



# VINELAND News

## NEW VINELAND TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIONS



A major step forward for mobility and opportunity has begun with the launch of SJ Connects, a new free regional shuttle service designed to connect residents with jobs, healthcare, education, retail, government services, and NJ Transit hubs throughout the region.

Vineland is at the center of this important initiative. Four of the six SJ Connects routes will originate right here in Vineland, recognizing the critical role our community plays as a hub for Cumberland County and the surrounding region.

“This important new program can be a positive step forward in connecting our residents to job opportunities while also strengthening our regional economy,” said Mayor Anthony Fanucci. “Reliable public transportation is key to empowering our workforce and ensuring that Vineland continues to thrive.”

SJ Connects is designed to make everyday travel easier by linking riders to employment centers, medical appointments, college campuses, shopping areas, and essential services, **all at no cost during the 18 to 24 month pilot phase.**

For Vineland residents, this means more connections, more opportunities, and a stronger link to the places that help our community grow. Route information, schedules, and service details are available at [www.SJTA.com](http://www.SJTA.com), or by calling 856-227-7571.

The project is being funded primarily through a combination of federal and state transportation grants totaling nearly \$25 million.



## CHESTNUT AVENUE PROJECT UPDATE

The Chestnut Avenue Improvement Project continues to move forward as the City of Vineland advances design and planning for this major infrastructure investment. The project will improve safety, traffic flow, and accessibility along the corridor between Delsea Drive and Main Road. Planned improvements include converting the existing roadway into a four-lane thoroughfare with a center two-way left-turn lane between S. East Blvd. and 7th Street, and a 12-foot wide left-turn lane at most existing signalized intersections.

The project will include pavement rehabilitation, upgraded signage and pavement markings, traffic signal improvements, and drainage upgrades to meet current standards. To improve connections for pedestrians and bicyclists, an 8-foot shared-use path will be constructed along the north side of Chestnut Avenue, and a 5-foot sidewalk will be added along the south side.

“Maintaining and improving our infrastructure is essential to keeping Vineland safe, accessible, and prepared for the future,” said Mayor Anthony Fanucci. “The Chestnut Avenue Improvement Project will provide long-term benefits for residents, businesses, and everyone who travels through this important corridor.”

Design is expected to be completed by the end of 2026, with construction anticipated to begin in approximately the second quarter of 2027 following the bidding process. Construction is expected to take 12 to 18 months, with project completion anticipated no later than the end of 2028.

## REMINDER

The final Household Hazardous Waste Day event is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at

the Cumberland County Solid Waste Complex. For more information, please contact the Cumberland County Recycling Coordinator at 856-825-3700, ext. 1270.



Household  
Hazardous  
Waste Program

# NJ PROPERTY TAX REBATE APPLICATIONS



Eligible New Jersey seniors age 65 and older, along with disabled homeowners and mobile homeowners, are reminded that the **PAS-1 Property Tax Relief Application** is available for the 2026 filing season. The single application allows residents to apply for three programs: ANCHOR, Senior Freeze, and Stay NJ.

Application booklets have been mailed. If you did not receive one, residents may also complete the application online. The PAS-1 streamlines the process by combining multiple property tax relief applications into one convenient form.

The deadline to file is November 2, 2026. Income eligibility requirements apply, and approved applicants will receive benefits according to the State's scheduled distribution timeline.

Residents who need assistance completing the application or determining eligibility can visit the website at <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/relief.shtml>, or call 2-1-1 for additional support.



## ANIMAL SHELTER UPDATE

The City of Vineland is actively working toward establishing a permanent municipal animal shelter to better serve our community. In the meantime, Animal Control continues to provide compassionate care for impounded animals, ensuring they receive food, daily attention, and veterinary care when needed. State law requires stray animals to be held for at least seven days, allowing owners the opportunity to reclaim their pets. After that period, animals not reunited with their owners are evaluated and, when appropriate, placed for adoption into caring homes.

Vineland Animal Control does much more than care for stray dogs and cats. Officers investigate reports of animal cruelty and neglect, respond to injured and sick animals, enforce animal-related ordinances, reunite lost pets with their owners, assist law enforcement and emergency responders, and work every day to promote responsible pet ownership while protecting both residents and animals.

If you've been thinking about adding a furry friend to your family, please consider adoption. You'll be giving an animal a second chance while helping us care for others in need. For more information, please call 856-691-4111, or email Animal Control at [animalcontrol@vinelandcity.org](mailto:animalcontrol@vinelandcity.org).

# VINELAND FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL



*Food Festival favorite Kanto Filipino BBQ is returning in 2026!*

Mark your calendars and come hungry! The 9th Annual Vineland Food Truck Festival returns to Landis Avenue on Sunday, September 13, beginning at 11:00 a.m. One of Vineland's most anticipated community events, this year's festival will feature 30 food trucks serving an incredible variety of cuisine, along with local craft and merchandise vendors, a craft beer and cocktail pavilion, and live entertainment throughout the day featuring Steely Dan tribute band Kid Charlemagne, DJ Ben Arsenal, DJ Domo, Riva & Bianca, DJs Joe & Joey, and 4DiamondZ, creating a fun-filled atmosphere for visitors of all ages.

"Each year, the Food Truck Festival brings thousands of people together to celebrate everything that makes Vineland special, particularly our strong sense of community," said Mayor Anthony Fanucci. "Whether you're sampling a new favorite dish, shopping with local vendors, or enjoying the music with family and friends, it's a day that showcases the energy and hospitality of our city. We look forward to welcoming everyone to downtown Vineland for another unforgettable event."

Explore new flavors, support local vendors, and enjoy the music with family and friends. Don't miss one of South Jersey's premier community celebrations. For more information, contact Special Events Coordinator Sheena Santiago at 856-794-4000, ext. 4169.



The Vineland Calendar provides a central location to find activities, events, meetings, and important dates happening throughout the city. Information is updated frequently as new events are added, so be sure to check back regularly for the most current information.

The Municipal Calendar includes City Council meeting dates, municipal board meetings, activities at the Vineland Convention Center, city-sponsored events, children's activities, and more. The calendar can be accessed from the Home Page of the city website at [www.vinelandcity.org](http://www.vinelandcity.org), through the blue link boxes located on the right-hand side of every page, or anytime through the **myVineland** mobile app.