



NEWSLETTER

PROGRESS ON RIVER STREET

RECONSTRUCTION OF RIVER ST.

Work continues on the reconstruction of River Street as part of our ongoing infrastructure improvements. With 162 streets already paved, our goal is to exceed 200 paved streets in 2026.

Residents may notice temporary lane closures, traffic delays, and limited on-street parking while work is underway. Crews are working efficiently to maintain local access and minimize disruptions.

Once completed, River Street will offer a smoother, safer roadway for everyone in the neighborhood. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as this important project progresses.

PLEASE NOTE: Construction on River St. is expected to be completed in the Summer of 2026.



CITY INITIATIVES & IMPROVEMENTS

PATERSON RESIDENTS NOW HAVE ACCESS TO FREE LEGACY PLANNING THROUGH THE FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER

Mayor Andre Sayegh, in partnership with the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, announced that Paterson's Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) is expanding its services to include free, one-on-one legacy planning for residents. The new service helps individuals protect their assets and plan for the future by offering guidance on wills, powers of attorney, and beneficiary designations.

The Paterson FEC is part of a national initiative providing free financial counseling to low and moderate income individuals and families. Since opening in 2021, the Paterson FEC has served more than 1,400 clients, helping reduce \$3.5 million in debt and build \$1.4 million in savings.

Contact FEC at: 973-321-1242



PATERSON LAUNCHES COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS PROGRAM TO EMPOWER RESIDENTS



December marked the official launch of the Paterson Community Solutions program. The initiative provides dedicated court sessions for eligible non-violent, low-level offenders and offers individualized treatment and service plans tailored to participants' needs.

Participants attend biweekly court check-ins while receiving supportive services such as rehabilitation and mental health care, community service opportunities, and assistance with housing and employment. Paterson Community Solutions reflects a collaborative approach to public safety and community wellness by addressing the root causes of justice involvement and prioritizing treatment and support over punishment to improve outcomes for individuals and the broader community.

Following a soft launch in March 2024, the program has supported 60 individuals through expungement services, rehabilitation assistance, and mental health care.

Contact: patersoncommunitysolutions@patersonnj.gov
Phone Number: 973-508-3376

CITY INITIATIVES & IMPROVEMENTS

A CLEANER FUTURE AHEAD: PATERSON BECOMES KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

As of November 2025, the City of Paterson has officially become an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, the nation's leading community improvement organization focused on creating cleaner, greener, and more beautiful communities.

Through this affiliation, Paterson will partner with Keep America Beautiful to strengthen local efforts in litter prevention, recycling, waste reduction, beautification, and Green infrastructure. The partnership provides access to training, educational resources, grant opportunities, national initiatives, and a network of community affiliates across the country to support environmental initiatives citywide.

To participate in upcoming cleanups contact the [Mayor's Office](#) at **973-321-1600**.



2025 CLEAN COMMUNITIES CHAMPIONS!



Mayor Andre Sayegh and the City of Paterson were honored to be named the 2025 Clean Communities Champions by the New Jersey Clean Communities Program. Under Mayor Sayegh's leadership, Paterson has emerged as a model for urban cleanliness and community engagement through comprehensive citywide cleanup initiatives, enhanced street maintenance efforts, and the successful "Paterson is Picking Up" campaign, which was also recognized with the award for Best Municipal Slogan. These initiatives reflect the City's unwavering commitment to maintaining clean, vibrant neighborhoods, fostering civic pride, and combating illegal dumping.

DATA DASHBOARD

PATERSON CONTINUES TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES AND EMPOWER RESIDENTS THROUGH TARGETED PROGRAMS.



**ILLEGAL DUMPING
HAS SERIOUS
CONSEQUENCES**

*19 individuals have been
found guilty of illegally
dumping in Paterson, with
\$60,000 in fines issued.*



**Let's stop illegal
dumping
and keep Paterson
clean!**

Mayor Andre Sayegh - City of Paterson

- **Paterson Re-Entry Assistance Program:** Helps recently incarcerated residents adjust to life outside prison. In 2025, 59 clients were active, and 43 received food support. One shining example of this program's impact is Ms. McKinnon, who avoided eviction thanks to rental assistance and program support. For more info contact Reentry at reentry@patersonnj.gov.
- **1-833-RealFix:** Delivers opioid treatment within 90 minutes, and the program has helped over 700 clients, reducing overdose risk by 40-60% and hopefully expanding statewide. One powerful example is a client who was eight months pregnant and navigating opioid use and homelessness. RealFix stayed persistent, helped her secure a job as a home health aide, and today she lives in stable housing with her partner and child and is expecting again, possibly twins. For more info contact realfix@patersonnj.gov.

Data continued:

- In 7 years, we have reduced the number of vacant and abandoned properties by 92%
- 19 individuals have been found guilty of illegally dumping in Paterson, with \$60,000 in fines issued.
- Fires have decreased by 60% since 2022.

Technology Upgrades:

- Launch of a \$1 million camera project adding 70 new cameras and repairing 20 more.
- AI-assisted monitoring to alert officers faster and improve response times.
- New drones to assess dangerous situations before officers arrive.
- New equipment including a ladder truck, ambulances, all-terrain utility vehicles, and double-stack boat trailer for lifesaving rescues.
- Perry Weather Alert System automatically notifies residents near parks of lightning strikes and severe weather, and enables emergency broadcasts.

Community Partnerships:

- Strengthened community policing, including through programs like *Park Safe Spaces* and *Community Fun Days*, in all wards.

POSITIONING PATERSON FOR PROGRESS

LIGHTS, CAMERA, PATERSON!



A major development is on the way for Paterson: Filmology Labs will soon bring a modern, large-scale film studio to our city. This significant investment is expected to generate new jobs, foster innovation, and establish Paterson as a leader in the expanding media and entertainment economy. The company also aims to collaborate with local schools to prepare students for careers in the industry, further strengthening our workforce and attracting additional investment.

This project represents an exciting milestone for our city.

FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER

Success story #1: "I just want to be ready for a business loan."

That's what one of our FEC clients said during his first session. He came in unsure, burdened with debt on his credit report. But with the help of our counselor, he wrote a dispute letter, sent it off, and waited. A few weeks later, the debt was deleted and his credit score jumped 40 points. Just like that, the door to business ownership opened a little wider. Sometimes, all it takes is someone to walk beside you through the process.

Success story #2: From Tourist Visa to New Jersey Resident

This client came to the U.S. on a tourist visa, staying with family in New York. When he moved to Paterson, he had no credit, no license, and no real direction.

Fast forward:

1. He now has his ITIN, NJ driver's license, new bank accounts, and his own credit cards.
2. He applied for and got a car loan, co-signed one for his cousin, and even helped his family navigate finances.
3. With our help, he connected to an immigration attorney, got married, applied for residency, and now has his Social Security number and NJ health insurance.
4. All of this happened in less than a year.

He's not just starting over, he's building a new life from the ground up.

Success story #3: "I bought a house. And I want you to tell the Oasis students that God wants warrior women."

That voice note still gives us chills. This mother of three started out in a cramped attic apartment in Paterson, trying to raise her kids and hold it all together. She came to us ready for change. Together, we created a plan. She got a full-time job, saved \$18K, and in November, she closed on a beautiful townhouse in Pennsylvania, negotiated from \$125K to \$118K. Her monthly mortgage? Just \$800. She did it. With grit, faith, and support. And she told us to share her story. Because her win is every woman's reminder: you are stronger than your circumstances.



POSITIONING PATERSON FOR PROGRESS

REAL-FIX

From Street Survival to Family Restoration:

When the team first met the patient, she had been using opioids for 20 years, beginning at age 15. At that time, she had been unhoused for a decade and was suffering from severe wounds related to xylazine ("tranq") use. Previous traumatic experiences with medical institutions made her distrustful of inpatient care, despite the team's strong recommendations—particularly given that maintaining clean wound care while unhoused was nearly impossible.

After experiencing precipitated withdrawal in the past, she chose methadone as her medication-assisted treatment. She actively engaged in outpatient care for nearly a month and independently arranged transportation through Modivcare. As her medical condition worsened, hospitalization became necessary. Due to prior trauma, she refused admission to St. Joe's Hospital. Dr. Monks and a member of the care team personally transported her to Valley Hospital and supported her through the admission process. She later stated that without the trust built with the team, she would have left before being admitted.

Following stabilization, she was transferred to John Brooks for continued treatment. After discharge, she stayed with a friend in Morristown who has been in recovery for 20 years while awaiting approval of her benefits. She is now living with her mother and her teenage children, whom her mother had raised. This past holiday season marked the first time she spent the holidays with her children, and she tearfully shared that her son called her "Mom" for the first time. Without coordinated intervention, she faced a high risk of limb loss, systemic infection, and fatal overdose due to untreated wounds and unstable access to medication.



Mayor Andre Sayegh with Real-Fix Social Worker, Alex T.



Stability After Crisis: Recovery Through Coordinated Care:

In February 2025, the client arrived at the office soaked, freezing, and in urgent need of assistance. Referred by Ruby's Vision, he was experiencing severe alcohol use disorder and schizophrenia, compounded by homelessness and the loss of his identification and SSD benefits following an assault.

Recognizing the severity of the situation, the team facilitated his admission to Bergen New Bridge Medical Center, where he received integrated treatment for both substance use and mental health needs. After stabilization, he transitioned to the Salvation Army's residential program in Paterson and participated in its work therapy initiative.

When the program later relocated to Newark, the client chose to remain in Paterson. The team supported him in securing placement at the Good Shepherd Mission, ensuring continued shelter and recovery support. At the same time, assistance was provided to restore his SSD benefits and secure housing assistance.

Today, the client lives independently in a one-bedroom apartment in Paterson. He is exploring long-term treatment options and has reconnected with his passion for music, saving toward purchasing a guitar. His progression from crisis to stability highlights his resilience and the impact of coordinated, comprehensive support. This success story reflects the strength of Paterson's harm-reduction and recovery network and underscores RealFix's role as a rapid-access entry point to treatment and stabilization services.

PARKS & FIELDS

PATERSON HONORS VERA AMES-GARNES WITH NEW COMMUNITY PARK

In November 2025, Mayor Andre Sayegh and the Paterson City Council unveiled the new Vera Ames Community Park, honoring the life and legacy of Councilwoman Vera Ames-Garnes, the first African American woman elected to represent Paterson's Fourth Ward. A lifelong Paterson resident and dedicated public servant, Garnes has spent decades uplifting the community, raising 25 children, founding parent-teacher groups, and serving six terms on the City Council. She has received over 250 awards and became the first female Paterson councilmember inducted into the League of Municipalities Hall of Fame. The new park located at 118 Rosa Parks Blvd will stand as a lasting tribute to her compassion, service, and unwavering commitment to the people of Paterson.



PATERSON UNVEILS VISTA STATE PARK WITH STUNNING VIEWS

Paterson Vista State Park located at 2 Jasper St is a new 6.4-acre urban park providing residents and visitors with a vibrant public space. Located near the iconic Great Falls National Park atop the city's highest point, Paterson Vista State Park offers sweeping views of the Paterson skyline and New York City. The renovated park features amenities for all ages, including a playground, fitness equipment, walking paths, picnic and BBQ areas, and an amphitheater. It also created a continuous network of public open space stretching from the Great Falls east to Ryle Avenue, marking the largest dedicated public parkland in Paterson since the 1890s. This project reflected the City of Paterson's ongoing commitment to enhancing public spaces, promoting recreation, and improving residents' quality of life.



PATERSON IS HAPPENING

OVER 3,000 TURKEYS AND CHICKENS DISTRIBUTED TO PATERSON RESIDENTS FOR THANKSGIVING

Mayor Andre Sayegh, in partnership with Brothers Quality Halal Meat and the South Paterson Business Association (SPBA), hosted a Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway to help local families celebrate the holiday season.



A total of 1,000 turkeys and 500 chickens were distributed to Paterson residents on a first-come, first-served basis, with each family receiving one free turkey or chicken while supplies lasted. The initiative aimed to support local families and ensure that every Paterson household could enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal. The giveaway welcomed all residents and highlighted the importance of community support and well-being during the holiday season.



LIGHTS, CHEER, AND HOLIDAY SPIRIT: CHRISTMAS PARADE & TREE LIGHTING



Mayor Andre Sayegh and the Paterson City Council hosted the annual Christmas Parade of Lights and Tree Lighting Ceremony, celebrating the spirit of Paterson's community, its small businesses, vibrant downtown, and the joy of the holiday season. Residents and visitors were encouraged to shop local and enjoy the festivities.

The celebration featured a festive parade, a tree lighting ceremony with a special appearance by Santa Claus, live performances, and a variety of holiday attractions for the entire community.

PATERSON IS HAPPENING

GIVING BACK THIS SEASON: TOY GIVEAWAY

In December 2025, Mayor Andre Sayegh, in partnership with Brothers Produce and the South Paterson Business Association, brought holiday cheer to the Paterson community through the annual Paterson Toy Giveaway, distributing over 2,000 toys to local families.



Hosted by the Office of the Mayor, the event welcomed residents to City Hall to take photos with Santa and pick out toys for their families, creating lasting memories for hundreds of households throughout the city.

SIGN UP FOR PATERSON'S RESTAURANT GUIDE!

RESTAURANT GUIDE:

The City of Paterson is launching a Restaurant Guide for residents and visitors to easily locate an eatery that will satisfy their cravings. If you own a restaurant, dessert shop, food truck, or cafe in Paterson, we encourage you to participate!

Complete the form and let's put your restaurant on the map!

Sign up using the QR code below:



Questions? Contact Crystal Fazzinga,
UEZ Marketing Coordinator at
cfazzinga@patersonnj.gov or
(973) 321-1565 ext. 1028

#ADeliciousDestination



**STAY TUNED FOR PATERSON'S
2026 RESTAURANT WEEK**

REBUILDING OUR CITY

ROAD REPAVING UPDATES

Road resurfacing is happening on streets across Paterson to make driving smoother and safer. The City continues resurfacing efforts across multiple neighborhoods to improve street conditions and safety. Check out the list of roads scheduled to be paved in 2026, and thank you for your patience as we work to deliver smoother, safer roads for our community.

Street:

E. 33rd Street
E. 39th Street
E. 36th Street
E. 36th Street
E. 38th Street
E. 41st Street
Maryland Avenue
Halpine Street
Mercer Street
N. 2nd Street
N. 4th Street
Lawrence Street
Lawrence Place
Chamberlain Ave
Burlington Avenue
20th Avenue
Clinton Street
19th Avenue
Beckwith Avenue
Robert Street
Prince Street
Harrison Street
Jasper Street
Holsman Street
Rossiter Avenue
Courtland Street
Mailtland Avenue
Emerson Avenue
Linwood Avenue
Rossiter Avenue
Paterson Avenue
Marion Street
Dayton Street

From:

19th Avenue
Park Avenue
Park Avenue
Vreeland Avenue
21st Avenue
Park Avenue
Lakeview Avenue
Hopper Street
Montgomery Street
Halpine Street
Halpine Street
Summer Street
Rosa Parks Blvd
Lexington Avenue
Chatham Avenue
Vreeland Avenue
N. 3rd Street
Vreeland Avenue
21st Avenue
Main Street
Ward Street
Jelsma Place
Doremus Street
Jefferson Street
Hill Street
Barclay Street
Chatham Avenue
Chatham Avenue
Dead End
Dead End
Dead End
Dead End
McBride Avenue

To:

Dead End
17th Avenue
Vreeland Avenue
Dead End
Market Street
Dead End
E. Railway Avenue
N. 1st Street
Fulton Street
Belle Ave./E. Main Street
Dead End
Rosa Parks Blvd
Dead End
Cumberland Avenue
Totowa Avenue
State Route 20
N. 7th Street
Route 20
Dead End
Getty Avenue
Slater Street
Carroll Street
Totowa Avenue
E. Main Street
Totowa Avenue
Levine Street
Chamberlain Avenue
Totowa Avenue
Chamberlain Avenue
Chamberlain Avenue
Front Street
Union Avenue
Caldwell Avenue

DIRECTORY RESOURCES FOR RESIDENTS

MISSED GARBAGE PICKUP? CALL 1(833) GO FILCO OR 1-(833)-463-4526

MISSED RECYCLING PICKUP? CALL 973-321-1393

MISSED BULK TRASH PICKUP? CALL DPW 973-321-1573

PAY YOUR TAXES? CALL REVENUE COLLECTION 973-321-1380

PAY YOUR SEWER BILL? CALL 973-321-1230

HANDICAP PERMITS? CALL THE TRAFFIC DIVISION 973-321-1395

CONSTRUCTION OF YOUR BUILDING? CALL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS 973-321-1232

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CONSTRUCTION PERMITS? CALL THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICE 973-321-1549

QUESTIONS ABOUT MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES? CALL THE LAW DEPARTMENT 973-321-1366

QUESTIONS ABOUT AN OPRA REQUEST? CALL THE CITY CLERK AT 973-321-1310

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR WARD REPRESENTATIVE? CALL CITY COUNCIL 973-321-1250

QUESTIONS FOR MAYOR ANDRE SAYEGH? CALL 973-321-1600

Financial Empowerment Center

125 Ellison Street
1st Floor, Paterson
(973)-321-1242

Board of Health

176 Broadway, Paterson
(973)-321-1277

Food Assistance Program

Cumac
223 Ellison Street, Paterson
Tel: (973)-742-5518
www.cumac.org

Childcare

4CS of Passaic County
2 Market Street, #300
www.4cspassaic.org

Legal Resources

Northeast New Jersey Legal Services
100 Hamilton Plaza, Suite 200,
Paterson
(973)-523-2900

Utility Assistance

Paterson Task Force for Community Action, Inc
191 Market Street, Paterson
(973)-279-2333
www.patersontaskforce.com

RealFix Addiction Program

125 Ellison St, Paterson
1-800 Realfix
www.realfix.org

Job Placement

Passaic County One Stop Career Services
200 Memorial Drive, Paterson
(973)-340-3400
www.pcwdc.org

Paterson Reentry Assistance Program

155 Market Street, Paterson
reentry@patersonnj.gov

Community Solutions

Ramon Lopez,
Case Manager/Resource Coordinator
155 Market St, Paterson
(973)-508-3376

Police help with Non-Emergency

Paterson Police Department
111 Broadway, Paterson
(973)-321-1111

Domestic Violence Support National Domestic Violence Hotline

(973)-799-7233
www.thehotline.org

Rental Assistance

Passaic County Family Services
80 Hamilton Street
(973)-881-0100

First-time Homebuyer Program Community Development

125 Ellison Street, Paterson
(973)321-1202

Mental Health Program

Behavioral Health Program
St. Joseph Health
621 Main Street, Paterson
(973)-754-5595

United Way of Passaic County

Homeless prevention and re-housing programs for Passaic County families.
301 Main Street, Paterson
1-844-875-6446
www.unitedwaypassaic.org

FEMA Disaster relief (such as during floods)

1-844-875-6446
www.fema.gov

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

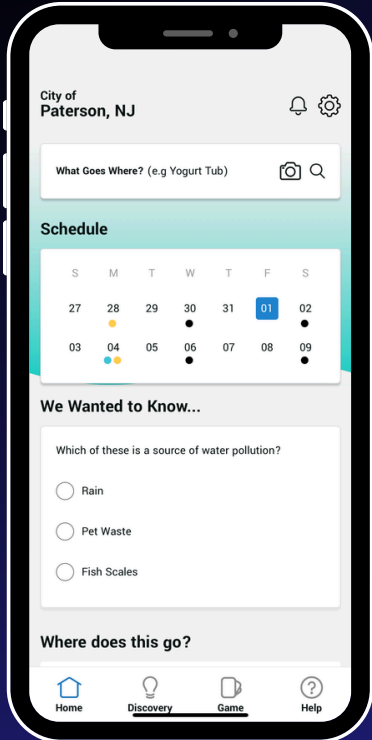
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Have questions? Contact the Department of Public Works at
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