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**LATEST LEGAL SERVICES NEWSLETTER FOCUSES ON
NEW FORECLOSURE LAW CHANGES**

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EDISON — The latest newsletter from Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) provides details on the many mortgage foreclosure reforms Gov. Phil Murphy signed into law earlier this year.

The bilingual publication, “Looking Out For Your Legal Rights,” is accessible online at www.lsnjlaw.org and is available at all New Jersey Legal Services offices.

In all, there were nine changes to the foreclosure statute and the thrust primarily gives homeowners more time to deal with foreclosure actions against their property, including providing a 60-day window for homeowners to seek mediation as a potential alternative to foreclosure.

Meanwhile, the newsletter lays out how New Jerseyans can file private citizen complaints in the municipal courts, including complaints against public officials and political candidates. The procedural changes made by the New Jersey Supreme Court specify that there be no limitations on the types of complaints.

Additionally, the LSNJ publication notes that when temperatures drop below freezing and weather conditions pose a danger for homeless individuals, a “Code Blue” alert will be declared allowing authorities to take the homeless to shelters or other facilities. People can find out if a Code Blue has been issued by contacting their local police departments or checking county or municipal websites.

Social Security recipients are advised their benefits will be gaining a 1.6 percent cost-of-living increase at the end of this month.

Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ), located in Edison, heads the state’s Legal Services system, a network of five independent non-profit corporations and has been providing free essential legal aid in civil matters to low-income people through offices in all 21 counties for more than 50 years. Since its inception, LSNJ has provided representation in more than 2.4 million cases.

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