

February 2021

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTSPlease consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

February 26

[Returning to Work After COVID-19 Webinar-Your Computer](#)

March 6

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

March 9

[Cannabis in the Workplace Webinar-Your Computer](#)

March 12

[Budgeting, Fast, Ethics, and Procurement Update-Your Computer](#)

- ✓ 2021 Municipal Directory
- ✓ View Sessions On Demand Now
- ✓ Budgeting for Newly Elected Officials
- ✓ CEU Credits from 2020 Virtual Conference
- ✓ NJ Local Government Week
- ✓ Seeking Mayoral Conference Suggestions

FROM THE PRESIDENT*Mayor Janice Kovach, Mayor Clinton Town*

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 catch up on the legislative blog, The Town Crier, find links and subscription information for important Issue Alerts, review a full listing of League Committees, and discover grant application information. You can also sample the League's magazine, NJ Municipalities and order publications on a wide range of topics, including the Police and Fire Salary Survey and Newly Elected Officials Handbook.

This information is only a start. Your voice and action will make the difference on today's issues. Please 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 we work together to lead our state.

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2021 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 the 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.

2020 NJLM Virtual Conference: View Sessions On-Demand Now!

If you missed Conference week but would like view to sessions on-demand, [registration remains open](#). While CEU credits are not available, these sessions offer tools to take your throughout the pandemic and beyond. You can also revisit the virtual Exhibit Hall to download information about products and services or to email vendors directly for personal assistance. Access to the on-demand content and exhibit hall is available through November 1, 2021.

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

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

Creating and approving a feasible budget is one of the most important tasks on an elected official's long list of responsibilities. It is also one of the most complex and time-consuming tasks. To aid in this endeavor, 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, March 6, 2020, a virtual platform. Additional program details and registration fees are available on the [Budgeting for Elected Officials Calendar Announcement](#).

Don't Forget to Claim Your CEU's from the 2020 Virtual 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 2020 Virtual Conference is May 1, 2021. To claim credits, licensed officials should visit the [CEU Tracking page](#) on the League website.

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 18-24, 2021? 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.

Seeking Mayoral Conference Suggestions

Contact Michael Cerra ext.116 or mcerra@njlm.org

Your League staff will shortly begin preparing the schedule of educational sessions for the 106th 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.

Share Your Stories in NJ Municipalities Magazine

Contact Amy Spiezio at aspiezio@njlm.org

Have a success story about your municipality or an innovative idea that would benefit other communities? Want to share an opinion relating to an issue impacting local government in an Op-Ed column? Send them in for publication in the League's official magazine, *NJ Municipalities*. Issues are published monthly October through June. Editorial calendar and guidelines are available at www.njlm.org/magazine.