

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

September 11-
Patriots Day

September 17-
Constitution Day

October 2-
[The Kaleidoscope of Ethics Webinar-Your Computer](#)

October 7-
[Prepping for Labor Negotiations Webinar- Your Computer](#)

October 20-
[Personnel Issues from Covid-19 Webinar-Your Computer](#)

Nov 16-20
[105th Annual League Conference- presented virtually for 2020](#)

- ✓ Patriot Day Volunteer and Service Opportunities
- ✓ Constitution Day
- ✓ Annual Conference Registration
- ✓ League Conference Resolutions
- ✓ New League Staff Members
- ✓ *NJ Municipalities Magazine*

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Committeeman James Perry, Hardwick Township

After careful deliberation, the NJLM Executive Board and Officers have announced that the 105th Annual New Jersey State League of Municipalities Conference will be held as a Virtual Conference the week of November 16-20, 2020, providing League membership, exhibitors, and other supporters of local government with an opportunity to engage with colleagues from around the state.

The League's leadership is confident that a Virtual Conference will best meet safety needs while providing delegates with opportunities for education, networking, and interaction with exhibitors. This decision was made thoughtfully, after polling our members and exhibitors and actively communicating with the Governor's office, the Atlantic City Convention Center, and health experts.

The League's Annual Conference is the largest municipal conference in the country, providing continuing education for policymakers and local government professionals, vendor solutions and product highlights, as well as networking. It is with sincere regret that we must make this decision, but we look forward to returning to Atlantic City in 2021.

The League will be releasing a schedule of events for the Virtual Conference in the coming weeks. The League's staff is working diligently on plans, implementing the transition, and committed to making this event a meaningful experience with timely and substantive programming for all attendees.

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While the program outline is being revised to take advantage of the new platform, we anticipate offering online/live sessions each day with lively chat interaction and Q&A with panelists and moderators.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: Attendees will have access to sessions offering Continuing Education Units (CEUs) to help maintain professional credentials. Programs will also share critical information regarding managing the extraordinary demands on local governments during the pandemic and beyond.

NETWORKING: The Virtual Conference will offer unique opportunities to interact and connect with others, a critical and invaluable part of the conference.

EXHIBITORS: Exhibitors will be available from virtual booths, providing education and interaction with attendees through chat, videos, and sharing of product and contact information.

BOOKINGS & REGISTRATION: Attendees and exhibitors who have already booked hotel rooms and registered for the Conference will receive separate emails with details on the transition to virtual. Registration is currently open and will be redirected to the digital event.

We appreciate everyone's support during this time and will have additional information released as it becomes available on the League's website. We will miss seeing all of you in person in Atlantic City but look forward to this new opportunity to gather and learn from one another.

I'd also like to take a moment to thank Sue Howard for her service to the League as a member of the Executive Board since 2014 and as 3rd Vice President since 2019. We hope she enjoys her well-earned retirement and wish her well.

Patriot Day Volunteer and Service Opportunities

September 11, 2020 is Patriot Day. Mayors can link their homepage to the [Corporation for National and Community Service website](#) and allow residents to find volunteer and service opportunities.

Constitution Day September 17

September 17, 2020 is Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. Mayors can find activities for community leaders at the [Constitution Center website](#).

105th Annual NJLM Conference – presented virtually: Early registration pricing before 10/1

The League is here to help our members navigate through the pandemic & plan for recovery. Join us this November at the [105th Annual Conference](#) presented virtually - no need to travel. Earn CEUs at live sessions, and watch recorded sessions on-demand for up to one year. Learn about new vendor solutions and network with peers from the convenience of your home town.

A session schedule will be available online mid-October, and in 2020 the printed Conference Program will be included as an insert in the November issue of NJ Municipalities magazine.

[Register](#) before October 1 to take advantage of an early registration discount.

Submit League Conference Resolutions by October 5

Contact Mike Cerra at ext. 120 or mcerra@njlm.org

The Conference Resolutions Committee will consider resolutions from officials who are currently in municipal office. A summary of the proposed resolution should be sent to the League office by Friday, October 5, 2020. All resolutions must be general and relate to municipal government interests. For more

information, contact Michael Cerra, Assistant Executive Director, at 609-695-3481 ext. 120 or mcerra@njlm.org.

Welcome New League Staff Members!

Please join us in welcoming our newest League Staff members Andrew LaFevre and Paul Penna.

Andrew joined the League in August 2020 and works as a member of the League's Legislative group as an Analyst. He joins NJLM from the New Jersey Restaurant and Hospitality Association, where he was Director of Government Affairs. Andrew has a B.A. in Political Science and a BS in Criminal Justice with a minor in communications from Kutztown University.

Paul Penna joined NJLM in August 2020 as a Legislative Analyst on our Legislative Affairs team. His long and varied experience includes owning his own consulting business focused on communication and association management, serving as the Chief of Staff at the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance, and holding staff positions with State- and Federal-level officials. Paul graduated with a B.A. in History from Rutgers College.

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Contact Taran Samhammer, tsamhammer@njlm.org

Do you work with vendors that you would recommend to other municipalities? Let these vendors know about the League's magazine, *NJ Municipalities*. Placing advertisements in the magazine helps to increase the reach of their marketing messages and supports the League as an organization in the process.

Contact Taran Samhammer at tsamhammer@njlm.org with your vendor's mailing address and we will send them a sample issue!