



VINELAND News

2026 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS



You can watch the speech in its entirety on the Home Page of the city website at www.vinelandcity.org.

Mayor Anthony Fanucci delivered the Annual State of the City address recently to members of the Greater Vineland Chamber of Commerce. The positive tone of the speech reflected on the city's achievements during the past year, and an agenda for 2026 which continues to move the city forward.

"Over the past year, we have proven once again that when we work as one community, there is no challenge too great and no horizon too distant." Mayor Fanucci said. "Our commitment to responsible fiscal management has ensured that city resources are allocated efficiently, balancing investments in growth with careful stewardship of taxpayer dollars. This disciplined approach allows us to deliver essential services, maintain infrastructure, and foster economic opportunity while safeguarding Vineland's long-term financial health."

The Mayor also shared updates on the continuing growth within Vineland's industrial sectors, noting strong activity from both new businesses relocating here, and established companies expanding their operations. He emphasized infrastructure improvements alongside dedicated initiatives to further improve the quality of life for residents. Additionally, he expressed pride in the city's public safety professionals and commended their unwavering commitment to protecting the community.

The Mayor closed the 10-minute speech by thanking all those in the community who play a part in Vineland's success. "Of course, none of these successes happen by accident. They are the result of dedicated public servants, including the members of City Council and our outstanding city staff, forward-thinking business partners, and citizens who volunteer at every level. The State of our City is strong, not because of any one person or project, but because we are a community that believes in progress and works together to achieve it."

CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ON SPECIAL NEEDS PARK

After years of State imposed planning delays, the long-awaited Special Needs Park project, to be located at the Romano Park Sports Complex, is set to begin. Final contract documentation has been submitted to New Jersey Green Acres, and pending their review, contractors are ready to break ground. If everything stays on schedule, construction should be finished by the beginning of Fall.

The final design includes eight distinct areas, seven of which feature various types of inclusive playground equipment and a sensory garden for children and adults on the autism spectrum. Most of these areas are covered by permanent canopies to protect them from the elements. The eighth is an aquatic splash play area. Along with this, all-inclusive exercise circuit stations will be installed around the existing Ernie D. Marcacci running and walking track. The design also includes picnic tables, park benches, and parking upgrades.

"Establishing the city's first inclusive playground is a meaningful step forward as part of our ongoing efforts to bring play and activities to all," Mayor Fanucci said. "We want to do everything we can to ensure that all children and adults enjoy an equal quality of life in Vineland, and with recreation being an integral part of one's well-being, this park is a huge leap forward."



Artist's rendering of the new Vineland Special Needs Park to be built at the Romano Sports Complex.

WANDER BACK BREWERY TO OPEN AT THE VCC

The owners of Wander Back Brewery have confirmed plans to locate their Vineland operation at the new Vineland Convention Center (VCC). According to brewery co-owner Justin Vitti, "Construction is underway and we expect to open in the Spring. We couldn't be more excited."

Plans call for the main tasting room to be located on the upper level positioned with a perfect view of the large front windows and Landis Avenue. A special events area and the brew system will be located on the lower level.

"We are thrilled with Wander Back's commitment to Vineland as plans for their Brewery have evolved," Mayor Fanucci said. "Their vision of creating a vibrant space in the community aligns perfectly with our vision for the Center as a place where residents and visitors can gather, celebrate, and experience all that Vineland has to offer. The addition of the Brewery's tasting room and event spaces will further enhance the Convention Center's role as a dynamic hub for business, culture, and civic life."

Established by three veterans of the brewing industry, Christopher Henke, a founder of Cape May Brewing Company (CMBC); Brian Hink, CMBC's original Head Brewer; and Justin Vitti, CMBC's former General Manager of Sales and Distribution. Wander Back beers can be found in area liquor stores and bars where they have developed a loyal following for their various brews.



Don't miss the PlanIt Wedding Expo and Bridal Show at the VCC on March 15. Go to www.planitexpo.com/ for tickets and information.

LEGAL NOTICES TO BE AVAILABLE ONLINE



In accordance with legislation signed into law by Governor Murphy, beginning March 1, 2026, the text of all Legal Notices of the City of Vineland shall be published on the City's official website in one location. This includes items like municipal meetings, requests for proposal, contract awards, and other official government actions.

Officials believe the new law is a modern solution to a changing media environment where most people are getting their information primarily on digital platforms. Sponsors believe the new requirements "allow residents to avoid paying for subscriptions to news outlets and securing physical newspapers, and instead access online information from the comfort of their own home or their local library."

Links to the Legal Notices will be available on the Home Page and other locations throughout the website, or you can access it directly at www.vinelandcity.org/legal-notices. In order to ensure the volume of information displayed remains manageable, the notices will be posted in full for at least 14 days, and then archived for at least one year where they will remain accessible to the public.

Anyone with questions can contact the City Clerk's office at (856) 794-4000, ext. 4060.

2026 VINELAND ROAD PROGRAM



In 2025, Arbor Ave., from Gerow Ave. to N. West Blvd., underwent a micro surfacing treatment which extends the useful life of the surface by restricting moisture intrusion, oxidation, and raveling.

City officials have announced road improvement plans for 2026, which will not only complete ongoing projects from 2025, but also introduce new work covering more than 11 miles of city roads, including city-wide upgrades to drainage systems and sidewalks. Projects to be completed include Park Avenue between Delsea Dr. and West Ave.; Valley Ave. from Park to Oak; and Spring Rd. from Lincoln to Maple.

Projects anticipated for 2026 include:

- Park Avenue (Boulevard to West)
- Industrial Way
- Seventh Street (Humbert to Belair)
- DeMarco Drive
- Walnut Road (Delsea to West)
- S. State Street (Florence to Chestnut)

In addition, portions of another 21 roads will be repaved, and 16 more will receive surface repair and a cap seal treatment. We also continue to push our county and state partners for improvements on the 121 miles of roadways within the city under their jurisdiction. County plans for 2026 include the repaving of Oak Road, from Main to the county line, and Brewster Road from Maple to Oak.

To report a pothole or other problem with a city roadway, use the city website non-emergency service request portal at <https://www.vinelandcity.org/service-request/login>, or you can use the myVineland app. For a state highway, which are clearly identified by signs along the roadway, please contact the NJDOT at 1-800-Pothole. To report a problem on any of the Cumberland County roadways, which are also marked with signs, please contact the Cumberland County Department of Public Works at (856) 453-2192.