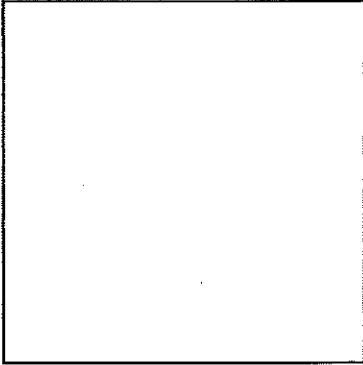


**County Report**  
February 2019



**Board of Chosen Freeholders**

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**COUNTY SPOTLIGHT**

**Freeholder Director's Message**

On behalf of the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders, I am pleased

to present the first issue of the Passaic County Newsletter for 2019. Each month, this newsletter will feature upcoming County events you and your family may enjoy, as well as information to guide you to services and programs available to County residents. We encourage you to take advantage of all that Passaic County offers: our "Rich History" and our "Bright Future." The Passaic County Freeholders are committed to providing high quality services and being responsive to the needs and questions of all County residents. Learn more at [www.passaiccountynj.org](http://www.passaiccountynj.org). - *Freeholder Director John W. Bartlett, Esq.*

## FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

### Passaic County Introduces 2019 Budget

On February 12, 2019, the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders introduced the 2019 budget with no increase to the tax levy. The 2019 budget reflects continued efforts to regenerate and grow fund balance ensuring financial stability, proactively increasing reserve accounts to protect taxpayers, and engagement with municipalities and school districts to continue implementing share services agreements. Furthermore, the Freeholder Board is continuing its investment in improving the Passaic County Park System, is funding vital programs protecting seniors, veterans, and Passaic County's most vulnerable citizens, and is executing its plan to invest in key infrastructure assets vital to economic development.

"The 2019 Passaic County budget is being introduced with no increase to the tax levy – a testament to the sound financial practices and policies implemented by the Freeholder Board. There are no financial gimmicks in this budget," stated Passaic County Freeholder Director John W. Bartlett. "On the contrary, proactive appropriations into reserve funds protecting taxpayers from unforeseen financial liabilities. And as important, we continue to invest in Passaic County's infrastructure, parks and historic sites, and economic development initiatives that are vital to our future."

For more information on the 2019 budget, please [visit our website](#).

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### Board of Chosen Freeholders 2019 Meeting Dates

Tuesday, January 22  
Tuesday, February 12  
Tuesday, February 26  
Tuesday, March 12  
Tuesday, March 26  
Tuesday, April 9  
Tuesday, April 23  
Tuesday, May 14  
Tuesday, May 28  
Tuesday, June 11  
Tuesday, June 25  
Tuesday, July 16  
**3rd Tuesday of month**  
Tuesday, August 13  
Tuesday, September 10  
**Public Safety Academy**  
**300 Oldham Road, Wayne**  
Tuesday, September 24  
Tuesday, October 8  
Tuesday, October 22  
Monday, November 18  
**3rd Monday of month**  
Tuesday, December 10  
Monday, December 30  
**Meeting begins at 10:00 AM**

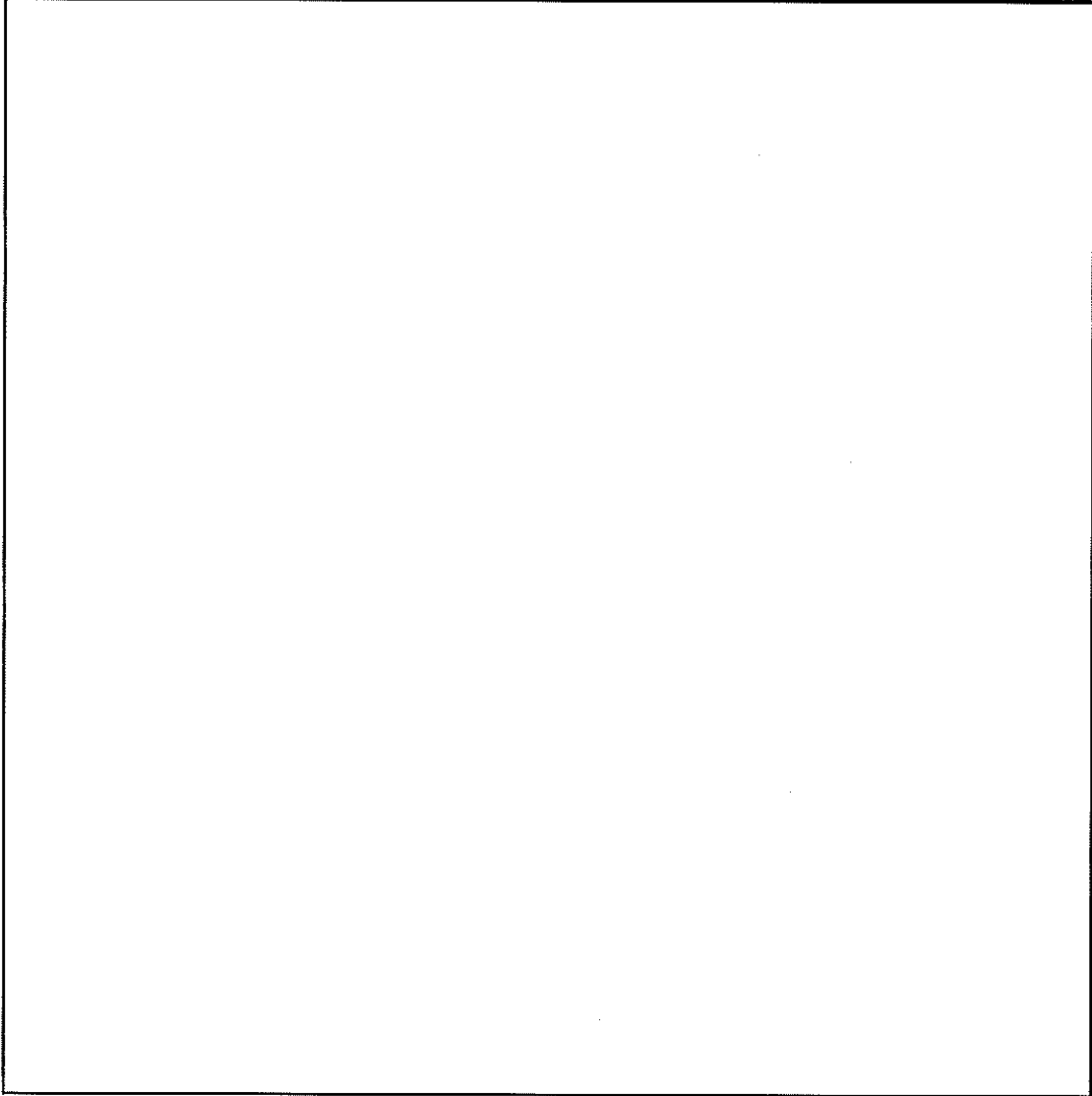
The Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders holds meetings at 6:00 p.m. with a conference agenda beginning at 5:30 p.m. Each meeting is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. In July, the meeting is on the third Tuesday and in November, the meeting is on the third Monday. There will be one meeting in August. The last meeting of the year will be at 10 a.m.

Meetings are held in the Freeholders' Board Room in the Administration Building located at 401 Grand Street in Paterson. The Freeholders regularly travel to other town halls to enhance citizen access to the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Videos of previous Freeholder Board meetings are available on the [Passaic County YouTube channel](#).

## LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

### Code Blue Alerts



A Code Blue alert is declared when temperatures drop below the freezing point and weather conditions pose a danger to at-risk individuals. The Code Blue Alert allows authorities to take homeless people to local shelters or other agencies, known as Warming Centers. These shelters make additional beds and space available until conditions improve and the alert is called off.

If you are aware of any unsheltered homeless individuals in need of a warming center, please contact the Passaic County Sheriff's Office Dispatch at (973) 389-5951 and advise the dispatcher that there is an at-risk individual in need of shelter under the Passaic County Code Blue Alert Plan.

Code Blue Alerts are published on all Passaic County social media pages and on the County website. For warming shelters in Passaic County and more information on Code Blue, please visit <https://www.nj211.org/nj-warming-centers>.

## SERVICES

### County Clerk Outreach Sites

The Clerk's Office will process Passport applications, issue Notary Oaths and Veteran's Photo ID Cards on the following dates:

**Tuesday, February 19**

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM** at the Totowa Public Library  
537 Totowa Road at Cherba Place, Totowa, NJ 07512

**Thursday, February 21**

**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM** at the North Haledon Municipal Building  
103 Overlook Avenue, North Haledon, NJ 07508

**Tuesday, February 26**

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM** at the North Haledon Municipal Building  
103 Overlook Avenue, North Haledon, NJ 07508

**Wednesday, February 27**

**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM** at the Hawthorne Municipal Building  
445 Lafayette Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506

**Thursday, February 28**

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM** at the Clifton Municipal Building  
900 Clifton Avenue, 2nd Floor (Health Dept.), Clifton, NJ 07011

**Thursday, February 28**

**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM** at the Little Falls Library  
8 Warren Street, Little Falls, NJ 07424

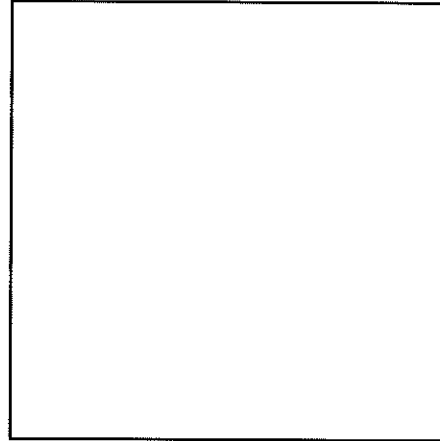
For future outreach dates, please visit the [Passaic County Clerk's page](#) on our website.

## HEALTH AND ENERGY

## Free Eye Screenings

The Passaic County Department of Health will hold free eye screenings for residents on Thursday, February 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please call the Passaic County Department of Health at (973) 881-4396.

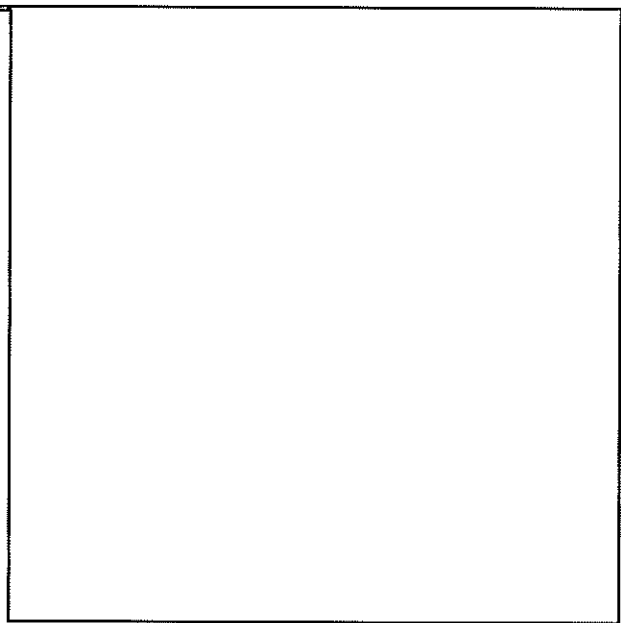
**Thursday, February 28, 2019**  
Center City Mall - P Level  
301 Main Street  
Paterson, NJ 07505  
**10:00 AM - 1:30 PM**



## PARKS AND PROJECTS

**Celebrate Washington's Birthday at Dey Mansion**

Celebrate General Washington's birthday on Saturday, February 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Dey Mansion. Visitors can take part in our salute to George Washington, eat cake, and learn more about the country's first president. Special appearances will be made by New Jersey's local militia and the General himself. The day will be filled with 18th-century dancing, music, demonstrations, and crafters. For more information call (973) 706-6640 or email [deymansion@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:deymansion@passaiccountynj.org).

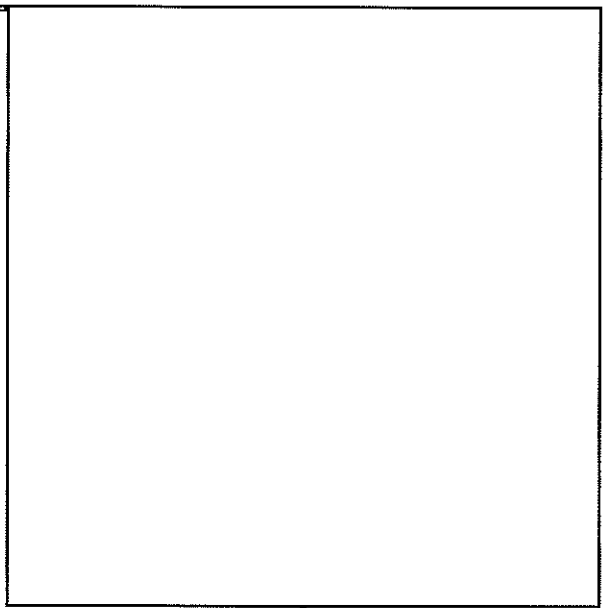


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## Yoga at the Vanderhoef House

Join us every Friday morning from February 8 thru to March 29 for free yoga sessions at the historic Vanderhoef House, located in Weasel Brook Park. Sessions will run for one hour, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Please bring your own yoga mat.

Our sessions will be conducted by Delana. Delana is the founder and creative force behind YogaCentric, as well as a Clifton resident. As a child, Delana started out a dancer and during her college years she began to focus more on her acting and singing careers. Delana holds a



B.F.A. in Music/Theatre from Illinois Wesleyan University, and is a member of Actor's Equity. Her passion for dance and musical theatre and their physical demands are what brought her to the fitness industry. Between acting jobs Delana has worked regularly over the past 20 years as an personal trainer, group fitness instructor, and a Yoga Teacher. Never planning to leave "show

business," her life ambition changed when she got married and relocated from Manhattan. Her combined love for yoga, fitness and teaching have culminated in the inspiration for her creation – YogaCentric!

Delana is currently certified through A.C.E., A.F.A.A., and is an E- R.Y.T. through Yoga Alliance, she is also CPR/AED certified through the Red Cross.

Space is limited within the historic house. Please call (973) 706-6640 to reserve your spot or email [andrea@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:andrea@passaiccountynj.org) for more information.

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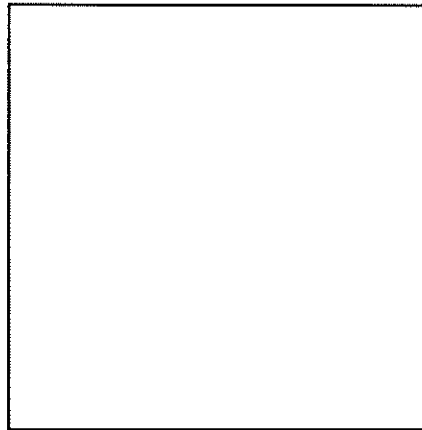


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