

February 2020

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

February 19

[A Quick Review of Budget and FAST Updates Webinar-Your Computer](#)

February 22

[Budgeting for Elected Officials-Conference Center at Mercer, West Windsor](#)

March 11

[Leaves of Absence in NJ: A Look at FMLA and NJFLA-DoubleTree Hotel, Tinton Falls](#)

March 27

Prepping for Labor Negotiations-Conference Center at Mercer-**More Information to Follow Soon!**

April 3

[28th Annual Mayors Legislative Day, Statehouse Annex, Trenton](#)

April 15

[Recent OPRA Decisions and "Q & A with GRC"-DoubleTree Hotel, Tinton Falls](#)

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- ✓ Louis Bay Scholarship Award
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- ✓ Mayors Legislative Day
- ✓ Budgeting for Elected Officials Program
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- ✓ Annual Conference CEU Credits
- ✓ Women's Suffrage
- ✓ Local Government Week

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Committeeman James Perry, Hardwick Township

As elected officials, we have a serious responsibility to lead our communities and indeed our state during difficult times. Our constituents, citizens, and neighbors look to us as the headlines trumpet fear of foreclosure and the need for major restructuring of our public finances. As elected officials, we can count on the League to help us respond to these major public policy questions.

The League has many resources available providing needed and valuable information. Visit our website, www.njlm.org, where you can find links to important Issue Alerts, a full listing of League Committees, and Grant application information. You can also order various publications on a wide range of topics, including the Police and Fire Salary Survey and a Newly Elected Officials Handbook.

The League is also hosting the 28th Annual Mayors Legislative Day on April 3. This event will feature speakers from the Governor's Cabinet as well as a Legislative panel with members of the NJ House and Senate. For more information, see the [Legislative Day Calendar Announcement](#).

All this information is only a start. Your voice and action will make the difference on these issues. Please review the information available and resolve to make your voice heard by your legislators and by the League. Send your input and concerns so your staff in Trenton can keep them front and center in these discussions as we work together to lead our state.

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2020 Municipal Directory

Contact Dee Kotch at ext. 115 or dkotch@njlm.org

The annual Municipal Directory will be mailed to all mayors the first week of March. There is no cost for this first copy. Additional print and PDF copies are \$35 each for Public Officials and \$45 each for Non-Public Officials. Use it to keep in touch with your colleagues around the state.

Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition

Contact Ciara Bradley, ext. 128 or cbradley@njlm.org

In January, the League mailed information to all mayors concerning the Annual Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition. League 2nd Vice President William J. Chegwiddden, Mayor of Wharton Borough, chairs the Scholarship Competition. This popular competition is open to all high school juniors and seniors throughout the state. The top three winners each receive \$1,000 scholarships from the League.

Mayors play an integral role in the success of this program because your offices publicize its availability, judge the local entries, and distribute the checks and certificates supplied by the League. If you haven't already, now is the time to publicize the scholarship to your local schools and establish your judging committee. Your local winning entry must be submitted to the League office by April 2. We will announce the three statewide winners by May 6.

Seeking Mayoral Conference Suggestions

Contact Michael Darcy, ext. 116 or mdarcy@njlm.org

Your League staff will shortly begin preparing the schedule of educational sessions for the 104th Annual League Conference. To make sure this schedule accurately reflects your needs, we need your input. Please fax or [email](#) your suggested topics and speakers so we may coordinate your ideas into an informative and thought provoking conference. Most conference sessions are based on the input and responses from mayors and elected officials.

Attend the 28th Annual Mayors' Legislative Day

Contact Danielle Holland-Htut, ext. 118 or dholland@njlm.org

Register now for the 28th Annual Mayors' Legislative Day to be held April 3, 2020 at the State House Annex in Trenton. Hearing about the State's legislative agenda from the Governor, Administration officials, and key members of the Senate and Assembly is a great way to kick off your administration. For more information, please visit the [Legislative Day Calendar announcement](#) on the League Website.

Don't Miss Out On "Budgeting for the Elected Official: Everything You Need to Know to Create, Balance, And Approve Your Municipality's Budget" Seminar

Contact Danielle Holland-Htut, Ext. 118, or dholland@njlm.org

Creating and approving a feasible budget is one of the most important tasks for an Elected Official. It is also one of the most complex and time-consuming tasks. The League has created a special half-day program geared toward Elected Officials to help them in the municipal budgeting process. The program will take place on Saturday, February 22, 2020, at the Conference Center at Mercer. Additional program details and registration fees are available on the [Budgeting for Elected Officials Calendar Announcement](#).

Become a Municipal Pioneer! Be a Part of the Local Government Leadership Program

Contact Danielle Holland-Htut, Ext. 118, or dholland@njlm.org

The League is proud to offer a voluntary recognition program that recognizes Elected Governing Body Members who complete additional training and advocacy. The program has three tiers: Municipal Leader, Municipal Innovator, and Municipal Pioneer. Each tier has an assigned number of points. Once an Elected Governing Body Member has earned the required points, they are awarded one of these tiers. The award is a certificate of completion mailed to them and recognition at the Orientation Session at the Annual Conference in Atlantic City.

Elected Governing Body Members can achieve each level by attending trainings, seminars, writing articles for the magazine, and advocating for municipal interests. When an Elected Governing Body Member has completed an eligible activity, they will receive confirmation indicating the points earned. Once an Elected Governing Body Member has acquired the necessary amount of points, they complete an online application form and receive a Local Government Leader certificate in the mail. They will be recognized at the Orientation session on Tuesday at the Annual League Conference in November. Officials who submit application forms after September 1 will be recognized at the next year's Conference.

More information on this program is available on the [Local Government Leadership Program webpage](#).

Don't Forget to Claim Your CEU's from the 104th Annual Conference

Contact Danielle Holland-Htut, ext. 118 or dholland@njlm.org

Please remind your licensed officials that the deadline to claim CEU credits from the 104th Annual Conference is May 1, 2020. To claim credits, licensed officials should visit the CEU Tracking page on the League website.

Light Up Public Spaces for Suffrage

Contact Lori Buckelew ext. 112 or lbuckelew@njlm.org

NJLM's Women in Municipal Government Committee (WIMG) invites municipalities to light up their public spaces in purple to celebrate the 19th Amendment's ratification centennial. On February 9, 1920, New Jersey ratified the 19th Amendment, confirming women's right to vote. We ask you to illuminate your public spaces in purple, a suffrage color, for at least the week of February 10.

Please share your participation on social media using the hashtag #NJWomenVote and #NJLM.

In addition, the WIMG committee requests that municipalities consider [adopting this sample resolution](#) celebrating the centennial. New Jersey was the 29th of the original 36 states to ratify the 19th Amendment, ensuring it became a law. New Jersey was also home to suffragists including Alice Paul, who founded the National Woman's Party in 1916. Her Mt. Laurel home, Paulsdale, is a National Historic Landmark.

The WIMG Committee consists of **all** elected and appointed women mayors and council members in New Jersey. They encourage the active involvement and full participation of women in municipal government. Efforts include professional development, networking seminars, and other programs.

NJLM is a partner organization with NJ Women Vote, a group marking the centennial of women's suffrage and looking at the role of New Jersey women in the historic movement and today's government. NJ Women Vote is part of Discover NJ History.

Visit www.discovernjhistory.org for more information.

Planning for NJ Local Government Week: Showcase your Municipality!

Contact Taran Samhammer ext. 124 or tsamhammer@njlm.org

Have you started planning events for NJ Local Government week, April 19-25, 2020? Need tips on how to celebrate? Visit the League's website for a ["how to" packet with ideas](#) ranging from basic, no cost activities to some that are more complex.

Be sure to tag your social media posts with #njlocalgovt, and utilize the NJ Local Government Week logo that the League has provided by downloading from the League website.

Visit the League website for [tips, suggestions and a logo created to help promote your events](#).