



# VINELAND News

## VINELAND RECEIVES GRANT FOR BROADBAND UTILITY



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We are proud to announce that the City of Vineland is a recipient of the New Jersey Broadband Infrastructure Deployment Equity grant (NJBIDE) in the amount of \$3.7 million. NJBIDE is a competitive grant initiative designed to help bring high-speed internet access to areas in New Jersey with limited or no connectivity. Initial testing by the Broadband Utility is currently planned for the first quarter of 2026. Specific testing locations are still being finalized, but they are expected to include industrial, educational, and health related locations.

“Broadband access is essential infrastructure for any smart city,” said Mayor Anthony Fanucci. “We recognized the limitations of private-sector broadband providers in ensuring equitable access in our community, so we created a Municipal Broadband Utility to develop a Vineland specific network. The plan the Broadband Utility is developing will incorporate existing public infrastructure where feasible to reduce costs, employing a mix of fiber-optic and wireless technologies for optimal coverage and performance. Our team has been working hard with both federal and state entities to secure available grant funding for the project, so we are thrilled those efforts have now paid off. We will continue to seek additional opportunities as they arise.”

## VINELAND TO HOST GARDEN STATE COMIC FEST

Garden State Comic Fest (GSCF) is excited to announce a brand-new event coming to Vineland, NJ on November 15–16, 2025 for the grand opening of the new Vineland Convention Center on Landis Avenue.

This event will mark GSCF’s return to South Jersey for the first time since its fan-favorite 2018 Atlantic City show. The new event will feature everything fans love—comics, anime, cosplay, trading cards, collectibles, and more.

“This has been in the works for many months,” said GSCF founder Dave O’Hare. “We’ve been waiting for the right opportunity to come back to South Jersey—and it’s finally here. None of this happens without the amazing support from our fans, vendors, and artists.”

“The Convention Center promises to be an economic catalyst for the city, supporting local businesses and showcasing Vineland to a diverse audience,” said Mayor Anthony Fanucci. “We are proud to partner with GSCF as this event promises to be a celebration of creativity and fandom, and we look forward to welcoming enthusiasts from all over the region to Vineland.”

For more information including news on special guests, becoming a vendor, and more, visit the GSCF website at [www.gardenstatecomicfest.com](http://www.gardenstatecomicfest.com).



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# FINAL HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY OF 2025

## ITEMS ACCEPTED

## LIMIT PER TRIP

Paper Shredding.....	6 boxes/ bags
Computers, Laptops & Accessories.....	5 items
Televisions & Monitors.....	2 items
Used Motor Oil.....	20 gallons
Antifreeze.....	10 gallons
Car Batteries.....	6 items
Old Gas, Fuel Oil & Cooking Oil.....	20 gallons
Oil-Based Paints.....	10 gallons
Cleaning & Garden Chemicals.....	10 gallons/ 25 lbs.
Corrosives.....	10 gallons/ 25 lbs.
Propane Tanks.....	100 lbs.
Fluorescent Bulbs.....	12 items

The final Cumberland County Household Hazardous Waste and Document Shredding Day (HHW) of 2025 will be held on Saturday, September 13 from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Cumberland County Solid Waste Complex located at 169 Jesse Bridge Road.

This event is limited to Cumberland County residents only and is free of charge. Proper ID is required at check-in. Businesses (including home-based businesses), institutions, non-profits, and non-county residents are not eligible and should contact appropriate companies for hazardous waste disposal and document shredding needs.

Check the chart for items that will be accepted. Freon, CFCs/ refrigerators, air conditioners, coolers, tires, concrete, and wood are not accepted at HHW events. Residents can properly dispose of these items at the Solid Waste Complex. Also not accepted is latex paint, as it is water-based and non-hazardous. To properly dispose of latex paint, add clay-based kitty litter to the can, stir, and let dry until no longer pourable. Replace the lid and dispose of the paint can with your household trash.

For more information, please contact the Cumberland County Recycling Coordinator at 856-825-3700, ext. 1270, or visit [www.theauthoritynj.com](http://www.theauthoritynj.com).



Soundboy Cartagena HipHop Jibarito

## CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

The City of Vineland, in conjunction with the Landis Theater Foundation, is proud to honor the rich history and contributions of the Hispanic community with a dance and concert double header on Saturday, September 20. The fun will kick-off at 4:00 pm in front of the Landis Theater with "Dancing on the Avenue" featuring DJ Flair and special guests. Come out and dance along to the Latin inspired music from a variety of genres until about 8:00 pm. This is a Free event.

Following the dancing fun, Soundboy Cartagena HipHop Jibarito will take the Landis Theater stage for a special high energy concert. Opening the show will be Jessica Taylor performing the music of Selena, and Mariachi El Charro Poblano performing the traditional music of Mexico. Following the concert at approximately 10:30 pm, a Meet and Greet with the artists will be held in the 830 East room on the 2nd floor of the Theater building. Visit the Landis Theater website at [www.thelandistheater.com](http://www.thelandistheater.com) for ticket information.



The Vineland EMS Department would like to send a very special "Thank You" to Michele and Dante Abbamondi who made this custom dog bed for the Department's therapy dog "Wednesday" out of the kindness and generosity of their hearts. They even made it big enough for someone to sit with Wednesday when the need arises. The couple loves to build and donate beds for charity, auctions, raffles, shelters, and more, and we truly appreciate their thoughtful gesture.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

### Saturday, August 23 70s Rock Paradise In Concert

Join 70s Rock Paradise as they perform killer rock hits from the 70s featuring legendary artists including The Rolling Stones, Wings, Electric Light Orchestra, Journey, the Steve Miller Band, Joe Walsh, Peter Frampton, and more. The concert is Free, so bring the family and enjoy the fun at Giampietro Park starting at 7:00 pm.

### Sunday, September 7 Vineland Food Truck Festival

This year's event is scheduled for Sunday, September 7, from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm in downtown Vineland. It will include thirty food trucks, a variety of musical performances, craft and merchandise vendors, games, and two wine gardens. For more information, contact Special Events Coordinator Sheena Santiago at 856-794-4000, ext. 4169 or [shsantiago@vinelandcity.org](mailto:shsantiago@vinelandcity.org).

### Wednesday, October 22 Taste Of Vineland and Volunteer Recognition

Sample signature dishes from over 20 local restaurants and help recognize our wonderful Vineland Main Street volunteers. The event will take place at the Greenview Inn at Eastlyn Golf Course. Get your tickets at [www.theave.biz/taste-of-vineland-ticket-purchase/](http://www.theave.biz/taste-of-vineland-ticket-purchase/), or call Main Street Vineland at 856-794-8653.

### Saturday, October 25 Pumpkin Patch Party

The annual Pumpkin Patch Party will be held from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Mini-Park located at the corner of the Boulevard and Landis Avenue. Children 14 and under can enjoy music from our DJ, pumpkin painting, games, free candy, and other activities. For more information, call Main Street Vineland at 856-794-8653.