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Scenes from the Binghamton Porchfest, celebrating its 10th year, on Aug. 31.
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Sending off the summer at Porchfest

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On the last Sunday in August, the streets of Binghamton’s West Side neighborhood were filled with thousands of people, dozens of vendors and music. • Binghamton’s Porchfest, a musical celebration involving more than 100 bands performing on local porches throughout the neighborhood, celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2025. • 2025’s Porchfest also featured more activities than any previous event, including more than 15 food vendors lining the streets; activities for families with kids, including crafts, games and music; and the Porchfest Artisan Market, making its debut in 2025.



Poll: Most Americans support FEMA

Many agree agency’s services are necessary even as Trump cuts staff

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USA TODAY

For decades after major hurricanes and other disasters, Americans have found fault with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which oversees the federal government’s response to such crises. After Hurricane Katrina’s devastating path through Louisiana and Mississippi in 2005, investigations into missteps in FEMA’s response led to major changes. Complaints arose again during the response to Hurricane Helene in September 2024 and when President Donald Trump took office earlier this year, one of his earliest actions was calling for FEMA to be dismantled.

Yet seven months, several disasters and thousands of staff reductions later, public support for the agency remains high, according to a new USA TODAY/Ipsos poll. Among a group of 924 adults who said they were at least partially familiar with FEMA, the poll found 86% agreed FEMA’s services after a natural disaster are very necessary or somewhat necessary. That included 83% of Republicans in the group and 95% of Democrats.

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Details emerge after Giuliani car accident

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USA TODAY

Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani was helping a woman involved in a domestic violence incident before a car crash that left him hospitalized, police said. Giuliani and his driver, Theodore Goodman, were driving on Interstate 93 near Manchester, New Hampshire, around 10 p.m. local time Aug. 30 when their car was struck from behind, New Hampshire State Police said in a news release. Goodman, Giuliani and the driver of the other vehicle suffered injuries not considered to be life-threatening and were taken by ambulance to area hospitals for treatment, NHSP said. Prior to the accident, Giuliani, a former attorney for President Donald Trump, and Goodman were flagged down by a woman on the side of the road who said she had been involved in a domestic violence incident, NHSP confirmed in a

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