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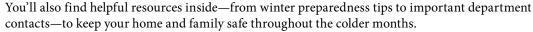


### FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

Dear Neighbors,

As the crisp air of fall arrives and we look ahead to the holiday season, I'm delighted to share with you the latest edition of The Manchester Citizen. This issue is filled with important updates, seasonal safety reminders, and a preview of the many events and activities that make this time of year so special in our community.

From festive gatherings to family-friendly programs, our fall and winter events are wonderful opportunities to come together, celebrate, and enjoy the warmth of Manchester Township.



I encourage you to explore the many programs offered through our Recreation and Senior Services departments, and to visit our website at www.ManchesterTwp.com for the latest news, Council meeting schedules, volunteer opportunities, and township announcements. Staying connected has never been easier.

This publication is provided at no cost to residents, thanks to the generous support of our local advertisers. I hope you'll consider supporting these businesses that give so much back to our community.

As always, my office is here to assist you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out at (732) 657-8121 x3105.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support. May this season be filled with joy, gratitude, and togetherness—I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and around our beautiful township.

Warm regards,

Joseph T. Hankins, Mayor of Manchester Township



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Purchasing Division, ext. 3500	Sean Canning

### OTHER AGENCIES

OTHER	
Emergency Police/Fire Ambulance911	
Non-Emergency Call	
Deborah Hospital609-621-2080	ı
Ocean University Medical Ct (Brick)	ı
Community Medical Center732-557-8000	ı
Ocean Ride732-736-8989	i
Manchester Senior Outreach Transportation 732-849-8305	,
Comcast Cable (Xfinity)800-266-2278	
Social Security Administration 800-772-1213	
Ocean County Surrogate Court732-929-2011	
County Connection (Ocean County Mall)732-288-7777	
County Connection (Whiting)732-288-7651	
Ocean County Senior Services	
Ocean County Meals on Wheels	
Manchester Senior Outreach	,
JCP&L	,
NJNG800-221-0051Gas Leak800-427-5325	,
Manchester Town Hall	
Manchester Water/Sewer	
Manchester Recreation732-657-8121 ext 5102	
Ocean County Library732-349-6200	
Ocean County Library (Manchester)732-657-7600	)
Manchester Animal Control732-657-8121 ext 4606	)
Recycling	1
Manchester Tax Assessor	
Manchester/Lakehurst Post Office732-657-8562	
Whiting Post Office	,
Toms River post office	ı
Ocean County Board of Elections732—929-2167	
Veteran Services732-929-2096	,
Poison Control800-222-1222	
NJ DMV	1
Construction Offical732-657-8121 ext 3919	,
Ocean County Sheriff732-929-2044	:
County Clerk	
Salvation Army732-270-8393	
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Consumer Affairs	
Catholic Charities	732-350-4120
Nursing Home Complaint Hotline	800-792-9770
Lifeline Utility Bill Support	800-792-9745
Medicare	

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### From The Clerk's Office

### VITAL STATISTICS

When applying for a marriage or civil union license, please make sure you call the Registrar well in advance of the ceremony to schedule an appointment to apply for the license. We are located in the Township Clerk's office and can be reached at 732-657-8121, ext. 3200. State law requires a 72-hour waiting period before the license can be issued. The marriage must take place within six months of the application date. More information can be obtained on our website or by calling our office. You must have the name and address of the officiant and date and location of marriage at time of application. Applicants are required to bring their own translator.

### **COPIES OF VITAL RECORDS**

(Death Certificate, Birth Certificate, Marriage/Civil Union Certificate, Domestic Partnership)

**Certified copies** are \$10.00 each. Corrections to vital records are \$15.00 each. To get a certified copy of a person's vital record, you must provide proof of your relationship to the person listed on the record and the proof must establish you are one of the following:

- The subject of the record
- The subject's parent, legal guardian or legal representative
- The subject's spouse/civil union partner; child, grandchild or sibling, if of legal age
- A state or federal agency for official purposes
- Pursuant to court order

# MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP "NO KNOCK" REGISTRY

Residents who no longer wish to receive door-to-door visits from vendors are invited to sign up for Manchester Township's "No Knock" Registry. The registry permits all residents to register with the Township Clerk indicating that they do not want hawkers, peddlers, solicitors or canvassers to approach their homes and/or seek contact with the occupants of the registered home. Registration can be completed through a form made available in the Township Clerk's office or on our website.

Once registered, the Clerk's Office will provide a self-adhering sticker, free of charge, if picked up at the Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Residents may elect to apply by mail and have their sticker delivered for a \$1.00 processing and mailing fee (checks can be made payable to "Manchester Township"). The Clerk's Office will maintain the "No Knock" Registry. Vendors must inspect the list and cannot approach any residence on the list, or face a fine of up to \$1,000, 90 days in prison, or 90 days community service. The registry will be provided to any licensee who is issued a license to conduct door-to-door sales pursuant to Manchester Township Code #301-21. It should be noted that registration upon the "No Knock" Registry does not prohibit door to door solicitation by non-profit, charitable, religious or political organizations, as these types of solicitations are protected by the First Amendment. Our application for the "No Knock" Registry is available on our website.

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### **NOTARY SERVICES**

Notary Services are provided free of charge to Manchester Township residents. We do not notarize the following documents: Wills, Trusts, and Power of Attorney.

Valid photo ID is required. If a witness is required, please note Municipal Clerk office staff cannot be utilized. Please bring your own witness(s).

### **DOG LICENSE INFORMATION**

Residents now have the option to submit Dog License Registrations online by visiting: https://www.sdlportal.com/login When using the sdlportal you will need to complete the following steps:

- 1. Click on "Create an Account" under sign in.
- 2. Create your account and choose "Manchester Township, Ocean County" under the "search for your town and select from the list provided" tab.
- 3. Submit your license application information.

Please note, staff will review all Dog License Registrations before payment information is requested.

### **License Fees:**

1 year not neutered or spayed \$13.00 (Rabies vaccine must be current through April 2026)

**1 year** neutered or spayed **\$10.00** (*Rabies vaccine must be current through April 2026*)

3 year not neutered or spayed \$36.00 (Rabies vaccine must be current through April 2028)

**3 year** neutered or spayed \$27.00 (Rabies vaccine must be current through April 2028)

\$5.00 late fee for dogs licensed after June 30, 2025.

Please visit our website: www.manchestertwp.com – Department– Township Clerk for more information concerning all services provided by the Township Clerk's office. (Dog Licensing, Legalized Games of Chance, OPRA, Elections, etc.)

### **LEGALIZED GAMES OF CHANCE - BINGO AND RAFFLES**

### **Licensing Requirements:**

To conduct any game of chance in Manchester Township, organizations must obtain a license from the Municipal Clerk's Office. However, silent auctions, door prizes, and fundraising dinners do NOT require a raffle license







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### **Application Process:**

Organizations must:

- Possess a current State Registration ID and provide the original to the Township of Manchester. We need to see the original every time an application is submitted.
- Complete 4 notarized applications per event
- Complete and notarize an Affidavit of Participation
- Allow at least 3 weeks for processing, as applications must be processed through the Municipal Clerk's office and approved by the State LGCCC

### Fee Schedule

Raffles: \$20.00 per \$1,000.00 value - no fee for on-premise raffles valued under \$400.00

Bingo Games: \$20.00 per occasion.

The fee schedule applies to both state and township charges (maximum \$100.00 for Manchester) You'll need separate checks: one payable to "Township of Manchester" and one to "Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission (LGCCC)."

### **Important Notes**

- · Off-premise merchandise and cash raffles require a sample ticket using the LGCCC template
- Do not reuse or alter old raffle tickets this is the most common reason applications are rejected
- The State LGCCC has 14 days to approve or disapprove applications

COMING SOON! - NextRequest for Open Public Record Requests!

### **Tax Collector's Office**

Taxes are due 2/1, 5/1, 8/1 and 11/1 with a 10-day grace period. Water and Sewer are due in the office by 2/15, 5/15, 8/15, and 11/15.

We offer automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account to pay taxes, water, and sewer with no charge to residents. Please contact 732-657-8121 ext. 3700 or stop in to fill out the application.



For questions regarding the tax freeze, Anchor, or NJ Stay program with the State of New Jersey please call 1-800-882-6597.

If you are a veteran or widow of a veteran, please contact 732-657-8121 ext. 3700 on how to apply for a veteran's deduction.

For residents over 65 or disabled with an income less than \$10,000 not including social security, please contact 732-657-8121 ext. 3700 on how to apply for a senior deduction.





# Understanding the Differences Between the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment

Dear Residents,

When it comes to development and land use in our community, two important municipal bodies play key roles: the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment (commonly called the Zoning Board). While both boards deal with land use and property development, they serve different functions and operate under different sets of responsibilities as defined by the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law (MLUL).

Here's a helpful overview to clarify what each board does and how the processes work.

### **Planning Board**

### Purpose:

The Planning Board is responsible for overseeing development and ensuring it aligns with the Township's Master Plan — a document that outlines long-term goals for land use, housing, transportation, public facilities, and open space.

### Responsibilities include:

- Reviewing site plans and subdivisions for compliance with zoning and planning ordinances.
- Approving major and minor development applications.
- Reviewing and updating the municipal Master Plan.
- Making recommendations to the governing body on zoning ordinance changes.
- Sometimes, the Planning Board also hears certain types of variance requests commonly known as "C" or Bulk Variances.

### When You'd Go to the Planning Board:

- You're building a new commercial or residential development.
- You're dividing a parcel into multiple lots (subdivision).
- You're making major site changes to a property, like expanding a commercial building or parking lot.

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

### Purpose:

The Zoning Board handles applications that require relief from zoning regulations, commonly known as "D" or Use variances. These are exceptions to the existing zoning rules.

### Responsibilities include:

- Hearing "use variance" applications (when a proposed use isn't permitted in the zone).
- Granting bulk variances (e.g., setbacks, height, lot coverage) for single family homes on individual "fee simple" parcels where no subdivision is proposed.
- Hearing appeals of zoning officer decisions.
- Granting certificates of nonconformity for existing uses that predate zoning changes.
- Handling interpretations of the zoning ordinance.

### When You'd Go to the Zoning Board:

- You want to use your property in a way not allowed under current zoning (e.g., open a business in a residential area).
- Your project doesn't meet one or more zoning requirements (e.g., your deck will be too close to a property line).
- You disagree with the zoning officer's determination of a zoning application submission.
- You believe you have a pre-existing non-conforming use that pre-dates current use regulations and are requesting a certificate of non-conformity (Note: the burden of proof is the applicant's responsibility).
- You disagree with the zoning officer's interpretation of the Township's zoning regulations and would like the zoning board's collective interpretation.

### The Application Process: What to Expect

While each board has different functions, the general steps for applying are similar:

1. Initial Consultation: Speak with the municipal zoning officer to determine what approvals you may need.

- 2. Submit Application: Prepare and submit all required forms, fees, plans, and supporting documents.
- 3. Notice to Public (if required): Some applications require notice to nearby property owners and/or publication in the newspaper.
- 4. Public Hearing: You'll present your case at a public meeting. The board may ask questions, hear from professionals, and allow public comment.
- 5. Board Decision: The board will vote to approve, deny, or conditionally approve the application.
- 6. Resolution of Memorialization: The formal decision is documented in a resolution adopted at a later meeting.
- 7. Post-Approval: If approved, additional steps (e.g., building permits) may be required. In all cases, a zoning permit will always be necessary.

### **Public Participation**

Both boards hold public hearings, and residents are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and voice concerns or support. Agendas are typically posted in advance on the town website or municipal bulletin board.

### **Not Sure Which Board to Contact?**

If you're unsure whether your project goes to the Planning Board or the Zoning Board, your municipal zoning officer is the best place to start. They can guide you through the process based on your specific proposal.

### Final Thoughts

Understanding the distinct roles of the Planning Board and Zoning Board helps ensure transparency, fairness, and smart growth in our community. Whether you're a homeowner, developer, or concerned neighbor, your participation in the land use process helps shape the future of our town.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Building Department.

Thank you for staying informed and engaged!

Sincerely, The Building Department

### **Manchester Township Recreation Department**







# Guidance for Homeowners Selling or Buying a Home in Manchester

### Dear Homeowners,

Whether you're selling or buying a home here in Manchester Township, it's important to ensure that all property-related matters are in compliance with local regulations. Navigating the permit process, zoning restrictions, and other land-use considerations can be confusing. This guide will walk you through the steps necessary to ensure that your property is ready for sale, or that the home you're purchasing is free of potential issues.

### For Homeowners Selling a Home in Manchester Township

When selling your home, you must address several key issues to ensure a smooth transaction. These include ensuring that all permits are closed, verifying compliance with zoning regulations, and addressing any outstanding issues that could delay the sale.

### 1. Verify Closed Permits

If you've made any modifications, additions, or repairs to your property, ensure that you have obtained all the necessary permits and that they are properly closed.

- Why it's important: Unclosed permits can create significant delays in the sale of your home, as the buyer will likely request proof of compliance. Additionally, open permits can indicate that work was completed without proper inspection, potentially leading to fines or unsafe conditions.
- How to check: Please use the online portal to verify if all permits related to your home have been closed. This includes permits for things like electrical work, plumbing, HVAC systems, or any structural changes made to the property.
- Action steps: If you find that permits are open or incomplete,

take the necessary steps to complete the inspections or paperwork required to close them. If you're unsure of the process, the Construction Department can assist you.

### 2. Zoning and Land Use Compliance

In addition to permits, your property must be in compliance with our local zoning regulations.

- What to check: Ensure that any past improvements (e.g., a deck, shed, fence, or home addition) were built according to zoning requirements. Manchester Township, like many municipalities, has specific rules about setbacks, building height, lot coverage, and other factors.
- How to check: Verify that all additions or changes to the property have the necessary zoning approvals. You can do this by using the online portal. If the improvement is not listed, contact the Manchester Township Zoning Office to confirm this information.
- Action steps: If you've made changes without proper zoning approval, you will need to apply for a zoning permit or apply for a variance before you sell the home.

### 3. Certificate of Occupancy (CO)

A Certificate of Occupancy is required for any new home or major renovation in Manchester Township. If you have completed construction or renovation work, check that a CO has been issued.

• Why it's important: Buyers and their lenders typically require a valid CO before closing. Without it, you could face delays in the sale.

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### 4. Re-sale Inspection Requirement

In addition to inspections required for permit closure, you must apply for a Non-Rental Inspection Application before your home can be sold and/or rented. This is to ensure that the property complies with all local building and safety codes.

• How to prepare: Schedule an inspection at least several weeks ahead of your anticipated/scheduled closing date with the Township to ensure the property is in compliance.

### For Homebuyers in Manchester Township

When purchasing a home in Manchester Township, there are several important steps you should take to ensure the property is free from legal or financial liabilities. These steps help you avoid unexpected issues after closing.

### 1. Verify Permit and Zoning Compliance

- Why it's important: You don't want to buy a home that has unclosed permits or zoning violations, as this could affect the property's value or require costly repairs or modifications in the future.
- How to check: Work with your realtor or directly contact the Manchester Township Construction and Zoning Departments to verify that all work done to the property (including renovations, additions, etc.) has been properly permitted and is in compliance with zoning & building regulations.

### 2. Obtain Copies of Closed Permits

Ask the seller for documentation proving that all work done on the house, including renovations, repairs, or expansions, was done in compliance with local regulations. This should include copies of all permits that have been closed and inspections that have been passed.

### 3. Get a Title Search and Survey

Before finalizing your purchase, make sure you get a title search and property survey. These will help identify any potential issues, such as:

- Encroachments (like a neighbor's fence being too close to your property line).
- Easements (legal rights that others may have to use your property for specific purposes).

This information is critical in identifying any zoning or boundary disputes that could affect your use of the property.

### 4. Confirm Certificate of Occupancy (CO) and Re-sale Inspection Requirement

If you're purchasing a newly constructed home or one that has been significantly renovated, confirm that the property has a Certificate of Occupancy.

- Why it matters: If a CO is missing, it could delay your ability to move in and may signal that the construction was not up to code.
- Verify that a re-sale inspection and a re-occupancy certificate has been issued for the home.

• If you are planning on renting the property after the purchase, you must register with the Township as a Landlord and obtain a separate Certificate of Occupancy for rental.

### 5. Be Aware of Future Development and Zoning Changes

If you're planning any future changes or additions to the property, research the local zoning regulations to ensure that your plans comply with the township's rules.

• How to do this: The Manchester Township Zoning Office can help clarify the rules for any property you're considering buying. For example, check if there are any restrictions on the type of additions or modifications you can make to the home.

### Common Zoning Restrictions in Manchester Township

Here are some common zoning regulations you should be aware of as a seller or buyer:

- Setbacks: The minimum distance between a building and the property line.
- Lot Coverage: Limits on the percentage of your lot that can be covered by buildings or impervious surfaces (like driveways).
- Height Restrictions: Limits on how tall structures can be in certain zones.
- Land Use Regulations: Restrictions on the type of Use, structure or Development within a specific zoning district. tion is critical in identifying any zoning or boundary disputes that could affect your use of the property.

These restrictions can vary depending on the zone your property is located in (e.g., residential, commercial, etc.), so always verify before making any changes.

### **Additional Resources:**

- Manchester Township Construction Department: https:// manchestertwp.com/departments/department-ofinspection/inspections-division/
- Manchester Township Zoning Office: https://manchestertwp. com/departments/department-of-inspection/zoningcode-enforcement/
- Township Ordinances: Available on the Manchester Township website for detailed zoning and land use laws (ecode link): https://ecode360.com/MA0531?needHash=true

### Conclusion

Whether you are buying or selling a home in Manchester Township, ensuring that all open construction permits are properly closed out, zoning regulations are followed, and the property follows all other local regulations is critical for a successful transaction. By taking the time to verify these details, you can avoid costly delays, fines, or disputes in the future.

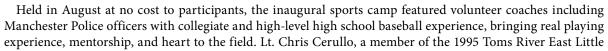
If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to contact the Manchester Township Construction and Zoning Department. We are there to help guide you through the process.

Best of luck with your real estate transaction! Sincerely,

The Building Department

### **Manchester Township Police Department**

Building on the success of the Manchester Township Police Summer Youth Academy, our officers developed a new outreach program for our community's children — the Blue Diamond Baseball Camp.





League World Series team and former four-year Division I collegiate baseball player, organized this event in conjunction with our outstanding officers who dedicated their time to instruct.

"We're proud to see our community come together to give these young athletes a summer experience that they will never forget," said Chief of Police Antonio Ellis. "Our officers were able to share their passion for baseball, have fun, and build lasting relationships that show we're regular people behind our badges."

Throughout the week, the youth athletes learned valuable baseball fundamentals—hitting, fielding, base running—as well as important life lessons about teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship. The camp focused on having fun, building skills, and creating lasting friendships. Off the field, instructors spoke about preparing for college, the recruiting process, and taking their game to the next level.

The Manchester Township Police Department would like to thank everyone who contributed to making this camp possible, including a special shoutout to Jake Daubert, a Rutgers alumnus, former Minor League player for the Seattle Mariners, and current hitting instructor in Toms River, for sharing his experience and expertise. Additionally, we would like to thank the Manchester Police Athletic League, and the Manchester Little League for their invaluable support in presenting the Blue Diamond camp.

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# Advice *For* Seniors

### Everything you need to know: Accessible Bathtubs vs Accessible Showers

AS we age we may find that once simple task of getting in and out of the tub for a shower is not so simple any more. While we age in place we have to be pro actively make that will keep us safe in our home. Then be pro-active by making changes that keep us safe & avoid serious injuries. More importantly doing these things before that serious injuries happen or becomes an Immediate NEED. Accessible bathtubs and showers are each designed to accommodate people in various stages of life some may have serious mobility impairments or other disabilities but there are differences between the two. Major **Differences** Accessible bathtubs are created to have features such as grab bars, lower thresholds, and nonslip surfaces to make getting into and out of them much easier for people with mobility issues. They are also much safer than regular bathtubs and some even have built-in seats as well as adjustable jets to provide therapeutic benefits for people who need them.

On the other hand, accessible showers have a lower threshold entry and exit, non-slip services, and guardrails. They are created to make the showering experience for people aging in place and those with with mobility issues much easier and even people with mobility aids, such as walkers or wheelchairs, can access these types of showers much easier than a bathtub. Some of these showers even come with seats or built-in benches for added convenience.

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### **Consider Your Needs**

The decision between installing an accessible bathtub or an accessible shower will depend upon the person's specific preferences and needs. For instance, if a person loves to soak in the bathtub but has mobility issues, an accessible bathtub with all its different features may be more beneficial. A person who requires a walker or wheelchair to get around may very well appreciate an accessible shower much more than a bathtub.

Each person should consult with their doctor, health care provider, or occupational therapist to decide which option is more suitable for their needs. It is important, also, that the person checks to ensure that the bathtub or shower they choose meets all safety requirements and accessibility standards.

### How Can We Make Your Life Easier?

We focus on safety whether you just need some Safety grab bars, A seat for your tub, possibly a non skid surface applied in the tub or kitchen area these small items like this can help reduce the risk of a serious fall with serious injuries Elevate your safety By calling One Day Bath inc who will help you solve these problems. Its our Mission to provide the most economical solutions because everyone deserves to feel safe and have a chance at staying in there home longer and live a better life. We made our mission to bring affordability to accessibility because no one else is doing it and someone had to! We offer affordable products like The TubcuT which Converts YOUR tub into a walk in shower no construction or plumbing done in one day and saves you 90% over replacement Lifetime warranty and fully reversible its the look & feel of a walk in shower without the high cost.

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# NOT ACCEPTABLE

- **BAGGED OR BUNDLED MATERIAL** PLASTIC BAGS SHREDDED PAPER Dairy tubs such as margarine, yogurt, sour cream. Plastic flower or shrubbery pots, plastic laundry baskets, plastic garbage cans or buckets. Garden hoses, plastic lawn furniture, plastic toys, plastic totes. PVC pipe/tubing, plastic, metal drums or 5-gallon water bottles. Motor oil bottles Plastic food storage containers or lids, plastic fast food containers, plastic cafeteria or microwave trays. Styrofoam of any type. BOTTLE CAPS AND JAR LIDS (PLASTIC OR METAL), plastic 6-pack holders, plastic cups, and plastic bags. Frozen food-ice cream or frozen juice containers. Waxed paper or waxed cardboard containers. Shelf-table cartons or refrigerated cartons (Milk, juice, egg substitute) File folders, stickers or address label sheet waste. Gray or chip board such as tissue, cereal, pasta, beverage carriers, gift boxes, pizza boxes, paper plates, paper to-go containers, paper towel or toilet tissue rolls. Soiled Cardboard Pizza boxes Aluminum foil or plastic wrap, shrink wrap and stretch film. Aluminum throw-away pans, plastic or metal deli trays. Dinnerware or glassware, window glass, mirrors, ceramic containers, ceramic knick knacks, Pyrex dish or cookware, Light Bulbs Pots and pans Scrap Metal Telephone books (recycle separately)
  - Aerosol cans for paint, lubricants, motor oil or other hazardous materials

NO PLASTICS OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED UNDER ACCEPTABLE

### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

### PLEASE NOTE RULES

NO MORE THAN 8 CUBIC YARDS OF BULK WASTE ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED FROM ANY SINGLE RESIDENCE DURING ANY ONE SCHEDULED COLLECTION.
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**BULK PICK-UP:** Large items such as furniture, doors, cabinets, mattresses and other large items will be picked up on your scheduled date. Windows, mirrors and other pane glass must be TAPED before they are put out for pick-up, or they will not be picked up. Broken pane glass (not bottles) must be placed in a separate reusable, not cardboard, container marked "Broken Glass." Please stack computers, TVs, stereos, DVDs & video players, etc. (all electronics with cords) separately curbside. As of January 2011, these items are banned from the landfill and must be recycled. These items can also be brought to the Whiting Recycling Center.

**LEAF PICK-UP:** Leaves and pine needles must be raked to the curb in a single row, no earlier than 2 days prior to the scheduled pick up. Leaves will be vacuumed up utilizing large equipment and a clear path is required. All vehicles should be parked away from leaf rows to expedite the process. Leaves mixed with any brush or debris will not be picked up. Brush and garden waste, clippings and other vegetative waste must be placed in a separate container. Branches must be tied into manageable bundles, less than 4-ft. long and under 50 lbs., with a max. branch diameter of 3-inches. Loose & unmanageable branches and waste will not be picked up.

WHITE GOODS/APPLIANCES & METAL ITEMS: Large household appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves & dishwashers as well as lawnmowers, bicycles & other large metal items, or items containing a significant amount of metal will be picked up on your Bulk Pick-Up dates. USEPA regulations require that freon be removed from such appliances as refrigerators, air conditioners & freezers before pick-up & disposal. Residents must contact a certified contractor to remove the freon from the appliance. A Certificate of Freon Removal must be placed on the unit before it can be picked up.

**CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS/BUILDING MATERIALS:** Drywall, shingles, plaster, untreated railroad ties, plywood, lumber, paneling, insulation, siding & porcelain fixtures will not be picked up at your home. It is requested that residents use a Private Container Service for home renovations. Small amounts of debris may be taken to the Whiting Recycling Center. Disposal of any debris generated by a building contractor is the sole responsibility of the contractor. Residents who are contractors CANNOT place their business waste & debris curbside during Bulk Pick-Up, nor can they bring it to the Whiting Recycling Center.

**TIRES, HAZARDOUS WASTE:** (Anti-Freeze, Paint, Thinners, Solvents, Chemicals, Asbestos, Household Cleaners, etc.) concrete, tree stumps, grass clippings, rocks and large branches will not be picked up and are not accepted at the Whiting Recycling Center. For disposal of these items, contact the OCEAN COUNTY NORTHERN RECYCLING CENTER at 732-367-0802. Automobile batteries may be taken to the Whiting Recycling Center.

**USED MOTOR OIL** will not be picked up. It should be taken to the Whiting Recycling Center on Rt. 70 in Whiting as long as the oil does not contain gas, water or antifreeze. Motor oil must be checked in by an employee.

**BRUSH & GARDEN WASTE** will be picked up on your scheduled Leaf & Brush Pick-Up Dates. No logs, stumps, grass clippings, bushes or trees with roots or debris from land clearing will be picked up.

**CARPETING** will be picked up provided it is cut up in 4-foot lengths, rolled and tied, and weighing not more than 50 pounds. Wet carpeting will not be picked up, it is the residents' responsibility to make sure that carpeting is not put out in the rain.

**MOTORIZED VEHICLES** such as dirt bikes, jet skis, scooters, boat motors & boats of any type will not be picked up and will not be accepted at the Whiting Recycling Center.

**PROPANE TANKS** will not be picked up and are not accepted at the Whiting Recycling Center.

**STICKERS** can be obtained at Town Hall, Room 103 or at the Public Works Garage on Rte. 70 in Whiting, by providing driver's license & vehicle registration showing a Manchester address. (New residents need to provide proof of residency such as a phone, cable, electric or gas bill. We DO NOT accept water or tax bills)

Residents of Manchester Township are permitted to bring household waste to the Ocean County Landfill on Rte. 70. Household waste, recyclables & bulk can be brought to the Whiting Recycling Center, provided you have a Township issued sticker on your vehicle. Stickers are issued only to people who reside in the Township. Landfill permits are not issued to landlords or property owners who do not reside in Manchester Township. Landfill permits will not be issued for commercial vehicles. Upon entry to the recycling center in Whiting, a valid Manchester driver's license must be presented to the booth attendant.

For more information, contact the Department of Public Works 732-657-8121 x3300

### 2026 MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP RECYCLING SCHEDULE

DATES IN BOLD & UNDERLINED ARE SATURDAYS DUE TO HOLIDAY ON REGULAR DAY

# REGARDLESS OF WEATHER CONDITIONS ALL RECYCLING MUST BE PLACED CURBSIDE THE NIGHT BEFORE YOUR PICKUP DATE

### **SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING:**

ALL RECYCLABLE MATERIALS ARE COMBINED IN A REUSABLE CONTAINER NO LARGER THEN 32 GALLONS. DO NOT SORT, DO NOT TIE OR BUNDLE CARDBOARD & NEWSPAPER. DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS.



### **ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLE MATERIALS:**

NEWSPAPER, MIXED PAPER & BROWN CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, CHIPBOARD, CEREAL BOXES, JUNK MAIL, MAGAZINES, USED WRITING PAPER, WHITE ENVELOPES, COMPUTER PAPER & CATALOGS.

COMMINGLED BOTTLES, CANS & PLASTICS; PLASTIC BOTTLES, STEEL & ALUMINUM CANS, ALUMINUM FOIL, FOOD CONTAINERS & GLASS BOTTLES. LEAVE CAPS/LIDS ON.

\*Note - Only Recycle Plastic Materials With The Recycling 1, 2 Or 5 Symbol On The Bottom Of Container. See Examples at right



### **NON-ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLE MATERIALS:**

PLASTIC BAGS (SHOPPING BAGS, FOOD STORAGE BAGS, ETC.), PLASTIC

BOWLS, PLANT CONTAINERS, PACKAGING MATERIAL, MEDICAL WASTE, DISHES, GLASSES, HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES, POTS & PANS.

TELEPHONE BOOKS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP WITH YOUR RECYCLING. YOU MAY DISPOSE OF THEM AT THE WHITING RECYCLING CENTER LOCATED OFF ROUTE 70 AT SAM PITTS ROAD.

NO SHREDDED PAPER or STYROFOAM.

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### 2026 MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP RECYCLING SCHEDULE

### **MONDAY:**

Roosevelt City, Fox Hollow, Beckerville, Timber Green, Crestwood 6, Reserve @ Lake Ridge

Jan. 12-26, Feb. 9-23, Mar. 9-23, Apr. 6-20, May 4-18, June 1-15-29, July 13-27, Aug. 10-24, Sept. 12-21, Oct. 5-19, Nov. 2-16-30, Dec. 14-28

### **TUESDAY:**

Pine Ridge & Pine Ridge South, Country Walk

Jan. 13-27, Feb. 10-24, Mar. 10-24, Apr. 7-21, May 5-19, June 2-16-30, July 14-28, Aug. 11-25, Sept. 8-22, Oct. 6-20, Nov. 3-17, Dec. 1-15-29

### **WEDNESDAY:**

Homes on Rt. 571 - north of Rt. 70 to Jackson border—Rolling Meadows, Ridgeway Mobile Park, Renaissance, Ridgeway Acres, River Pointe, Cedar Glen West, Wilbur Ave, Holly Oaks, Clearstream Estates, Autumn Ridge Townhomes, Brentwood

Jan. 14-28, Feb. 11-25, Mar. 11-25, Apr. 8-22, May 6-20, June 3-17, July 1-15-29, Aug. 12-26, Sept. 9-23, Oct. 7-21, Nov. 4-18, Dec. 2-16-30

### THURSDAY:

Cedar Glen Lakes, Village Green, Old Whiting, Meadows, Pasadena, The Woods, Woodlands

Jan. 3-15-29, Feb. 12-26, Mar. 12-26, Apr. 9-23, May 7-21, June 4-18, July 2-16-30, Aug. 13-27, Sept. 10-24, Oct. 8-22, Nov. 5-19, Dec. 3-17-31

### **FRIDAY**

Crestwood Villages 4 & 5, Schoolhouse Road

Jan. 2-16-30, Feb. 13-27, Mar. 13-27, Apr. 10-24, May 8-22, June 5-19, July 3-17-31, Aug. 14-28, Sept. 11-25, Oct. 9-23, Nov. 6-20, Dec. 4-18

### **MONDAY:**

Pine Lake Park-East, Southampton to Route 571, Leisure Knoll

Jan. 5-19, Feb. 2-16, Mar. 2-16-30, Apr. 13-27, May 11-30, June 8-22, July 6-20, Aug. 3-17-31, Sept. 14-28, Oct. 12-26, Nov. 9-23, Dec. 7-21

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### **TUESDAY:**

Pine Lake Park-West of Southampton, Savannah Acres, Pine Acres Manor, Ridge Creek, Summit Park, Commonwealth Woods, Karen Court Jan. 6-20, Feb. 3-17, Mar. 3-17-31, Apr. 14-28, May 12-26, June 9-23, July 7-21, Aug. 4-18, Sept. 1-15-29, Oct. 13-27, Nov. 10-24, Dec. 8-22

### **WEDNESDAY:**

Leisure Village West, homes on Rt. 571 - south of Rt. 70 to Toms River border—Leisure Ridge, Oak Knoll, Cedar Glen Homes, Richard Estates, Whitney Estates

Jan. 7-21, Feb. 4-18, Mar. 4-18, Apr. 1-15-29, May 13-27, June 10-24, July 8-22, Aug. 5-19, Sept. 2-16-30, Oct. 14-28, Nov. 11-25, Dec. 9-23

### **THURSDAY:**

Crestwood Villages 2 & 3

Jan. 8-22, Feb. 5-19, Mar. 5-19, Apr. 2-16-30, May 14-28, June 11-25, July 9-23, Aug. 6-20, Sept. 3-17, Oct. 1-15-29, Nov. 12-28, Dec. 10-24

### FRIDAY:

Crestwood Villages 1 & 7, Whiting Station

Jan. 9-23, Feb. 6-20, Mar. 6-20, Apr. 3-17, May 1-15-29, June 12-26, July 10-24, Aug. 7-21, Sept. 4-18, Oct. 2-16-30, Nov. 13-27, Dec. 11-26

### 2026 MANCHESTER BULK & LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULE

NO MORE THAN 8 CUBIC YARDS OF BULK WASTE ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED FROM ANY SINGLE RESIDENCE DURING ANY ONE SCHEDULED COLLECTION.

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### **ZONE 1 & RESERVE @ LAKE RIDGE**

ALL OF WHITING, BEGINNING AT THE BORDER OF LAKEHURST, WEST OF RTE 70, ALL OF BECKERVILLE, ROOSEVELT CITY, FOX HOLLOW, TIMBER GREEN, WOODS @ WHITING, THE PASADENA AREA, & WOODLANDS

BULK PICK-UP DATES
FEB 10 & AUG 27
LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP DATES
APR 28 & NOV 10

### **ZONE 2A & RIVER POINTE**

WHITNEY, RICHARD &
CLEARSTREAM ESTATES, RIDGEWAY
ACRES, QUARRY RD, RIDGEWAY
BLVD, SINGLE FAMILY HOMESRIDGEWAY AREA, RIDGEWAY
MOBILE HOME PARK, ROLLING
MEADOWS, JOHNSON, RICHMOND &
WASHINGTON AVES.
AUTUMN RIDGE & BRENTWOOD
BULK PICK-UP DATES

FEB 12 & SEPT 1
LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP DATES
MAY 5 & NOV 17

### **ZONE 2B**

HOLLY OAKS & WILBUR AVENUE

BULK PICK-UP DATES
FEB 19 & SEPT 8
LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP DATES
MAY 12 & NOV 24

### **LEISURE VILLAGE WEST**

BULK PICK-UP DATES MAR 3 & SEPT 17

### **ZONE 3A**

ALL SINGLE FAMILY HOMES ON OR OFF RTE 571 FROM RTE 527, UP TO MAPLEWOOD & FAIRFELD ST INCLUDES ALBERTA, LOCKHART, SEMINOLE, MIDWAY, LAKE, WELLINGTON PL. & LAWRENCE PL OAK KNOLL & RIVERWOOD CT.

BULK PICK-UP DATES
FEB 17 & SEPT 3
LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP DATES
MAY 7 & NOV 19

### **ZONE 3B**

ALL SINGLE FAMILY HOMES IN SAVANNAH ACRES AND SUMMIT PARK INCLUDING ALL SINGLE FAMILY HOMES ON ROUTE 37, RIDGECREEK, PINE ACRES MANOR, COMMONWEALTH WOODS & KAREN CT.

BULK PICK-UP DATES
FEB 24 & SEPT 10
LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP DATES
MAY 14 & DEC 1

### **ZONE 4A**

PINE LAKE PARK, 1ST AVE.
TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF
COMMONWEALTH, GLADSTONE
THRU MANCHESTER ST.
INCLUDING ALL DEAD-END
STREETS OFF MANCHESTER ST.

BULK PICK-UP DATES

MAR 12 & SEPT 29

LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP DATES

MAY 28 & DEC 15

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### 2025 MANCHESTER BULK & LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULE

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ZONE 4B  NORTH SIDE OF COMMONWEALTH BLVD TO RIVERSIDE & ALL DEAD- END STS. OFF MANCHESTER ST.  BULK PICK-UP DATES MAR 17 & OCT 1 LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP DATES JUNE 2 & DEC 17	CRESTWOOD VILLAGE 1  BULK PICK-UP DATES  JAN 6 & JULY 23  LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP DATES  MAR 24 & OCT 6	CRESTWOOD VILLAGE 2  BULK PICK-UP DATES  JAN 8 & JULY 28  LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP DATES  MAR 26 & OCT 8
CRESTWOOD VILLAGE 3  BULK PICK-UP DATES  JAN 13 & JULY 30  LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP DATES  MAR 30 & OCT 13	CRESTWOOD VILLAGE 4  BULK PICK-UP DATES  JAN 15 & AUG 4  LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP DATES  APR 1 & OCT 15	CRESTWOOD VILLAGE 5  BULK PICK-UP DATES  JAN 20 & AUG 6  LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP DATES  APR 7 & OCT 20
CRESTWOOD VILLAGE 6  BULK PICK-UP DATES  JAN 22 & AUG 11  LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP DATES  APR 9 & OCT 22	CRESTWOOD VILLAGE 7  BULK PICK-UP DATES  JAN 27 & AUG 13  LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP DATES  APR 14 & OCT 27	CEDAR GLEN HOMES & RENAISSANCE  BULK PICK-UP DATES  MAR 5 & SEPT 22  LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP DATES  MAY 21 & DEC 8
CEDAR GLEN WEST  BULK PICK-UP DATE FEB 26 & SEPT 15 LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP DATES MAY 19 & DEC 3  WHITING STATION, THE	CEDAR GLEN LAKES  BULK PICK-UP DATES FEB 3 & AUG 20 LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP DATES APR 21 & NOV 3  LEISURE RIDGE	PINE RIDGE & PR SOUTH  BULK PICK-UP DATES FEB 5 & AUG 25 LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP DATES APR 23 & NOV 5  LEISURE KNOLL
MEADOWS & COUNTRY WALK  BULK PICK-UP DATES  JAN 29 & AUG 18  LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP DATES  APR 16 & OCT 29	BULK PICK-UP DATES FEB 26 & SEPT 15 LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP DATES MAY 19 & DEC 3	BULK PICK-UP DATES  MAR 10 & SEPT 24  LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP DATES  MAY 26 & DEC 10

BULK ITEMS MAY BE PUT OUT PICK-UP NO EARLIER THAN 2-DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED PICK-UP DATE & MUST BE CURBSIDE NO LATER THAN 6:30AM ON THIS DATE.

ONCE YOUR HOME HAS BEEN PASSED, THERE WILL BE NO RETURN FOR PICK-UPS.

The Township will provide a **SPECIAL PICK-UP of BULK ITEMS** for the Death of a Homeowner, or if a resident is moving out of the Township. We do not provide a move "in" pickup service. Special bulk pick-ups must be requested IN PERSON by resident or family member only at the Public Works office in Town Hall. Families cannot be represented by a realtor. Proof of Residency must be provided along with a Death Certificate, Contract of Sale or Lease Agreement as conditions require. Realtors, landlords and rubbish removal contractors **will not** be permitted to apply for special pick-ups.

### Amato, Rumpf & Myhre: 2025 Senior Freeze Checks Now Being Issued

Senator Carmen Amato, Jr., Assemblyman Brian Rumpf, and Assemblyman Gregory Myhre are informing constituents that the New Jersey Division of Taxation has begun issuing 2025 Senior Freeze property tax reimbursement checks.

This year, more than 125,000 seniors across the state are expected to receive payment thanks to expanded eligibility and a new, streamlined application process. Seniors and disabled residents can now apply for all major state property tax relief programs using a single form: the PAS-1. This unified application covers the Senior Freeze, ANCHOR, and the new Stay NJ property tax benefit.

The 9th District Delegation issued the following statement:

"Helping our seniors afford to stay in their homes remains one of our top priorities. As property taxes continue to be a major concern for our residents, especially those on fixed incomes, we've stood strong in our support for fully funding critical relief programs like the Senior Freeze and ANCHOR initiatives."

"Our office is committed to helping residents navigate the PAS-1 process, which is why our Delegation has been so active in visiting senior communities throughout the district this year," said Amato, Rumpf, and Myhre. "We believe that meeting seniors where they are makes the biggest difference in ensuring they don't miss out on the relief they've earned."

The deadline to submit the PAS-1 application is October 31, 2025.

Residents of the 9th Legislative District who have questions or need assistance can contact the district office at 609-693-6700.

# Senate Committee Passes Amato Bill to Aid Seniors During Emergencies

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee has advanced bipartisan legislation sponsored by Senator Carmen Amato, Jr. (R-

9) and Senator Linda Greenstein (D-14) that would allow counties to provide additional assistance to senior citizens during natural disasters and other emergencies.

"New Jersey is no stranger to natural disasters, but during these emergencies, seniors often face challenges that can limit their access to potentially life-saving resources and services," said Sen. Amato. "This bill will help encourage seniors to register for additional assistance during emergencies, so counties can be better prepared to provide resources and care to the most vulnerable in our communities."

Senator Amato's bipartisan bill, S-3317, authorizes counties to establish a voluntary registry for senior citizens, aged 65 and older, to receive additional support during emergencies. Counties that choose to implement the registry would be required to conduct a public awareness campaign to educate seniors about the importance of registering.

In addition, the legislation permits participating counties to prepare and distribute emergency supply kits to registered seniors.

### Rumpf Blasts BPU's Tone-Deaf Testimony on Skyrocketing Electric Bills

Assemblyman Brian Rumpf blasted the Murphy administration and Board of Public Utilities President Christine Guhl-Sadovy following her testimony at a joint legislative hearing on electric bills, saying her comments were full of excuses, blame-shifting, and bureaucratic jargon while seniors and working families brace for crushing utility increases.

"President Guhl-Sadovy just spent nearly two hours explaining why the Murphy administration is powerless to stop 20% rate hikes. That's unacceptable," said Rumpf (R-Ocean). "While she's busy pointing fingers at PJM and federal regulators, seniors in my district are choosing between medicine and electric bills."

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### Amato, Rumpf & Myhre: 2025 Senior Freeze Checks Now Being Issued

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Rumpf, who has been a vocal advocate for lowering energy costs and increasing transparency at the BPU, said the president's testimony lacked real accountability and failed to deliver any immediate relief for residents.

"The BPU has become a glorified cheerleader for Murphy's expensive clean energy agenda, not a watchdog for ratepayers," Rumpf said. "Instead of fighting for affordable and reliable power, they're wasting time defending offshore wind boundoggles and solar subsidies while ignoring the people getting hammered by these bills."

During the hearing, Guhl-Sadovy acknowledged that the average electric customer will see bills jump by 17 to 20% starting this summer. She repeatedly deflected blame onto PJM, the regional transmission organization, and emphasized the Murphy administration's commitment to clean energy as a long-term solution.

Rumpf was not impressed.

"Seniors on fixed incomes don't have the luxury of waiting ten years for a clean energy utopia," he said. "They need help now. The BPU should be laser-focused on immediate relief—cutting rates, slashing fees, and forcing utilities to justify every penny—not rubber-stamping rate hikes and hiding behind federal acronyms."

# Myhre's Nuclear Energy Bill Gains Support Amid Soaring Utility Costs

In the wake of skyrocketing utility bills, legislation introduced by Assemblyman Gregory Myhre to expand New Jersey's energy supply with small modular nuclear reactors is gaining new momentum.

The Small Modular Nuclear Energy Incentive Act (A5103), introduced by Myhre in December, has now drawn nine Assembly co-sponsors and is being positioned by supporters as a key piece for the state's long-term energy affordability strategy. A companion bill (S3964) was introduced shortly after by Sen. Carmen Amato Jr.

"Residents are being crushed by electric bills, and the hearing on Friday made it clear that our current energy mix is not meeting the moment," said Myhre (R-Ocean). "We need real solutions, not just wishful thinking, and that means embracing reliable, zero-emission nuclear power."

The bill would create a program within the state Board of Public Utilities to solicit bids for the construction of small modular nuclear reactors, next-generation nuclear plants that produce substantial energy on a smaller footprint. Private developers would submit bids for per-megawatt-hour incentives through a competitive process.

"These modern reactors can provide the reliable base load energy we desperately need without carbon emissions, and without taking up thousands of acres of land or ocean," Myhre said.

Since its introduction, the bill has gained the support of Assembly members Rob Clifton, Victoria Flynn, Robert Auth, Christian Barranco, Christopher DePhillips, Claire Swift, Sean Kean, Gregory McGuckin, and Michael Inganamort. It is also sponsored by Assemblymen Brian Rumpf (R-Ocean) and John Allen (D-Hudson), in a rare show of bipartisan agreement on nuclear energy policy.

Myhre said small modular reactors are especially suited to meet the state's growing energy needs as industries like artificial intelligence, data centers and advanced manufacturing expand.

"The future is going to require more energy, not less. And the faster we embrace modern nuclear technology, the more secure and affordable our grid will be," he said. "It's time to stop pretending offshore wind can carry this burden alone. My constituents are deeply skeptical about wind's promises and deeply concerned about the environmental risks to our coastline."

The legislation has been referred to the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee. The Senate version is pending before the Senate Environment and Energy Committee.

# Committee Approves Amato Bill to Create Veterans Care Commission

The Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee advanced bipartisan legislation sponsored by Senator Carmen Amato, Jr. (R-9) and Senator Raj Mukherji (D-32) to establish a Veterans Cares Commission to study and address various challenges facing returning military service members.

"Far too often, service members returning home from active-duty face hurdles when it comes to employment, housing, and accessing healthcare," said Sen. Amato. "This commission would give us critical insight into these issues so we can craft better policies to support the brave men and women who've served our country."

Senator Amato's bipartisan bill, S-4246, would establish an 11-member commission under the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Its purpose is to identify and assess issues affecting service members as they transition to civilian life.

Under the bill, the commission would be required to prepare and submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature with its findings and recommendations.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide this legislative update as your 9th District Legislative Delegation and maintain an open line of communication with you.

As always, our Delegation is ready to serve you! If you or a family member has an issue regarding State Government, please do not hesitate to contact us via email: SenAmato@njleg.org</ri>
org<mailto:SenAmato@njleg.org> or via phone: 1-609-693-6700.





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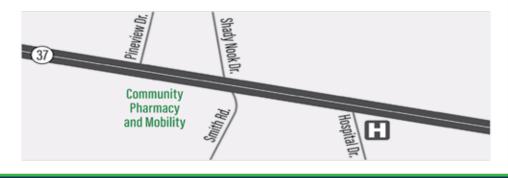
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