



# DOWNTOWN NEW JERSEY



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Welcome to the newly upgraded Downtown New Jersey newsletter!

Downtown New Jersey has been hard at work this year, making changes to the organization's governance structure and making plans to provide you with a suite of events, services and resources that will ensure your Downtown New Jersey membership is one of the best investments you can make. [MORE>](#)



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



### [Cranford: Putting the 'Live' in Live-Work-Play](#)

How downtown Cranford became not just a downtown dining and shopping destination, but a true neighborhood. [MORE>](#)

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## POLICY WATCH



### [Rahway Decision Limits Towns' Flexibility in Designating SIDs](#)

A recent court decision limits municipalities' flexibility in designating special improvement districts. [MORE>](#)



## [DCA Cuts Main Street Ties](#)

The Department of Community Affairs will no longer serve as the Main Street coordinator for New Jersey, but will still offer technical assistance. [MORE>](#)

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## [New Legislation Looks to Help Small-Town Downtown Businesses](#)

New legislation would offer assistance to local businesses in small municipalities with well-developed downtowns. [MORE>](#)

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs., Feb. 2, 2017

#### [NJ Downtown Institute: Grow Your Business Workshop](#)

NJDCA Local Planning Services; 9 AM-12 PM; Montclair

Fri., Feb. 10, 2017

#### [TNJ Institute: Parklets Workshop](#)

Together North Jersey; 9 AM-12 PM; Newark

Fri., March 10, 2017

#### [2017 Redevelopment Forum](#)

New Jersey Future; 8:30 AM-4 PM; New Brunswick

Fall 2017

#### [DNJ Annual Conference](#)

Downtown New Jersey's annual conference will be back in 2017! To submit panel and speakers suggestions, or for sponsorship information, contact Teri Jover at [info@downtownnj.com](mailto:info@downtownnj.com).

**Members: to submit events, please complete our [online submission form](#).**

### ABOUT DNJ

[Downtown New Jersey](#) is an organization of individuals, businesses, government agencies, and local and regional organizations that are passionate about downtowns. Downtowns reflect our communities' unique identities, provide a focal point, a convenient local place of commerce, and offer a sense of place where people can gather and truly be community. Downtown New Jersey is a resource dedicated to ensuring the vitality of our downtowns. Count on us as your resource for anything regarding downtowns in New Jersey.

