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A MESSAGE FROM

Mayor –

As summer comes to a close and our communities gear up for the new school year, I hope you've found time to recharge with family and friends while continuing the important work that keeps our towns thriving.

This season underscored the strength of local leadership. From extreme weather and flooding to the rare rumble of an earthquake, Mayors once again stood at the forefront — guiding residents through challenges with steady hands and compassionate hearts.

I encourage you to join us at our upcoming Policy to Practice session and Evening on the Bay. These gatherings are more than just events — they're opportunities to connect, share ideas, and strengthen our network of municipal leaders.

Details and registration information can be found below, along with updates in this month's IMPACT newsletter highlighting how NJCM continues to advance key conversations with our state partners.

Jason Cilento
Mayor, Borough of Dunellen
President, New Jersey Conference of Mayors

UPCOMING EVENTS

An Evening of Impact, Policy, Innovation & Connection on the Bay

Join the New Jersey Conference of Mayors for an inspiring evening that unites mayors, state leaders, business partners, and community voices. This two-part event is designed to spark ideas, strengthen partnerships, and move New Jersey forward.

Thursday, September 25
Bay Head Yacht Club
111 Metcalfe Street, Bay Head, NJ



**ONE NIGHT.
TWO POWERFUL PANELS.**

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Open to Mayors and Business Council Members

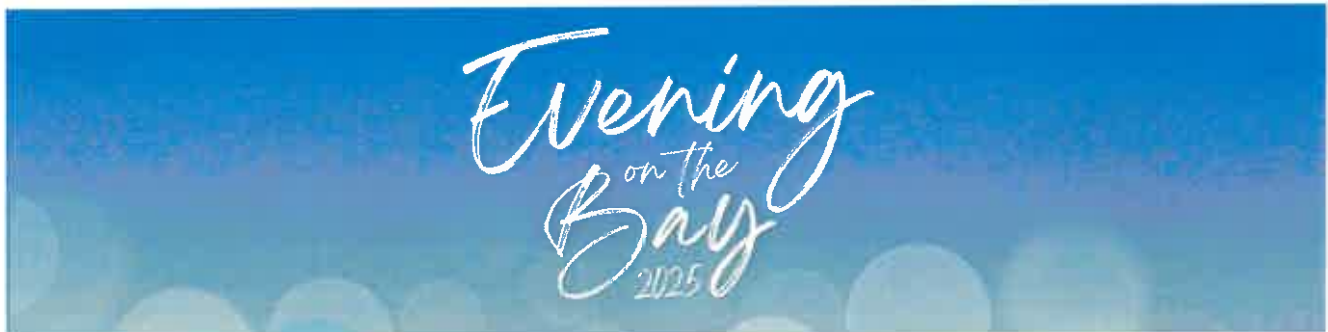
Join us for an engaging discussion on the future of energy in New Jersey—how innovation, resilience, and policy intersect to build stronger communities.

Panel I: Resiliency

Experts will explore how towns and counties prepare for the unexpected—and recover stronger. From emergency operations and volunteer mobilization to creative legal strategies that unlock new funding, this conversation will highlight multiple pathways to safeguard communities.

Panel II: Energy Innovation

New Jersey's utility leaders will share how towns can prepare for a cleaner, more resilient energy future, covering grid reliability, storm hardening, affordability, and the latest renewable and emerging technologies. Mayors will walk away with strategies ready to implement at home.



6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Reception for Mayors, Municipal Leaders & Business Partners

After the session, stay for a relaxed waterfront reception with food, drinks, and inspiring conversation. Last year's event brought together nearly 150 leaders and 40 organizations—don't miss this opportunity to connect and collaborate.

[Click here to register](#)

LEGISLATIVE ALERT

State Health Benefits Plan Update

Here are the key updates from this past week regarding the State Health Benefits Plan (SHBP) and upcoming changes for municipalities still in the program:

- **Rate Increases Approved:** SHBC adopted a **36.5% premium increase for Local Governments** and **19.7% for State employees** for Plan Year 2026.
- **Budget Requirement Repeal:** The Governor's Office will seek to repeal FY 2026 budget language mandating **\$100M in savings**, reducing the target to **\$75M**.
- **Deductible Changes:** New **\$110 in-network/\$220 family** and **\$750 out-of-network/\$1,500 family** deductibles for plans with lower amounts.
- **Out-of-Pocket Maximums:** New **\$2,500 individual/\$6,000 family** out-of-network maximums for plans with lower limits.
- **New Co-Pays:** Added co-pays for **GLP-1, generic, brand, specialty medications, lab visits, and imaging**.
- **Other Plan Adjustments:** Limits on **out-of-network physical therapy visits**, incentives for **in-network surgical centers**, and expansion of the **Centers of Excellence** program.
- **No Member Contribution Increase:** Members will **not see escalator increases** in contributions for Plan Year 2026.
- **Next Steps:** The Plan Design Committee will vote on changes by **September 30, 2025**; a Transition Working Group will review **long-term cost containment** strategies.

NJCM has launched a **HIF Task Force** to explore the pros and cons of joining a Health Insurance Fund (HIF) for municipalities not currently enrolled.

[Interested in the HIF Task Force? Click Here](#)

Help Shape Policy in Trenton

Last month we invited you to join one of NJCM's newly organized Legislative Subcommittees. These subcommittees give mayors a direct, bipartisan platform to shape policy, strengthen NJCM's advocacy efforts, and ensure local priorities are front and center in legislative discussions.

In August, all of the subcommittees came together for a joint meeting. Beginning in September, they will convene in their respective areas of focus to advance discussion and policy priorities.

Should you have a topic you would like a subcommittee to consider, please bring it forward to either of our Legislative Co-Chairs:

- Mayor Tim McDonough at timothymcdonough@embarqmail.com
- Mayor Paul Medany at mayor@deptford-nj.org

Legislative Subcommittee Subject Areas

NEWS & EVENTS



NJCM is looking for the right person to help us advance NJCM's operations with the creation of a new full-time staff position: **Director of Statewide Member Engagement**.

This role will strengthen NJCM's capacity in communications, legislative advocacy, event planning, and board operations—supporting both our internal functions and external engagement.

If you know a qualified candidate, please feel free to forward the posting, which is linked below.

Job Posting: Director of Statewide Member Engagement



Recently, Mayor Jason F. Cilento, Borough of Dunellen and President of the NJ Conference of Mayors, joined Jeanette Hoffman on her Energy Matters segment on ONNJ.com to discuss the energy challenges confronting New Jersey's local leaders.

These same issues will be part of the conversation at the Policy to Practice session during our upcoming Evening on the Bay event, where municipal leaders will continue exploring practical solutions.

Check out the entire segment below.

Energy Matters with Jeanette Hoffman



Mayor's Spotlight – Now Accepting Submissions!

Starting with our October IMPACT Newsletter, we'll be featuring a Mayor's Spotlight section to highlight the important work happening across New Jersey's municipalities.

Do you have good news to share from your community? Or are you working on an issue that connects with NJCM's advocacy priorities? Submit your story using the link below for a chance to be featured in an upcoming Spotlight.

The Fine Print Details:

- Each issue will include up to two Spotlights.
- Due to volume, content, or timing, not all submissions may be published.
- Each submission must include a photo and a short blurb (which may be edited prior to posting).

We look forward to shining a light on the leadership and accomplishments of New Jersey's mayors!

Submit your Mayor's Spotlight

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