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Traffic Signals: The Perfect Smart City Tool

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At their most basic level, traffic signals are infrastructure assets that control vehicular and pedestrian traffic. But what if we could look at the humble traffic signal in a whole new way? What if we looked at this piece of infrastructure as the <u>perfect foundation for a smart city</u>? As the easiest and least expensive way to build a smart city? If you're a transportation engineer, you have access to one of the most powerful data collection tools in your city.

Traffic signals can do much more than manage traffic flow. They can be the starting point for acquiring massive amounts of data.

#1: It's Easy and Inexpensive to Integrate Smart Technology

Traffic signals can easily integrate smart technology. The brains that control signals are housed in one location—that traffic cabinet. An Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), like Miovision's Spectrum, can be installed in the traffic cabinet to acquire and communicate data from each traffic device back to the Traffic Management Center (TMC). Gone are the days of needing to rip out and replace legacy traffic infrastructure or lay expensive fiber optic cables just to gain connectivity. Traffic signal data can be connected to cellular LTE communications in 20 minutes or less.

It's not just the ease of connectivity that's helpful. Traffic lights are elevated and provide a great view of intersections. Attaching video cameras and sensors to the light or to traffic poles allow for optimal data collection. The location and simplicity of connection make traffic signals an ideal, inexpensive and simple foundation for data collection

#2: They're Everywhere

There are more than 340,000 traffic signals in the North America alone. That's about one traffic signal per 1,000 people. Because they are so ubiquitous, they provide a large number of data collection points. A city of one million people houses thousands of intersections capable of collecting millions of data points each year. Smart cities start with big data, and traffic lights deliver.

#3: Intersections Collect a Lot of Data

Intersections collect a myriad of data points, including vehicle, bike and pedestrian counts, traffic speed, intersection approach volume, congestion reports,

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Get to know your County Official.....

How many years have you served as Somerset County Sheriff?

I was elected Sheriff in 2001, and fourteen years ago I started my 1st term on January 1, 2002. Since that time I have been re-elected 4 times, and I am running again this year. I still love what I am doing.

What was the first public position you held?

Besides being on my hometown recreation board, the position of Sheriff is the first time I've had the honor of holding an elected office.

Why did you choose to run for Sheriff?

I started my law enforcement career in 1968 with the Bridgewater Police Department and retired in 2001 with a rank of captain. I have a passion for law enforcement and wanted to stay in the same field. I ran for Sheriff to bring the Somerset County Sheriff's Office into the 21st century with programs pertaining to today's challenges. I believe law enforcement should be an innovative leader by bringing meaningful programs and awareness to the public and to ensure their safety and security. Since 2002, we have started many special and enhanced programs. The Sheriff's Special Response Team (SSRT) responds to any outbreak of violence throughout the county complex, as well as the entire county. We have a county-wide Senior Safe Awareness program, a K-9 unit with drug, accelerant and scent dogs. Since gangs have become a concern in all areas, we established a Gang Unit. We



Frank J. Provenzano Sheriff Somerset County

recently found a county need and implemented an un-used/outdated medicine collection system to safely remove unused or unwanted drugs from the home. For our young parents, we offer child seat safety installation/inspections, and the W.H.A.L.E. program. For our young people, we've established A HERO designated driver program and have a School Resource Officer in county schools. I'm very proud of our program for older people with dementia and younger people with autism called Project Lifesaver where they can be monitored and tracked with a bracelet. In the near future we are going to purchase a Drone (UAV) for our Sheriff's Search & Rescue Team.

What has been the most difficult decision you have had to make while serving as Sheriff?

I feel that the most important bureau is the Office of Professional Standards. That office performs the internal investigations of our own personnel. After the investigation is complete, I am the person who makes the decision on disciplining or not disciplining the employee, but I know that comes with my position. If law enforcement does not maintain integrity within their organization, they will lose the public's trust. It's the hardest aspect of my position.

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

I know people say that your family comes first, but when there is an emergency I have to put my work before my family, since the entire county is my family. Fortunately for me, my biological family understands that I am responsible for many.

Who is your role model?

My role model is Marine Corp Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone. He came from the small town of Raritan, NJ. Sgt. Basilone is a World War II hero who received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions in Guadalcanal. After the battle, Basilone refused a commission and took part in an effort to sell war bonds, but he could not stay away from his men. He went back to full duty and was killed on the beaches of Iwo Jima and was

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accident surveillance, WiFi or Bluetooth MAC address identification, public transportation monitoring, and traffic signal timing to name but a few. Pooling this data in one accessible location opens the doors for unlimited analysis, evaluation, and optimization. More data provides more insights, and more opportunity to build a smarter city.

#4: Generates Immediate Impact

Integrating smart technologies into traffic signals opens the door to immediate impact. Signal timing alone can pay back at a ratio of 40:1. The ripple effect of better signal timing is significant: diminished traffic congestion, lower fuel costs, improved air quality, increased productivity and citizen satisfaction. In the longer run, traffic agency maintenance and labor costs shrink. Intersections are a perfect spot to generate returns.

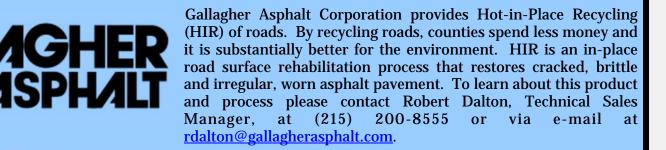
Large and expensive smart city projects can be hard to justify. But integrating simple and inexpensive smart technologies at traffic intersections will show an immediate ROI. The resulting savings are available to forge ahead with a bigger smart city vision.

#5: More than Traffic

Smarter traffic signals don't just optimize traffic. Connectivity provides the opportunity to integrate with other data points. Signals can connect to vehicles through Vehicle to Vehicle (V2V) communications. In the future, smart signals and sensors will deliver data like weather, crash reports and road conditions. Think of your city as a network of arteries providing check-in points to help you navigate the city most efficiently. Once 'smart' traffic signals have been deployed, data integration points are only limited by the imagination.

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later posthumously awarded the Navy Cross for destroying an enemy blockhouse and helping to save a U.S. tank at Iwo Jima. He is the only enlisted Marine to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Navy Cross in World War II. This is a person anyone can look up to. He felt that he was better off serving his country on the front line than being "back home" selling war bonds, and I am proud to say that I lived next door to one of his sisters and knew his family.

I have the utmost respect and truly honor all of our military who have enlisted and have served with courage. We need to remember that the United States has young men and women who enlist to serve their country. We are so very fortunate.

What do you love about Somerset County?

I am a native son of Somerset County. I've spent my youth and entire career in this county. We have great schools, parks and preserved land space in the county. The county leaders are focused on making Somerset County one of the best counties to live, in the entire country and I am charged with the duty of serving and protecting all the residents. I have visited many parts of the United States and couldn't find an area that compares to Somerset County. My heart and soul and everything I love are in this county.



Union County Dispatch Center Adds 911 Texting

by Sebastian D'Elia, Public Information Officer for Union County



The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is pleased to announce the implementation of countywide 911 emergency texting as a shared service through the Union County Regional Dispatch Center.

The new initiative is part of a statewide, collaborative initiative spearheaded by the New Jersey Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services. As a shared service, the Union County Regional Dispatch Center will handle 911 texts for all 21 Union County municipalities.

"The new texting service is a significant addition to Union County's public safety toolkit," said Freeholder Chairman Bruce Bergen. "It provides an additional option for people with disabilities to contact 911, and it enables persons in immediate danger to call for help quickly and silently."

The new texting service is intended to provide the public with an alternative means of contact in unusually dangerous circumstances, or in case a relay service for the disabled is unavailable.

Texting to 911 may be especially useful in situations where a potential victim is afraid of being overheard, for example if they are trapped in their home or workplace by an intruder.

"In one recent case, a domestic abuse victim was able to get help by quietly texting 911 when a voice call could have exposed her to additional danger," said Freeholder Angel Estrada, who is Chairman of the Public Safety/ Homeland Security Committee. "This new service brings our Dispatch Center up to date on the latest improvements in emergency communications."

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"It's always better to call if you can, but when you can't call, text," advised Union County Public Safety Director Andrew Moran.

The Union County Regional Dispatch Center is staffed by the Police Division of the Union County Department of Public Safety. In addition to County dispatch services and the new 911 text service, the Dispatch Center handles police, fire and EMS calls for other public safety agencies.

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The Employee Benefits of Automating Time & Attendance

by Jennifer Dowd, Marketing Manager for Kronos Public Sector

Labor Day has come and gone, but this is still the perfect time to reflect on the workforce. After all, these employees are the life blood of the county. Without employees who cares about the role they play in the community, services suffer. That's why morale is an important factor to gauge on a consistent basis. What makes an employee happy? Well, for one thing, getting paid properly and on time is a big motivator. And choosing to automate time and attendance processes can create efficiencies that lead to more consistent paychecks.



Often when employees hear their organization wants to start tracking time with an automated solution, they go into a defensive position and immediately think the worst. Phrases like "I already worked at McDonald's when I was younger" or "Big Brother is watching us" can be heard throughout the buildings and job sites. This goes against the positive morale an employer is looking for. That's why it's important to

consider the change management involved. How do you get employees to see the benefits and how it serves them better?

Self-service plays a major role here. Think about the experience an employee has when they are trying to take time off, but have no visibility into their leave balance. If an employee takes too much time, this is looked upon negatively. Many times, though, the employee and manager are unaware that they don't have the time to take. When an employee has real time access into their leave balances at their finger tips, accountability increases. And they are more likely to appreciate the visibility.

Creating a "marketing campaign" that gets employees excited about the change ahead makes it more likely that adoption will be high. Information pertaining to what's in it for them versus what's in it for the county should be used. There are benefits that employees just aren't aware of. Be open to question and address any resistance early to get employees comfortable when the time comes to go live. Most of all, be sensitive to any feelings of apprehension regardless of how off-base they may seem. Employee satisfaction is critical to continuing the service levels your citizens expect.

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Ex-government Official Takes On New Role in South Jersey with Architecture, Engineering Firm

by Joshua Burd, Reporter for NJBIZ



Marge DellaVecchia Senior Director of PS&S

After more than 20 years in state and municipal government, Marge DellaVecchia turned to the county level in 2010, when she was hired as the deputy administrator in Camden County.

That gave her a front row seat to the foundation that was laid in the county seat — giving way to the "real, live Camden expansion" and the development surge that's now taking place there.

"It's for real," DellaVecchia said. "That was a project I worked on for six and a half years while I was in county government — we set the table and Camden is absolutely moving forward, and it's moving forward respectfully and in a very strong way."

The development boom in and around Camden is just one piece of the opportunity she sees in her newest role.

Last month, DellaVecchia joined the Cherry Hill office of the architecture and engineering firm Paulus, Sokolowski and Sartor, or PS&S, where she will serve as a senior director and help boost its already growing presence in South Jersey.

"They have been in the region for quite some time," DellaVecchia said, "and I think they are a hidden jewel because, when I tell people about PS&S, they're not quite as well known in the southern area of the state and in our region as I think we should be."

The Warren-based engineering firm has been growing in South Jersey since opening an office there in 2012. It currently has about 17 professionals there — including architects, engineers and environmental and surveying teams — and DellaVecchia said she is looking to grow that headcount immediately to around two dozen.

She will lead that effort after a distinguished career in the public sector. DellaVecchia's resume includes about six years as executive director of the State Housing Mortgage and Finance Agency, followed by four years as deputy Camden County administrator and then a move to deputy director of the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority.

In southern New Jersey, she also sees opportunity for PS&S in the growing health care and higher education markets and in the public sector.

"Marge has decades of experience in southern New Jersey, working with both private companies and state and local governments," John Sartor, CEO of the firm, said prepared statement. "Her knowledge of the area's business climate and the respect she has from both the public and private sectors will greatly add to PS&S's growing presence in the entire region."

DellaVecchia, a city planner by trade, has been working closely with the engineering profession since the start of her career. After starting as a construction project coordinator at Bally's Park Place and the Golden Nugget in Atlantic City, she was hired in 1989 as a project administrator in Cherry Hill.

DellaVecchia takes on new role in South Jersey (continued)

The job came as the township was experiencing growth in both development and infrastructure, namely around the Route 70 corridor. She quickly found it to be a perfect fit, she said, as the town needed someone who could communicate those plans to local residents.

"Luckily for me, I was able to get a little bit of a background in engineering," DellaVecchia said. "I couldn't do all of the calculations for you, but I could translate it pretty well into what the improvements were going to be and how we were going to get there."

She then rose to become director of the township's engineering department before entering state government in 2002, first as chief of staff in the Department of Community Affairs and then as executive director of the Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency. She feels the latter post was helpful in building her network of developers and professionals, but also important on another level.

"That was also an extremely valuable and fulfilling part of my career," DellaVecchia said. "There's something really fantastic about helping people to find a home and find safe and decent housing that was really, really worthy."

The move to PS&S allows her to stay involved with work she saw taking place during six years of working for Camden County. And she joins a Cherry Hill office that already had been trying to build its footprint in key sectors in South Jersey.

For instance, the firm last year hired the team of Charles Clauser, Harry Wright and Stephen Sgro, who specialize in providing architectural and interior design, project planning and graphics and rendering services, with a concentration in the health care sector.

The industry is part of a broader wave of business growth in the Camden County area, fueled in part by infrastructure improvements. All that makes PS&S a good match for the region, DellaVecchia said, and she believes she can help take the Cherry Hill office to new heights. "Having been in government for 27 years, I know what government is looking for, I know what the client wants and I know what they need, so sometimes that new eye is a real benefit," she said. "I think that's one of the benefits to the firm and a way that we can add value and make sure that we're doing what our public clients need."



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Property Alert Service Implemented By Ocean County Clerk

by Scott M. Colabella, Clerk for Ocean County

The Ocean County Clerk's Office is offering an added layer of security when it comes to property protection.



John P. Kelly Freeholder Director Ocean County

"The Ocean County Clerk's Office Property Alert Service is a key step in protecting your property," said Ocean County Freeholder Director John P. Kelly, who serves as Director of Law and Public Safety. "I want to commend our County Clerk Scott Colabella in implementing this new program which provides a layer of protection against property and mortgage fraud."

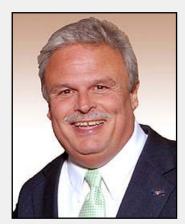
The Property Alert Service is a free service that provides property owners with email alerts anytime that a document affecting a specific property is recorded by the Ocean County Clerk's Office.

"Scammers record fraudulent documents like fake deeds or record fake liens against property owners," Colabella said. "In some instances, fraud on real property is not discovered for years.

"To address these concerns and protect one of the most important

assets a person has, my office now offers this free service that immediately notifies you by email whenever a document with your name is recorded in the County Clerk's Office," he said.

Property owners can sign up for the free service by visiting <u>www.oceancountyclerk.com</u> and clicking on the Property Alert icon to access the Property Alert Service page.



Scott M. Colabella Clerk Ocean County

"It's as simple as registering your name or business name and your email address and you will be automatically notified electronically if a document is recorded with your name," Colabella said.

Ocean County Freeholder Virginia E. Haines noted Colabella and the Ocean County Department of Information Technology collaborated on the project which resulted in the launching of the Property Alert Service in Ocean County.

"This is an important service that can be accessed by our homeowners and business owners," said Haines, who serves as liaison to the Department of Information Technology. "Any tools that can help protect our residents from fraud and scammers are useful and benefit our property owners."

Thousands of documents are recorded annually at the County Clerk's office. Of the 131,893 documents recorded in 2015, 24,492 were deeds and 22,778 were mortgages.

"Based on the volume of deeds and mortgages recorded monthly, it's not impossible for some items to be potentially fraudulent," Colabella said. "This program will help property owners prevent potential scams from affecting them."

Kelly noted this program will also help seniors and their caregivers in making certain there is no fraudulent activity taking place. "Ocean County is home to more than 160,000 senior citizens," Kelly said. "This is yet

Ocean County Property Alert Service (continued)

another way the County can offer some protection against scammers."

Colabella noted that unfortunately identity theft is a growing consumer complaint and property fraud which is a form of identity theft is on the rise.

"While this service can't prevent fraud, it's important to be notified early that someone may be trying to steal your property without your knowledge," Colabella He added that the only time recordings can be refused is when statutory said. guidelines are not met. "As long as a document meets statutory recording guidelines. New Jersey law requires the Clerk's Office to record the document," he said. "I am pleased we can offer this new program to help our constituents detect information that may be fraudulent and placed on their deed."

For additional information regarding this service please click here.

What's Causing Your Neck Pain? by John Gallucci, Jr., MS, ATC, PT, DPT, President & CEO for JAG Physical Therapy

Neck pain is very common and painful to deal with. There may be a simple solution or unknown trigger as to why you are experiencing neck pain. Our goal at JAG physically therapy is to provide you with long lasting results that will allow you to function normally in every day life. Neck pain can be extremely restricting and cause discomfort throughout the day. If you are suffering from neck pain, consider if the following reasons could be what are triggering your pain:

Muscle Strains

Strained or sprained muscles can result from exercise, weightlifting, or any other type of physical activity. Sprains and strains occur when a

joint is twisted or pulled in the wrong way, which usually causes swelling or bruising. Although a strain or sprain is typically not extremely serious, it is good to seek light treatment to ensure proper recovery. For example, strains and sprains in the neck require icing or possibly a neck brace. If the sprain were more serious, most doctors would recommend physical therapy as the best way to recover and resolve any pain.

Bad posture

Proper posture plays a big role in neck and back pain. The lower part of the neck is usually the most vulnerable when a patient has bad posture since posture can irritate the neck joints and cause pain. Our physical therapists can work with you to help improve your posture to prevent neck pain and correct spine alignment.

Injury

There are many types of injuries that can cause pain in the neck, but the most common is whiplash. Whiplash happens when a person's head is whipped backwards then forwards with extreme force. Some people experience whiplash when riding a roller coaster, experiencing a car accident, horseback riding, or violent contact in sports. Even if your injury is not from whiplash, it is extremely important to seek medical attention as the pain can be corrected. The neck is fragile and any pain should not be ignored. Physical therapy is the most important part of recovery from any injury that may occur.

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What's Causing Your Neck Pain? (continued)

Disease

There are a number of diseases that can cause neck pain. For example, Osteoporosis is a serious bone disease that is caused from a lack of calcium. Fibromyalgia is another condition in which patients feel total discomfort in their neck for unexplained reasons. Other disorders such as cancer, back injuries, and arthritis can trigger unbearable neck pain. Again, this is why neck pain should always be addressed with a professional.

Awkward Sleeping Positions

Many of our patients believe it is too tough to control the way they sleep, but it is possible. The best way to prevent neck pain is by sleeping on your back. If you are experiencing pain from awkward sleeping positions, work with one of our physical therapists for tips and remedies for preventing pain in the neck when you wake up in the morning.

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College: A Time of Transition for Adolescents and Parents

by Tamara Shulman, PhD, ABPP for the New Jersey Psychological Association

Do you remember your child's first day of school? Did you help them choose their clothes and pack their backpack? Walk them to the school or classroom door? Talk about it at home so they would know what to expect and be able to let go of your hand and walk into that classroom on their own?



Leaving for college is a whole new experience. Our adolescent children are going to be starting out for the first day of college on their own. Parents can help them prepare for this by being both emotionally supportive and practically helpful. But "leaving the nest," "empty nest" - so many clichés make our college bound children sound like baby birds, ready to fly, navigate, and sustain themselves. And are we, the parents, also to be some cliché, whether fussing over them or pushing them out of the nest, perhaps too soon? You have provided the nurturance making it possible for your child to take this giant step toward

independence. These next few months are more emotionally complex than the surface transition might suggest. We encourage our children to stretch their wings and fly out into the wider world, yet we still want to nurture and protect them. Our feelings may range from happiness that they are accomplished and ready for college to sadness at the impending loss of their daily presence in our lives.

This is an important time in the emotional life of each parent-child relationship. As adults we can strive to be self-aware and understanding of our child's needs and our own feelings. Our kids may not discuss it, but each is also acutely aware of the big changes soon to come. For those planning to live at college, they are literally leaving home. Some are ready to be more independent and will separate easily, but many may feel lost and homesick at first. For those who will be commuting to college it will still be a new experience demanding more independence, more choices, and many changes in academic demands, classroom routines, and social relationships.

College-A Time of Transition (continued)

For the high school senior, there is excitement, even exhilaration in their special status. But no change comes without some loss. Each child is surely feeling the impending loss of familiar surroundings and their high school - whether much loved or not. The one with many friends will worry about missing them; the one who has been lonely is concerned about whether college will be a better place. Confident seniors will become freshman trying to learn their way around the campus and the social scene.

Even the best students wonder if they will be successful. Those with learning issues are concerned about getting the help they need. Emotionally troubled kids wonder if they will be okay, let alone happy.

Gender identity issues may surface at this time, or become of concern due to dormitory living arrangements. Our kids may act like everything's "cool." But, below the surface, there is turmoil and angst.

Our kids may act like everything's "cool." But, below the surface, there is turmoil and angst. Parents can be helpful if they step back enough to be realistic about what their particular child might need. Colleges usually have resources for students with learning and emotional issues, but these can be difficult for the new students to access while they are moving in, meeting roommates, and buying books. Parents can anticipate these needs and help students plan in advance, so that they have appointments already set up if they will need special academic help or counseling.

The end of senior year is filled with parties, class trips, and Prom. There is often pressure to be celebrating and little outward acceptance of anxiety, doubt, worry or sadness at the changes to come. Parents, we need to listen to the music as well as to the words. During this transition, it is important to listen even more closely when few or no words are spoken. There is no simple "how to" guide. It is too subtle and individual a process for that. Thinking about your own child - this particular child - is very helpful in offering the support needed.

It helps to be interested and available as a listener. As a psychologist and as a parent of children who have made this transition, I was often thanked for the times I said the least. If you are not sure what to say, it is okay to listen and be your child's sounding board. Supportive comments like "there's so much going on in your life" or "it sounds like you are thinking about this a lot" may allow your teen to express feelings and share ideas. Jumping in with advice and your own experiences is usually less effective.

Parents have feelings too. Pride and happiness are easy to share, while many parents hide their worries and feelings of impending loss. I remember thinking about rearranging the placemats at the dinner table rather than have an empty mat at one seat. Symbolic, but a clear indication that I was trying to figure out how to handle that suddenly empty chair at dinner. It is easier to be a good listener when you are in touch with your own feelings.

Parents feel anxious and uncertain too. Talk to your friends and parents of other seniors. Read some of the many books on this topic. I recommend reading several books to consider different perspectives and many ideas. Accept that this is a time of change, challenge and growth for parent and child. Even if older siblings have paved the way, each passage is unique.

Allow kids to express their feelings without being critical. Follow your teen's lead. Be available to talk when your adolescent opens the door. It is crucial to allow feelings to be expressed without being critical. Stifle the urge to give unsolicited advice and opinions. This is a good time for adolescents to practice working things out on their own in the safety of a familiar environment. If they ask for advice, ask questions rather than lecture. Questions that help them to explore an issue may enable them to resolve it on their own. The process is as valuable as the solution, since they are developing confidence and greater skill at navigating on their own.

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In today's college application process, acceptance is less predictable than in the past. Empty reassurances are not helpful. Tell your teens you recognize their strengths, talents, hard work and uniqueness. Coping with acceptances, deferred status and rejections can be opportunities to build resilience. Self-esteem is especially vulnerable during this tumultuous time. Not being admitted to a particular college, may be more about the needs of the school than about whether your child would have thrived there. Hearing from you that they can be happy and successful at many schools and that their own abilities and efforts will matter more in the long run is an important message to send.

When a child goes to college, parent's relationships with each other are affected, too. This passage can be a stressful time for a couple whose teen is maturing and getting ready to transition to college. It is not unusual for couples to approach the process differently. We each have different "hot buttons." Agreement on all aspects is rare. It is important to respect each partner's emotional and problem solving style.

Different personalities, experiences, personal and cultural backgrounds always affect how a parent interacts with their child and their partner. It is only natural that these differences may be heightened during a time of family transition and stress

Take some time to be a couple too. It can be reassuring to parents to have fun together and see that a dinner away from the whole family is fine. It also lets your almost adult child see that the two of you will be ok when they leave. Listen thoughtfully to each other. Remember that parents are also in a state of transition during this process.

Find ways to use each partner's strengths to successfully support your young adult's experience. The one who is most comfortable listening can be the calm emotional sounding board. The more action-oriented parent can help the student with the practical tasks of responding to college deadlines, comparing financial aid packages, managing waiting list issues, rooming arrangements, meal plans and many other details that will require attention. Single parents often have a particularly hard time with the college separation process. All the work of completing college applications is burdensome enough. But singlehandedly managing the emotional roller coaster of choosing among the schools that granted acceptances, handling rejection, high school graduation and ultimately leaving for college is formidable. Sometimes the parent child relationship is closer when the parent is single. The experience of loss may be more keenly felt when there is no partner with whom to share it. It can help to reach out to friends and other single parents who have weathered this storm successfully.

Your feelings will be different with each child's passage. The experience of the first child leaving can feel quite different than if it is your youngest one, and different still when it is an only child. Recognize that your own experiences in college and leaving home will be different from those of your child. Times have changed and the process is very different now.

If you feel overwhelmed by your own emotions, or upset and confused by the many changes, consider seeking professional advice. When you recognize your own feelings and take care of your emotional needs, you are better able to separate these from your child's experience and better support your child's transition.

Once the decisions are made and the plans are in motion, parents still need to listen thoughtfully, to provide reassurance and offer practical help. Adolescents should be encouraged to do as much as they can for themselves with the knowledge that they can seek help when as needed. Much has been written about helicopter parents who hover over their child's every move. Technology has made it easier to be in constant contact. It is important to give adolescents room to grow, gain confidence and test their wings.

College-A Time of Transition (continued)

Often the best answer to a question may be the reflective answer "what do you think?" Attentive listening as your adolescent thinks out loud, sorts out thoughts and feelings, and figures out what to do provides a supportive problem solving environment. Home becomes a safe place to talk about a stressful transition.

The development of an independent sense of self starts in infancy and continues through adulthood. There are parenting issues with each stage, and parents need to learn and adapt as each child grows toward adulthood and independence. It is an ongoing process but there are unmistakable milestones along the way. A child leaving for college is one of the major milestones about which all can be proud. It is an accomplishment for the child and the parents.

Soon your young adult will leave the proverbial nest. If home has been warm and nurturing, the departing student will stay connected by affection and love while making a life in the semiautonomous world of college. By providing a nurturing environment you make it possible for your high school senior to take this giant step toward independence. Each young adult navigating the transition to college will encounter different challenges as they grow through this new developmental stage toward adulthood. The sensitivity and support parents provide in these next few months can make home a place they will want to visit as they grow towards autonomy in this important life transition.

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Death by Neighborhood: The High Risk of Living Amongst Vacant Properties

by Alannah Dragonetti, Content Creator for GovPilot



Weather-beaten porches buckled into overgrown, yellow grass. Profanities sprayed across boarded windows. To those just passing through a blighted district, vacant commercial and residential properties are an eyesore. For those living in a blighted district, these vacant structures are death traps.

Each season brings a unique set of threats to those residing in blighted districts. For example, the danger of summer heat rises with rates of property abandonment. A 1995 heat wave in Chicago, Illinois left an estimated 739 dead. Many victims were found in **distressed parts of town with high vacancy rates and limited public services.**

Summer also brings mosquitoes, which thrive in the heaps of garbage, collapsed walls, unchlorinated swimming pools and reservoirs of stagnant rain water commonly found on and around vacant properties. This issue took on critical importance this summer, when the mosquito-borne Zika virus made its voyage around the world. As detailed in **GovPilot's recent white paper**, concerns about the devastating Zika pandemic prompted Woodbridge, New Jersey officials to call for the demolition of nearly 40 swimming pools located on vacant properties. Though the demolition of neglected swimming pools is an effective way to suppress the spread of Zika and other mosquito-borne illnesses, it does not account for the rats, raccoons and similarly disease-prone animals that inhabit otherwise abandoned structures.

Cooler temperatures offer no respite from the dangers of living amongst property blight. The homeless often seek shelter from the cold in vacant structures and heat them with makeshift fires. Too often, fires kindled in vacant properties grow to conflagrations. Each year between 2010 and 2012, approximately 25,000 vacant residential building fires were reported to United States fire departments. The fires caused an estimated 60 deaths, 225 injuries and \$777 million in property loss.

GovPilot Saves Lives

Those living amongst vacant properties are in constant danger. GovPilot provides cities with the tools to rehabilitate blighted districts and protect this vulnerable demographic.

For starters, GovPilot's "Report a Concern" feature ensures that this segment of the population is heard. Placed on a city's official website, the "Report a Concern" button allows residents to anonymously alert government to vacant properties and the problems that come with them. Residents can report information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via their desktop, laptop, smartphone or tablet and can even upload images and documents to support their claims. Automated communication and streamlined workflows guarantee that blight-related problems are resolved in a timely manner.

Whereas "Report a Concern" allows government to more effectively address immediate blight-related issues, GovPilot's other features help to prevent future property abandonment. Municipalities are using GovPilot software to identify a vacant property's foreclosing lender as well as the representing law firm. GovPilot's database links lender and representative contact information to ownership history, zoning violations and other

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records associated with each property. This trove of comprehensive information empowers government to track trends, analyze findings and more strictly enforce rules and regulations to ensure that that no unoccupied property or irresponsible owner falls through the cracks.

In these and many other ways, GovPilot helps government restore safety and order to blighted areas and save resident lives.

Click <u>here</u> for more information on GovPilot's Vacant Property Management software module. The GovPilot team will be demonstrating its full range of capabilities at conferences this fall, including:



Rutgers University's 9th Annual Public Performance Measurement and Reporting Conference (PPMRN)

Thursday, September 22nd 3:15pm - 4:25pm Rutgers University Newark, NJ Campus, Passaic Room 226, 2nd Floor

Center for Community Progress' Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference 2016

Sunday, September 28th- Tuesday, September 30th Hilton Baltimore in Baltimore, MD

New Jersey League of Municipalities' (NJLM) 2016 Conference

Wednesday, November 16th 1:00 pm - 1:50 pm Atlantic City Convention Center, Atlantic City, NJ, Room 306

Vacant Property Management is just one of 100+ customizable process templates GovPilot offers. Those interested in learning about GovPilot's power to revolutionize all government departments and operations are encouraged to <u>schedule a demonstration</u>

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Maximize Your Investment in Safety and Emergency Notification Technology

by Lisa Valladares, Marketing Manager for Eastern DataComm

An educational event to discuss solutions to one of the most important topics facing school districts, law enforcement and municipalities today - safety!

At our Event Learn:

• **Safety and security best practices** recommended by the State of New Jersey and the New Jersey State Police.

• How you can utilize your existing technology components (ex: phone system, paging system speakers, etc.) to support your safety initiatives.

• How school districts such as Northern Valley, Midland Park, St. Josephs School for the Blind and Tenafly saved money, and improved day-to-day communications and school safety.

Technology components should include bells, wireless clocks, paging, intercom and phone systems, wireless speakers, strobes/beacons and LED signage.

By truly understanding how each of these components work together, you'll be able to maximize your investments and ultimately improve the safety of your school district or municipality.

Lockdown & School Safety Topics:

- The importance of the 20-second emergency incident response time.
- What 3 principles all schools must follow when purchasing technology for emergency events

Guest Speaker: Sgt. Adam Drew, New Jersey State Police /School and Traffic Safety Unit

<u>Thursday, October 20, 2016</u>

Renaissance Meadowlands 801 Rutherford Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07020 11:00 am - 1:30 pm (*registration will be from 10:30am - 11:00am*)



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Nationwide Economics Weekly Economic Review & Outlook for September 12, 2016

by Ben Ayers, Senior Economist of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and Ankit Gupta, CFA, Junior Economist of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company

Weekly Economic Review

Last week brought more pessimistic data for business sector growth as the ISM nonmanufacturing index had its sharpest one-month decline of the expansion. When combined with the sharp drop in the ISM manufacturing index into contraction territory, the ISM composite index (which weights the two sectors by output) fell to the lowest level since January 2010.

Despite the sharp decline, the ISM nonmanufacturing index continues to suggest modest expansion for the service sector. The business activity and new orders components of the index each posted some of the largest decreases since the inception of the survey in 1997. Moreover, the employment portion of the index sits barely above the expansion contraction line, a less-than-positive signal for near-term service sector job growth.

The shocking regressions for the ISM surveys in August shed some doubt on the expectations of stronger economic growth in the second half of the year. Historically, the ISM surveys have rebounded quickly after sharp declines, so stronger figures in coming months will be expected. Still, the August results are concerning, and incoming data will be closely watched for further signals of a stumble in the economy.

Despite the weaker ISM data, the market odds for a rate hike by the Federal Reserve during next week's FOMC meeting rose after commentary from Boston Fed President Eric Rosengren stated that the case for higher rates this year is stronger. The mere possibility of an unexpected rate hike in September sent equity markets lower and pushed the 10-year Treasury note yield above 1.65 percent for the first time since before the Brexit vote in June.

We still see a low probability of a rate move next week, especially in light of the slower jobs, consumer spending, and business growth data during August. Furthermore, the Fed sent strong signals to financial markets ahead of its move last December, something which has not occurred this time around.

On the upside, labor market data from last were better. The August job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) report showed the job openings rate matched an all-time high of 3.9 percent of the labor force in Julysignaling an abundance of jobs available from employers. The hires rate was stable, however, and remains below levels from the prior expansion-although near the high for this expansion.

Taken together, this implies that employers are having difficulty finding qualified workers for openings. This is a good sign for future wage growth and consumer spending power, as firms should start to more aggressively bid -up wages in an attempt to attract the smaller cohort of qualified workers.

Weekly initial jobless claims declined to the lowest level in over a month during the week of September 3, as fewer workers were laid off. The four-week moving average of 261,250 is close to a 40-year low for jobless claims (beaten only by slightly smaller figures this spring and summer) as employers hold onto their workers amid tight labor market conditions for fear of not finding qualified replacements.

Weekly Outlook

Retail sales growth was flat last month, which was at least partially driven by lower sales at gasoline stations d u e to lower prices. But even core retail sales, which exclude gasoline sales, were about unchanged. This is surprising given solid job gains, higher wages, decreased unemployment, and a real boost in spending power thanks to lower

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energy prices. As a result of a sharp drop in the pace of light vehicle sales, we expect retail sales to shrink by 0.2 percent for August. Retail sales excluding automobiles are expected to grow by 0.3 percent due to the positive factors noted above.

Consumer price inflation has been limited in recent years thanks to a fall in energy prices as well as the generally stronger dollar-which makes imports less expensive. Core CPI, which removes the impact of food and energy prices, should continue at its two-year average monthly gain of 0.2 percent growth for August. The overall CPI is also expected to rise by 0.2 percent, boosted by rising gasoline prices.

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New Report on the Increasing Population of Women in Jails

by Olivia Nedd, Justice Associate for NACo

The Vera Institute of Justice recently released <u>Overlooked: Women and Jails in an Era of Reform</u>, a new report in conjunction with the <u>MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge</u>. Since 1970, the number of women held in jails has grown exponentially, overtaking the rates of growth for men. Nevertheless, very little research has been performed on the reasons why women are entering jails at a high rate. This overcrowding of jails has a harmful impact on the women themselves, families, communities and counties.

Overlooked: Women and Jails in an Era of Reform, sheds light on the particular challenges women face in jails and how counties across the country are affected by this increasing population. The number of women in jails has grown from under 8,000 in 1970 to nearly 110,000 in 2014. There was a time when women in jails was a rarity, but now women are held in nearly every county—a stark contrast to 1970, when 73 percent of counties held not a single woman in jail. To combat these increasing numbers counties can consider alternatives to jail time such as declining to prosecute, risk assessment and gender-responsive supervision and reentry.

Reducing the number of women in county jails can be complicated but one way counties may achieve this is to identify and address the important distinctions between risk factors and treatment needs of men and women. In New York City, police officers take people arrested for certain non-felony offenses to the precinct, where they receive a desk appearance ticket. They are released with instructions to appear in court at a later date rather than remaining in custody. The desk appearance tickets issued in lieu of arrest was higher for women, at 39 percent, than for men, at 27 percent.

Some jurisdictions have begun to explore "off-ramp" strategies that are designed to take people out of the criminal justice system and place them in diversion programs, substance abuse programs or mental health treatment. Other responses to reducing the number of women in jails include assigning defense counsel at the earliest stages of a case or even expanding release on recognizance.

Counties can use this report as a way to build a solid foundation for reform. This sets the stage for counties to develop well-crafted programs and practices that will disrupt the flow of women cycling though county jails. NACo is proud to support the Safety and Justice Challenge and to work to ensure county jails are being used effectively.



To read the complete report, <u>click here</u>.



NACo Upcoming Webinars

Leadership Development: Integrity and Civility as a Practice

September 28, 2016 , 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm Contact Akera Gamble (202) 942-4225 AGamble@naco.org

In this module, we begin to develop the components of the "skill" of practicing integrity and civility. The goal of this session is to develop a competency in discerning duties and understand



how duty is used in public decision making. Offering brief scenarios, participants will be asked to name duties in specific terms, such as loyalty, truth, mercy, justice, adherence to ethical rules, fiduciary responsibility, and so forth. Drawing from the variety of these acknowledged duties, we will generate a comprehensive definition of duty that underlies all specific duties: "the fulfillment of the reasonable expectation of a person or group of persons." With a working definition of duty in place, and having identified its specific applications, we will begin treating more sophisticated issues connected with the fulfillment of duty: How to balance (accommodate) multiple duties: interactive exercises will afford participants insight into managing competing duties.

Leadership Development Series: The Pitfalls of Decision Making

October 19, 2016 , 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm Contact Akera Gamble (202) 942-4225 <u>AGamble@naco.org</u>

In this module we review why ethics is different than integrity: audience interaction will lead to an understanding of ethics as a compliance-based regimen aimed at eliminating conflicts of interest, whereas integrity is a values-based skill in fulfilling multiple duties. We also focus on how self-interest gets confused with duty: scenarios, vignettes and participant examples will illuminate why identifying self-interest is exceptionally difficult even as we think we are proficient at it. Participants will also learn the deflections on decision-making below the surface of cognition, such as bias, self-interest, selective recollection, the illusion of intuition, the exaggeration of competence, the presumption of entitlement, the dulling effect of euphemisms and clichés, and the myth of objectivity. <u>Register</u>

Doing More with Less: Effective and Creative Grants Management

October 25, 2016 , 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm Contact Akera Gamble (202) 942-4225 <u>AGamble@naco.org</u>

This session will cover techniques to maximize and effectively manage grants. Entitlement communities are facing decreased Federal funding and stringent contractual requirements, making it challenging to continue funded projects and programs as well as plan for future undertakings while effectively managing the grants they have obtained. If contractual requirements are not met, the funding agency can impose administrative sanctions such as disallowed costs or rescission of the grant agreement. In addition to careful grant management, communities also must figure out how to best utilize available funding. Stretching grant money can be accomplished in a number of ways, including utilizing revolving loan funds to fill gaps in funding and retrofitting/applying utility savings strategies in capital projects to ensure future fiscal resiliency. <u>Register</u>

NJ County Jail Wardens Association Annual Conference

October 4th - 6th, 2016 at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City Register today at <u>www.njcjwa.org</u>

Mercer County Opens the Door on Property Data

by Julie Willmot, Director of Communications for Mercer County



The New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA) requires government agencies to share records when citizens request them. Mercer County has gone a step further to unveil an online Property Information Portal.

"People ask for copies of their property records more than just about anything else," said Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes. "We wanted to make it easier for them and to reduce some of the costs of staff assistance, and photocopying, and damage to original documents."

The Property Information Portal also brings access to records into the online search environment, which is more and more based on maps. The portal has a map search for records that are tightly tied to tax parcels, but also a text search function

for documents that cannot be located on a map.

"Over the last decade," Hughes said, "my administration and the County Clerk, Paula Sollami-Covello, have made big investments in computerizing our official records. This is the next step, which is to make them available to the public all in one place."

In New Jersey, every property transfer is made official only when it is recorded with the County Clerk. Back in 1832, the Mercer County Clerk recorded deeds by transcribing them, noting in an index what book and page they were written on. For the last 45 years, deeds have been photocopied and indexed in a computer database. In 2006, Sollami-Covello started storing digitally scanned copies of deeds and making them retrievable from the computerized index record. In recent years, her staff's effort has been on back-scanning historical records, which now go back to 1978.

"I had created a computerized retrieval tool that professional title searchers use every day in my office," Sollami-Covello said. "But I also wanted a tool that searchers and citizens could use to find a property on a map and get access to deeds that way."

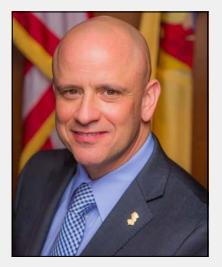
About four years ago, staff in the County Planning Division, which manages the County's geographic information system (GIS), heard about Sollami-Covello's interest. They also knew that the County Tax Administrator, Martin Guhl, wanted the same thing. Rather than creating three separate systems, Hughes asked all parties to work together and, with the Office of Records Management in the County's Office of Information Technology, to build a single tool. The Planning Division took the lead.

The County contracted with a GIS consulting firm, Civil Solutions of Hammonton, to design and build the system. "It's modern, it's sleek, and I hope it is user-friendly and intuitive," said Principal Planner Matthew Lawson. "Civil Solutions understands this business and they have been really responsive."

The site is open to the public at <u>http://PIP.MercerCounty.org</u>. Lawson urges visitors to create an account and to browse the help files before submitting feedback or asking for assistance.



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



John G. Donnadio, Esq.

NJAC is pleased to announce that it's hosting a "Summit on Public Employee Pension and Health Benefits" on December 9th at the historic Trenton Country Club in Trenton. This important and timely event will examine the State's looming pension crisis and provide meaningful recommendations for making the pension systems more affordable for taxpayers and sustainable for members. The Summit will also address health benefits for public employees and present viable solutions for controlling public sector healthcare costs in a fair and equitable manner. Please visit our website at <u>www.njac.org</u> for registration and hosting details, and don't miss this unique opportunity to network with community and business leaders from across the State.

With respect to the now seven week long shutdown of all projects funded by the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF), the unprecedented stoppage of all work funded by the TTF has forced county and municipal officials to terminate ongoing projects and postpone new shovel ready ones that will cost valuable taxpayer dollars in delay claims, remobilization costs, and litigation

expenses. Hudson, Union, and Passaic were the first of several counties expected to file a "Notice of Claim" against the New Jersey Department of Transportation (DOT) for breach of contract resulting from Executive Order No. 210, which Governor Chris Christie signed on July 6th forcing the shutdown of all projects funded by the TTF. In general, New Jersey law requires filing a "Notice of Claim" as a prerequisite to seeking damages through litigation from a public entity. Several counties plan on petitioning DOT to continue with TTF funded projects to ensure the safety and well-being of residents pursuant to Executive Order No. 213 executed by the Governor on August 17th, while other counties have decided to complete critical projects using county funds. As county and municipal governments continue to struggle with delivering essential services in a cost effective manner, failure to reauthorize the TTF as a top priority of Governor Christie, and to restore local aid allocations as called for by Senate President Steve Sweeney and Speaker Vincent Prieto, will force residents to endure further property tax increases and vital program cuts. County and municipal roads and bridges carry over 55% of the State's overall traffic and depend on the \$190.0 million each year in local aid allocations. As has been well documented, county governments have an annual need \$565.0 million to operate and maintain an estimated 7,140 bridges and more than 6,775 centerline miles of roads. Additionally, counties must invest nearly \$2.85 billion to repair, rehabilitate or replace "structurally deficient" and "functionally obsolete" bridges and culverts.

Finally, don't forget to mark your calendars for NJAC's next board of directors meeting scheduled for September 23rd at 9:30 a.m. in Committee Room 4 of the State House Annex in Trenton. All county officials and NJAC business associates are welcome to join us as we plan to take action on Criminal Justice Reform, the TTF, 911 fees, and more.

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

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