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Sherrill, Legislature agree on \$60.7B budget

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Gov. Mikie Sherrill, state Senate President Nick Scutari and Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin confirmed in a

statement on Tuesday, June 23, that there is an agreement in place to adopt New Jersey's fiscal year 2027 budget.

Sherrill and the legislative leaders said their budget "makes New Jersey more affordable and protects our state from the Trump Administration's dan-

gerous policies that harm residents."

The current budget is set to expire on June 30, and a new budget must be adopted by that deadline. Although June 23 is late in the negotiation process, the agreement among Sherrill, Scutari and Coughlin still clocks in earlier

than agreements in recent years.

The bill seemingly still needs to be written and voted on in legislative committees in both chambers before receiving a full vote in both the state Senate

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Boonton joins other towns in using SafetySticks



A SafetyStick device that has been installed at the intersection of Grove Street and Marshall Avenue in Little Ferry.

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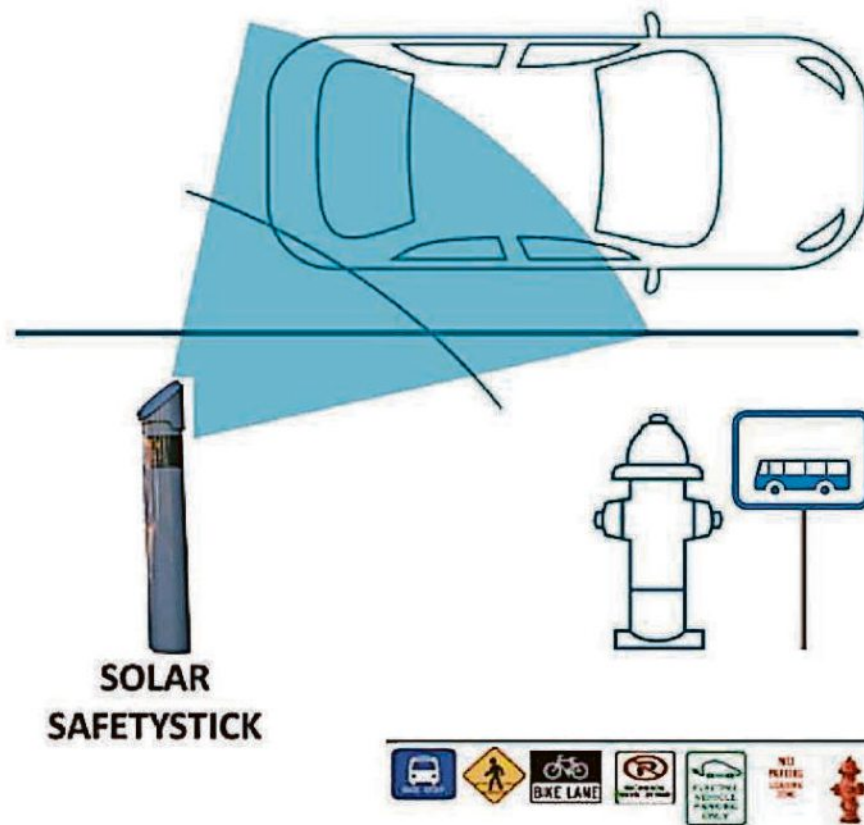
Boonton is joining other New Jersey towns by rolling out a pilot program that uses photographic technology to identify parking violators on Main Street.

Beginning in July, the town will begin using SafetySticks "to enhance pedestrian safety and improve compliance with parking regulations in designated no-parking areas," a town announcement explained.

The gray, cylindrical SafetySticks, already installed along Main Street, capture photographic evidence of potential parking violations, but they do not independently generate parking tickets. The images are transmitted to the Boonton Police Department for review. A summons will be mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle only after police confirm a violation has occurred.

"This program is intended to improve visibility at crosswalks and intersections, helping to create a safer environment for pedestrians, motorists, and the community as a whole," the town stated.

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A graphic that shows how SafetySticks use photo technology to catch parking violators. PROVIDED BY TOWN OF BOONTON

2 men file suit against Morris detention center

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Two former detainees at the Morris County Juvenile Detention Center say staff members used their positions of power to sexually assault them, saying there is a "well-documented history of child abuse."

A lawsuit filed by two anonymous men, identified only by the initials P.G. and S.M., says the county should have known that the abusers posed a threat and would pose a threat in the future and that it did nothing to protect the two.

The pair said they suffered "physical, psychological and emotional injuries" at the hands of the county's employees and that Morris' negligence allowed the "culture of abuse to flourish" at the juvenile detention center.

Vincent Vitale, a spokesman for the county, had no comment.

One of the men is now 39 years old and a resident of North Carolina, while the other is 33 and lives in Morris

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A missed warning in 1778 led to a massacre

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George Baylor saw the danger before it found him.

His 3rd Continental Light Dragoons had been at Paramus for four days in September 1778. They were close enough to British lines that Baylor feared the enemy might try to surprise them, so he moved the regiment a few miles away, into a Bergen County farm neighborhood near present-day River Vale. There, the men were quartered in houses and barns and a guard was

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