



This Week at NJ21st: County Budgets to Chicken Fights

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Counties Feeling the Pinch

In preparation for 2026, John starts his look at county budgets with Union and Somerset. Different in many ways, the two counties show striking commonalities in the books.

Election Drama

Another election, another ballot problem in Berkeley Heights. An educator in the

community shares [survey results](#) highlighting what voters are most concerned about.

Chickens and Turf

Shauna provides thorough coverage of the [chicken ordinance](#) debate, while Laura begins her series unpacking the [Berkeley Heights turf field scandal](#).

Board of Education

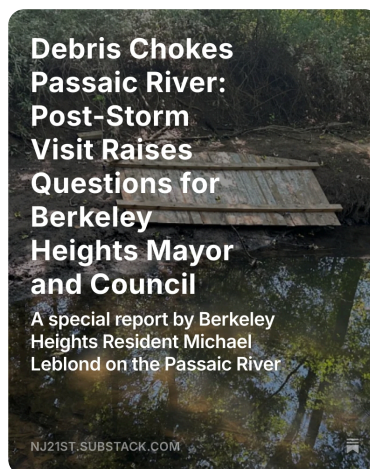
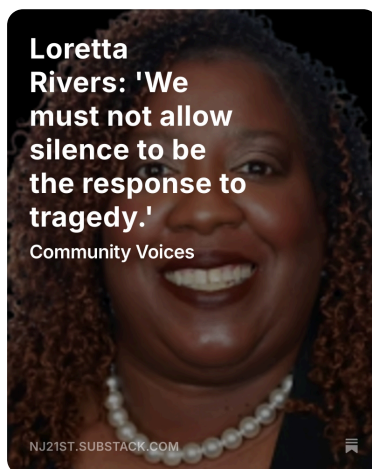
Laura covers the [09/18/2025 BOE meeting](#), where some members continue pushing to pay questionable bills — especially those tied to legal services.

Press Releases

- [*Muñoz and Matsikoudis Release First Ad: “Grateful”*](#)

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