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Events

Mar. 21- Managers Roundtable

@ 2:00pm (Zoom)

How to Work with Your Cable Committees

Mar. 27- General Meeting

@ 12:00pm (ZOOM ONLY)

Presentation: Granicus



JAG's new video partner: Granicus

by Andrew Collinworth, Account Executive, Granicus

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News from Trenton & Washington DC

by Dave Garb, Legislative Committee Chair

Last October the White House urged congressional appropriators to dedicate \$6 billion to extend the ACP, or Affordable Connectivity Program through the end of 2024. The ACP allows about 23 million low-income households to receive discounts on their internet bills of up to \$30 a month. Lawmakers and Federal Communications Commission officials have held numerous rallies calling for this program to receive a new round of appropriations from Congress. If it does not receive this money, the existing funds would expire in the end of April as reported by FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel, this past January. Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (N.J.), the ranking Democrat on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said recently at an event to gather support for this program, "it's going to be very detrimental to all these people that need internet access if the funding expires".

A bipartisan group of House and Senate lawmakers unveiled a bill last month to re-up its funding (ACP Extension Act: HR-6929/S-3565). Now, key negotiators are pushing to tuck the measure into upcoming spending bills on Capitol Hill, where lawmakers are racing to avert a possible shutdown. [Read more](#)

President's Message JAG Conference 2024 – Compelling Reasons To Be There On May 16th



By Bob Duthaler, President, JAG

Each year the Jersey Access Group holds its annual conference for not only its members, their staff and volunteer crews, but others outside the organization who are interested in local access television. Just because it's an annual event, does not mean it is the same old event. In fact, quite to the contrary. The conference committee has worked hard on this year's event to include new sessions, bring in outside professionals from our industry and work with vendors on presenting the latest equipment, technology and more. [Read more](#)



How to Work with Your TV Committee

By Geoffrey Belinfante, External Relations Committee Chair

This month, on Thursday March 21, JAG is scheduled to have a Managers Roundtable on how to work with cable TV committees/commissions. Here in West Milford we don't have a TV committee per se, all of the folks who are involved in the running of WM77 are considered commissioners and serve on what we call the TV commission. While most of us run the day-to-day operation of the station, the most important commissioners are the two liaisons from the council that represent our interests. And represent us --with enthusiasm and insights about what the mayor and council are thinking. [Read more](#)



JAG's Annual Conference Taking Shape

By Geoffrey Belinfante, Conference Committee Vice Chair

Just like a fine red wine that gets better as it breaths, JAG's conference gets better and better as the plans mature. Okay, okay, perhaps the analogy is a bit over the top, but indulge me. Your conference committee has been working diligently to assemble a series of workshops that will make this year's conference special--no matter what your interests. The wine has been breathing since the last article. Sessions are in three categories. Here's a preview: [Read more](#)

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

JAG Annual Conference 2024

May 16, 2024

Crowne Plaza Hotel

2055 Lincoln Hwy (Rt. 27), Edison, NJ

TelVue User Group Breakfast

Vendor Exhibits



Alliance for
Community Media

Public Policy Call

April 4, 2:00 PM - 3:00PM
(ET)

Join in on this monthly phone call with ACM President and CEO Mike Wassenaar, discussing current State and Federal issues affecting PEG Access TV, and what actions the individuals in community media can make in support of our

11 Sessions
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How to Work with Contractors
and Vendors to Facilitate
Broadband Deployment

April 8, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

* Registration open until 4/7/24 at 12:00 AM

You want to serve your community, but there are many issues to consider to meet everyone's needs. Affordability of broadband services for both residents and businesses; availability of high capacity, wireline-based broadband/internet services to both single family homes and multiple dwelling units (MDUs); education and training-related issues concerning digital literacy; broadband/internet accessibility problems, especially those impacting persons with disabilities; network reliability issues; and other issues should all be considered.

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