

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

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  
[105<sup>th</sup> Annual League Conference- presented virtually for 2020](#)

- ✓ Innovation in Governance Awards
- ✓ League Conference Resolutions
- ✓ Local Government Leadership Program
- ✓ October is National Cybersecurity Awareness month
- ✓ *NJ Municipalities Magazine*

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Committeeman James Perry, Hardwick Township*

The League is here to help our members navigate through the pandemic and 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 preliminary session schedule is now available at [www.njlm.org/conference](http://www.njlm.org/conference), and the printed Conference Program will be combined to include sessions and exhibitor information and included as an insert in the November issue of *NJ Municipalities* magazine.

[Register](#) before October 16 to take advantage of an early registration discount rate of \$55 for Municipal/Government delegates.

### Benefits of Attending the 2020 NJLM Virtual Conference

- Over 75 sessions
- Earn CEUs
- Networking chat rooms
- Learn about vendor solutions by visiting the virtual exhibit hall
- Discuss products with exhibitors in live chats
- No need to travel
- Save on hotel costs

Join us online this November.

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### **Applications Sought for Innovation in Governance Awards**

Contact Ciara Bradley, ext, 128, or [cbradley@njlm.org](mailto:cbradley@njlm.org)

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the New Jersey League of Municipalities are inviting municipalities to submit applications for the **Innovation in Governance Awards**, an annual recognition program. This is a great opportunity to showcase innovative solutions to any problems that have cropped up—either suddenly or over time—in your municipality. It can also be an opportunity to share solutions to the challenges faced by local leaders with your peers statewide.

The Innovation in Governance Awards committee will continue to look for original approaches undertaken by Garden State municipalities. The committee is looking for innovations that were implemented and active from June 1, 2019, to September 30, 2020, and any innovation in any department or program will be considered for recognition.

The Judges this year will be League Past Presidents Paul Matacera and Plainsboro Mayor Peter Cantu; the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, Melanie Walter; and, NJLM's Executive Director, Michael Cerra.

The full invitation and application can be accessed at the DCA website under their “quick links” section or at the Leagues website, under the “Awards” section. You may also access the same by clicking on either of the links below:

- [League of Municipalities Innovation in Governance Awards Invitation](#)
- [Innovation in Governance Awards Application](#)

The nomination deadline for this program was extended to Friday, October 30, 2020. Please forward this information to the appropriate people in your municipality today, giving them ample time to meet this deadline.

If you have any questions on the Innovation in Governance Awards program, please contact Ciara Bradley at 609-695-3481, x128, or [cbradley@njlm.org](mailto:cbradley@njlm.org).

### **Submit League Conference Resolutions by October 5**

Contact Mike Cerra, ext. 120, or [mcerra@njlm.org](mailto: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](mailto:mcerra@njlm.org).

### **Earn Points towards the Local Government Leadership Program**

Contact Danielle Holland-Htut, ext. 118, or [dholland@njlm.org](mailto:dholland@njlm.org)

This year the League is offering many Conference sessions and webinars of interest to your elected officials, including those on the topics of Ethics, Budgeting, Open Public Meetings, and Public Procurement. Elected officials interested in participating in the Local Government Leadership Program will be able to receive points for attending these classes. As elected governing body members earn the required points, they are recognized at three achievement levels. The award will be a certificate of competition mailed to them and recognition during the Orientation Session at the Annual Conference. Course listings and CEU's offered will be available in mid-October on the [Local Government Leadership Page](#).

For more information on the Local Government Leadership program, please visit the [Local Government Leadership webpage](#).

### **October Is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month**

With the advancement of technology, communication, and social media, people are more connected than ever. With this increase in the use of technology also comes the increase of cybercrimes and privacy issues. To help make the public aware of these growing threats, October has been designated as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. National Cybersecurity Awareness Month is designed to engage and educate public and private sector partners through events and initiatives with the goal of raising awareness about cybersecurity and increasing the resiliency of the nation in the event of a cyber incident.

Each week in October the Department of Homeland Security will discuss a different theme revolving around Cybersecurity to help bring awareness to these issues and educate the public on what they can do to avoid cyber breaches on their own personal computers and at work.

For more information on National Cybersecurity Awareness Month including resources guides, programs, and more, please visit the [Department of Homeland Security Website](#).

### **Let Your Vendors Know About NJ Municipalities Magazine!**

Contact Taran Samhammer, ext.124, or [tsamhammer@njlm.org](mailto: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](mailto:tsamhammer@njlm.org) with your vendor's mailing address and we will send them a sample issue!