

March 2021**IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS**Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

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](#)

April 23

[Recent OPRA Decisions and Q & A with the
GRC-Your Computer](#)

- ✓ View Sessions On- Demand Now
- ✓ Budgeting for Newly Elected Officials
- ✓ CEU Credits from 2020 Virtual Conference
- ✓ NJ Local Government Week
- ✓ NJ Municipalities Magazine

FROM THE PRESIDENT*Mayor Janice Kovach, Clinton Town*

On Tuesday, February 23, Governor Murphy delivered the [annual budget address](#). The Governor's proposed \$44.8 billion budget will guide the state's spending through the next (FY 2022) fiscal year.

Every day, municipalities are on the front lines of efforts to reduce property taxes while ensuring strong public safety, roads free of snow, recreation options, and public health services. While there is much in this budget to applaud and be proud of, it needs to be noted that the lowest increase in property taxes during this administration has been accomplished with flat municipal funding.

While flat funding predates the Murphy administration, since the state is experiencing more optimistic revenues projections than anticipated even a few shorts months ago, the League believes now is the time to engage in a robust discussion about full restoration of municipal aid. This has languished for more than a decade and we stand ready to work with governor and legislative leadership to ensure municipalities have the necessary resources to ensure communities are well served.

Please stay in touch with the League's officials as well as your State legislators to ensure that municipal voices are heard throughout the budget building process.

OFFICERS:**JANICE KOVACH**President
Mayor, Clinton Town**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN**1st Vice President
Mayor, Wharton Borough**RAYMOND S. HECK**2nd Vice President
Mayor, Millstone Borough**WILLIAM PIKOLYCKY**3rd Vice President
Mayor, Borough of Woodbine**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:****RAS J. BARAKA**

Mayor, Newark City

THOMAS BIANCO

Mayor, Clayton Borough

GAYLE BRILL MITTLER

Mayor, Highland Park Borough

WILLIAM W. CURTIS

Mayor, Bay Head Borough

SEAN ELWELL

Mayor, Elsinboro

ANTHONY R. FANUCCI

Mayor, Vineland City

STEVE FULOP

Mayor, Jersey City

JOHN C. GLIDDEN JR

Mayor, Closter Borough

JEFFREY MARTINMayor, Hamilton Township
(Mercer)**JOHN PALLONE**

Mayor, Long Branch City

GARY PASSANANTE

Mayor, Somerdale Borough

GUY PISERCHIA

Mayor, Long Hill Township

CHRISTINE QUINN

Mayor, Sparta Township

MARTY SMALL SR.

Mayor, Atlantic City

SARA TODISCO

Mayor, Garwood Borough

PAUL H. TOMASKO

Mayor, Alpine Borough

JANET W. TUCCI

Mayor, West Long Branch Borough

MICHAEL J. VENEZIA

Mayor, Bloomfield

CRAIG H. WILKIE

Mayor, Florence Township

Executive Staff**MICHAEL CERRA**, Executive Director**LORI BUCKELEW**, Asst. Executive Director

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, 2021, on 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 CEUs 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 2021: 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 download the customizable NJ Local Government Week logo from the League website.

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

This Month in NJ Municipalities Magazine

Contact Amy Spiezio at aspiezio@njlm.org

The March issue of NJ Municipalities is now available. This month's focus is on the passing of the pandemic's one-year mark. We also share insights on Political Courage in a feature taken from the 2020 League Conference, as well as our monthly features including Gold Dome, Legislative Update, and Legal Q&A. A sample and subscription information is available at the magazine section of the NJLM website. (www.njlm.org/magazine)

Do you 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.