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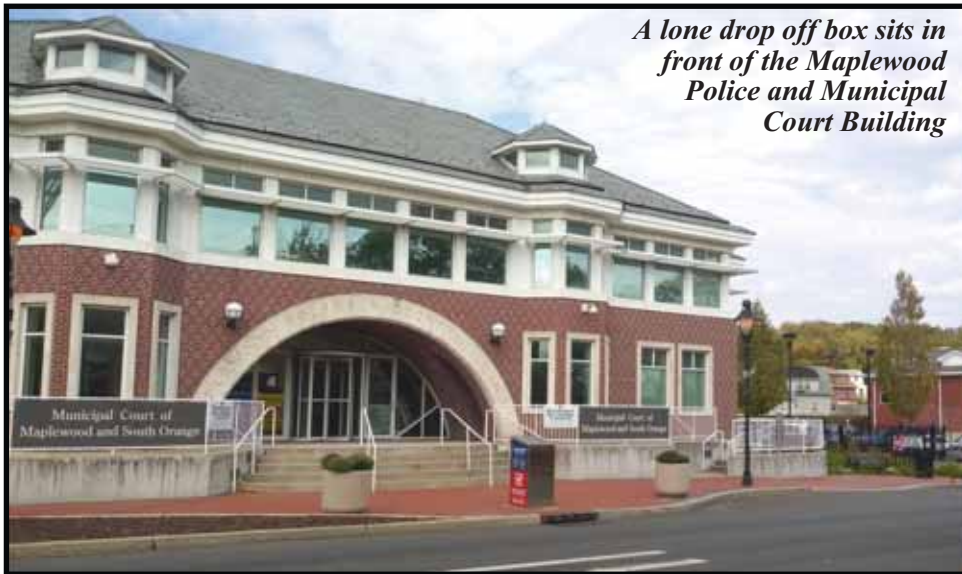
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## VOTING BY MAIL IN ESSEX COUNTY



*A lone drop off box sits in front of the Maplewood Police and Municipal Court Building*

By Walter Elliott

**MAPLEWOOD** - Registered voters in the "Local Talk News" area are taking advantage of early voting, based on observations at several Essex County-deployed drop boxes since Sept. 21.

"Local Talk" was walking here along 1618 Springfield Ave., the Maplewood Police and Municipal Court Building around 9 a.m. that Monday when another pedestrian walked up to the drop box, deposited her ballot and walked on.

"Local Talk" has since seen several people walk up and deposit their "Vote By Mail" ballots at the Hilton neighborhood location.

It is not just Maplewoodians exercising their right to vote in the Nov. 3 General Election early - as seen in South Orange and East Orange.

The "Local Talk" delivery crew saw a man walk up to South Orange's drop box - under the village's railroad station gazebo on

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## PRESIDENT TRUMP: COVID-19 AFTERMATH

*Dozens More Test Positive...  
Others Being Tested for Virus*

**WASHINGTON** - The most powerful man on the planet is now recovering from the most powerful force of 2020.

U.S. President Donald Trump, along with First Lady Melania Trump and White House adviser Hope Hicks, have all tested positive for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Contact tracing has already begun for all those in the President's inner circle.

After an Oct. 1 interview with Sean Hannity on Fox News - in which he condemned white supremacy and the Proud Boys - Trump sent two tweets. First, he posted, "Hope Hicks, who has been working so hard without even taking a small break, has just tested positive for Covid 19. Terrible! The First Lady and I

are waiting for our test results. In the meantime, we will begin our quarantine process!"

Then, just minutes into the early morning of Oct. 2, this tweet stopped everything: "Tonight, @FLOTUS (Melania Trump) and I tested positive for COVID-19. We will begin our quarantine and recovery process immediately. We will get through this TOGETHER!"

Trump's son Barron and daughter Ivanka, as well as her husband Jared Kushner, have tested negative. Vice President Mike Pence and his wife Karen have also tested negative. Meanwhile, former VP Joe Biden, who debated Trump on Tuesday, tested negative,

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**Editorial**

*Dhiren Shah*  
Editor-In-Chief

*Hello Readers,*

There are two things on everyone's mind lately. One is the presidential election and the other is the coronavirus. Besides those two subjects, there are many subjects to talk about. I don't mean that we should not talk about those two subjects. We all will. But we should think and talk about other matters too.

October 7 marked the big debate for the possible future presidents (if something happens to the president) at the Vice Presidential debate between Vice President Mike Pence and Senator Kamala Harris. The debate was set in Salt Lake City, Utah and Susan Page of USA TODAY's Washington Bureau Chief was tapped as the moderator.

This is the only debate scheduled between Pence and Harris. However, the crucial nature of the debate was clear. Joe Biden's health is a concern due to his age and apparent mental decline, and President Trump is battling COVID-19, so we have to think about the person next in line to the presidency.

According to the authorities, the Most Dangerous 10 US cities are: 1. Detroit, Michigan, 2. Memphis, Tennessee, 3. Birmingham, Alabama, 4. Baltimore, Maryland, 5. St. Louis, Missouri, 6. Kansas City, Missouri, 7. Cleveland, Ohio, 8. Little Rock, Arkansas, 9. Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 10. Stockton, California. Chicago and New York are among the worst 25 cities. Especially Chicago, with about 500 murders a couple years in a row and one year over 700 murders, is statistically not the most dangerous city in the US. I am surprised. Chicago has the highest murder count in the country according to the Wall Street Journal. Followed by Phil-

adelphia, New York, Houston and Los Angeles. More and more violence is spreading all over the country. Instead of being united, it is more divided since I came here in 1978. Rather than looking for who is at a fault and blaming anyone, let's find the solutions.

Newark and the surrounding cities in Local Talk's base area are not improving in this pandemic. Some follow the rules of face coverings, and some don't. Some follow social distancing, and some do not. I understand people are tired of the coronavirus, but we must follow the direction of the CDC to prevent a spike in corona cases. Fifteen days ago, there were about 250 to 350 cases daily in New Jersey. Now, it is about 600 to 800 cases daily. In New York, they have rolled back some reopenings. Be careful and follow the guidance.

Mail-in balloting is a convenience for the voters, as they are doing on their time in their home. I know someone whose daughter received four ballots in

her own name. Someone else I know received two ballots in the mail. If both persons mail the extra ballots they received (four and two), what happens? Do all the ballots count? Are we ready for the mail-in ballot system? Is fraud possible? What is the percentage of this happening? If it is negligible, we should forget about it.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has lifted the ban on all businesses throughout that state. However, the local authorities still have the right to enforce some restrictions. Florida has seen a decline in coronavirus cases since the end of July. But no restrictions, means they don't have to have face coverings, and that is dangerous. Every state will go their own way and when the spread starts, they'll start asking for taxpayers' dollars. That should be restricted too.

*Have a wonderful week.*

*I'll talk to you next week.*

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HI 64	HI 68	HI 77	HI 70	HI 68	HI 70	HI 70
LO 46	LO 56	LO 61	LO 59	LO 61	LO 56	LO 55

# NEWARK MAYOR & PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR MOURN DETECTIVE LOST TO CORONAVIRUS



**NEWARK** - Mayor Ras J. Baraka and Public Safety Director Anthony F. Ambrose have announced with deepest regret the passing of Newark Police Detective Marcus Thomas, 50, who succumbed to Coronavirus complications on Monday, Sept. 28, according to his family.

“Sadly, the City of Newark has lost a truly good man who was a friend and a brother to all,” Mayor Baraka said. “Detective Thomas dedicated his life to public service and to honorably serving with an impeccable character of personal and professional dignity. Our deepest condolences are offered to Detective Thomas’ family. We share in your grief and mourning.”

“It’s heartbreaking that Detective Thomas has become the sixth member of the Newark Police Division lost to COVID-19 complications,” Director Ambrose said. “Detective Thomas served the City of Newark for 27-years and took exceptional pride in his work from early on as a patrolman, up to his last assignment in the Office of Professional Standards. He was always happy-go-lucky and greeted everyone with a smile. He touched each of our lives and we will miss him dearly.”

Detective Thomas joined the Newark Police Division in May 1993. His assignments included Central Communications, Safe City Task Force, Neighborhood Enforcement and the Office of Professional Standards.

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## TRUMP TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

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along with running mate Kamala Harris.

Later that day, Trump experienced shortness of breath and a mild fever, complications consistent with COVID-19. He was then transported to Walter Reed Military Hospital for more treatment. After a few days under care and medications, Trump was dismissed from the facility on Oct. 5.

“Don’t be afraid of Covid. Don’t let it dominate your life. We have developed, under the Trump Administration, some really great drugs & knowledge. I feel better than I did 20 years ago!” Trump tweeted before his departure from Walter Reed. This is one of two dozen tweets the President had within the span of a few hours.

Others within the inner circle of the pres-

idency also tested positive. This includes at least: former NJ Governor Chris Christie, advisor Kellyanne Conway and her daughter Claudia, Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany, Senators Mike Lee and Thom Tillis, and Notre Dame President John Jenkins. Most of them attended an event celebrating the nomination of Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court.

Within the incubation period of the virus, the President attended a fundraiser event in Bedminster, New Jersey. At least 206 people were said to have been possibly exposed in an initial round of contact tracing.

Current NJ Governor Phil Murphy called the Bedminster event reckless and said that it put lives at risk.

Despite his condition, Trump posted on Twitter that his scheduled Oct. 15 debate with Biden will still take place.

## VOTING BY MAIL

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Sloan Street - and dropped in his ballot the morning of Oct. 1.

There was a line of three cars before East Orange's drop box, before City Hall at 44 City Hall Plaza, just past lunch hour that Thursday. The lead driver was seen getting out to make his deposit.

The drop box part of how county and state and state officials are handling the first socially-distant General Election in U.S. history seems to be working well.

Most of the personnel and resources to conduct this election, from the distribution of VBM Ballots to the siting of a limited number of voting machine polling stations, should be in place by now.

The Essex County Board of Elections and County Clerk-Elections Division began mailing out the VBMBs through the United States Postal Service, since late September, with an "all-delivered" goal of Oct. 5.

Your own VBMB delivery, to paraphrase those car ad mileage disclaimers, may vary.

Some West Orange voters' ballots were delayed when its bundle of mail was somehow dumped behind a North Arlington shopping center. (See “Town Watch” item on Page 6.)

A resident of Newark's North Ward Woodside section received his ballot Oct. 2 - - but with the printed name of the tenant who moved out some two years ago.

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## **UNITED STATES**

### ***McAfee Charged with Tax Evasion***

If your computer uses McAfee as its antivirus program, you might want to read this.

On Oct. 5, an indictment was unsealed charging John David McAfee with tax evasion and willful failure to file tax returns, announced Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Richard E. Zuckerman of the Justice Department's Tax Division and U.S. Attorney D. Michael Dunavant for the Western District of Tennessee. The June 15, 2020 indictment was unsealed following McAfee's arrest in Spain where he is pending extradition.

According to the indictment, John McAfee earned millions in income from promoting cryptocurrencies, consulting work, speaking engagements, and selling the rights to his life story for a documentary. From 2014 to 2018, McAfee allegedly failed to file tax returns, despite receiving considerable income from these sources. The indictment does not allege that during these years McAfee received any income or had any connection with the anti-virus company bearing his name.

According to the indictment, McAfee allegedly evaded his tax liability by directing his income to be paid into bank accounts and cryptocurrency exchange accounts in the names of nominees. The indictment further alleges McAfee attempted to evade the IRS by concealing assets, including real property, a vehicle, and a yacht, in the names of others.

If convicted, McAfee faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison on each count of tax evasion and a maximum sentence of one year in prison on each count of willful failure to

file a tax return. McAfee also faces a period of supervised release, restitution, and monetary penalties.

An indictment merely alleges that crimes have been committed. The defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Zuckerman and U.S. Attorney Dunavant commended special agents of IRS-Criminal Investigation, who conducted the investigation, and Trial Attorney William Guappone of the Tax Division and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Matthew Wilson and Damon Griffin, who are prosecuting the case.

## **EUROPE**

### ***Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict Escalates***

The United Nations Secretary-General has condemned the continuing escalation of violence in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone, reminding all sides of their obligations under international humanitarian law to protect civilians and civilian infrastructure.

Secretary-General António Guterres "is gravely concerned by reports of the extension of hostilities, including the targeting of populated areas," read a statement issued by his spokesperson, Stéphane Dujarric, on Oct. 5.

"He reminds all sides of their obligations to protect civilians and civilian infrastructure under international humanitarian law," the statement added.

The Secretary-General also underlined that there is no military solution to the conflict and urged the sides to immediately cease all hostilities.

He appealed to all relevant regional and international actors to actively exercise their influence to achieve an urgent end to the fighting and return to negotiations under the auspices of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs.

At a regular press briefing, Mr. Dujarric provided a humanitarian update on Nagorno-

Karabakh, noting that the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) remains deeply concerned about the ongoing hostilities along the line of contact in the conflict zone.

"Our humanitarian colleagues tell us that the hostilities reportedly continue to cause the loss of civilian lives and injuries, as well as damage to civilian properties and infrastructure," he said.

"From the beginning of the latest round of hostilities to today, more than 40 civilians have reportedly been killed and more than 200 others have been wounded on both sides. Hundreds of houses have been seriously damaged," added the spokesperson.

Mr. Dujarric called on all sides to respect international human rights law and international humanitarian law, in particular by ensuring the protection of the civilian population and by preventing damage to essential civilian infrastructure.

"The UN country teams in both Yerevan and Baku stand ready to respond to humanitarian needs as they emerge. Neither government has requested international assistance from us," he added.

In a statement released by UN Children's Fund UNICEF, the agency noted that it was now 10 days since violence "escalated dramatically" in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone.

There are already reports of four children killed and seven injured, said the agency, noting that "without an end to the fighting, these figures will tragically increase."

"The fighting is destroying homes, and damaging schools and other essential infrastructure. We urge all parties to protect civilians and civilian infrastructure, from further harm, in line with international and humanitarian law."

## **ASIA**

### ***Unprecedented Indian Engineering***

An ambitious plan to make one of the world's largest and most complex railway networks a net zero carbon emitter by 2030 is moving full steam ahead, although without the steam, thanks, in part, to support from the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP).

With over 68,000 kilometers of track and serving over a mind-boggling eight billion passengers a year, Indian Railways is vast and amongst the most complicated and involved transport systems in the world.

And, perhaps not surprisingly, moving hundreds of thousands of passengers each day across tens of thousands of kilometers of network requires enormous amounts of energy, energy which in the past has often been provided by burning polluting fossil fuels. Those fuels have been identified as one of the key drivers of climate change.

India's transport sector contributes to 12 percent of the country's harmful climate-inducing gas emissions with railways accounting for about 4 percent of that. One solution is to actually use the railways more and road transport less. Indian railways has committed to increasing the amount of freight transported by rail from about 35 percent in 2015 to 45 percent by 2030."

Even though it takes a lot of fuel to move a train, passenger and freight-mile emissions are much lower than levels recorded by vehicle traffic.

"Due to economic development and increased consumption, there is an increasing demand on the resources," said Vinod Kumar Yadav, Chairman of the Railways Board.

The Indian Government has been working on greening the railways, with over half of the network electrified, and a target to electrify the entire network in the next three to four years. Electrification would introduce a more centralized, efficient power system and make higher emitting diesel engines redundant.

"We need to take care of the

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**WORLD NEWS FLASH**

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environmental concerns along with the economic development to ensure sustainability’, said Mr. Yadav. “Indian Railways has embarked on a mission to improve energy efficiency and replace fossil fuel sources with renewable energy sources like solar and wind to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030.”

Reaching that goal would mean eliminating emissions of 7.5 million tons of carbon dioxide (CO2) each year, about the same as two coal power plants.

The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) has been supporting the efforts of Indian Railways, providing advice and training on sustainability and the green economy.

Atul Bagai, Head of UNEP’s India Office, said, “India’s rail network has long been an integral part of the country’s societal fabric. Greening the railways not only is vital to achieve the Government’s climate objectives but is also an important symbol of India’s environmental initiative. UNEP is proud to assist these efforts through training and other support.”

**CARIBBEAN**

**Haiti Under Duress**

Violent protests sparked by the murder of a high-profile legal scholar are threatening to push Haiti into a spiral of instability, Special Representative Helen La Lime told the Security Council on Oct. 5, as she outlined UN efforts to help overcome the impasse engulfing the country.

Special Representative Helen La Lime, who also heads the UN Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH), said apprehension about the future has been palpable since the Aug. 28 assassination of Monferrier Dorval, President of the Port-au-Prince Bar Association, a tragedy that, for many, epitomizes the weak state of the rule of law across the

Caribbean nation.

“The slaying of Maître Dorval constitutes a tragic loss for Haitian society as he represented an example of civic engagement and commitment to the promotion of the rule of law,” she said, stressing that even the perceptions of insecurity - especially in populous neighborhoods of Port-au-Prince - have grown more acute, with gangs challenging State authority and a “Fantom 509” fringe group of disaffected police officers bringing disorder to the capital city.

As police and judicial authorities struggle to meet Haitians’ legitimate demands for accountability, violence persists. “The widespread perception of impunity which these dynamics elicit can only be countervailed by ensuring that the rights of victims of human rights violations and abuses are upheld and that perpetrators are held to account,” she said.

To be sure, the National Police service has consistently proven its operational proficiency since assuming sole responsibility for providing security, she said. Yet, it would still require at least 10,000 well-trained and equipped police officers to meet internationally accepted policing standards.

Officers need to be adequately funded and equipped by their Government to overcome recurrent shortcomings, she stressed.

Stressing that acute political polarization and weak State institutions are well-known catalysts for violence, she said President Jovenel Moïse’s appointment of a new Provisional Electoral Council has similarly elicited “strong reactions” from the Court of Cassation, purportedly because of its lack of representativeness and scope of mission.

“The continued lack of trust between political forces is impeding all but the slightest progress on priorities that had previously garnered a wide consensus across the political spectrum”, she said - notably on the need to reform the constitution - prior to fresh elections.



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**Newark, NJ, October 5, 2020** - Matthew Montgomery, DO, MBA, MPH, has joined the Advanced Heart Failure Treatment and Transplant team at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

“Dr. Montgomery is a welcome addition to our team. His expertise in the growing field of interventional heart failure will enhance our ability to deliver advanced minimally invasive and non-surgical treatments to heart failure patients,” said Sergio Waxman, MD, MBA, Director of Cardiology, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Dr. Montgomery is a cardiologist whose specialties include advanced heart failure, mechanical circulatory support, heart transplantation and coronary interventions.

“I am honored to join a team

with such a rich history of providing advanced heart failure treatments to Newark and the surrounding communities. I look forward to partnering with our patients as we work together to aggressively battle advanced heart failure,” said Matthew Montgomery, DO, MBA, MPH, cardiologist with the Advanced Heart Failure Treatment and Transplant program at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Prior to coming to Newark Beth Israel, Dr. Montgomery was an Internal Medicine Hospitalist at Morristown Medical Center, Aria-Jefferson Health and Nazareth hospitals in Philadelphia. He completed his Interventional and General Cardiology fellowships at Deborah Heart and Lung Center, and his fellowship in Advanced Heart Failure and Transplantation at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Dr. Montgomery holds a Master’s in Public Health from Yale School of Public Health and a Master’s in Business Administration from St. Joseph’s University. He completed his medical education at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and his internal medicine residency at Aria-Jefferson Health.

To make an appointment with Dr. Montgomery, please call 973-926-7205 or visit [rwjbh.org/heart](http://rwjbh.org/heart).

# TOWN WATCH

**DISCLAIMER:** The following items are primarily drawn from first responders. Responders' accounts may not be their full activity range. Grand juries hand down indictments when evidence presented them warrant a trial. Named suspects/defendants are innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

**NEWARK** - Video recordings of Archbishop Emeritus John J. Myers' Requiem and Memorial Masses, respectively held in Peoria, Ill Sept. 30 and here at the Cathedral Basal Basilica of the Sacred Heart Oct. 2, may be found on the Diocese of Peoria Facebook page and the Archdiocese of Newark's YouTube link.

Myers, 79, had died in a Peoria care center Sept. 24. He had moved out of his Pittstown, N.J. retirement home in January to be closer to his relatives.

John Joseph Myers, who was born in Earlville, Ill., was Bishop of Peoria when Pope John Paul II called him July 24, 2020 to succeed Theodore McCarrick as Archbishop of Newark - who was moved to Washington, D.C.

Myers, despite being formally appointed Oct. 9, 2001, literally walked into a four county jurisdiction whose 1.3 million Roman Catholics were coping with the effects of the Sept 11 terrorist attacks. He presided over many funeral and memorial masses those first weeks.

Myers' tenure, noted for his conservative approach, had its controversial aspects. His creation of a consultation board on the status of the Archdioceses' schools led to some difficult closures.

Some critics felt that Myers had not been more assertive in the handling of sexually abusive priests. The purchase and expansion of a retirement home for Myers, though acquired in 2002 with private donations and the sale of McCarrick's beach house, served as a bad optic.

Pope Francis, who accepted Myers' 75th birthday resignation

Nov. 7, 2016, appointed then-Indianapolis Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin to succeed him.

**IRVINGTON / MAPLEWOOD** - Authorities are still looking for the motorist who struck and killed an Irvington woman on a border avenue here Sept. 28.

Maplewood Police officers told ECPO Major Crime Unit detectives said they had responded to a hot-and-run report at "1016" Chancellor Ave, 2:50 that Monday morning.

They arrived to find Johanne L. Barthelemy, 29, lying on the avenue next to her parked Nissan Murano. Bathelemy, who also goes by "JoJo" and "Lala Barth," was declared dead at the scene.

The location, just east of Lightning Brook, is by an entrance to Olympic Industrial Park, which replaced Olympic Amusement Park here in 1966-70. A makeshift shrine has been placed there in Bathelemy's memory.

No funeral arrangements have been announced.

**EAST ORANGE** - Two city men and three Newarkers are accused by federal prosecutors for running a narcotics sales ring within the latter city's Reservoir Site Townhouses since their Sept. 17 arrest.

Rasheed Gilbert, 27, said U.S. Attorney Craig Carpenito that Thursday, was charged with one count of distributing cocaine and a count of distributing cocaine and heroin in January 2020.

Rahjohn Montgomery, 27, added Carpenito, was charged with one count of heroin distribution and one count of distributing heroin, fentanyl and cocaine this June.

Gilbert, Montgomery plus Newark men Naim Frazier, 32, Dayvon Rogers, 29, and Rasheen Thomas, 25 are accused of selling the narcotics in and around the West Ward housing complex from January to September. They eventually sold the drugs to informants who were working with the Newark Violent Crime Initiative task force.

Frazier, for the record, was charged with one count of distributing cocaine and fentanyl in

January. Rogers was charged with two counts of cocaine distribution Aug. 1 - Sept. 16. Thomas was charged on an overall six counts of distributing cocaine and heroin June 1 - Aug. 30.

Carpenito thanked EO Police Chief Phyllis Bindi, Newark Public Safety Director Anthony Ambrose, Essex County Sheriff Armando Fontoura and Acting Essex County Prosecutor Theodore "Ted" Stephens II, among 12 Newark VCI local, county, state and federal agency partners, for their assistance in this case.

## East Orange Teen Shot Dead

Acting Essex County Prosecutor Theodore N. Stephens, II, and East Orange Police Director Domingos Saldida announced that the East Orange Police Department and the Essex County Prosecutor's Office Homicide/Major Crimes Task Force are investigating a homicide.

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, Antoine Sanga-Niangara, 16, of East Orange was fatally shot in the area of 165 Lincoln Street in East Orange. The East Orange High School student was pronounced dead at the scene at 1:52. p.m.

No arrests have been made. The investigation is active and ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Essex County Prosecutor's Office Homicide/Major Crimes Task Force at 1-877-TIPS-4EC or 1-877-847-7432. Calls will be kept confidential.

**ORANGE** - A 10 a.m. viewing and 11 a.m. funeral for city man Rahjah N. Robinson, Jr. has been set for Oct. 13 Newark's Cotton Funeral Home, 1025 Bergen St.

Robinson, 27, said Acting County Prosecutor Stephens and Orange Police Director Todd Warren, was shot along with two others along the 200 block of Oakwood Place Sept. 30.

OPD officers, responding to shots fired calls, found the fallen trio at 8:27 p.m. there. All three were rushed to Newark's University Hospital but Robison died there at 9:10 p.m.

Authorities believe that all three were the victims of a drive-by shooting. Their investigation

is continuing.

**WEST ORANGE / NORTH ARLINGTON** - Those West Orange residents who were wondering why they received their mail later than usual Oct. 4 may have found a reason by a North Arlington trash bin Oct. 2.

Two borough passers-by told North Arlington Police that they found 200 to 300 lbs. of printed mail alongside an industrial dumpster along the Forest Street side of 19 Schuyler Ave. 3 p.m. Friday. 19 Schulyer is a shopping plaza shared by Jack's Super Foodtown and a Santander Bank branch.

The duo, one of whom posted photos on his Facebook page, noticed the all- printed materials included more than a few Essex County Vote By Mail ballots.

NAPD called the United State Postal Service Police, who took over the investigation. The mail was recovered and, according to USPS-Northern New Jersey spokesman George Flood, delivered.

"The mail you referenced was reported, collected and delivered," said Flood from his Newark office. "This matter was turned over to our Office of Inspector General. We're unable to comment further at this time."

"We were told by USPS over the weekend," said Gov. Phil Murphy's Chief Counsel Matt Platkin Monday. "The mail was retrieved from the dumpster and put back into the mail stream."

**MONTCLAIR** - Cuban Pete's Restaurant got its third violation on Gov. Phil Murphy's indoor dining executive orders in three months on Oct. 3. The Bloomfield Avenue eatery also got mentioned by State Police Superintendent Col. Patrick Callahan in Murphy's Oct. 5 Coronavirus Briefing.

Montclair police and health department officers said that they found the volume of diners during their Saturday visit there in excess of the statewide 25 percent of capacity limit. Exceeding that limit is in violation of Murphy's Executive Order No. 183.

Cuban Pete's have been cited twice in August for having indoor dining. The first, on Aug. 7, (Continued on page 7)

# SPORTS WRAP



By William Hathaway

Local teams took to the field for some New Jersey high school football this past week. The Orange High School Tornados blew away Barringer 55-13. OHS got stellar performances from Senior Montez Boswell who led orange with 205 yards and four touchdowns on 15 carries, along with Edwin Thomas' seven runs for 101 yards and a touchdown, and Maurice Williams' 35 yard TD run.

In more action, the Irvington Blue Knights defeated Bayonne 32-6 for their first victory of the year, while the Shabazz Bulldogs beat Central High 16-8, Weequahic defeated Newark Collegiate 54-0 in a lopsided game. The East Orange Campus Jaguars defeated Livingston 33-6 at home, and Montclair tamed rival Bloomfield 57-14. Leading Montclair was Senior Michael

Robinson who passed for 193 yards and three touchdowns.

In pro football, the NY Giants are still winless on the year, thanks to a 17-9 to the LA Rams. Also winless are the Houston Texans, who fired coach and GM Bill O'Brien. Closing out Week 4 was two Monday night football games, which was caused by the Sunday scheduled New England vs. Kansas City game being pushed back due to a positive COVID-19 test from Patriots QB Cam Newton. The Chiefs won that game 26-10, while the traditional Monday Night contest saw Green Bay beat Atlanta 30-16.

Finally, legendary St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Bob Gibson passed away on Oct. 2 after a bout with pancreatic cancer. Gibson went 251-174 with a 2.91 ERA and over 3,000 strikeouts in his career. He was 84.

## TOWN WATCH

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was just after what owner Domenic Restaino said was a sudden rain shower. The second, on Aug. 23, was for having diners indoors before closing time.

Although Murphy has since allowed 25 percent indoor dining, the first two violations have been aired in Montclair Municipal Court last month.

**BLOOMFIELD** - If you thought you had paid too much for an aerosol can of spray disinfectant from a supermarket here around March 11, then there are two high state officials who more than agree with you.

Attorney General Gurbir Grewal and Acting Consumer Affairs Director Paul Rodriguez had named Bloomfield Meat Market, LLC, better known as SuperFresh Supermarket of Bloomfield, among six grocers statewide Sept. 21 of COVID-19 related price gouging.

Bloomfield SuperFresh, of 19 Belleville Ave., is accused of selling 12-ounce cans of Lysol spray disinfectant for \$11.99 each March 11 as a "Manager's Special."

A Division of Consumer Af-

fairs investigator, however, found the cans being sold for \$8.49 on March 5 and \$4.99 March 7 - days before the Attorney General's Office issued a March 9 order against Coronavirus-related price gouging and fraud.

As of Sept. 12, the market has been given a \$1,250 Notice of Violation fine. Grewal and Rodriguez's announcement came at the end of a summer-long judicial and appeals window process. Stores found in similar situations risk being fined from \$500 to \$12,500 per violation.

Bloomfield SuperFresh, nor its Ridgewood-based parent company, have not publicly responded to the announcement. The holding company bought the SuperFresh name and former A&P and Pathmark supermarkets here and in Belleville after the A&P Tea Company, of Montvale, entered bankruptcy liquidation.

Bloomfield Crossing Plaza, on the Belleville border, has always had an anchor supermarket at 19 Belleville Ave.

**GLEN RIDGE** - The two-year old Glen Ridge Black Diversity and Inclusion Association, in the

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The IRS, said association trustee Tricia Akinwande Sept. 28, has just been awarded 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization status. Akinwande said that their being designated as a tax-deductible non profit will help GRBDIA with fundraising - one of six areas the parents group has focused on.

GRBDIA started as a series of informal meetings among

Glen Ridge High School parents to address what they saw as a lack of diversity among its faculty and a lack of a voice among its African American students.

The parents then formed a group modeled after those in the South Orange-Maplewood and Bloomfield public school districts. Akinwande and five other parents were selected as their trustee board.

Each trustee was then com-

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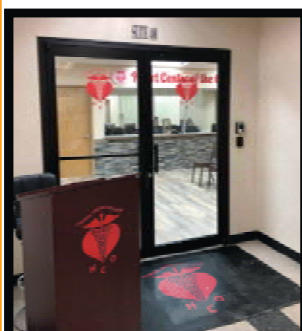
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## From The Pastor's Heart

OP-ED BY DR. ROBERT KENNEDY

### The Finger Of God

For quite a few weeks since the COVID-19, as I have listened to some people, including the president of the United States, mocking the disease, I have been itching to write a piece titled "the finger of God."

However, before saying what I mean by the finger of God," let me illustrate what I mean by "mocking the disease." Some individuals defy the medical advice by showing their unwillingness to wear masks and follow the other protocols from the agents and agencies commissioned to advise how to fight against the disease. Now that the president and others who work in the Congress and the White House have caught the disease, it gives me more urgency to reflect on my theme "the finger of God."

If at all you have forgotten where the phrase is written, let us take a look at Exodus 8:19, which reads thus: "Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said." (KJV)

The context of the phrase tells how the Lord directed two brothers, namely Moses and Aaron, to go to Pharaoh to ask for the freedom of the Hebrew slaves. Moses and Aaron went, but Pharaoh "hardened his heart" and would not let the slaves go. When Pharaoh was told that the God of the Hebrews needed his people to be freed, Pharaoh asked, "Who is this God?" He felt that his god had greater power than the God of the Hebrews or any other God. Thus God told Moses and Aaron to take their

rod in hand and perform certain signs to convince Pharaoh which God was more powerful.

On four consecutive days, Moses and Aaron visited the palace to speak with Pharaoh:

1. On the first day, Aaron threw down his rod before Pharaoh and, it became a serpent. Pharaoh then called his soothsayers and magicians who threw down their rods that became serpents as well. However, Aaron's serpent ate up the soothsayers' and magicians' serpents.
2. On day two, Moses and Aaron met Pharaoh on his way to the river Nile. There God told them to stretch out Aaron's rod over the river and the streams, and the waters of the river and other waters turned to blood. Pharaoh called his magicians to do the same, and they did it. The waters of Egypt turned to blood until the Egyptians had to dig into the banks of the Nile to get water.
3. On the day third day, Moses and Aaron made another visit to Pharaoh, again they stretched out their rod over the land, and the dust turned into lice. The enchanters did the same.
4. On day four, Moses and Aaron visited Pharaoh, again, and told him that if he refused to release the Hebrews, there would be frogs everywhere, in the land - in the houses of his servants, in the palace, in the citizens' beds, their ovens, and their kneading troughs, etc. Pharaoh refused, and the land was infested with frogs. Pharaoh again called in his magicians and commanded them to do the same. And while they tried, they could not replicate the miracle of the frogs. In their desperation, the magicians told Pharaoh that, "This is the finger of God."

The failure of the magicians had no positive impact on Pharaoh's mind. The scriptural comment is that "Pharaoh hardened his heart." He became so hardhearted that through the rest of the signs (called the ten plagues), he allowed for the devastation of the Egyptian economy and death of every firstborn in Egypt. After the death of his first born, Pharaoh became very fearful in so much that he called Moses and Aaron, commanded them to take the Israelites and leave Egypt, immediately.

As the Israelites were about to leave the borders of Egypt, at the Red Sea, Pharaoh regretted his decision, hardened his heart, thus, took his army and his chariots, and tried to overtake the freed slaves to bring back to the work kilns of Egypt. The end of the story is that "Pharaoh and his army were drowned into the Sea." (cf. Exodus 14: 27-28; 15: 19).

In Shakespeare's Henry VIII, we read, "Let's kill all the lawyers" because the king thought if he killed them, he would preserve his life. In Macbeth, Shakespeare notes how Macbeth kills all the guards and everyone in his train who he considers his enemies, because he wanted to establish himself as king. What has happened during this COVID-19 pandemic has allowed me to reflect on the Shakespearean novels I have noted, but my reflection is more on the mixing of the story in the first signs of the Egyptian plagues, and what is happening during this COVID-19 virus.

If we make a mockery of a disease or the work of God, we will come to a moment when we have to admit that there are conditions beyond our wisdom to control or understand. One must ask serious questions such as: Where has the denial of the severe COVID-19 driven the United States? Where have the magicians, who offered their false promises and potions gone?

Quite a few of them, as we have seen, have now caught the disease, just like the 7.6 million who have been affected and the 212,000 who have died (as of writing this). Unfortunately, many (I mean, the aides, the secret service agents, the senators, and others) who serve leaders who are mocking the disease are now just like the servants of Pharaoh, who were caught in the plague of the lice and frogs (COVID-19) going into their houses. I also see that as the pandemic progresses, some of the mockers have no sense of humility. In fact, there seems to be a hardening of the heart of some of our leaders as it was with Pharaoh.

Maybe I have offered enough critique to those who think their magical arts are more effective than the "finger of God." So, let me suggest to them, in fact, to all who read this reflection, that we need to join together in learning how to be careful about deriding the things that must be taken with utter seriousness. COVID-19 is not a joke. As the book of Proverbs reminds us, "Fools make a mock of sin." (chapter 14:9).

That is, the "fool," who acts based on ignorance, ridicule, resistance, rejection, and rebellion, or denial and defiance, will work toward their own deception and destruction. As it is said, a wise person is a good person, and a good person is a godly person. The fool is the intellectually feeble who is unwilling to use his/her brain-power or spirit of compassion to take necessary cautions - wear a mask, wash your hands, use all PPEs.

In effect, let us not be as fools. Let us listen to wisdom, as it is offered to us by the faithful scientists, and as it comes from the throne room of God. Let us not wait for God to raise his finger at us. If he has to do so, it will mean that we are under a judgment that we might not be able to overcome.

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**VOTING BY MAIL**

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The number of limited traditional physical polling stations, as of presstime, remain less clear.

Essex County's election board will continue to have a physical polling station at its Hall of Records, 465 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Newark 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Nov. 3 as it had been for the July 7 party primaries and May's combined municipal-board of education election days. (The New Jersey Department of State requires each county to have one polling station open for those who are unable to vote by mail or by drop box.)

The board also took up the Prudential Center's offer to make it a "super polling site" for Nov. 3. The site, at 25 Lafayette St., combines seven Central Ward voting districts: 14, 25, 29, 30, 40, 41 and 49.

Where other polling stations are beyond those two Newark

sites, however, remains cloudy as of presstime.

The board of elections had furnished the N.J. Department of State its list of polling stations. It was among five counties who had not done so as late as Sept. 16.

What the county board furnished to the State Department, and what the department had posted on [www.nj.gov/state/elections](http://www.nj.gov/state/elections) page, however, appears mostly unchanged from the 2019 General Election.

"Local Talk," except for the Prudential Center replacing previous Central Ward station(s), counted the same 120 polling sites among its 12 towns. It is as if the emphasis on Coronavirus-curbing minimal contact was never stressed.

All of Orange's even polling stations, for example, are on the state's website page. It includes a North Ward site at the Washington Dodd Apartments, 336 Carroll St., which replaces stations at the 340 Thomas Blvd. Senior Center and the traditional but

under reconstruction Cleveland Street Elementary School.

One of the city's Democratic Party district leaders, on his Facebook page Oct. 2, posted a list of five Nov. 3 polling stations: Washington Dodd Apts., St. Matthews AME Church, the Orange Board of Education Headquarters at 451 Lincoln Ave, the Orange Preparatory Academy lobby and the Heywood Avenue School.

Not on the list are the Orange Early Education Center (formerly a Pitney-Bowes adding machine office) at 397 Park Ave., and the Elks Lodge at 475 Main St.

"Local Talk" advises prospective traditional voters to either contact the county board of elections to find their local or nearest polling station - or go to the one at the Hall of Records.

The drop boxes, by contrast, are found at each of Essex County's 22 municipalities. Newark and West Orange each has two drop boxes. The boxes are open

"24/7" until 8 p.m. Nov. 3 and are emptied daily.

"Local Talk" has found all of its local drop box locations handicapped accessible - with one exception.

The five steps to the drop box at the Irvington Public Safety Building's Police Department front porch may be five too many for those who have difficulty with stairs. Vehicular access to 1 Bilal D. Beasley Civic Square, pending completion of its "Black Lives Matter" street mural, may have however eased by when you read this.

Those who vote by mail, like those who use the drop boxes, must have them postmarked on or before Nov. 3. While the USPS has a seven-day grace period, courtesy of Gov. Phil Murphy's recent executive order, getting the ballots into the Hall of Records will not matter if the ballots are postmarked late.

County Clerk Chris Durkin's Election Division materials stress the importance of mailing  
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# The Doctor Is In



**Dr. Adil Manzoor OP/ED**

## Healthcare And The United States Election

We have less than a month to arguably the most important day in the United States this year. Yes, I'm obviously talking about the presidential election, scheduled for November 3.

It's been a crazy year, which seemed to climax a few days ago. The coronavirus has pretty much shut down the country. The economy is failing, people are losing their lives, and now, the number one citizen in the United States is infected with the coronavirus. When it comes to the issue of healthcare, America just can't seem to catch a break.

It's another election, so it's only right to compare where we are now to where we were four years ago. So, I'll start. Is healthcare insurance getting cheaper? No. Are prices of drug reducing? No.

Is the insurance companies' monopoly of the healthcare sector reducing? No. Is the issue of shortage and burnout of doctors getting better? No. It's all bad news, and it seemingly is about to get worse.

I'll narrow it down to this year alone - a year dominated by the outbreak of the worst pandemic in over a century. The

United States of America accounts for close to 22% of the world's total coronavirus cases, and about 21% of the world's coronavirus deaths. That's mind-blowing when you consider that America makes up only 4% of the world's population.

Many like to say; the virus crippled our healthcare system. That couldn't be further away from the truth. The virus did not cripple our healthcare sector; it only exposed how crippled it is. Our healthcare sector has been crippled for years now, and it doesn't look like there will be a change now. There has been wave after wave of this virus. Many less-developed countries have already started seeing constant and significant drops in coronavirus cases, but here we are, the world's largest economy, with over 214,000 people dead and our president infected with the virus less than a month to the general elections.

Someone asked me to describe our healthcare in America, and I could only think of two words - utterly disappointing. We pay the most for medical services amongst all countries in the world. Our spending on healthcare is more than double the average of other Western countries. And does this translate to improved quality? No, far from it. We pay more for less.

Oh, how I've missed the election fever. With candidates coming to woo us over to their side with their self-proclaimed genius health policies. Of course, that's to be expected, as healthcare is one of the top deciding factors on who people eventually vote for. But at this point, I can't even fall for that again. Empty promises upon empty promises. Our healthcare system is regressing.

I chuckle when I see people argue about who has the best policy for our healthcare system. Some want Medicare for all; others want a single-payer system.

But when exactly are we going to tackle the problem from the root? When exactly are we going to fight what insurance companies are doing to our healthcare sector? All I see is people clamoring for more people to have healthcare insurance coverage, but what good will that do when the people on it cannot even afford to pay the mighty premiums?

And we are not talking about the coronavirus as much as we should. Close to 215,000 people have died from the coronavirus, and still counting. In March, the president said that a death toll of between 100,000 and 200,000 from the coronavirus would mean he has 'done a very good job.' Well?

Let's even look beyond what is happening now. Let's look at how bright the future is. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the country's total population is going to increase by over ten percent in 2032, with people over the age of 65 increasing by 48%. While the country is estimated to increase in population, the number of doctors is estimated to reduce. That's a horrifying scenario to imagine. Just think about it. There are stupidly long queues in the doctor's office with the current population and doctors, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to secure appointments. Now imagine what will happen when the population, especially people above 65, increases and available doctors, decrease.

Then there's the issue of drug prices increasing too. The president did sign a law that banned gag clauses in 2018. Gag clauses prevent pharmacists from telling customers and patients about cheaper drug options. However, the prices of drugs aren't reducing. Many drug makers revealed price hikes for close to 450 drugs earlier this year. And with the way the economy is going, it's very likely

drugs will continue to increase. In fact, not very likely, prices of drugs will definitely continue to increase.

Who's going to give America a better healthcare sector? I can't say for sure. But what I can say is that whoever is elected has a lot of work to do. Health insurance companies need to be checked. Pharmaceutical companies need to be checked. The issue of doctors' burnout needs to be checked.

Unless some very drastic measures are taken, we'll all probably be here whining about our healthcare in another four years. Stay safe. And vote.

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# ESSEX COUNTY COVID-19 CASE TALLY

Weekly Statistics from Sept. 30 - Oct. 7, 2020

Municipality	9-30-2020	Deaths	10-7-2020	Deaths
Belleville	1157	66	1174	66
Bloomfield	1245	69	1259	69
Caldwell	138	11	140	11
Cedar Grove	500	113	505	113
East Orange	2106	231	2127	231
Essex Fells	34	2	34	2
Fairfield	169	17	173	17
Glen Ridge	51	9	54	9
Irvington	1596	162	1607	162
Livingston	551	70	570	70
Maplewood	370	27	373	27
Millburn	179	6	183	6
Montclair	528	52	534	52
Newark	8643	666	8811	668
North Caldwell	59	4	64	4
Nutley	576	36	590	36
Orange	1114	92	1124	92
Roseland	93	14	102	14
South Orange	129	5	132	5
Verona	162	14	168	14
West Caldwell	302	48	304	48
West Orange	1386	186	1399	186
<b>Total</b>	<b>21088</b>	<b>1900</b>	<b>21427</b>	<b>1902</b>

**OTHER COVID-19 TALLIES (As of 10-7-2020)**

**NJ: 209,850 cases / 14,364 deaths (Plus 1,788 probable)**

**United States (approx.): 7.53 Million / 212,000 deaths**

**Worldwide (approx.): 35.98 Million / 1.05 Million deaths**

**In New Jersey, anyone who attended the Trump fundraiser in Bedminster is being asked to quarantine for 14 days, regardless of if they have symptoms or not.**

**Also, those traveling to New York City and State should be aware of closings and stepped up enforcement regarding COVID-19 hotspots and restrictions.**

**TOWN WATCH** (Continued from page 7)

missioned on working one of six concentrations. Besides fundraising, a trustee is assigned to communications, community engagement, curriculum, diversity training or human resources support.

Trustees, for example, have gone out to college job fairs to seek out graduating seniors of color and suggest getting employed by Glen Ridge Public Schools.

**BELLEVILLE** - Acting Prosecutor Stephens is asking the public's help in identifying a man's body found by Belleville police officers here Aug. 20.

BPD officers said they were handling a traffic accident on Route 21 North that Thursday when they noticed a body, floating north with the tide, in the Passaic River at 7:33 a.m. They immediately called their Nutley rescue and North Arlington firefighting colleagues for assistance.

The Belleville/Nutley/North Arlington combine recovered the body but declared the man dead at 8:14 a.m. The deceased was identified as a "Hispanic man in his early 30s," wearing a blue shirt, black pants and brown boots.

Stephens is also asking for the whereabouts of Guatemalan native Renyo Vasquez Ramirez. The body was initially identified as Ramirez's but have been unable to make a confirmation. ECPO and the State Regional Medical Examiner's Office have exhausted their next-of-kin leads.

Ramirez's photo has been posted.

**NUTLEY** - "What one truly learns shows up later," took a life-saving aspect for Girl Scout Marley Madureia and her mother, Peggy, back in January - a home incident that was celebrated by the Girl Scouts USA and the Township Sept. 28.

Both Madureia, 13, and Peggy recounted the potentially lethal choking before the for-

mer received the Girl Scouts Medal of Honor from its CEO, Natasha Hemmings in Mayor Mauro Tucci's presence.

Peggy and Marley were in the kitchen that winter's day, the latter pulling together items for a school science project, when the former had just taken a pill for a sinus infection.

That pill, however, got lodged in her throat. Unable to breathe or speak, she began slamming the kitchen sink.

"My eyes got wide open," recalled Marley. "I knew I had to do something because my father was (upstairs) asleep."

Marley applied the Heimlich Maneuver on her mother, dislodging the pill - just when the awakened father ran from downstairs.

Marley learned the maneuver as part of her attaining a first aid badge - including annual first aid exercises and visits to first responders. Peggy started the troop when her daughter was in Kindergarten.

## ESSEX COUNTY'S RECYCLING DAY

# Computer & Electronics



*Free to all Essex County Residents*  
Essex County residents must provide proof of residency at the site.

**Friday, October 16, 2020**  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Saturday, October 17, 2020**  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Essex County Fleet Management (Public Works)**  
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### 2-DAY EVENT

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Only one person per vehicle. 
  Face mask mandatory. 
  Do not exit vehicle. 
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  Items for disposal to be placed in trunk. 
  No containers or boxes will be returned.







"There are some materials that should be removed from our regular waste stream because of their hazardous nature. This collection day provides our residents a place to properly and safely dispose of contaminants, protecting our precious environment for future generations. I encourage residents of all of our communities to come out and participate." — Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.

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**VOTING BY MAIL** (Continued from page 11)

those VBMBs at least seven days ahead of Nov. 3, or Oct. 28.

One may call the local post office or branch to find out how late their postal clerk counters will be open Nov. 3. (Note: Bloomfield's branch at 145 Grove St., serving its Ampere and Halcyon Park neighborhoods, may not reopen from its two-month renovation in time for the General Election.)

One could also deliver the completed VBMB during business hours at the Board of Elections Office in the Hall of Records.

All of the above will mean nothing, however, if one is not registered to vote.

Those who want to vote but are unregistered must fill out an application form between now and the close of business Oct. 13 - 21 days before the General Election. (Government offices will be closed Oct. 12 to observe the federal bank holiday.)

Those who have any registration questions or issues are to call the elections board, post haste, at (973) 621-5061.

Some questions asked of the County Clerk's Office, like the one about the Woodside resident with the VBMB addressed to past tenant, may also be fielded to the elections board. A clerk's office employee told the Woodsider to "destroy any ballot not addressed to him" and to check his registration with the elections board.

One may want to call his or her municipal clerk's office to see if they will have any post-4:30 p.m. Tuesday hours to accept registration applications. Several clerks offices are to be open until 8 p.m.

Oct. 17 is the last date for voters to ask for a VBMB by mail. One can thereafter make an in-person request at the Hall of Records until 4:30 p.m. Nov. 2.

Anyone with problems getting a registration or voting matter resolved may call the N.J. Department of State 1 (877) 658-6837 NJVoter line.

**NOV. 3 GENERAL ELECTION  
BALLOT LOCAL TALK  
DROP BOX LOCATIONS**

*NOTE: Any Nov. 3 Election Day Polling Locations - beyond Newark's Essex County Hall of Records, 465 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., and the Prudential Center, 25 Lafayette Ave. - are To Be Announced. Consult [www.nj.gov/state/elections/vote-polling-location.shtml](http://www.nj.gov/state/elections/vote-polling-location.shtml) for town and district.*

**NEWARK**

- Newark City Hall Green Street Side of 920 Broad St./Gibson Blvd.
- County Hall of Records, 465 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

**IRVINGTON**

- Police Department Portico, Public Safety Building, 1 Bilal D. Beasley Civic Square

**EAST ORANGE**

- City Hall, 44 City Hall Plaza.

**ORANGE**

- Freddie Polhill Law and Justice Complex, 29 Park St.

**WEST ORANGE**

- Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex Parking Deck, 560 Northfield Ave.
- Municipal Building, 66 Main St.

**SOUTH ORANGE**

- Sloan Street Gazebo, Across from SOFD Firehouse, 50 Sloan St.

**MAPLEWOOD**

- Police and Court Building, 1618 Springfield Ave.

**MONTCLAIR**

- Municipal Building, 205 Claremont Ave.

**BLOOMFIELD**

- BFD Firehouse No. 3, 124 E. Passaic Ave.

**GLEN RIDGE**

- Municipal Building, 825 Bloomfield Ave.

**BELLEVILLE**

- Police Headquarters Side of Mun. Bldg., 152 Washington Ave.

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