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Civic Operations Group And The County Connections

by Jessica Tamayo, President Civic Operations Group

Robert Putnam's *Bowling Alone* sounded an alarm more than two decades ago about the decline of civic engagement in America. He warned that as people became more disconnected from one another; the risk of polarization and extremism would rise. While many hoped the internet might reverse this trend, social media has often deepened isolation instead of building connection.

The Civic Operations Group was created to push back against this disengagement by promoting real-world, face-to-face community involvement. Rather than allowing politics and governance to remain abstract and distant, the group works to make government personal, accessible, and proactive.

The COVID-19 pandemic magnified the problem of disconnection. Lockdowns and isolation left people cut off not just from one another, but also from public institutions and the services designed to support them. Out of this crisis, the Civic Operations Group developed a new approach: train local outreach teams to directly engage with residents, ensuring that communities knew what help was available and how to access it.

This model shifts government from being reactive—waiting for people to come forward—to proactive, where outreach workers meet residents where they are. Trained canvassers help even the most skeptical individuals navigate programs and services, reducing barriers and building trust.

One of the most important strengths of the Civic Operations Group is its adaptability. Community needs change quickly, and the outreach teams are trained to pivot seamlessly. On one day, they may be informing residents about food assistance programs; the next, they might be helping seniors with property tax relief or connecting families to mental health counseling. This flexibility ensures that outreach remains relevant, timely, and effective.

Somerset County: A Model for Community Engagement

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- Addiction and substance abuse counseling
- Behavioral health resources
- Food and nutrition
- Property tax relief programs
- Senior services

This work also paid a very rich dividend in creating opportunities to speak with residents about the role they could play in preventing opioid overdose deaths. More than 1,200 households were given life-saving Narcan kits and are better prepared to respond to future emergencies.

The project has gone beyond simply distributing resources. Somerset County Commissioners have joined canvassers in going door to door and meeting constituents directly at community events. From ice cream socials and minor league baseball games to National Night Out celebrations, these events have provided residents opportunities to connect in person with both government leaders and their neighbors.

The Civic Operations Group is also at work in other counties across the state:

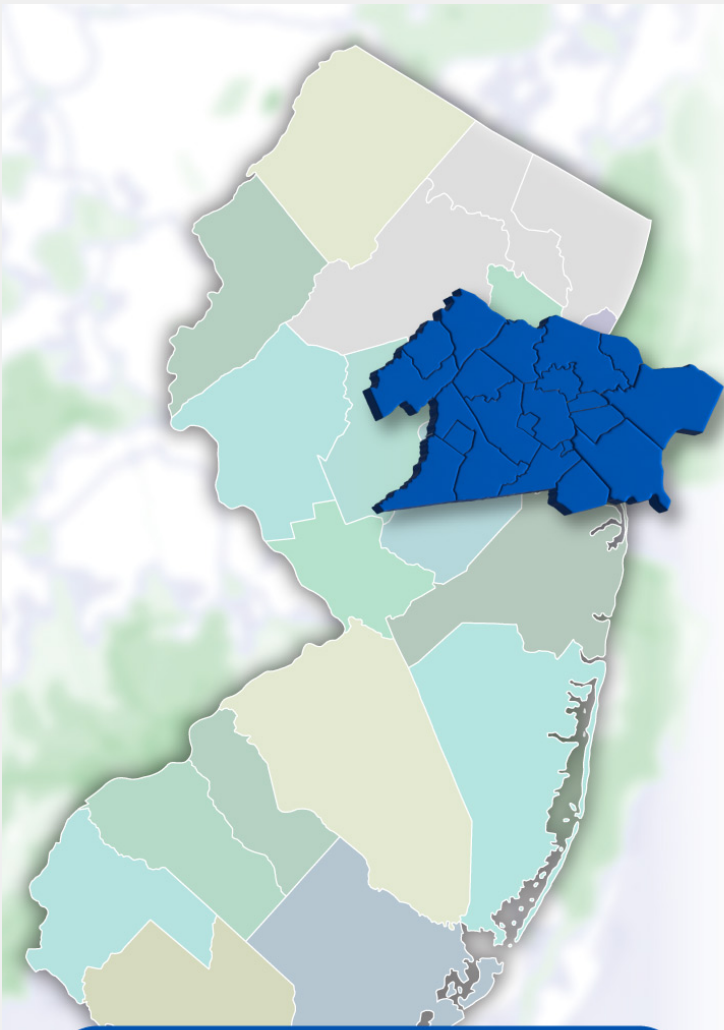
- **Burlington County** – Outreach workers are helping residents register to vote and educating them about the benefits of Voting by Mail. Strengthening civic participation strengthens democracy itself.
- **Hudson County** – The outreach team is focused on ensuring residents are aware of the wide range of government programs available to them, reducing the gap between services and the people who need them most.
- **Union County** – Outreach efforts here have centered on connecting residents with housing resources and utility assistance, addressing two of the most pressing affordability issues families face today.

The work of the Civic Operations Group reminds us that civic engagement is not just about elections or policy debates—it is about people. By showing up at doorsteps, community gatherings, and neighborhood events, these teams are rebuilding the very fabric of connection that Putnam once warned was fraying.

In Somerset and beyond, counties that embrace this proactive, human-centered model are seeing results: residents more aware of their options, families more connected to needed services, and communities strengthened by trust.

The Civic Operations Group's mission is simple but powerful: bring government back to the people, one conversation at a time.





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The Overspending Crisis: Living Beyond Paychecks

by Donna Moore, My Debt Navigator

The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) National Financial Capability Study (2024) reports that **26% of Americans spend more than they earn each month**. At first glance, that might sound like just another number. However, when one in four households consistently outspends their income, the result is predictable: growing reliance on credit cards, personal loans, and other forms of debt just to keep up with everyday expenses.

This reliance on borrowed money doesn't just reflect poor budgeting, it signals a structural problem. Rising costs of living, stagnant wages, and easy access to credit have created conditions where debt becomes the default safety net. For many, credit cards cover groceries, gas, or unexpected medical bills. In this context, debt is less about overspending on luxuries and more about survival, which makes the cycle even harder to break.

This imbalance doesn't only show up in bank statements. It creates a ripple effect: bills pile up, savings goals are postponed, and interest charges accumulate. What begins as "I'll cover it next month" turns into years of revolving debt, often stretching well beyond what families can realistically repay. Over time, this pattern undermines financial stability, leaving households vulnerable to stress, creditor calls, and delayed milestones like retirement or home ownership.

Get clarity on your budget, your rights, and your debt. My Debt Navigator will help you understand where you stand and how to move forward with confidence.

Please contact Donna Moore for more information :

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Celebrating 30 Years Of PKA Technologies

by Nicole Buccola, Marketing Assistance, PKA Technologies, Inc.

This year marks an incredible milestone for PKA Technologies: our 30th anniversary. What started as a small, determined IT reseller has grown into a trusted technology partner serving organizations across industries. Three decades later, our mission remains the same: to empower businesses with the right technology solutions, delivered with expertise, care, and integrity.

Over the years, we've watched technology transform at lightning speed. We've seen server closets evolve into clouds, tape backups replaced by object storage, and dial-up connections turn into high-speed networks that keep the world connected. Through every shift, PKA has adapted right alongside our customers, helping them navigate change, optimize performance, and stay secure in an increasingly digital world.

But while technology never stops changing, our values haven't. At the heart of PKA is a people-first philosophy. We believe strong relationships fuel strong outcomes, and that commitment has carried us through three decades of growth. Many of our customers, partners, and team members have been with us for years, and we're proud to call them part of the PKA family.

Our 30th anniversary isn't just a chance to reflect on where we've been. It's an opportunity to look ahead. The next era of IT brings new opportunities and challenges: from artificial intelligence and advanced analytics to cloud modernization, cybersecurity, and beyond. PKA is ready for the future, and we're excited to continue guiding organizations through it.

We want to thank every customer, partner, and team member who has been part of our journey. Your trust and collaboration have made PKA what it is today. As we celebrate 30 years, we're reminded of a simple truth: technology is powerful, but it's people who make it matter.

Here's to the next 30 years of innovation, growth, and partnership, powered by PKA.

Contact Us

We'd love to hear from you! Whether you're looking to explore new IT solutions, join us at an upcoming event, or simply connect, the PKA team is here to help.

Email: solutions@pkatech.com

Phone: (845) 357-0170

Website: www.pkatech.com

Visit us at our upcoming events:

EdgeCon: October 9th

New Jersey School Board Association Conference : October 20-22nd

Brainstorm Conference: November 17th



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This month, and every month, the New Jersey Department of Children and Families urges all citizens to seek help when needed.

**If you or someone you know
is being abused, break
the cycle - end the silence.**

GET HELP!

Take the first step.



**Call the domestic violence hotline.
1-800-572-SAFE (7233)**

[TTY ACCESSIBLE]

Help is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

All calls are confidential.

Translation is available in any language.



Network Systems Health Check

by HPE Aruba Networking

Is your county's IT infrastructure running at peak performance? Are you confident in your network's security, reliability, and scalability?

The Network Systems Health Check is a vendor-agnostic, no-cost, 1-hour consultation led by an experienced Aruba Network Systems Engineer. This session is designed to help counties assess the current state of their IT environment—regardless of whether Aruba equipment is in use.

☑ What's Included:

- Review of network architecture and performance
- Evaluation of security posture and vulnerabilities
- Assessment of operational processes and workflows
- Identification of areas for optimization and modernization

🧠 Why It Matters:

Many counties reach a point where their IT systems have grown complex, and visibility across the network becomes limited. Performance issues, security concerns, or aging infrastructure may arise—but pinpointing the root cause can be difficult without a comprehensive review.

This health check provides:

- A clear snapshot of your network's current state
- Actionable insights to guide future upgrades or changes
- Confidence in your infrastructure before major investments

📅 Schedule Your Health Check:

Whether you're planning a network refresh, expanding services, or simply want peace of mind, this assessment is a smart first step.

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Wednesday, October 8, 2025
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

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- Fund your education
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Government's New Dynamic Duo: GIS And AI

By Megan Olson, Director of Marketing, Polimorphic

Some things work better together and for local governments, two of the most powerful tools are [Geographic Information Systems \(GIS\)](#) and Artificial Intelligence (AI). On their own, each brings value. GIS maps and analyzes the “where,” while AI explains the “why” and “what’s next.” Paired together, they give New Jersey governments smarter tools to serve residents and build more responsive communities.

GIS: The Mapmaker of Government

GIS is more than maps. It tells a story about a community — highlighting which neighborhoods are prone to flooding, where traffic bottlenecks occur, or which parcels are primed for redevelopment. It provides the “where” behind nearly every civic question.

AI: The Data Detective

If GIS is the mapmaker, AI is the detective. It sifts through data, spots patterns, and makes predictions. Whether anticipating budget overruns, forecasting infrastructure breakdowns, or answering resident questions at any hour, AI offers governments the “why” and “what’s next” to stay ahead.

The Power of GIS + AI Together

When combined, GIS and AI transform static maps into living, decision-making tools:

- **Citizen Engagement:** Pairing GIS-powered maps with AI chatbots gives residents clear, location specific answers instantly, reducing staff workload.
- **Planning & Development:** AI-enhanced GIS runs scenarios to show how new projects will affect traffic, schools, or utilities — offering a “crystal ball” backed by data.
- **Infrastructure Management:** GIS pinpoints where repairs are needed, while AI helps prioritize based on urgency, cost, and long-term impact. Residents can even report issues online, with AI sorting requests for the right teams.
- **Disaster Response:** During floods, fires, or storms, GIS shows where problems are happening, while AI predicts how they might spread — enabling faster, more effective emergency response.

Building Smarter Communities in New Jersey

GIS and AI aren’t about flashy technology. They’re about helping governments work smarter, stretch taxpayer dollars further, and strengthen trust with residents. Together, they save time, improve decision-making, and create more resilient communities.

The Road Ahead

The partnership between GIS and AI is only beginning. As these tools evolve, the opportunities for smarter planning, faster response, and deeper engagement will expand. Now is the time for agencies to integrate GIS and AI, so their communities don’t just keep up — they get ahead.

Takeaway: GIS tells you *where*. AI tells you *why* and *what’s next*. Together, they’re shaping the future of local government.

[Learn more about how Polimorphic uses GIS to better serve New Jersey residents here.](#)

The logo for Polimorphic features the word "polimorphic" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. The letters "i" and "o" are blue, while the rest are black. There are horizontal lines above the "i" and "o" and below the "p".

Federal Grant Opportunities

The US Department of Transportation's Build America Bureau announced the [Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Grant Program](#), making up to **\$45.98 million** available to help public entities assess their existing assets and explore innovative financing, alternative delivery, and public-private partnership opportunities. Grants up to **\$2 million** are available, with the first million requiring no local match. Two types of grants are available under the program: Technical Assistance Grants and Expert Services Grants. The Build America Bureau will hold a free [informational webinar](#), with presentation slides available on their [website](#) following the event. Please email InnovativeFinanceTA@dot.gov with any questions and [subscribe for updates](#).

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 1, 2025.

The US Environmental Protection Agency announced more than **\$9 million** in grant funding for their [Midsize and Large Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program](#) to help protect drinking water from cybersecurity threats and improve resiliency for extreme weather events. Eligible applicants for this [grant program](#) include public water systems that serve a population of 10,000 people or more. Projects or programs that may be funded through this opportunity are those which aim to increase the resilience of a water system to natural hazards, extreme weather events, or reduce cybersecurity threats. Please contact Resiliencygrant@epa.gov for questions.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 6, 2025.

SAVE THE DATES

**NJAC Virtual Workshop
October 29, 2025**

**NJAC Year-End Summit
December 19, 2025**

**NJAC Conference
May 6-8, 2026**

Discover What's New In The NJSTART Marketplace

By Tania Dinis, Marketing Communications Manager, SOVRA

Purchasing just got a whole lot easier for New Jersey's public agencies. The **NJSTART Marketplace**—the state's official procurement platform—has been upgraded with new tools and features that make it faster, smarter, and more convenient to buy the goods and services your agency needs.

Whether you're outfitting a department, sourcing technology, or restocking supplies, the enhanced NJSTART Marketplace is designed to support your workflow from start to finish.

What's New?

Direct Vendor Communication

Have questions about a product or service? Now you can message vendors directly through the platform to get timely answers, quotes, or support.

Contracted Vendor Punchouts

Browse and shop from contracted vendor catalogs right inside the Marketplace—seamlessly and securely.

Effortless Cart Sharing

Speed up internal approvals and streamline your purchasing process with the new cart sharing functionality.

Intuitive User Interface

An updated look and feel makes browsing more efficient, so you can find what you need with fewer clicks.

Smart Filtering & Keyword Search

Quickly search by contract category, vendor, or item using a single, powerful search field. It's never been easier to locate contracts that meet your needs.

Statewide Purchasing Power

Access **competitive pricing** through **reliable, vetted contracts** that meet all state procurement laws—so you can buy with confidence.

A Wide Selection at Your Fingertips

The NJSTART Marketplace offers an expansive range of products and services—all in one centralized platform.

Whether you're a seasoned procurement professional or just starting to use NJSTART, these enhancements are built to simplify your purchasing journey and help you make informed, compliant decisions.

See It in Action

NJSTART holds quarterly webinars where we provide helpful information and tips and tricks on how to use NJSTART. If you are interested in signing up for these webinars, are having a personal training session for yourself or your team, please contact us at coop-njstart@mdfcommerce.com.

For more information, visit njstart.info.



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Our Events Are Just Getting Started

MRA International would like to give a special thank you to all those who attended our 3-Day InterNETworking event in July! We're excited to see continued growth in the years to come. Now that Summer is wrapping up, it's time to look ahead to our next event!

October 20th – 23rd, NJSBA Workshop at The Atlantic City Convention Center, New Jersey

- Booth #515
- Your ticket to big ideas and bright futures!
- Come join thousands of school leaders and evolve the landscape of education

November 18th – 20th, NJ League of Municipalities 110th Annual Conference at The Atlantic City Convention Center, New Jersey

- Booth #1416
- Come join us for the largest municipalities conference in the nation
- The NJ League of Municipalities Annual Conference provides extensive learning opportunities, meaningful face-to-face networking, and a comprehensive showcase of the latest product innovations

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NACo Webinars

Public Education Strategies to Tackle County Challenges: Mental Health, Workforce and Gun Violence

Thursday, October 2
2 p.m. - 3 p.m. ET

[Register](#)

This event will take place on Zoom Webinar. Please email nacomeetings@naco.org with any questions regarding registration or login issues.



Join us for an insightful webinar with the Ad Council as they share their best practices on leveraging public education to help counties tackle three urgent challenges: the mental health crisis, workforce development, and gun violence prevention.

The Ad Council will highlight key messaging approaches, lessons learned from national campaigns and provide turn-key ways to help counties elevate their efforts in these critical areas.

During the session, we'll explore how counties can:

- Support parents and youth in navigating the growing mental health crisis
- Collaborate with employers to advance skills-first hiring practices
- Foster constructive, nonpartisan conversations around gun violence prevention

Don't miss this opportunity to gain practical resources and insights to strengthen your county's public engagement initiatives!

Navigate Cyber Insurance Hurdles

Monday, October 6, 2025
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET

[Register](#)

This event will take place on Zoom. Please email nacomeetings@naco.org with any questions regarding registration or login issues.

Safeguarding counties from cyber attacks in today's complex digital environment is a formidable challenge, especially when faced with tight budgets, limited resources, and the competing demands of diverse stakeholders. Cyber insurance offers a crucial safety net, but many counties find themselves grappling with the affordability and management of such coverage.

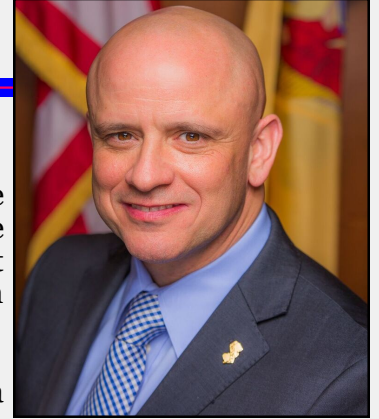
Join us for an exciting discussion with experienced county leaders as we uncover the hurdles governments face in securing cyber insurance. We will explore the evolving cyber threat landscape and reveal how a comprehensive cyber insurance assessment can offer practical solutions to bolster defenses and streamline coverage acquisition.

Key discussion points:

- **Understanding the cyber threat landscape:** Gain insights into prevalent cyber threats impacting counties and strategies to mitigate risks.
- **Challenges in acquiring cyber insurance:** Discover the obstacles counties face in securing coverage and learn how to overcome them.
- **Exploring a cyber insurance assessment:** Understand how an assessment can streamline insurance acquisition and potentially reduce premiums by aligning security needs with insurance carrier requirements and nationally recognized frameworks.
- **Cyber carrier questionnaire answers:** Following the assessment, cyber leaders gain access to answers for diverse carrier questionnaires to maintain coverage.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Before the September 19th deadline, NJAC provided formal comments to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) concerning the implementation of the revised New Jersey Protection Against Climate Threat (PACT)/Resilient Environment and Landscape (REAL) rules set to take effect in 2026.



John G. Donnadio, Esq.

Although NJAC's Board of Directors certainly recognizes that climate change and sea level rise impose a documented risk to local governments across the State, NJAC is concerned with the long-term economic and social consequences the rule proposal will inflict on new development, redevelopment, and the renovation of existing development. As currently drafted, the revised proposal fails to take into consideration how the new standards will affect a county's ratable base of which is critical for delivering essential services to those in need. With this in mind, and based on the comprehensive analysis of the Notice of Substantial Change prepared for the Cape May County Board of Commissioners on August 15, 2025 and submitted for public comment accordingly, NJAC respectfully requests that NJDEP consider taking the following actions:

1. Delay implementation of the NJ PACT/REAL rules to provide stakeholders with additional opportunities to consider how the regulations will affect them and their communities and to determine whether the rules comply with corresponding federal regulations.
2. Conduct a comprehensive and independent fiscal analysis on the potential economic and social impact of the proposed regulations.
3. Engage the New Jersey State Legislature to enact PACT/REAL rules through the legislative process, which includes public hearings and committee meetings.
4. Dedicate funding in the State budget to assist local governments with implementation of the regulations along with grant monies for resiliency efforts to comply with the new standards.

Importantly note that county and municipal governments across the State, and on both sides of the aisle, have made similar recommendations as they offer a measured and reasonable approach that effectively balance the risks imposed by climate change and sea level rise with the long-term economic and social needs of the Garden State. Moreover, NJAC urges the NJDEP to consider a more moderate regulatory and legislative approach that actively engages stakeholders at the local and federal levels along with the business community and residents.

NJAC YEAR END SUMMIT

*December 19, 2025
More Details to Follow*

Trenton Country Club - West Trenton, NJ

EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			<p>Smithville Oktoberfest¹</p> <p>10/4 & 10/5 10:00am-5:00pm</p> <p>Historic Smithville Village <i>Smithville Atlantic County</i></p>	<p>Collingswood Book Festival²</p> <p>10/4 10:00am-4:00pm</p> <p>Haddon & Irvin Avenues <i>Collingswood Camden County</i></p>	<p>4-H Fall Fling & Car Show³</p> <p>10/4 10:00am-2:00pm</p> <p>County Fairgrounds <i>Millville Cumberland County</i></p>	<p>Italian American Festival⁴</p> <p>10/4 & 10/5</p> <p>Mercer County Park <i>West Windsor Mercer County</i></p>
<p>Cranberry Fest⁵</p> <p>10/4 & 10/5 11:00am-5:00pm</p> <p>Downtown Bordentown Farnsworth <i>Bordentown Burlington County</i></p>	<p>Hunterdon Harvest Fest⁶</p> <p>10/4</p> <p>Historic Main Street <i>Flemington Hunterdon County</i></p>	<p>Family Fun Day & Heritage Awards⁷</p> <p>10/4 2:00pm-6:00pm</p> <p>Warinanco Park <i>Roselle Union County</i></p>	<p>Annual Bluegrass Festival⁸</p> <p>10/11 12:00pm-7:00pm</p> <p>Pine Tavern Distillery <i>Monroeville Salem County</i></p>	<p>Lopatcong 5K Your Way⁹</p> <p>10/11 8:00a.m.</p> <p>Middle School <i>Lopatcong Warren County</i></p>	<p>Italian Street Festival¹⁰</p> <p>10/10 - 10/12</p> <p>Seaside Heights <i>Seaside Heights Ocean County</i></p>	<p>Bedminster Fall Fest¹¹</p> <p>12:00pm-5:00pm</p> <p>River Road Park <i>Bedminster Somerset County</i></p>
<p>Oktoberfest¹²</p> <p>10/11 & 10/12 12:00pm-5:00pm</p> <p>Turkey Brook Park Event Field <i>Flanders Bergen County</i></p>	<p>HarvestFest¹³</p> <p>10/16 5:00pm-8:00pm</p> <p>Middlesex County College <i>Edison Middlesex County</i></p>		<p>Thompson Park Day¹⁵</p> <p>10/19 11:00am-5:00pm</p> <p>Thompson Park <i>Lincroft Monmouth County</i></p>	<p>Cape May Fall Birding Festival¹⁶</p> <p>10/16 - 10/19</p> <p>Field Trips <i>Cape May Cape May County</i></p>	<p>Strut Your Mutt Costume Parade¹⁷</p> <p>10/18 10:00am</p> <p>Branch Brook Park <i>Newark Essex County</i></p>	<p>Harvest, Honey & Garlic Festival¹⁸</p> <p>10:00am-4:00pm</p> <p>Conservatory County Fairgrounds <i>Augusta Sussex County</i></p>
<p>18th Century Field Day & Fall Fest¹⁹</p> <p>10:00am-4:00pm</p> <p>Red Bank Battlefield <i>National Park Gloucester County</i></p>					<p>Hudson County Fall Fest²⁴</p> <p>10/25 12:00pm-6:00pm</p> <p>Pacific Avenue <i>Jersey City Hudson County</i></p>	<p>PUMPKIN ILLUMINATION²⁵</p> <p>5:30pm-7:30pm</p> <p>Vail Mansion Plaza <i>Morristown Morris County</i></p>
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