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Atlantic City Electric Environmental Commitment Receives Major International Recognition

by Frank Tedesco, Senior Communications Specialist for Atlantic City Electric

Environmental management practices a key pillar in company's efforts to be a leader in addressing climate change and drive toward a cleaner future.

Atlantic City Electric has earned major international recognition for its commitments and efforts to reduce the environmental impacts related to its business operations across New Jersey. This latest environmental achievement includes certification from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), which recognizes companies across the world that have adopted environmentally responsible business practices.

Earlier this year, Atlantic City Electric and its sister companies, Delmarva Power in Delaware and Maryland, and Pepco in the District of Columbia and Maryland, completed the implementation of an Environmental Management System (EMS), a standard for promoting effective, systematic management of environmental risks and opportunities. For these efforts, the companies received ISO14001:2015 certification, recognizing their commitment to a continual cycle of planning, implementing, reviewing and improving the processes and actions undertaken to meet business and environmental goals.

“Our commitment to serving our customers and communities goes well beyond providing the safe and reliable energy service they count on,” said Dave Velazquez, president and CEO of Pepco Holdings, which includes Atlantic City Electric. “We recognize that climate change is real and every day we are working to advance our operational performance, including implementing practices that can reduce our carbon footprint and provide a cleaner environment for generations to come.”

Atlantic City Electric, Delmarva Power, and Pepco join sister Exelon companies, BGE in Baltimore, ComEd in Illinois, and PECO in Philadelphia, which have received ISO14001:2015 certification.

Atlantic City Electric is an industry leader in charting a course to a low-carbon energy future and promoting the advancement of innovative technologies and policies that will decrease the company's carbon footprint. The company maintains an environmentally-friendly fleet of vehicles, has implemented expanded recycling practices, and has led efforts to help local municipalities transition to cleaner, more efficient, LED streetlights.

Atlantic City Electric is continually exploring new

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ways to meet its customers' evolving energy needs, providing them with the services they need to lower their carbon footprint and save money. Through its Green Power Connection program, Atlantic City Electric has helped more than 30,000 customers interconnect private [solar PV systems](#) into the local energy grid.

The company's Energy Wise Rewards program has helped customers save energy and money when demand for electricity is highest. And, for customers looking for electric transportation options, Atlantic City Electric is actively working to increase access to electric vehicles (EVs) through its proposals to expand EV charging options and provide reduced electric rates and other incentives to help customers buy, own, and operate EVs.

To learn more, visit [The Source](#), Atlantic City Electric's online news room. Find additional information about Atlantic City Electric by visiting [atlanticcityelectric.com](#). Follow the company on Facebook at [facebook.com/atlanticcityelectric](#) and on Twitter at [twitter.com/aceleconnect](#). Atlantic City Electric's mobile app is available at [atlanticcityelectric.com/mobileapp](#).

Atlantic City Electric, a public utility owned by Exelon Corporation (NYSE: EXC), provides safe, reliable and affordable regulated electric delivery services to approximately 550,000 customers in southern New Jersey.



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Sprint to Launch All-New Sprint LTE Chromebook by CTL for Education and Business Customers

by Isabel Mejia, Client Director of the Sprint Works Program for Sprint

Sprint is working with Google and CTL to create the all-new CTL Chromebook NL7 LTE with Sprint featuring Sprint's built-in LTE technology. The CTL Chromebook NL7 LTE with Sprint seamlessly integrates with Google's G Suite for Education as well as G-Suite Basic, Business and Enterprise editions, and allows users to connect virtually anywhere without the need for a Wi-Fi connection or mobile hotspot. Lightweight yet durable for users on the go, the CTL Chromebook NL7 LTE with Sprint combines the power and reliability of Sprint's LTE wireless network with the speed, simplicity and security of Google's Chrome OS platform.



The competitively-priced device is expected to be a game-changer for many different types of organizations. By providing a secure, always-on, high-speed Sprint LTE internet connection, users will have immediate access to email, documents, databases, mobile teleconferencing and more, from virtually any location.

CTL Chromebook NL7 LTE with Sprint for Students:

Part of this launch is a CTL Chromebook NL7 LTE with Sprint specially packaged for schools that will enhance the classroom experience by connecting students with online education resources without the need for Wi-Fi access. Students will have full access to the Internet and all the latest online web and flash-based education tools from virtually anywhere with Sprint LTE. Equipped with a powerful battery designed to last an entire school day, students can browse, explore and create using the CTL Chromebook NL7 LTE with Sprint. Sprint's LTE connection also keeps students connected, even when Wi-Fi is not available at home allowing them to complete coursework and research outside the classroom. Sprint is priced to provide powerful, affordable, technology to today's students.

Businesses get more done with CTL Chromebook NL7 LTE with Sprint:

The new CTL Chromebook NL7 LTE with Sprint is the perfect device for today's dynamic work environments. From small and mid-size businesses to large enterprise organizations, the always-on LTE connection gives business pros seamless integration to all of Google's top-rated G-Suite editions including Basic, Business and Enterprise. Built-in LTE keeps teams in sync and connected to all G-Suite productivity tools like Google Drive, Gmail and Google Sheets and others. Without requiring a hotspot, today's professionals can get work done anywhere to maximize their efficiency and help redefine the traditional office environment.

The Sprint Works Employee Incentive Program:

Sprint offers the program for Government & Public Safety Employees.

Mention Corp ID code: **GVRT_ZZZ at the time of purchase.**

Additional information may be found at this link: <http://sprint.co/2nHfydU>

Sprint offers the program for Education K-12 employees:

Mention Corp ID code: **GDVRT_ZZZ.**

Additional information may be found at this link: <http://sprint.co/2EhDJtB>

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Sprint to Launch All-New Sprint LTE Chromebook by CTL for Education and Business Customers *(continued)*

Sprint offers the program for Higher Education employees or students:

Mention Corp ID code: **GVRT_ZZZ**.

Additional information may be found at this link: <http://sprint.co/2EhDJtB>

Sprint offers the program for Healthcare employees: Mention Corp ID code: **HVRT_ZZZ**.

Additional information may be found at this link: <http://sprint.co/2E4iXyi>



Essex County Executive DiVincenzo Announces the Reopening of the Centre Street Bridge in Nutley

by Anthony Puglisi, Director of Public Information for Essex County



Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. announced the Centre Street Bridge in Nutley was reopened to motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic on Monday, December 24th. Opening the roadway before the end of the year was a promise the County Executive made when construction started in June because the bridge provides vital access to Nutley's Downtown District. Work to build the bridge and replace the roadway was finished, which allowed access to be restored before the Christmas holiday.

"The Centre Street Bridge is located in the heart of Nutley and provides critical access to the Downtown District. We are pleased that we were able to work with our contractor to reopen the bridge before the end of the year and keep our promise to the residents of Nutley," DiVincenzo said. "We knew people would be inconvenienced by the construction, and we appreciate their patience and understanding. The old 122-year-old infrastructure needed to be replaced

and we are happy that we were able to minimize the disruption and expedite the reopening of the bridge," he added.

"This was a project that had to be done and it's wonderful the bridge could be opened before the end of the year," Freeholder Patricia Sebold said. "The Freeholders are proud to work hand in hand with the County Executive to support these infrastructure projects. They contribute to the public safety of our communities," Freeholder Len Luciano said.

"I thank the County Executive for delivering on his promise and getting this done before the end of the year. Centre Street is a main thoroughfare in town and reopening the street will make access to our downtown a lot easier," Nutley Mayor Joseph Scarpelli said. "I thank the county and their contractors for doing such great work," Commissioner Tom Evans said.

The Centre Street Bridge was classified as "structurally deficient" and a weight limit of 15 tons has been posted because of its deteriorating condition. The original single span brick arch with ashlar spandrel walls and abutments was built about 1896. Reinforced concrete wingwalls were added to the structure in 1929 and a concrete parapet and gabion wall were installed in 1965 after the north spandrel wall and parapet failed.

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Reopening of the Centre Street Bridge in Nutley *(continued)*

The new structure is constructed of a precast concrete arch with precast concrete wingwalls that are supported by cast-in-place concrete footings and pedestals. There are two travel lanes – one in either direction – for motor vehicles and sidewalks for pedestrians. The dimensions are virtually identical to the original structure: a clear span length of 42 feet, a roadway width of approximately 46 feet, and a total bridge width of 66 feet. In the spring, the roadway will be milled and a permanent pavement will be installed.

To maintain the historic character and existing setting in Essex County Yanticaw Park and Nutley Booth Park, the concrete color for the new bridge was set by the NJ Historic Preservation Office. The masonry work will be stained in the spring. A stone formliner was used to construct the arch spandrel walls and the parapet walls, the existing ornamental fence was reset, and an interpretive sign will be installed to inform residents and visitors of the history of the crossing and the Yanticaw-Booth Historic District. In addition, 48 new trees will be planted in the adjacent parkland in the spring of 2019.

KS Engineers from Newark was awarded a professional services contract for \$242,425 to design the project. Pillari Brothers Construction Corp. from Farmingdale, n.J., was awarded a publicly bid contract for \$2,879,230 to perform the construction work. The Essex County Department of Public Works monitored the project to ensure delays were avoided. The bridge replacement was funded with a grant from the NJ Department of Transportation's Local Bridges Future Needs Grant Program.

Other infrastructure projects undertaken by Essex County in Nutley include repaving the walking paths in Yanticaw Park in 2006; reconstructing Park Way to address flooding in 2008; installing a synthetic grass surface on the softball field, modernizing two baseball/softball fields, renovating the basketball court, installing historic pathway lighting and renovating the field house and playground building in Yanticaw Park in 2010; repaving Centre Street from St. Mary's Place to Washington Avenue and Union Avenue from Centre Street to Greylock Parkway in Belleville in 2015. In addition, the Frank A. Cocchiola Playground was upgraded with new equipment and a rubberized safety surface.



Mark Your Calendar!

May 8 - 10, 2019

**NJAC's 69th Annual Conference
Caesars in Atlantic City**

#WearBlueDay: January 11, 2019

by Brittany Cunningham, Account Executive for DCG Communications on behalf of U.S. Homeland Security

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is recognized each year on January 11th. In recognition of this important day and throughout the month of January, Blue Campaign hosts several special events and educational activities.

Blue Campaign's largest initiative is **#WearBlueDay** on January 11th in order to raise awareness of human trafficking, we ask people to take photos of themselves, friends, family, and colleagues wearing blue clothing and share them on social media - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram - along with our **#WearBlueDay** hashtag. Anyone can participate. All you need is a piece of blue clothing!



Here are some creative ways to participate in **#WearBlueDay**:

- **Take a Group Photo:** Spread the word about **#WearBlueDay** within your office or community and get everyone together for a photo. Don't forget to share on social media and use **#WearBlueDay**!
- **Share a Video:** Create a video message explaining why you are participating in **#WearBlueDay**. Post it on social media and encourage your friends, family, and colleagues to do the same.
- **Organize a Challenge:** The Connecticut Department of Children and Families organized a creative photo challenge between its field offices to support **#WearBlueDay**. You can do the same or create your own online challenge!
- **Light Up a Landmark:** Los Angeles City Hall was lit blue and Mayor Eric Garcetti tweeted a photo of it with **#WearBlueDay**. Work with your local government to light a capitol building, landmark, or bridge blue to raise awareness of human trafficking.
- **Host an Event:** Organize an online or in-person event, such as a panel, documentary viewing, or Twitter chat, to foster discussion about human trafficking and how to recognize and report it. Encourage attendees and participants to wear blue and share photos on social media. Don't forget to use **#WearBlueDay**.

Follow us on Twitter [@DHSBlueCampaign](https://twitter.com/DHSBlueCampaign) for more information on **#WearBlueDay** and National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. We look forward to seeing how you participate in **#WearBlueDay**!



2 Monmouth County Boroughs are in for a More Productive 2019

by Alannah Dragonetti, Head of Marketing for GovPilot

New year, new you! That's always the intention, right? If you're looking for a push towards self-improvement, look no further than Monmouth County. Boroughs, Sea Girt and Union Beach, made simple changes that had a big and positive impact on the lives of government employees and residents.

Smooth Sailing in Sea Girt

The Jersey shore destination recently deployed GovPilot's Zoning Permit module, making a routine process easier for those who live and work in Sea Girt year-round.

The Challenge:

With the glittering Atlantic Ocean lapping at its shore, Sea Girt, New Jersey, draws hordes of tourists seeking rest and relaxation. Until recently, Sea Girt's Zoning Department professionals needed a vacation more than most. They would manually enter information from paper zoning permit applications into an Excel sheet, transpose inspection data entered in the field the same way and regularly spend up to 10 minutes on the phone answering applicants' questions.

The Solution:

Sea Girt automated its zoning permit application and issuance process with GovPilot to cut steps and save time. Paper applications have been replaced with GovPilot's digital form. Residents can apply for a zoning permit at any hour, from any device, through the form on Sea Girt's official website. Submitted forms are neat, complete and free from errors. They wind their way through an automated workflow that pushes news of status updates to employees and applicants alike, greatly reducing the length and frequency of phone calls.

"Using GovPilot for zoning permits has greatly assisted in the tracking of zoning permit application statuses. I can easily see the status and instantly communicate it to the applicant."
-Chris Willms, Zoning and Code Official, Sea Girt, NJ.

One platform eliminated numerous hurdles to the Sea Girt Zoning Department's efficiency.

Union Beach's Successful Pet (Licensing) Project

Union Beach, New Jersey dog owners can now sit (on the couch), stay (in the comfort of their own home) and obtain a pet license, thanks to GovPilot.

The Challenge:

For years, Union Beach required dog owners to come to city hall and apply for a license. Those who couldn't make the trip would complete the application at home and send it through the mail, along with proof of rabies vaccination and payment, to the Clerk's department. This system resulted in Union Beach government employees receiving improperly completed/incomplete applications on a near "constant" basis. Once they called the applicant, clarified and approved the license applications, they'd handwrite and mail a response. Employees sought a dog licensing system that would save them time and cut "the line [of applicants] down the hall disrupting business."

Solution:

GovPilot's Dog License module makes acceptance and issuance less, well, ruff. The GovPilot digital

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application form that sits on Union Beach's homepage cannot be submitted unless all fields have been completed. Automated alerts update applicants at key steps of processing, helping Union Beach operate with greater transparency and organization.

- Union Beach officials would sometimes lose/misplace paper applications. That hasn't happened since the administration deployed GovPilot.
- Prior to GovPilot's implementation, Union Beach dog owners could only pay licensing fees (calculated by hand) by cash or check. GovPilot calculates fees and integrates with a third-party payment processor to allow for immediate payment.

“The Dog License module has saved employees and constituents so much time!” - Anne Marie Friscia, RMC/Municipal Clerk, Union Beach, NJ.

Union Beach employees and dog owners alike benefit from GovPilot convenience.

With results like these, it's no wonder why three New Jersey counties and nearly 50 municipalities have made the switch to GovPilot.

About GovPilot

GovPilot is a cloud-based Government Management Platform. GovPilot allows governments to replace antiquated paper processes with digital automation. By incorporating a digital environment, local governments can operate at increased efficiency levels. GovPilot unifies fragmented departments and data to facilitate better communication between elected officials, employees and the public to promote more informed decision-making. The platform offers local governments approximately 100 plus digital, automated processes to choose from. Governments can select digital FOIA, Building & Construction Permitting, Code Enforcement and other processes. GovPilot offers its customers unlimited user licenses, allowing data to be managed and shared by stakeholders 24/7, from the office, the field, or the comfort of their home.

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Pilot Program Launches in Middlesex County to Fight Homelessness, Address Health Related Social Needs

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) announced the launch of a new pilot project designed to help Middlesex County fight homelessness and address health-related social needs of individuals who are homeless.

Middlesex County was selected for the *Housing First* initiative, as it represents the home for major healthcare providers Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and Saint Peter's University Hospital. The non-profit organization Coming Home of Middlesex County will also be instrumental in the process.



Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios said: "Ending homelessness is a goal that requires teamwork, experience, and a dedicated network of professionals. I think the words we've heard today prove that this partnership will have all those qualities."

Under the pilot program, DCA will provide 25 tenant-based housing vouchers to people who are homeless and enrolled in the program to help them move into safe and stable housing. Also, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and Saint Peter's University Hospital have committed to fund Coming Home of Middlesex County for the cost of two case managers to help the 25 people who receive the housing vouchers, as well as other patients with health-related social needs. Additionally, Coming Home will utilize WellCare's Community Connections database to track referred agencies and participants' social services utilized and program outcomes.

"We have been able to establish this program through the determination of all the organizations involved to step outside their ordinary course of doing business to reach across sectors and collaborate for the benefit of Middlesex County residents. We know that so much of what affects a person's status happens outside a health care facility or physician's office," said Eileen O' Donnell, Executive Director of Coming Home of Middlesex County, Inc. "Because of the perseverance of the stakeholders in discussions spanning more than a year, we will be able to begin addressing those health-related social needs in a concerted manner."



From left: NJ Assemblywoman Nancy J. Pinkin; Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios; New Brunswick Mayor James Cahill; Mariam Merced, Director, Community Health Promotion Program at RWJBarnabas Health; John Kirchner, President of Wellcare Health Plans of NJ; Leslie D. Hirsch, Saint Peter's Healthcare System Interim CEO and President; Eileen O'Donnell, Executive Director of Coming Home Middlesex County; Jose Carlos Montes, CEO of Puerto Rican Action Board; Michelline Davis, Executive Vice President and Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, RWJBarnabas Health and Chigozie Onyema, Assistant Commissioner of NJ Department of Community Affairs.



Nationwide Economics

Weekly Economic Review & Outlook for December 3, 2018

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

Weekly Review

Tight Jobs Market Good for Incomes

Continued job growth and the tight job markets are providing a boost to incomes through higher wages. Personal income rose by 0.5 percent in October, the fastest monthly increase since January. Surprisingly, however, even with strong employment gains and higher wages, the wage and salary component of personal income rose only modestly for October. Instead, non-corporate business income spiked as proprietors' income surged for both farm (helped by government assistance to farmers hurt by the trade war) and nonfarm firms. It is likely that both of these sharp increases will be temporary.

Fortunately, most measures of wages are showing acceleration as employers vie for qualified labor with fewer qualified unemployed workers left on the market - and this should help to boost personal income growing forward. The year-over-year increase in average hourly earnings climbed to 3.1 percent in October, while the four-quarter change in the Employment Cost Index rose to highest level in 10 years during the third quarter. Survey data from the Atlanta Fed also show wages moving higher over the past four months, with October the strongest pace of the year.

With the employment rate at the lowest level in 50 years and job openings still elevated, wage and income gains are likely to accelerate further over the next year. Improved income growth is a good sign for near-term consumer spending trends - driving positive feedback loops that should keep the economy expanding solidly.

Rising paychecks also portend faster inflation ahead as firms see profit margins shrink with faster wage gains and only modest increases in productivity. If this leads to faster core inflation, it should prompt the Fed to hike interest rates further to prevent the economy from overheating down the road. The degree to which faster wage and income growth translate into faster inflation will likely determine much of the path for Fed policy over the rest of the expansion.

Bear Market for Crude Oil Deepens

Domestic crude oil prices briefly dipped below \$50 per barrel last week for the first time since September 2017 to extend the sharp fall-off in prices. Since reaching a multi-year peak in early October, the price of oil has declined by more than 30 percent - entering a bear market for the eighth time during this economic expansion.

Excess supply of crude oil on the world market is again driving down prices. OPEC has ramped up oil output in recent months, led by Saudi Arabia, with Russian output up as well. Additionally, U.S. sanctions on Iran have not affected oil exports as much as initially expected. Finally, U.S. oil production rose to an all-time high of nearly 12 million barrels per day, adding to the glut on the market.

The resulting drop in gasoline prices is a further boost to the purchasing power of U.S. consumers. While the lower value of oil production will hit energy sector profitability and new production, the boost for consumers from lower gasoline prices could add to economic growth in 2019. Falling energy prices are also likely to reduce monthly inflation readings in coming months. Still, the underlying pace of inflation should trend higher in response to tighter economic conditions.

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The Week Ahead

The first week in December will bring a look at November employment data, auto sales, and ISM survey data - often the most important economic data for financial markets.

Job Gains Should Slow, But Remain Solid

With an estimate 7 million job openings and a fewer number of individuals that are unemployed, hiring activity is becoming constrained by the availability of labor. While the pace of hiring should remain positive, it is likely to slow as the expansion ages. We project nonfarm payrolls to expand by 180,000 for November while the unemployment rate drops to 3.6 percent. Average hourly earnings should increase by 0.3 percent, helping to boost the year-over-year gain to well over 3.0 percent.

Auto Sales Expected to Moderate After Hurricane-Induced Activity

After two months of stronger activity, light vehicle sales are likely to edge lower for November. Hurricanes Michael and Florence caused significant vehicle damage that pushed many buyers to dealerships. While replacement should remain strong for a little longer, the bulk of these sales likely took place in October. Light vehicle sales are projected to moderate to a still-strong pace of 17.2 million for November - still above the underlying trend.

Business Activity Data to Show Mixed Results as Year-End Nears

Both the manufacturing and services sectors have shown significant strength this year, although we expect some slowing toward the end of the year. Still, the Chicago Purchasing Managers index rose unexpectedly for November, suggesting that the ISM manufacturing index is likely to rise for the month — we estimate up to 58.5. The overall trend in economic activity is slower, however, indicating that the ISM nonmanufacturing will moderate for November. Both of these measures are well into expansion territory.



For further information please contact Emanuel Mahand, Program Director of DE/NJ/PA, at MAHAND@nationwide.com, or Bina Kumar, Managing Director - East Region, at kumarb1@nationwide.com.

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Ocean County Mourns the Loss of Freeholder John Bartlett

by Honorable Gerry P. Little, Ocean County 2018 Freeholder Director, and Ocean County Board of Freeholders



On Wednesday, December 12th, the Ocean County Board of Freeholders were advised that friend and colleague, Freeholder John C. Bartlett, Jr., passed away following his hard fought battle with cancer. This Board mourns the loss of a special man who dedicated most of his adult life to public service.

Freeholder Bartlett leaves an indelible mark on Ocean County and we are so very sorry that he will no longer be with us to serve our citizens and work with us as a Board.

There are few areas of Ocean County that have not been impacted by Freeholder Bartlett's work. For 39 years, he served as a steward of our environment, the architect of the County budget, a champion of Ocean County College and a man truly dedicated to public service. Born and raised in Ocean County, Freeholder Bartlett started his public service in 1974 when he was elected to the Pine Beach Council. A few short years later, he was elected to the Board of Freeholders. He often said that being a freeholder was the best-elected position you can have doing the most good for your constituents because you always remained close to them.

Freeholder Bartlett took his work on the Board seriously and helped citizens through the most difficult of times like the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy. Yet he also enjoyed his time on the Board as he talked about his family and his love for gardening and history. Freeholder Bartlett always spoke with great delight about his wife, Peg, his children and his beloved grandchildren. They all became our family too.

John's passing is a profound and deep loss for all of us on the Board of Freeholders. While he was the longest-serving freeholder of the State of New Jersey, we all had the privilege to call him our longest-serving friend. Saying goodbye is difficult for all of us. With our deepest condolences and sympathy, we keep his family in our thoughts and prayers.



Tedesco Applauds Establishment of County Code Enforcement Pilot Program

by Alicia D'Alessandro, Director of Communications - Office of County Executive, for Bergen County

On December 17th, Governor Phil Murphy signed into law S-2636/A-3731, which allows "a county of the first class with a population of over 900,000" to establish a construction code office with the authority to issue construction permits and perform code inspection for county-owned buildings and structures. The law also allows the county to enter shared service agreements to offer code enforcement services to individual municipalities. Bergen County Executive Jim Tedesco's administration worked closely with Senator Joseph Lagana, Assemblyman Christopher Tully, and Assemblywoman Lisa Swain to establish this pilot program.

"I applaud our leaders in Trenton for enacting this common sense legislation. By allowing experienced county professionals to perform necessary inspections for county properties and projects, the county will reduce construction timelines and save money," said County Executive Tedesco. "This law also reduces the code enforcement burdens placed upon municipalities, which often have to perform this work for free. This a win for the people of Bergen County and the State of New Jersey."



Counties Applaud Reauthorization of Second Chance Act Attached to Criminal Justice Reform Bill

By Paul Guequierre, Communications Director for NACo

On December 20, 2018, the National Association of Counties (NACo) applauded the bipartisan reauthorization of the Second Chance Act. The First Step Act, with the Second Chance Act, was attached to the Save Our Seas Act and includes resources for substance abuse treatment, vocational training, mentoring and other offender reentry and recidivism initiatives through 2023.



Matthew Chase
NACo Executive Director

“This legislation includes investments in core criminal justice reform, much of which takes place at the county level,” said NACo Executive Director Matthew Chase. “This legislation strengthens the justice system with resources to reduce offender recidivism while keeping communities safe.”

According to the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, there are more than 11 million individuals admitted to jails each year. With only four percent of those admissions resulting in prison sentences, 96 percent of inmates return directly to the community, making the local services supported by the Second Chance Act critical.

Counties operate nine out of every 10 local jails and invest more than \$90 billion each year in justice and public safety services. Since 2009, more than a third of Second Chance Act awards have been distributed directly to county governments, resulting in

\$95 million over the past nine years.

The Second Chance Act is particularly important to rural counties with limited resources for reentry programs. Under the Act, the Department of Justice is required to make every effort to ensure equitable geographic distribution of grants while considering the needs of underserved populations, including rural communities.

The reauthorization of the Second Chance Act also contains program improvements, including expanding Career Training Grants to encompass training and employment for all career types, and subsidizing employment and career training programs focused on formerly incarcerated individuals.

“Investments in reentry programs have proven effective in helping individuals successfully reintegrate into communities,” said Chase. “Successful reintegration results in lower rates of recidivism, improving public safety and providing significant cost-savings to county taxpayers.”

Read more about the benefits of Second Chance Act Grants [here](#).

The National Association of Counties (NACo) unites America’s 3,069 county governments. Founded in 1935, NACo brings county officials together to advocate with a collective voice on national policy, exchange ideas and build new leadership skills, pursue transformational county solutions, enrich the public’s understanding of county government and exercise exemplary leadership in public service. More information at: www.naco.org.

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March 2 - 6, 2019
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Washington, DC



NACo Upcoming Meeting & Webinars

NCCAE Presidents and Executives Meeting

January 9 - 11, 2019

Washington Court Hotel, Washington DC

[Registration is now open.](#) A draft schedule overview is available [HERE](#).

Reservations for the [Washington Court Hotel](#) can be made by emailing Alana Hurley at ahurley@naco.org or calling (202) 942-4225. Rooms are held at \$195.00 per night not including taxes or fees.

Evidence-Based Policymaking Part 2: Using Evidence in Budgeting & Contracting

January 10, 2019 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Contact Kathy Rowings (202) 942-4279 krowings@naco.org

[Register](#)

Join NACo and The Pew Charitable Trusts for a three-part webinar series, Evidence-Based Policymaking, that will focus on strategies county leaders can use to create evidence-based practices and programs in their jurisdiction to better serve residents. This webinar will highlight strategies for how county officials can include evidence requirements in service provider contracts, request contracted service providers to demonstrate program effectiveness and use data and research to inform contract planning and budgeting. Webinar participants will also have the chance to learn about and discuss these strategies with county officials utilizing evidence-based policymaking in their work.



Evidence-Based Policymaking Part 3: Delivering Effective Programs & Monitoring Outcomes

February 7, 2019 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

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[Register](#)

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“Stepping Up” Your Efforts to Reduce Mental Illness in Jails

February 14, 2019 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Since May 2015, more than 450 counties have joined the national Stepping Up initiative to reduce the number of people who have mental illnesses in jails. Counties have shown significant progress on impacting this goal, but many still struggle with how to get started or how to keep their team motivated and moving toward their priorities. The Stepping Up partners have released a number of tools to help counties at various phases of their efforts to get to the next level. On this webinar, hear from the national Stepping Up partners and your peers about how to best leverage the resources available through the initiative to help your county meet your goals.

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*Thank you for your participation and support of the
2018 NJAC Summit on Active Shooter Preparedness
and
911 Systems*

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy New Year to all of our members, affiliates, colleagues and friends. NJAC is kicking off 2019 with a very busy January. We are preparing for our Annual Conference and celebrating our new executive committee and board members at our Reorganization Meeting.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING for NJAC's 69th Annual Celebration of County Government takes place on Friday, *January 11th*, and begins at 10:00 a.m. in the NJ Chemistry Council conference room located on the third floor of our building situated at 150 West State Street in Trenton. Please contact Kim Nolan, Office Manager, at kim@njac.org if you are interested in helping us prepare for county governments' premiere event of the year, which takes place at Caesars in Atlantic City from May 8th through May 10th.



John G. Donnadio, Esq.

CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS – NJAC is also accepting proposals for conference workshops. Space is very limited, so please submit your proposal no later than *February 1, 2019* to Loren Wizman by email at loren@njac.org. To make sure that our elected officials, administrators, finance officers, purchasing officials, planners, engineers, attorneys, public works employees, accountants, and other county officials actively participate in our conference, the conference committee will give priority consideration to workshops approved for continuing education credits by the appropriate State agencies and Rutgers University Center for Local Government Services.

- Workshop sessions must be educational and informative, and 50-60 minutes long.
- Proposals must include the name, title, and company information of those presenting.
- Proposals must be typewritten in Garamond font Pitch 9.
- Proposals must contain a title and one-page informative summary of the workshop, so that we may include these details in our conference journal.
- Proposals must include handouts, power point presentations, and other similar materials.
- Proposals must be submitted by close of business on *February 1, 2019 and no later to Loren Wizman, Business Development Director (loren@njac.org)*.
- NJAC will notify you in writing of the time, location, and other important details concerning your workshop two weeks in advance of the conference.

NJAC REORGANIZATION MEETING – You are welcomed to join NJAC at 11:00 a.m. on *January 25, 2019* in the Senate Chambers of the State House for its Reorganization Meeting where Essex County Freeholder Brendan W. Gill will become our 78th President. Following the ceremony, students from the Culinary Arts Program of Essex County Vocational-Technical School District will provide a delectable lunch to guests at the Historic Trenton Masonic Temple.

Please contact Kim Nolan, Office Manager, at kim@njac.org *no later than January 18, 2019* if you are interested in attending the NJAC Reorganization Meeting and luncheon.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COUNTY?

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<u>JANUARY</u>						
					Pizza & Penguins 6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m. Jenkinsons Aquarium Point Pleasant <i>Ocean County</i>	A Twelfth Night Celebration 5:00p.m. & 8:00 p.m. Hancock House Site Salem <i>Salem County</i>
61st Annual Model Railroad Show 1:00p.m. - 5:00p.m. North Haledon <i>Passaic County</i>		Sustainable Somerset at Whole Foods 8:15a.m. - 9:30a.m. Bound Brook <i>Somerset County</i>		Comedian Mike Eagan 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. Center Playhouse Freehold <i>Monmouth County</i>	KotoriCon 2019 4:00p.m. thru January 12 th 9:30p.m. Rowan College@ Gloucester County Sewell <i>Gloucester County</i>	Winter Wellness Fair all day 127 Union Avenue Middlesex <i>Middlesex County</i>
Ted Talk: Evolution of Compassion 6:30p.m. Calvary Presbyterian Church Riverton <i>Burlington County</i>		Hidden in Plain Sight Exhibit & Presentation 6:30p.m. - 8p.m. Long Pond School Andover Township <i>Sussex County</i>	Iconic Culture: Black Dress to Bell Bottoms 11:00a.m. - 12:00a.m. Acorn Hall Morristown <i>Morris County</i>	Climate Change Lecture 7:00p.m. - 8:30p.m. Arboretum Lebanon <i>Hunterdon County</i>	Chamber Breakfast Club 7:30a.m. - 9:00a.m. The Halifax Hoboken <i>Hudson County</i>	Jennifer Holiday Concert 8:00p.m. - 10:30p.m. Performing Arts Center Rahway <i>Union County</i>
Making Blankets for Soldiers & Service Dogs all day St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church Hopewell <i>Mercer County</i>		Senior Walk & Talk 10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. Convention Center Cape May <i>Cape May County</i>	Freedom Medal Ceremony 5:30p.m. - 9:30p.m. Grand Ballroom Collingswood <i>Camden County</i>		NJAC Reorganization Meeting 11:00 a.m. Senate Chambers NJ State House	Hearthside Dinner 5:30p.m. Gibbon House Greenwich Township <i>Cumberland County</i>
	Belly Dancing for Beginners 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. Library Headquarters Belvidere <i>Warren County</i>	Sip Wine & Make Valentines! 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. Creative Den Glen Rock <i>Bergen County</i>	Urban Oasis Birding Field Trips 8:30a.m. - 11:30a.m. Hilltop Reservation North Caldwell <i>Essex County</i>	Winter Watercolor Painting 5:30p.m. - 7:30p.m. Noyes Arts Garage Atlantic City <i>Atlantic County</i>		