorer, Firefox and Safari) in addition to mobile. Six counties' GIS worked on all four of the desktop browsers (Chrome, Internet Explorer, Firefox and Safari), but not on mobile. Two counties GIS worked on only Internet Explorer and Safari and one county's GIS exclusively worked on Internet Explorer.

While the development and deployment dates of these systems vary, our research indicates that cross-browser functionality, responsive web design and multi-screen display was, as a whole, either not paramount or not relevant when these systems were created. Many of these counties have yet to upgrade their systems, which would have a direct impact on adoption and usage.

The second part of our accessibility analysis focused on the ease that a given person would have in finding his or her county's GIS. Many times, an individual would use his or her favorite search engines to track down the appropriate link. What we found is that a user could locate a GIS in as little as one click of the mouse after a Google search or as many as seven clicks to gain access, with the average number of clicks at 3.25.

In order to drive meaningful engagement from constituents and government employees, it is important to minimize, when possible, the time and effort required to access critical information. The 3.25 click average we found is acceptable, however, one or two click access is preferable.

The other piece of our analysis focused on usability. One of the most important aspects of any well-respected online GIS platform is its ease of usability. Users, whether they are local citizens wanting to look up property lot boundaries or expert State geologists investigating known floodplains for a proposed project, want a smooth and painless experience that leads them to their desired information right away.

The ability to pan and zoom into and out of a GIS platform is crucial since often times specific data/information can only be observed or accessed once a user has drilled down or moved to a specific location on the map. Moreover, speed plays a factor when zooming and panning because lagging GIS can be frustrating and prohibitive to effective use.

In evaluating each of the 11 available GIS plat-

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Tradition Energy Awarded New Energy Consulting & Management Services Contract

By: Sarah Mallon, U.S. Communities

Maximize Savings on Energy Expenditures

We are excited to announce that Tradition Energy has been awarded a three-year contract to provide [energy consulting and management services](#) through U.S. Communities. This exclusive contract was awarded through a competitive solicitation process conducted by lead public agency City of Mesquite, TX and is eligible for use as of August 1st.

The contract delivers services that will help you maximize savings on energy expenditures, provide better budget and cost control, and improve procurement efficiency. Through the contract, Tradition Energy will provide a comprehensive suite of services, which include procurement for the following:

- electricity, natural gas, renewable energy and transportation fuels
- procurement aggregation, energy efficiency and facility management
- demand response/curtailment, energy data management and reporting
- energy bill processing and payment
- energy risk management, market research and intelligence reporting
- energy bill auditing and rate analysis

Various energy services are offered in each state depending on the legislative and regulatory developments. To view services in your area, [click here](#). Find out more about how to [maximize savings on energy expenditures](#) or [contact us for additional information](#).

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forms, the research team was tasked with rating each of the systems either as 'Excellent,' 'Very Good,' 'Good' or 'Poor,' according to their panning, zooming and overall navigation ease and efficiency of use. Three researchers independently conducted their own reviews and their selections were later averaged out in what was one of the only subjective tests during the course of the research project.

Results for the GIS usability (panning/zooming/navigation) after scores were averaged were as follows: one county (9% of available platforms) received an 'Excellent' rating, four counties (36% of available platforms) received 'Very Good' ratings, three counties (27% of available counties) received 'Good' ratings and three counties (27% of available counties) received 'Poor' rankings. With only one county receiving the 'Excellent' usability honor, certainly the reviewers felt that there is much room for improvement for the remaining platforms on the navigation front. Of the 11 available platforms tested, only 4 provided property assessment data (the valuation placed on property by a public tax assessor for purposes of taxation), while 7 did not.

Most of these systems were either built in-house or through the New Jersey State GIS Department. While building a system in-house has its benefits;

chiefly, the county has full control of specifications and software, it comes at a cost. With advancements in mapping and cloud technology, 3rd-party GIS providers have emerged. These lower cost options provide economies of scale and collective knowledge achieved through experience working with an assortment of governments and government agencies. GIS can now be delivered through a software-as-a-service (SaaS) framework; obsolescence will not occur and technology will remain cutting edge.

GIS, like many other software applications, is at a crossroads. We are in the midst of a revolution in technology which is allowing us to carry more computing power in our pockets than every before. This coupled with increasing interest to have access to data from the public has left us with an opportunity to innovate in the GIS space. Advances such as cloud computing, attention to user experience and mobile application development have made it possible to build a GIS that works across platforms, but also drives buy-in from stakeholders.

For further information please contact Michael Bonner, CEO, PropertyPilot at mbonner@propertypilot.com or (201) 222-1155.



Sharing Services in Monmouth County

*By: Thomas A. Arnone, Monmouth County Freeholder Director,
Liaison to the Office of Shared Services*

I am pleased to report Monmouth County continues to grow in its leadership role in the field of shared services through our efforts to streamline operations and centralized administration in effort to reduce the burden on Monmouth County taxpayers.

To demonstrate our dedication to this effort, we created a central office of shared services to centralize and standardize programs, increase efficiencies in administration and improve business processes. These efforts continue to be successful in eliminating redundancy and waste throughout the public sector allowing for the most beneficial and efficient use of taxpayer dollars.

We successfully built new partnerships with 53 municipalities and several counties throughout the state resulting in one of the most far reaching and highly developed shared services programs in the nation culminating in hundreds of shared services agreements, millions in estimated savings to taxpayers and over \$10.1 Million in new recurring revenue streams, thus far. We now are expanding our shared services partnerships with many school boards as well. This effort allows Monmouth County citizens to see three areas of savings and increased efficiencies at the municipal, county and now, at school board level.

The Office of Shared services in Monmouth County, of which I serve as Freeholder liaison, continues to grow in a tradition of strong leadership and national recognition.

A groundbreaking new Monmouth County shared service which serves to streamline operations and reduce costs in the field of online property tax services has been recently recognized by one of the most prestigious institutions in the public sector, the Harvard Kennedy School, Ash Centre for Democratic Governance and Innovation, for our pioneering work to increase the efficiency of the property tax administration process. As further evidence of the effectiveness and growing importance of shared services nationally, I am pleased to report we have also been contacted by Cumberland County, ME and a southern Province in Canada seeking to use our shared services program as a model as they

now explore the creation of advanced shared services initiatives of their own.

While shared services is a broad term that encompasses many different activities being performed for the community through many various departments throughout Monmouth County, perhaps some specific examples of areas of continued shared services success in Monmouth County will inspire others to follow suit. For example, we continue to see massive growth in our state of the art MOD4 shared service.

As one of the fastest growing areas of shared services, with almost 100% participation, we now have 47 of 53 municipalities streamlining their assessment operations and saving on administration, time and paperwork costs. This shared service saves approximately 50-65% on the municipalities annual costs.

We are now exploring a pilot program to offer this shared service to other counties throughout New Jersey. This is an opportunity for other counties to increase convenience, streamline their processes and save approximately \$400,000 to \$600,000 of taxpayer money to duplicate and create their own system. Asbury Park has saved over 65% through this shared service. We also have had tremendous success with our online digital records management program.

Of course, I can not discuss shared services in Monmouth County without mentioning our continued leadership in public safety communications shared services. We continue development of a state of the art communications facility that will serve as a state and regional model.

Just as an example, Asbury Park has stated they will save over \$500,000 in the first year and over \$300,000 in subsequent years. Freehold Township stated they will save over \$430,000 per year by switching to the county dispatch shared services program. The

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Sustainable Jersey Upcoming Events

By: Winnie Fatton, Sustainable Jersey

September 5, 2013: 1:00-2:00 FREE WEBINAR ON IMPLEMENTING A MUNICIPAL

GREEN CHALLENGE: Whether your municipality is just getting started with the Sustainable Jersey program, or is already certified, the EcoChallenge offers a great way to fulfill the "[Green Challenges & Community Programs](#)" action in the Sustainable Jersey program. The EcoChallenge is a FREE NWEI event that demonstrates the collective impact of many people making sustainable changes in their everyday lives.

Sustainable Jersey is partnering with the Northwest Earth Institute (NWEI) to offer municipalities, schools or individuals the opportunity to prove that small actions create real change. By participating in this webinar you will learn how to implement the Sustainable Jersey "Green Challenge" action.

Visit www.sustainablejersey.com to learn more or click here to [REGISTER](#)

September 18, 2013: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT at Duke Farms, 1112 Dukes Parkway West, Hillsborough, NJ.

This one-of-a-kind event will bring together New Jersey's top sustainability experts with academics, state and local agencies, organizations, Sustainable Jersey Green Team and Task Force members and the interested public. The primary purpose of the Summit is to provide and inspire collaborative and productive conversation about the sustainability goals for New Jersey. Participants will discuss ideas, best practices and strategies for the future. Sustainable Jersey will distribute briefing papers to participants in advance on topics that summarize research, goals and proposed direction for New Jersey and the region.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **Mathis Wackernagel, Ph.D.**, *President, Global Footprint Network* and Co-Creator of Ecological Footprint, has worked within the sustainability realm all over the world.

PLENARY SPEAKERS: **Andrew Bowman**, *Program Director for the Environment*, **Doris Duke**

Charitable Foundation;
Helen V. Chin, *Program Officer, Sustainable Environments*, **Surdna Foundation**; **Michelle Knapik**, *Program Director, Sustainable Environments*, **Surdna Foundation**; **Andrea L. Peet**, *AICP, Program Manager, STAR Communities*.

CEU credits from AIA, APA, DCA and USGBC (LEED) have been requested

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smaller municipalities like Spring Lake and Sea Girt have stated they have saved between \$100,000 to over \$200,000 per year.

While we are extremely proud of our leadership and the recognition of our successful shared services initiatives in Monmouth County we have no intention of resting on our laurels. In fact we are presently developing many new shared services initiatives that we intend to offer to our municipal and county partners going forward to help further reduce the tax burden on New Jersey citizens.

Specifically, we have launched new technology initiatives to directly meet a timely demand after super storm sandy wherein Monmouth County now offers digital data back up services for municipalities

and school boards. We also help them save on computer and software purchases through accessing existing county contracts. Other new initiatives in development include potentially offering our municipal and county partner's safety training courses, a continuously updated GIS system and also a state of the art digital countywide emergency alert system.

As stewards of the public's tax dollars we must and will continue to grow Monmouth County's shared services programs which have proven to be a model of excellence throughout the state.

For further information please contact Stephen G. Callas, MAS, Director, Monmouth County at Stephen.Callas@co.monmouth.nj.us or (732) 577-8709.

NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

More than 30 individuals from various New Jersey Counties attended the "2013 Night at the Ballpark" held



at the beautiful ARM & HAMMER Ballpark on August 1st located in Mercer County, and hosted by NJAC and generous supporters including PNC Bank, NA our Primary Host;

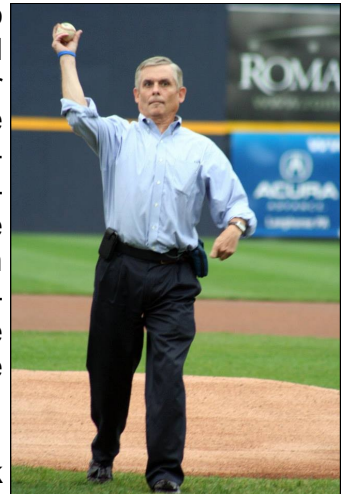
Najarian Associates; and Property Pilot. For those who chanced the event and the down pouring rains, it stopped just in time for the game to begin and the night was filled with networking, food, and fun.

If you love baseball, you could not find a better seat in the "house". And did we mention it included fireworks and a



1980's Night that featured three performances by the number one Michael Jackson impersonator on the East Coast, Pete Carter.

The game began at 7:05 pm, and for some attendees, fun is spelled B-A-S-E-B-A-L-L, B-O-O-M-E-R, and S-T-R-I-K-E. William Schofield, Vice President of Public Finance, PNC Bank had an opportunity to throw out the first pitch, and without a doubt threw it over the plate. Attendees were welcomed by NJAC Executive Director, John G. Donadio, Esq. and Staff. The game featured the Trenton Thunder vs. Harrisburg Senators, and in the end the Harrisburg Senators won the game.



NJAC would like to thank everyone who participated at this event, and thank you again to our generous hosts including PNC Bank, NA, Primary Host; Najarian Associates; and Property Pilot.

For your viewing pleasure we have included photos of the networking opportunity on page 8.



NJAC CONGRATULATES

The 'Ocean's 16' Powerball Lottery Winners!!

Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission for being recognized by
The American Association for State & Local History

Ann Brady for being named Executive Director of plansmart nj

Thomas G. Heim, CFA, who was named CFO of AJS Capital Holdings, LLC the parent company of PS&S

The Turtle Back Zoo, Essex County for receiving 2013 Certificate of Excellence from
TripAdvisor

NJAC BUSINESS ASSOCIATE DOES GOOD DEED



In a world where “no news is good news” and good news is not news, we often skim over stories. However, we would like to share some good news and a good deed in which one of our NJAC Business Associate Members recently contributed.

Bill Morgan, Vice President of Sales, CREDO Technology Solutions had won a “Night at the Ballpark”, which would accommodate (25) people in a Luxury Box that had been donated to NJAC by the Trenton Thunder for a raffle drawing at the NJAC Annual Conference.

Bill asked if he could donate the gift to a local children’s youth group. He said, “I’d love to have a young group

enjoy this event. Even though it’s a minor league game, it’s a big deal for kids that may not get to do things over the summer.”

NJAC was able to make arrangements and **Bill Morgan of CREDO Technology Solutions** donated the certificate to the Trenton YMCA, which has begun to make arrangements for a group of youths to attend an upcoming game this month.

Many thanks to Bill for reaching out with an act of compassion, and the opportunity to expand these youths world by giving them the chance to experience the game of baseball.

It is moments like these that allow us to believe in the goodness of humanity, and inspire everyone to act more altruistically.

Help Wanted

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Preakness Healthcare Center A Legacy of Caring

Assistant Executive Director

County of Passaic seeks an experienced full-time Assistant Executive Director for Preakness Healthcare Center, a 406 bed skilled nursing facility. Position requires current licensure as a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator in the state of New Jersey, a Master’s Degree (MSN preferred) and five years senior level administrative experience (Subacute and Long-Term Care). Cover letter along with resumes can be emailed to carmenb@passaiccountynj.org or jmclaughlin@passaiccountynj.org

Assistant Nursing Supervisors

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. Position requires BSN and three years supervisory nursing experience (Subacute or Acute Care experience preferred). Cover letter along with resumes can be emailed to carmenb@passaiccountynj.org or jmclaughlin@passaiccountynj.org

Senior Instructor

County of Passaic seeks experienced full-time Senior Instructor for Preakness Healthcare Center, a 406 bed skilled nursing facility. Position requires BSN and two years clinical teaching experience. Cover letter along with resumes can be emailed to carmenb@passaiccountynj.org or jmclaughlin@passaiccountynj.org

Housekeeping Supervisor

County of Passaic seeks experience full-time Housekeeping Supervisor for Preakness Healthcare Center, a 406 bed skilled nursing facility. Position requires three years general housekeeping experience including two years supervi-

Registered Nurses

County of Passaic seeks part-time and per diem Registered Nurses for all shifts for Preakness Healthcare Center, a 406 bed skilled nursing facility. Positions requires BSN, N.J. Registration as Professional Nurse and three years experience; acute care or subacute care experience preferred. Cover letter along with resumes can be emailed to carmenb@passaiccountynj.org or jmclaughlin@passaiccountynj.org

CFG Health Systems

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experiencing severe chest pain."

Hurricane Sandy, which has come to be known as "Superstorm Sandy," came ashore October 29, 2012 and directly struck the Hudson County jail. The ensuing tidal surge inundated the parking lot before flowing into and throughout the facility.



CFG employees, along with county-employed nurses and corrections officers, were forced to wade through knee-deep waters to respond to the panic of the inmates. Without phone service and unable to determine whether their own families were safe and secure, the workers, operating under the power of an emergency generator, made sure that every patient received medication that night and throughout the storm.

"The actions taken during the storm exemplify the extent of the cooperation and determination that exists at the Hudson County jail," Mr. Paschall said. "Everybody involved with its operation is very deserving of the honor and recognition that the Freeholders have bestowed. Along with County Executive DeGise, I also want to thank Freeholder Director Anthony L. Romano and Oscar Aviles, the Hudson County Director of Corrections, for the spirit of teamwork they have displayed since CFG has been providing services at the jail."

CFG Health Systems serves a multitude of correctional facilities and hospitals in several states throughout the country. In addition to Hudson County Correctional Facility and the Hudson County Juvenile Detention Center, CFG provides services to six additional correctional facilities in New Jersey alone.

Incorporated in 1999 as part of CFG's Health Network System, CFG Health Systems is a physician-owned and operated organization that specializes in providing comprehensive medical and behavioral health services to correctional facilities and hospitals.

To learn more about CFG Health Systems visit us online at <http://www.cfghealthsystems.com/>

To discuss in detail how we can help your organization, please contact Jeanine Miles, Director of Business Development & Marketing at 856-797-4805, or reach her by email at jmiles@cfgpc.com.





National Association of Counties (NACo)

House and Senate T-HUD Spending Bills Fall with a "Thud"

Both chambers of Congress have failed in their efforts to pass FY2014 Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (T-HUD) Appropriations Bills before leaving for the August recess, raising questions regarding the plausibility of reviving such legislation in the few weeks between legislators' return to Washington and the end of the federal fiscal year. [More](#)

NACo Meets with House Transportation Committee Chair

On July 16, a delegation of county officials met with Rep. Bill Shuster (R-Penn.), Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee, to discuss a broad range of NACo issues. Much of the discussion was focused on the extensive county role and ownership of highways, bridges, transit systems and airports and the upcoming reauthorization of the federal surface transportation program. [More](#)

FY2014 PILT Funding Proposed in House Interior Appropriations Bill

The House Appropriations Committee's consideration of the Interior and Environmental Appropriations bill is under way, and included in the proposed bill is full funding for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program for FY2014. Through continued grassroots advocacy, NACo has worked with Congress to secure full mandatory funding for PILT since FY2008. [More](#)

Bi-Partisan Behavioral Health IT Bill Introduced in House

On August 1, Rep. Tim Murphy (R-Penn.) and Rep. Ron Barber (D-Ariz.) introduced the Behavioral Health Information Technology Act (H.R. 2957). The bill would help county behavioral health providers and other community mental health centers, psychiatric hospitals, clinical psychologists and inpatient/outpatient addiction providers qualify for incentive payments under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act's "Meaningful Use" program. [More](#)

HHS Offers Certified Application Counselor Organization Training for New Health Insurance Marketplace.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is offering webinar training sessions that will cover what organizations need to know to become a Certified Application Counselor (CAC) organization. These organizations will assist people applying for health insurance coverage through the federally-facilitated Marketplace (including a State Partnership Marketplace). County agencies can apply to be a CAC organization. [More](#)

NACo Names 78th President

At the Annual Business Meeting, held in conjunction with the conference, delegates elected Linn County, Iowa Supervisor Linda Langston as NACo's 78th president, and in the first contested election for second vice president in several years, Sallie Clark, commissioner, El Paso County, Colo., won the official slot on the Executive Committee

Rounding out the NACo leadership team are Riki Hokama, first vice president and council member Maui County, Hawaii, and Chris Rodgers, commissioner, Douglas County, Neb., as immediate past president.

In her inaugural remarks, Langston pledged to take NACo to "great new heights" with the help of members, affiliates and staff of the association.

She will have one key presidential initiative this year, under the banner of building Ready and Resilient Counties – Prepare, Respond, Thrive



County Vocational Students Recognized

Scholarships awarded to teens seeking higher education

By: Laura Kirkpatrick, PIO, Monmouth County

Two Monmouth County vocational school district students were presented scholarship checks from the New Jersey Association of

Counties (NJAC) Foundation at the August 8 meeting of the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The Board was joined by NJAC Executive Director John Donnadio to present the scholarship checks.



“On behalf of the NJAC Foundation, it is my pleasure to present these \$500 scholarships to recent Monmouth County vocational school district graduates who have chosen to pursue degrees at New Jersey colleges,” said Freeholder Director Thomas A. Amone.

“The NJAC Foundation partners with New Jersey business to provide scholarships to students of county vocational schools and county colleges,” said Freeholder Lillian G. Burry, who is the County’s NJAC representative.

“Investor’s Savings Bank and PSEG provided the funding for both of these scholarships this year.”

One scholarship, sponsored by Investor’s Bank, was granted to Lacey Magee of Millstone who graduated from Monmouth County Vocational School (MCVS) Academy of Allied Health and Science in June. Magee will attend Rutgers University this fall and plans to major in cell biology and neuroscience.

A second scholarship, sponsored by PSEG, was awarded to Anthony DeCristofano of Middletown who graduated from MCVS Marine Academy of Science and Technology in June. DeCristofano will attend Rutgers University this fall and plans to major in biology and environmental engineering.

A third scholarship sponsored by Investor’s Bank, was awarded to Juhi Deolanker of Morganville who graduated from MCVS Academy of Allied Health and Science in June. Deolanker will attend the New Jersey Institute of Technology this fall and plans on enrolling in their seven year BS/MD program, majoring in biology. Deolanker was not present at the Freeholder meeting.

“We are proud to have three NJAC scholarship recipients this year,” said Freeholder Gary J. Rich, Sr., who also serves as a County NJAC representative. “We have some of the brightest students in the state here in Monmouth County and it is great to see them stay in New Jersey for college.”

More information about NJAC and the NJAC Foundation can be found at www.njac.org.



Mercer County Mosquito Expert Earns Recognition For Research Paper

Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes announced that a research article co-authored by Mercer County Mosquito Control Superintendant Ary Farajollahi has been selected for a new Public Library of Science (PLOS) collection titled “The Ecological Impacts of Climate Change.”

The paper written by Farajollahi and three other researchers focused on the Northeastern Range expansion of the Asian tiger mosquito and its impact on public health. It was chosen as one of the most influential and prescient articles published in the journals PLOS One and PLOS Biology; the former published more than 23,000 papers online last year.

“The Ecological Impacts of Climate Change” by the San Francisco-based nonprofit PLOS can be found at <http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0060874>.

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Mission Statement

NJAC is committed to advocating for legislation, regulations, and policy directives that empower county governments to operate more effectively and efficiently. As a non-partisan organization that represents the only true regional form of government in the State with a unified and proactive voice, NJAC is dedicated to advancing innovative programs and initiatives for the sole purpose of saving valuable taxpayer dollars.

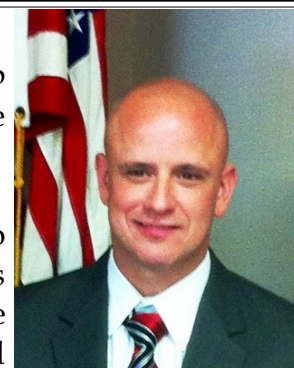
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 RREM Program Deadline, Monmouth Cty.	2 Extreme Mustang Makeover, Gloucester Cty.
5 Sunset Jazz Series, Camden Cty	6	7 4-H Fair, Somerset Cty.	8 4-H Fair, Somerset Cty.	9 4-H Fair, Somerset Cty.
12 Ballot Draw, Sussex Cty. Clerk Office	13 Primary Special Election	14	15 "New to Medicare" Workshop, Atlantic Cty.	16
19 Sunset Jazz Series, Camden Cty.	20 4-H Connects Kids to Rutgers, Cape May Cty.	21 Wings of Freedom Tour, Mercer Cty.	22 Wings of Freedom Tour, Mercer Cty	23 Wings of Freedom Tour, Mercer Cty
26	27	28 Summer Concert Series, Bergen Cty.	29	30

From the NJAC Executive Director's Desk . . .

On behalf of the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC), and in partnership with the Rutgers Center for Government Services, we're pleased to announce the **2013 "New Jersey County Administrators' Program."**

Since last year's inaugural class was such a tremendous success, we're offering two programs this year open to all local government employees and elected officials committed to advancing their careers in public service. The first is a Basic course that covers essential topics such as public procurement, labor relations, fiscal affairs, and ethics. The second is an Advanced course that provides in-depth analyses of DEP regulations, transportation funding, human services funding, and privatization challenges. For your convenience, both courses will run simultaneously on September 13th and 20th at the Rutgers University Center for Government Services located at 303 George Street in New Brunswick, New Jersey. All successful program graduates will receive a certificate from Rutgers University verifying their completion of training.



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