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TOP STORY

Nation Marks 25 Years Since 9/11

NEW YORK, NY — This year marks 25 years since the September 11, 2001 attacks. The attacks killed 2,977 people. Communities nationwide are holding ceremonies to honor victims. They also honor helpers who rushed to save lives.

At the 9/11 Memorial, officials will read the names of everyone lost. That list also includes victims from a 1993 bombing at the same site. The ceremony begins at 8:30 a.m.

New this year, organizers added a seventh moment of silence. It honors people who became sick after the attacks. Many workers developed illnesses linked to rescue and cleanup efforts.

Congress created Patriot Day in 2001, asking Americans to fly flags at half-staff. They also pause for a moment of silence each year.

Why it matters: *This anniversary helps us remember history and honor community service and sacrifice.*

Source: 9/11 Memorial visitor guide — <https://www.vibenycitours.com/post/september-11-2026-9-11-memorial-visitor-guide> ; Flag guidance — <https://flagsexpress.com/blog/flags-half-staff/united-states/september-11-2026/>

NATION & WORLD

Convention Marks Start of Election Season

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Vice President JD Vance spoke at a Republican convention this week. The event kicked off the fall election season. Speakers also marked 25 years since 9/11. They also honored the anniversary of activist Charlie Kirk's death.

Election Day is less than eight weeks away, on November 3. President Trump asked the crowd to pledge to vote. Midterm elections decide who serves in Congress. This year's races could shift power in Washington. Millions of Americans will vote in House and Senate races nationwide.

Why it matters: *Midterm elections determine which party controls Congress for the next two years.*

Source: WORLD News Friday morning news — <https://wng.org/podcasts/friday-morning-news-september-11-2026-1789069188>

Gulf Nations and Iran Discuss Shipping Deal

PERSIAN GULF REGION — Foreign ministers from several Gulf countries plan to meet with their Iranian counterpart soon. Oman and Iran are pushing for a temporary deal on regional shipping. The goal is to keep ships moving safely through a key waterway in the Gulf region. This waterway is one of the busiest shipping routes in the world.

Countries want to avoid disruptions that could affect oil and cargo shipments. Diplomats hope talks can ease tensions and protect trade routes. No final agreement has been announced yet.

Why it matters: *Safe shipping routes affect global trade and energy prices.*

Source: Times of Israel — <https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog-september-11-2026/> ; WORLD News — <https://wng.org/podcasts/friday-morning-news-september-11-2026-1789069188>

GOVERNMENT

Supreme Court Pauses Missouri Voting Map

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Supreme Court blocked Missouri from using a new congressional map this November. Republican lawmakers in Missouri passed the map last year. A federal court had ordered the state to use the new map for this year's elections. The Supreme Court's action pauses that order for now.

Congressional maps decide the boundaries of voting districts across a state. Those boundaries can affect which political party wins more seats in Congress. The case shows how courts can shape elections even close to voting season.

Why it matters: *This decision affects how Missouri's congressional districts will look for this year's elections.*

Source: WORLD News Friday morning news — <https://wng.org/podcasts/friday-morning-news-september-11-2026-1789069188>

GOVERNMENT (CONT.)

Congress Faces Budget Deadline Again

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The federal government's budget year ends on September 30. Lawmakers must agree on new spending bills before that date. If they do not, parts of the government could shut down again. This year already saw two shutdowns.

One happened in late January, and a longer one lasted from mid-February to late April. That second shutdown lasted 76 days, affecting many federal workers and services. Now Congress faces pressure to avoid a third shutdown this fall. A government shutdown can delay paychecks and pause many public services.

Why it matters: *A shutdown can affect paychecks, national parks, and other government services that families rely on.*

Source: FEBA Benefits — <https://febabenefits.org/blog/the-2026-government-shutdown-key-dates-and-pay-rules/> ; Wikipedia — https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2026_United_States_federal_government_shutdowns

SPORTS

Yankees Complete Sweep of Rockies

BRONX, NY — The New York Yankees crushed the Colorado Rockies 10-3 on Thursday night. The win completed a three-game sweep of the series. New York broke the game open late with several key hits. The victory pushed the Yankees' record to 84 wins and 62 losses this season.

The team has been playing strong baseball as the regular season winds down. With just a few weeks left, the Yankees are working to secure a strong playoff position. Manager and players credited the offense for coming through at key moments. Fans are hoping the momentum continues into the postseason.

Why it matters: *Late-season wins help the Yankees improve their position heading into the playoffs.*

Source: MLB Gameday — <https://www.mlb.com/gameday/rockies-vs-yankees/2026/09/10/823499> ; Yahoo Sports — <https://sports.yahoo.com/articles/yankees-break-open-complete-sweep-025459946.html>

OUR TEAMS

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SOUTHERN MAINE

Maine Releases First Foliage Report

BANGOR, ME — Maine released its first fall foliage report of the season this week. The report tracks how leaves change color across the state. Cooler nights and shorter days trigger the color change each fall. Some areas in northern and western Maine are already showing early color.

Southern Maine's colors usually peak a bit later in the season. Tourism officials use these reports to help visitors plan leaf-peeping trips. Fall foliage tourism is an important part of Maine's economy each year. Experts expect the most vibrant colors to appear in early-to-mid October.

Why it matters: *Fall foliage season brings tourists and supports local businesses across Maine.*

Source: WABI-TV — <https://www.wabi.tv/2026/09/09/maine-releases-first-fall-foliage-report-2026/>

GOOD NEWS

New Tradition Honors Sick Responders

NEW YORK, NY — This year, the 9/11 ceremony added something new. After officials read the names, there is a seventh moment of silence. It honors rescue and cleanup workers who got sick later. Many workers breathed in toxic dust after the attacks. Over time, some developed cancer or serious breathing problems.

This new moment says thank you to those brave workers. Organizers say it reflects lessons learned over 25 years. It also reminds visitors that 9/11's effects continue today. Their sacrifice deserves to be remembered too.

Why it matters: *The tradition honors long-term sacrifices made by rescue and recovery workers.*

Source: 9/11 Memorial visitor guide — <https://www.vibenycotours.com/post/september-11-2026-9-11-memorial-visitor-guide>