

THE RECORDER

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We Honor Our Heroes

The Monmouth County Clerk's Office provides Veterans Identification Cards for all veterans living in the County. Last fall, County Clerk Hanlon launched the new "We Honor our Heroes" military appreciation program that encourages local business to offer discounts or programs to help our veterans and recognize the sacrifices they have made.

"More than 33,000 veterans call Monmouth County home," said Hanlon. "We want our Veterans to know that we appreciate their service, so my staff and I have created a Veterans Discount Guidebook that is available to every Veteran who has a Veterans ID card issued by the Monmouth County Clerk's Office."

Inside the 36-page guidebook is a listing of stores, restaurants and other businesses in Monmouth County committed to offering products and/or service discounts to Veterans. The list is also available on the County Clerk's website, www.visitmonmouth.com/countyclerk.

Participating businesses receive specially designed window clings, donated by members of the Asbury Park VFW Harold Daley Post 1333, for placement in their establishments. The program was launched at Taka restaurant in Asbury Park with the support of the Monmouth County Freeholders, Asbury Park V.F.W. Harold Daly Post 1333 and many local veterans.



County Clerk Christine Hanlon (third from left) is joined by Freeholder Deputy Director Serena DiMaso, VFW Post 1333 Commander Frank Brogna, and Freeholder John P. Curley to announce the "Honoring our Heroes."

High Marks from the National Passport Center!

In January, the County Connection Office in Neptune received a perfect score from the federal Office of Acceptance Facility Oversight (AFO).

The AFO conducts independent oversight inspections that focus on protecting the integrity of the passport issuance process, and assesses acceptance facility compliance with State Department regulations and policies, and provides recommendations for improvement of passport acceptance services.

The AFO determined that Monmouth County's facility provides outstanding customer service and is fully compliant with all State Department policies and regulations.

The office is located at 3544 State Highway 66 in Neptune, and is open evenings and Saturdays to provide services. For hours of operation, visit www.visitmonmouth.com.



County Clerk Christine Hanlon proudly displays the Certificate of Excellence awarded to the Monmouth County Connection by the U.S. Department of State.

MonmouthCountyVotes.com is Launched

To assist Monmouth County voters with up-to date elections information, a new easy to use voter education website, www.MonmouthCountyVotes.com, was unveiled last fall by Clerk Hanlon, in collaboration with the County's Board of Elections and Superintendent of Elections. The website provides Monmouth County voters and residents with a single online place for local election information and voting assistance.

"We are very excited to provide this website to Monmouth County voters to assist them with all of their election needs and questions," said Hanlon. "This is really about helping voters, potential voters and candidates access the most up-to-date and important information with the click of a mouse."

The website includes quick links to voter registration, Vote By Mail information, polling locations, election results, candidate assistance, election support, contact information, forms and other useful information. Voters can even map their polling locations via Google Maps.

"This site was designed with the user experience as a priority and is highly compatible with mobile devices," said Hanlon. "On election day voters can confirm their polling locations and get election results from MonmouthCountyVotes.com."



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New Mobile County Connection connects People to Government

Monmouth County constitutional officers, Clerk Christine Hanlon, Surrogate Rosemarie Peters and Sheriff Shaun Golden, teamed up to deliver county services and programs directly into communities through the new Mobile County Connection.

“We are proud to have unveiled such an important outreach program,” said Hanlon. “It is the first of its kind in Monmouth County and features mobile government services to connect people with government in their communities.”

The Mobile County Connection is housed in a large mobile command center and was rolled out at the Middletown Township Library in August. Subsequent events took place in Holmdel, Hazlet, Keansburg, Manalapan, Howell, Wall and Tinton Falls. Hanlon, Golden and Peters will continue to bring the Mobile County Connection service to other municipalities throughout the County.

During the events, residents are able to apply for and renew their passports as well as have passport photos taken. Residents also had access to free notary services and voter/ election information. The Monmouth County Sheriff’s Office offers Youth and Ident-Adult Identification Cards and information on the proper installation of child safety seats, along with other agency services. In addition, there is information on the Monmouth County Surrogate’s Office regarding estate, guardianship and adoption services, and other programs offered throughout the county.

“Having access to county government services on wheels allows us to better serve the public,” Hanlon said.



County Clerk Christine Hanlon, Surrogate Rosemarie Peters and Sheriff Shaun Golden unveil the Mobile County Connection.

Monmouth County celebrates Archives Day

Archives and History Day 2015 took place on October 3 at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters in Manalapan. The event drew over 60 exhibitors from across New Jersey showcasing and promoting historical information and artifacts. The County Clerk’s Archives staff prepared a month-long exhibit, “New Jersey in Focus: The World War I Era.”

“As in previous wars, New Jersey played a significant role during what was then often called the Great War or the World War,” Monmouth County Archivist Gary Saretzky said. “Almost 70,000 New Jersey men, including many African Americans, were inducted into military service. Large military camps were established, including Fort Dix and the facility, initially called Camp Little Silver, then Camp Alfred Vail, which became Fort Monmouth.” The exhibit drew on the holdings of the Archives, other repositories, and personal collections, and featured various photographs and writings of the pivotal 1910-1920 decade with an emphasis on New Jersey.



A Banner Year for Recording and Revenue

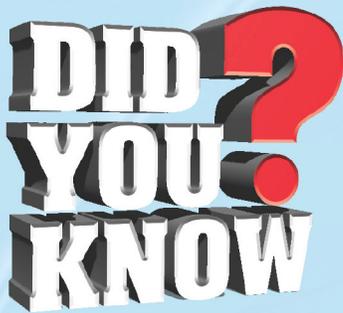
Spurred by improvements in the County's real estate market, the Recording Division of the Monmouth County Clerk's Office generated a record \$58,505,864 in revenue from the recording of real property documents in 2015.

This revenue helps to offset property taxes for Monmouth County residents, and represents a 3.1% increase from the \$55,788,623 in revenue collected in 2014.

This revenue is based upon statutory fees set by the State government for the recording of real property documents. In 2015, the Clerk's Office recorded 116,903 documents. These documents included deeds, mortgages, notices of settlement, assignment of mortgages, judgments and other property records.

A portion of this revenue is maintained by the County. In 2015, Monmouth County's revenue total increased by more than a million dollars, or 9.7%, rising from \$11,234,490 in 2014 to \$12,326,000 in 2015.

When comparing this revenue to operating expenses of the County Clerk's Office in 2015 (\$2,831,231), Monmouth County taxpayers saw a return of \$3.35 for every dollar spent in operating costs. That is good news for taxpayers!



- 95,571 Monmouth County residents voted in the 2015 General Election
- The Monmouth County Clerk's Office has recorded deeds that date back to 1665
- Election poll workers are needed in Monmouth County. To become a poll worker, fill out the application available on www.MonmouthCountyVotes.com or call 732-431-7802, ext. 7150

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