

April 2021

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

April 9

[Municipal Guidance: Responding to the New Cannabis Law-Your Computer](#)

April 23

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

June 15-17

Save the Date! The Online Mini Conference-Your Computer

- ✓ NJ Local Government Week
- ✓ 2021 Municipal Directory
- ✓ Show Off Your City Winner
- ✓ View Sessions On- Demand Now
- ✓ Last Chance to Print Your CEU Credits from 2020 Virtual Conference
- ✓ NJ Municipalities Magazine

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mayor Janice Kovach, Clinton Town

As mayors, 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. And as mayors, we can count on the League to help us respond to these major public policy questions.

The League has many resources available with valuable information that is needed. Visit our [website](#), 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 many different topics including the revised OPMA Primer, the Police and Fire Salary Survey, and a Newly Elected Officials Handbook. The Town Crier Blog and the NJ Municipalities Magazine bookshelf are frequently updated with timely takes on hot issues.

Taking this information in is just the start. Adding your voice and action will make the difference on these issues. Please resolve to make your voice heard by your legislators. Send us your input and concerns so your staff in Trenton can keep them front and center in these discussions as we all lead our state to recovery and better days beyond.

Finally, my best wishes for an excellent Local Government Week, April 18-24. Even in the most challenging times, local governments have a lot to celebrate and can be proud of the work we accomplish!

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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.

2021 Municipal Directory

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

The annual Municipal Directory was 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.

Evesham Named Show Off Your City Winner

This year the NJLM Show Off Your City Contest winner is Evesham Township in Burlington County. The winning image of Mayor Jaclyn Veasy welcoming a soldier home captures the unique impact of life in the pandemic year and how New Jersey's municipalities were able to find moments of joy and unity in a time of challenge and separation.

In addition, seven Honorable Mentions were awarded this year. Among the honorees: Bordentown Beach Haven, Hazlet, Middletown, Roseland, South Brunswick, and Mountainside. These entries were selected from well over 100 wonderful images sent in by local officials and residents around the Garden State.

Congratulations to Evesham, all of the Honorable Mention communities, and thank you very much to everyone who participated in this year's contest. In a time when municipal officials are pressed in many directions well beyond the usual heavy demands, taking the time to send in your contest entries is especially appreciated.

We are proud to share a sampling of images on the League website www.njlm.org, and on League social media.

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 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.

This Month in NJ Municipalities Magazine

Contact Amy Spiezio at aspiezio@njlm.org

The April issue of NJ Municipalities is now available. This month's focus is on municipal finance, from the business-saving savvy of the Collingswood Prime Program to the fiscal impacts of Trenton's hosting of the State capital examined by a team at Harvard University. This month we also celebrate the 2021 Show Off Your City Contest winner, Evesham, and sample the many wonderful entries to the annual contest.

Catch up with the League's 2021 Federal Priorities as well as informative reports including Gold Dome, COVID Recovery, Legislative Update, and Legal Q&A. An issue sample and subscription information are 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.