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2027 Public Hearing

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Public Hearing

Help us identify the priority needs of older adults and what programs and services can best meet them

When: April 14, 2026

Where: Lacey Township
Municipal Building
818 Lacey Road,
Forked River, NJ 08731

Time: 1PM-3PM



Ocean County Office of Senior Services

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We want to hear from older adults, caregivers, senior advocacy groups, service providers, and the general public!

Verbal testimony is accepted and is limited to 5 minutes. You may also submit written testimony by April 30, 2026, please call 732-929-2091 or email crosetto@co.ocean.nj.us.

[Click here to take the survey!](#)



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2026

3 Locations!

**Ocean County
Resource Center**
1005 Hooper Avenue
Toms River, NJ 08754

**Ocean County
Southern Service Center**
179 South Main Street
Manahawkin, NJ 08050

Resource Directory



[Click Here!](#)

County Connection at
Ocean County Mall
1201 Hooper Avenue
Toms River, NJ 08754



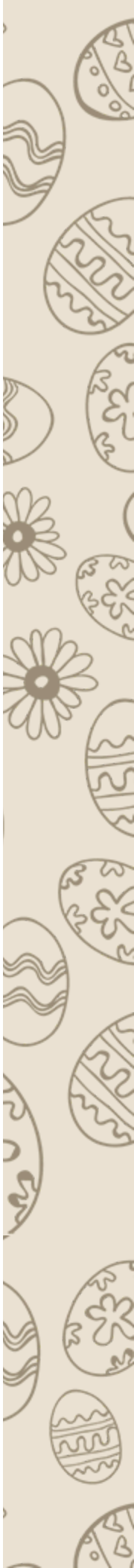
OLDER AMERICANS MONTH



CHAMPION YOUR HEALTH: MAY 2026

Every May, ACL leads the nation's observance of Older Americans Month, a time to recognize older adults' contributions and reaffirm our commitment to supporting their health and independence.

The 2026 theme, Champion Your Health, underscores prevention, wellness, and personal responsibility as cornerstones of healthy aging. It encourages taking an active role in managing and advocating for your health, accessing preventive care, and making informed decisions. This year, we are focused on evidence-based approaches, self-management, caregiver roles, and community partnerships that empower individuals to lead healthy lives.





Creating safe, supportive, and inclusive communities for older adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers in Ocean County.

WHAT IS AN AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY?

Age-Friendly communities are intentionally designed to be accessible and supportive of residents of all ages, with a focus on helping older adults live independently, safely, and actively in their community. This may include transportation, housing, social supports, healthcare, and other services.

WHAT WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE PLAN?

The plan will focus on essential areas such as housing, transportation, healthcare, food insecurity, caregiving, and social connection.

WHY DO WE NEED A PLAN FOR OCEAN COUNTY?

Ocean County is home to over 200,000 adults 60 years of age and older. With 10,000 baby boomers turning 65 each day, that number is only going to grow. This makes it more important than ever to plan for the future of our county and residents.

WHO IS THE PLAN FOR?

This plan will evaluate how to improve our community for all residents, but is specifically designed with older adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers in mind.

Together, we can make our community a great place to live, work, & thrive at any age.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

We invite members of the public to review the Age-Friendly Ocean County Multisector Plan for Aging. Learn more about upcoming events at agefriendlyoceancounty.org.



Learn more about Age-Friendly Ocean County and its Multisector Plan for Aging at: agefriendlyoceancounty.org

Or contact Dr. Kathleen Cullinen (County Agent III, Assistant Professor; Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Ocean County): cullinen@njaes.rutgers.edu, 732-349-1247

Age-Friendly Ocean County is a collaboration between Ocean County Office of Senior Services and Family and Community Health Sciences Program of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Ocean County.



Ocean County is a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity program provider and employer. Contact your local Extension Office for information regarding special needs or accommodations. Contact the State Extension Director's Office if you have concerns related to discrimination, 848-932-3703.

Cooperating Agencies: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Boards of County Commissioners. Rutgers Cooperative Extension, a unit of Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, is an equal opportunity program provider and employer.



Operation Homeplate of Ocean County

2026 Edition



Our **mission** is to help you through the application process to offset food expenses!

An example of family size and income:

Household Size	Maximum Allowable Income*
1	\$2,413
2	\$3,261
3	\$4,109
4	\$4,957
Each Additional	+\$848

*Figures valid October 2025 - September 2026

If you would like a brief eligibility check or think you may be eligible, please reach out to our office at 732-929-2091 at Option 1!

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Toms River, NJ 08754
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www.mynjhelps.gov



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Ocean County Office of Senior Services on the Go!

INFORMATION TOPICS:

- MEDICARE (SHIP COUNSELING)
- OLDER AMERICANS ACT PROGRAMS
- SNAP
- NJSAVE
- CAREGIVER RESOURCES
- UTILITY ASSISTANCE
- PROPERTY TAX PROGRAMS



Scan the code to reserve our mobile unit and explore our interactive calendar.

If your association would like the mobile unit to visit your clubhouse to help with completing an application or to provide information about our programs, please call us at 732-929-2091.



The Office of Senior Services is here to help!



More information can be seen at: www.co.ocean.nj.us/seniorservices



New Jersey Property Tax Relief Seminar

Limited Space Available

Date: April 22, 2026

Time: 10:00AM- 11:30AM

Location: 1005 Hooper Avenue
Toms River, NJ 08754

For Senior Homeowners and Renters Age 65 and Over or Receiving Federal Social Security or Railroad Retirement Disability Benefits.

Don't miss your chance to hear Division representatives explain:

- The PAS-1 combined application including how to calculate income;
- The eligibility requirements for all property tax relief programs;
- How & when benefits will be paid

Eligibility requirements, including income limits, and benefits available for all property tax relief programs are subject to change by the State Budget.



For event & location details, scan the QR code or visit: bit.ly/NJTaxEvents

SENIOR FREEZE

NJ residents born before 1960 or permanently disabled residents receiving Social Security or Railroad Retirement disability payments as of 12/31/25 may be eligible if:

- You owned and lived in your home (or leased a site in a mobile home park and lived in your mobile home) in 2022 and through December 31, 2025.
- Your property was subject to property taxes (site fees); and
- You meet the 2024 and 2025 income limits:
 - 2024 — \$168,268 or less
 - 2025 — \$172,475 or less

ANCHOR

Affordable NJ Communities for Homeowners & Renters

Property Tax Relief For:

- Homeowners Earning \$250K or Less
- Renters Earning \$150K or Less

Stay NJ

For Senior Homeowners

- Age 65 or over in 2025
- 2025 income below \$500,000
- Owned and lived in your home for all of 2025

Stay NJ benefits are calculated after ANCHOR and Senior Freeze benefits are determined. If you qualify for all three programs, the Stay NJ benefit will be 50% of your property taxes (up to \$13,000) minus any payments received through ANCHOR and Senior Freeze (2025 benefit cap of \$6,500).



New Jersey Property Tax Relief Seminar

Date: May 06, 2026

Time: 2:00PM - 3:30PM

Location: 179 South Main Street
Manahawkin, NJ 08050

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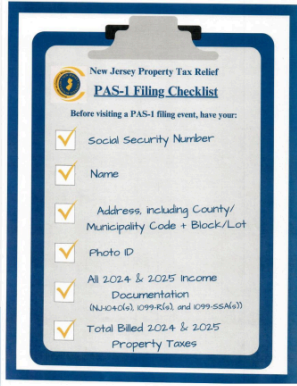
2025 State of NJ PAS-1 Filing Event Days

Ocean County Resource Center • 1005 Hooper Avenue Toms River, NJ 08754

Monday, April 27, 2026 – 9:00am to 2:30pm
Monday, May 11, 2026 – 9:00am to 2:30pm
Thursday, May 21, 2026 – 9:00am to 2:30pm

Appointments are Limited

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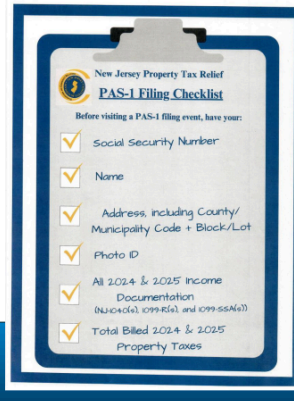
2025 State of NJ PAS-1 Filing Event Days

Ocean County Southern Center • 179 S. Main Street, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

Wednesday, June 3, 2026 – 9:00am to 2:30pm
Wednesday, June 24, 2026 – 9:00am to 2:30pm

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