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13,200 NJ seniors rely on paper checks

Benefits payments will become electronic-only by Sept. 30

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Over 13,000 New Jerseyans will be affected when Social Security benefits move to electronic-only payments by Sept. 30, 2025.

The Social Security Administration announced that beneficiaries will no longer be eligible to receive paper checks as payment. The federal government said in a statement that this decision was made “to modernize payments systems and enhance service delivery.” The SSA said

this transition will improve security, savings and efficiency. As of July 2025, 13,200 New Jersey residents who receive Social Security payments, equaling less than 1% of beneficiaries in the state, got their money by a paper check. Across the country, 521,644 Social

Security beneficiaries, also less than 1% of those who receive benefits, receive payments through a paper check. The SSA said it will be in contact with those who are affected in New Jersey and across the country to help set up their direct deposit or other payments. Here is what those in New Jersey can do right now.

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Construction of the Topgolf facility on Route 46 in Parsippany appears to be progressing rapidly since its groundbreaking on June 5. A three-story steel frame is complete in the back, and tall columns for nets outlining the course are up as well. WILLIAM WESTHOVEN/DAILY RECORD

Rolling forward

Topgolf rising quickly along Route 46 in Parsippany

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Just weeks after its groundbreaking, North Jersey’s first Topgolf location is rising rapidly in Parsippany. Construction activity was brisk at the site on Route 46 east on Aug. 22 as the chain of golf and entertainment venues prepares for an opening next year. A three-story steel frame in the back of the property, not far from Route 80, appears complete, and more than a dozen tall concrete columns have been erected between the two highways.

The columns outline the driving range and will support 100-foot poles for netting to keep slices, hooks and big-bomb drives inside the range. The three-story, 67,500-square-foot facility will feature a multitier driving range with 102 bays. Serious golfers will enjoy advanced tracking technology for their shots. Novices may prefer to engage in interactive games, suitable for all ages and skill levels, aiming for huge targets on the field.

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Ramapo business center has closed

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One of New Jersey’s small-business development centers, at Ramapo College in Mahwah, closed on June 30, NorthJersey.com has learned. Small-business development centers, funded by the federal and state governments and the colleges where they are based, provide coaching, counseling and training to small businesses in the region. The development centers also have access to local community resources, such as banks that could provide financing to a small business. The centers also provide assistance with accounting and financial analysis, help small-business owners and entrepreneurs develop business plans, identify new markets, start marketing strategies, and find procurement and international trade opportunities. “I want to emphasize that there has been no lapse or break in services for our small-business community in Bergen County,” Kelly Brozyna, state director of the New Jersey Small Business Development Center program, told NorthJersey.com. Brozyna said the Ramapo closure “was a carefully considered decision that the services will be best served in a different way to ensure the business resources were and continue to be provided to the small-business community effectively and efficiently.” She did not provide specifics on why the closure occurred.

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