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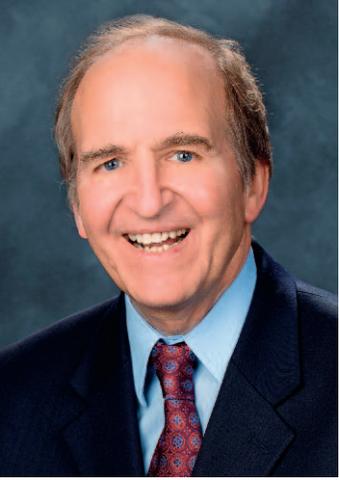
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Jersey City Mayor Steve Fulop, who is a triathlete and runner, crosses the finish line.

Elected Officials Run for Wellness... and Bragging Rights



By Brian Wilton
Council President,
Borough of Lake Como

Trying to come up with original ways to promote the goals of the Mayors' Wellness Program can sometimes require a bit of work. The municipalities involved in the Mayors' Wellness Campaign, sponsored by the New Jersey League of Municipalities and the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute, must constantly find ways to make fitness fun and exciting to promote the healthy living goals of the program. This can be particularly hard for smaller towns that do not have a dedicated department or budget for the program. However, this past summer several of New Jersey's elected officials participated in an event that was already planned for them.

On August 10, 2013 the shore community of Belmar hosted the Second Annual Barnabas Health Celebrity Chase. The Chase is a 5k race with a twist. Prior to the actual 5k—which included almost 1,500 runners—several elected officials raced against each other to split \$7,500 in prize money that would be awarded to the top three finishers' recreation departments.

To make the race even more interesting, the officials were "chased" by current and former Olympic track athletes. The goal of the Olympians, who started last, was to catch the elected officials and claim their share of the prize money. If an Olympian won, their winnings would be given to the recreation department of the town they are most associated with. The elected officials started first and had their times handicapped based on their predicted finish times, with the slower officials beginning first followed by the rest in several minute increments.

This year's field of elected officials included Mayor Steve Fulop of Jersey City, who is a triathlete and runner; Mayor Matt Doherty of Belmar, a former New Jersey track star; Mayor Adam Schneider of Long Branch, the winner of the inaugural Belmar Chase; and Mayor Robert Parisi of West Orange; Interlaken Councilman Robert White; Hawthorne

Councilman Robert Wojtecki; Keyport Councilwoman Joy Michele Tomczak and myself. We were chased by 2012 London Olympians Don Cabral of Princeton, Julie Culley of Clinton and 1992 Barcelona Olympians Steven Holman and John Trautmann.

SEVERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS RACED AGAINST EACH OTHER TO SPLIT \$7,500 IN PRIZE MONEY THAT WOULD BE AWARDED TO THE TOP THREE FINISHERS' RECREATION DEPARTMENTS.

The race was created by 2000 Sydney Olympian Rich Kenah to promote wellness and healthy lifestyles. Kenah, who grew up visiting the shore, thought what better way to achieve these goals than to have local elected officials lead by example.



Pictured from left to right are Brian Wilton, Council President, Lake Como; Steven Holman, 1992 Olympian; Adam Schneider, Mayor, Long Branch; Julie Culley, 2012 Olympian; Matthew Doherty, Mayor, Belmar; Joy Tomczak, Councilwoman, Keyport; Robert White, Councilman, Interlaken; Robert Parisi, Mayor, West Orange; and Steven Fulop, Mayor, Jersey City.



At the end of the day everyone was a winner as the elected officials, Olympians, regular runners and spectators joined together for the common goal of healthy living and got to enjoy a beautiful day at the Jersey Shore.

“While funding for recreation departments is certainly a key element to the Barnabas Health Celebrity Chase portion of the Belmar Chase, I think it is equally or even more important to have celebrities competing in this fun but very public way. We live in a time when our elected leaders are often in the media for the wrong reasons. The idea that mayors, councilmen and councilwomen can act as sport and fitness role models for their communities in much the same way that Olympic athletes do, is one that will hopefully continue to take hold as the event grows. If it does, then the Belmar Chase is doing exactly what I had hoped it would,” Kenah said.

In the end New Jersey’s local leaders showed what they were made of and

held off the Olympians. Jersey City Mayor Steve Fulop was the first person to cross the finish the line, claiming \$2,500 for his city’s recreation department. I followed behind Mayor Fulop and took second place along with a check for \$1,500 for Lake Como’s recreation programs. In third place was West Orange Mayor Robert Parisi who took back \$1,000 to West Orange. The remaining elected officials did not go home empty handed. They split the remaining money amongst their recreation departments.

While he was certainly happy to bring back money to Jersey City, Mayor Fulop took the time to recognize the



First Place Mayor Steve Fulop (center), Jersey City (21:18:00), Second Place Council President Brian Wilton (left), Lake Como (22:03:00) and Third Place Mayor Robert Parisi (right), West Orange (24:34:00) take the podiums following the race. (City of Jersey City)

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Council President Brian Wilton of Lake Como took second place and was awarded \$1,500 for Lake Como's recreation department.

advantage of bringing elected officials together for the common good, especially in the wake of Superstorm Sandy. "Jersey City, like the Jersey Shore, was hit hard by Hurricane Sandy" said Fulop. "But we are one state and together we are rebuilding. Today's race was a chance for us to let our partners across the state know we stand by them and will continue to work together to rebuild our great communities," Fulop said.

Mayor Doherty of Belmar, whose town hosts numerous running events every year, was happy to have hosted the race once again. "Belmar is proud to be part of a running tradition at the Jersey Shore, and the Chase is a great new addition. Health and wellness are important aspects of living in Belmar, and as the Mayor it is my responsibility to participate in and promote events like the Chase."

At the end of the day everyone was a winner as the elected officials, Olympians, regular runners and spectators joined together for the common goal of healthy living and got to enjoy a beautiful day at the Jersey Shore. Councilwoman Tomczak of Keyport, who had only run her first 5k a month before, admitted to having some fears of running in front of several thousand people. But she was

thrilled to have participated. "Participating in the Chase was terrifying and exciting all at once, particularly because I had only run my first 5k one month before... but I knew I couldn't say no to the Chase; it was the perfect opportunity to talk openly with my community about the benefits of exercise at any level of ability—I'm proud that after three back surgeries I ran a 5k and helped to motivate friends and neighbors in my communi-

ty to get moving and get healthier in their own way."

Planning for the 2014 Celebrity Chase is already underway. The race will once again take place in Belmar and has a tentative date of August 9, 2014. For more information on the Belmar Chase please visit belmarchase.com Any official interested in participating next year should contact Rich Kenah at rich@globalathletics.com. It's time to get involved! ▲

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Vernon's National Night Out

A Community Stands United Against Crime



By Victor J. Marotta
Mayor, Vernon Township

Nestled in a rural and bucolic valley at the foothills of Wawayanda Mountain to the southwest and Mounts Adam and Eve to the north, 50 miles from the nearest urban area, an entire community comes together on the first Tuesday of every August to make a statement to criminals and drug dealers. The event that draws the community together is our "National Night Out."

While they are generally thought of as synonymous with cities and urban areas, illegal drug use and related crimes are no strangers to Vernon Township. As with all municipalities throughout the state, our bucolic rural community has its statistics. In 2010, the year before I took office as the first elected mayor of Vernon Township, five deaths from heroin overdoses rocked our community. Two months after I took office, we implemented a National Night Out and it has become an annual event. It's primary focus is to enable our citizens to make a statement about their concerns regarding crime and illegal drug use in the community.

The originators of this nationally successful program, which began 30 years ago, sent a loud and clear message to the criminals in their midst: that the people would stand united with their police to fight crime. Our National Night Out, in its third year, is an affirmation of the need for community involvement to support the efforts of the Vernon Police Department in combating crime in our neighborhoods.

National Night Out, which was founded by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), involves citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations, and local officials from over 10,000 communities from all 50 states across North America, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide. The program, first introduced in 1984, was the brainchild of NATW Executive Director Matt A. Peskin. It is "America's Night Out Against Crime." In that first year, on August 7, 1984, about 2.5 million Americans took part across 400 communities in 23 states, according to NATW. Now in its 30th year, more than 37 million people participate worldwide in National Night Out.

In Sussex County, the northern-most county in the state of New Jersey, Vernon Township is the only municipality to participate in National Night Out. The event is important for our community on so many levels.

It enhances the relationship among our citizens and their law enforcement agencies. It provides education about the role of law enforcement in our town and how the citizens can contribute to its success. It provides the opportunity for our youngsters to interact in a friendly environment with our police officers, helping them to understand that our officers are their friends, not their adversaries. Additionally, the family-oriented event brings people together for games, conversation, entertainment, food and education.



The New Jersey State Police helicopter that hovered over and landed dramatically on our great lawn at Maple Grange Park where the event is held, fascinated even the adults. Ms. Wiedbrauk said she called the State Police and asked them to come and they were more than happy to do so.



Council President Patrick Rizzuto works the grill during the National Night Out, held in Vernon on the first Tuesday in August.

In a very short time it has become one of the highlights on our community's calendar of events.

And that's exactly what the NATW intended. Holding a National Night Out is not meant to eliminate drug abuse in a community. It is obviously not going to end the need for the war on drugs or end illegal drug use. In Vernon Township, a 68-square mile municipality spread out in nearly a dozen lake and private communities, it is a wonderful opportunity for all of our residents to show their support for police-community partnerships, crime prevention and neighborhood camaraderie.

While the one night is certainly not an answer to crime, drugs and violence; Vernon's National Night Out has helped our residents to get to know one another, create neighborhood watch groups, and build a relationship with law enforcement agencies, crime prevention associations, businesses, civic groups, and the emergency personnel. By taking a stand against crime in a unified effort, they are working together towards a safer community. After all, they are

all stakeholders of the community. National Night Out is also a great way for residents spread out in a 68-square mile municipality to get to know their local public safety officials.

Perhaps the most important aspect of National Night Out; however, is to bring young people together with the community's law enforcement officials. Our youth need to see police officers as the ones who are there to help them to avoid becoming involved with drugs in the first place. The event also sends a strong message to criminals that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

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National Night Out can consist of several small neighborhood gatherings throughout a municipality or, as is our tradition in Vernon Township, more than 1,000 residents gathering together in our beautiful Maple Grange Park for a community-wide party. We, the elected officials, cook for and serve the residents. The event always features people sharing food and conversation. Also included are children's games, musical performances, and other entertainment and activities to bring our residents together. Our residents are also treated to an outdoor movie under the stars in the park. This wonderful event in a beautiful setting also builds community pride.

In our rural community of 24,000 people, spread over approximately 70 square miles, National Night Out provides an opportunity for residents from



McGruff the Crime Dog helps get out the message that drugs are dangerous during a visit to Vernon Township's National Night Out.

all parts of Vernon to come together for a positive common cause—safer neighborhoods. The governing body's main role in this annual event is to support the township's organizational, financial, and manpower to ensure that National Night Out continues to achieve its goals.

Vernon Township Council President Patrick Rizzuto concurs on the importance of the event to the community. "Vernon's participation in the National Night Out is essential as it allows members of our community to show their support for our local police officials, to

meet with them personally to express their concerns as well as socializing with fellow community members from all over town," said Councilman Rizzuto. "The township's coming together in support of a common cause sends a strong message to those who would try to take advantage of our community; we stand together with our police and will not tolerate those who break the law to prey upon our neighbors, friends, and families."

Councilman Rizzuto adds, "Crime, whether it is petty or serious, undermines the fabric of our community's well being. Our police department does an excellent job in preventing crime and resolving criminal activities, but rural towns such as ours that cover such a large area cannot depend solely on local police to deter crime. Our police need the cooperation of a well-informed, committed citizenry to provide assistance and support and to maximize their effectiveness.

"Vernon is unique. We thrive on recreation, social interaction and neighborhood support. As a four-season community, what better way to express our solidarity in deterring crime than by getting together, eating some hot dogs, and having some fun at the National Night Out."

National Night Out has great meaning for Councilman Brian Lynch because of his involvement with emergency services in the community. Lynch, a current fireman and former chief of

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one the municipality's four fire departments, says National Night Out is always a special time for firefighters, police, and EMS personnel to showcase their involvement in our community.

THE ORIGINATORS OF THIS NATIONALLY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM, WHICH BEGAN 30 YEARS AGO, SENT A LOUD AND CLEAR MESSAGE TO THE CRIMINALS IN THEIR MIDST: THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD STAND UNITED WITH THEIR POLICE TO FIGHT CRIME.

Lynch said, "It is important for the people in the community who have emergencies or other troubles to see that the people they call on to help them during those times are their neighbors and friends and that the township is there for them in their worst moments. We may not be able to eradicate drugs and crime entirely, but National Night Out does make the point clear and I hope by the end of the 'night out,' we can all look back and say 'this was a good night and tomorrow will be just as good.'"

Melissa Wiedbrauk, Vernon Township's Director of the Department of Recreation and Community Development, has perhaps the largest role in National Night Out—coordinating the various groups in the municipality and putting the annual event together.

She sees the event as having "the potential to bring the entire community together in one place for one night, and that's a powerful way to send a message that we stand united against drugs and crime in our community."

As our Director of Recreation, Ms. Wiedbrauk works hard to bring in activities that are fun and enjoyable for all ages. The New Jersey State Police helicopter that hovered over and landed dramatically on our great lawn at Maple Grange Park where the event

is held fascinated even the adults. Ms. Wiedbrauk said she called the State Police and asked them to come and they were more than happy to do so.

Roy Wherry, chief of our Vernon Township Police Department, sees National Night Out as a great way to bring together the community and its law enforcement agency. "The kids know each other from school, but this is a great way for the parents to meet and to take a stand together against drug abuse and to promote a sense of

community that is unified against it. In a town like Vernon that is so spread out, it's otherwise difficult for parents to meet each other," Wherry noted.

National Night Out is that one night of the year where all of our residents from all walks of life and from all of our various lake and private communities band together to take a stand against crime. That is the message of National Night Out in Vernon Township. I encourage you to organize a similar event in your municipality. ▲



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Livingston Community Partnership

Livingston is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year! To commemorate, Livingston's Bicentennial Committee outlined 12 monthly themes and planned various events to celebrate the town's 200-year history.

The members of the Livingston Business Improvement District (BID) Committee saw the anniversary as the perfect time to bring more art into our community. Local businessman Jeff Cohen, owner of Sam's Fine Men's Clothing Store and Chairman of the BID's Art Committee, contacted the Seward Johnson Foundation in Santa Monica, California to see if we could acquire a few sculptures on loan. Mr. Cohen persevered and received an initial commitment from the Seward Johnson Foundation to acquire four sculptures for a period of one month.

After further discussions with the Foundation representatives, they agreed to provide six sculptures for us to display from April through October. One week before delivery, the Foundation graciously asked if we would be interested in hosting six more sculptures. Realizing the benefit that these sculptures would provide to the business district, we immediately said yes.

Livingston has a very strong arts community. Many volunteer groups work to keep art alive in our community. The Livingston Arts Council arranges for local artists to display their work in our Town Hall and Community and Senior Center. In addition, Livingston is home to the Essex County Riker Hill Art Park that, through the support of Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo, provides low cost art studios to many talented artists.



The sculptures have prompted a lot of talk. One woman said that she was in her car at a stoplight and saw a couple hugging out of the corner of her eye. She didn't want to stare for fear of intruding on their privacy, but after a certain amount of time looked over only to realize it was the sculpture "Contact."

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Twelve sculptures, on loan from the Seward Johnson Foundation, will grace Livingston during its 200th anniversary year, from April through October. (Photo credit: Jan Press/Photomedia)

The Livingston Business Improvement District considers art a vital resource and valuable part of everyday life. Incorporating art into our business community is part of its mission. Following the example of major cities, we believe that art should not only be behind the closed doors of a museum. Instead, it should be an integral part of our landscape, to be enjoyed by all each day. When works of art are built into our environment, they can be enjoyed while driving to work, exercising outdoors or during a leisurely stroll.

Shortly after the BID was established in 1999, its leaders looked to tackle the challenge of Livingston's decentralized downtown. Local businesses faced increasingly stiff competition, and Livingston suffered because our shops and restaurants are not clustered in one area. The BID believed that developing a streetscape consisting of over two miles of pedestrian walkways would help unite the local retailers and make shopping more convenient.

In 2003 this dream began with the construction of the first of seven phases of the streetscape project, and ended in 2010 when the last of the more than two miles of streetscape was completed. The BID then developed a plan to part-

ner with corporate and individual sponsors to acquire sculptures for specific areas of the streetscape—without using taxpayer money.

THE BID BELIEVED THAT DEVELOPING A STREETScape CONSISTING OF OVER TWO MILES OF PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS WOULD HELP UNITE THE LOCAL RETAILERS AND MAKE SHOPPING MORE CONVENIENT.

When designing the new streetscape, the BID included pocket parks that allow space to display art for public viewing. The plan was to create a way

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The public's reaction to the sculptures has been impressive. The BID office has received many calls from residents and people just passing through town. (Photo credit: Jan Press/Photomedia)

to enhance our community through public artwork and celebrate the arts by extending its benefit to all Livingston residents and visitors. The artworks contribute to a vibrant, livable and attractive community.

The public's reaction to the sculptures has been impressive. The BID office has received many calls from residents and people just passing through town. Co-author Beth Lippman, the Executive Director

of Livingston's BID, received a call from a resident who moved out of town a number of years ago, but still drives through everyday. He said that he loved the sculptures and is now sorry he moved out!

**MOST IMPORTANTLY,
THE SCULPTURES
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MORE PEOPLE INTO
OUR BUSINESS
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Others have said that they have come to Livingston specifically to view the statues, and while here have shopped at many of our local retailers. To encourage visits to all parts of the business community, the BID developed a printed map showing the photos and locations of the sculptures.

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Although the sculptures are on loan, we had to pay to transport them to Livingston. To meet this expense the BID developed a sponsor program to pay for a moving company to place them without using taxpayer dollars. Local businesses loved the idea of having the sculptures around town and happily sponsored the exhibition. Antonio Poto, a business and property owner sponsored a sculpture in front of his restaurant, Cocco Bello named "Yum Yum", of a girl eating a sandwich. Mr. Poto reported that "he welcomes anything that brings people to his business" and "thinks that they do help draw people."

Ellie Cohen, former Mayor and member of the BID Board of Directors noted "Everyone is talking about them. There is a real buzz going on around town. Some people love them, some find them creepy and others aren't quite sure what to make of them. But, they are talking about it! The police department received many calls about suspicious people hanging around the different locations when they were first installed! One woman

What Does Public Art Do for a Town?

By Karen Pinzolo
ArtPride New Jersey Foundation

- Engages residents in process and creates spaces for future engagement and community celebration
- Raises property values of surrounding buildings
- Helps build identity, beautiful spaces, and uniqueness
- Attracts tourists and residents to patronize local shops
- Brings attention to natural environmental assets
- Provides opportunities for education

stated that she was in her car at a stoplight and saw a couple hugging out of the corner of her eye. She didn't want to stare for fear of intruding on their privacy, but after a certain amount of time looked over only to realize it was the sculpture 'Contact.'"

Livingston Councilwoman Deborah Shapiro noted that "by adding this unusual art to our streets, it makes us

more aware of our surroundings as a whole and more appreciative of the natural beauty of our town in general."

There have been many stories of people's reaction to the sculptures, with many people doing double takes, talking about them and returning to view them. Most importantly, it has brought more people into our business community. ▲

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Manchester Township Senior Services



By Michael Fressola
Mayor, Manchester Township;
Member, NJLM Executive Board

After you read this article, you may accuse me of extreme partiality toward what I consider one of the best municipal Senior and Social Outreach divisions in the state—and I would have to plead guilty.

In order to establish a program of the magnitude I detail below, the Administration of the municipality must first determine the needs of their senior community and be willing and committed to provide for the needs that are not provided for by the available grants. In some years these commitments can be substantial. We have found over the years, that our county officials have been very helpful in not only getting a program started but in its expansion. I believe many county governments in the state are also in a position to help any municipality seeking to start or improve their programs.

The following will describe some of the services provided daily to promote wellness, dignity, choice and independence to our senior population, which makes up over 75 percent of our total population of 44,400 residents.

Residents who are 60 years and older are eligible for services. There are no means tests or fees for service, however donations are accepted to help offset vehicle maintenance and gasoline expenses.

The programs are funded under Title III of the Older Americans Act of 1965 as amended and by Manchester Township. In addition, grants are awarded by the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

IF A RESIDENT IS NOT SURE WHAT PROGRAMS THEY MAY BE ENTITLED TO, A BENEFIT SCREENING IS COMPLETED BY A PROFESSIONAL SENIOR SERVICES CASEWORKER.

This senior outreach program is led by Brenda L. Sloan, Director, Senior and Social Services Division, and a township employee since 1985. There are ten other full time employees and three part timers. On any given weekday we will have ten cars on the road providing transportation to doctor offices and other medical facilities within Manchester and five other neighboring municipalities. This service aids seniors who are ambulatory semi-ambulatory or wheelchair-bound.



Manchester Township's Senior and Social Services Outreach Division includes (from left front row) Mary Fazzaro, Case Worker; Ginny Muscarella, Deputy Director; Susan Posipanko, Para-Professional; Becky Romans, Para-Professional; Melissa Romans, Administrative Assistant; Brenda Sloan, Director; Sabrina Brooks, Para-Professional; Teresa Keating, Case Worker; and (from left back row) Robert Bohm, Para-Professional; Robert Jackson, Para-Professional; Michele DiMeo, Office Manager; Janice Mickens, Case Worker; and, Brenda Duffy, Para-Professional.

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In addition, assisted transportation is also available to eligible senior residents who, because of health problems, cannot provide their own transportation to needed destinations; such as banks, legal services, visits to relatives or close friends in health care facilities in Manchester and other necessary community facilities in neighboring towns.

This very experienced team of professionals and para-professionals provides our senior population with information and assistance on local, county, state and federal programs including Adult Day Care, Assisted Living Facilities and Caregivers Resources. We also provide home-delivered hot nutritious meals at lunchtime to homebound seniors who are unable to prepare a meal. Transportation may also be provided to either of the two Manchester congregate nutrition sites, Homemaker Services, Hunger Relief, Long Term Care Facilities, Property Tax Relief Programs, Senior/Veterans Disability Programs, State Health Insurance Programs, Veterans Services, PAAD (Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled), and Home Energy Assistance. If a resident is not sure what programs they may be entitled to, a benefit screening is completed by a professional senior services caseworker.

Manchester Township is home to 22 senior communities, each of which has



Ginny Muscarella, Deputy Director of the Manchester Township Senior and Social Services Division, assists residents Vincent & Eleanor Manuele with PAAD renewal application.

internal organizations and clubs that are constantly looking for guest speakers for their meetings. Professionals from our Senior and Social Services Division are always in great demand.

In addition to the paid staff, six township residents volunteer to serve

as members of the Senior Advisory Council appointed by the Mayor. They provide great experience and value to this organization.

In addition to all services listed above, there are many more. I will just list a few:

- They devised a wallet sized card that lists vital information such as medications taken, emergency contact numbers and medical health information.
- Operation Ice Box provides first responders with all medical information on a magnet card placed on the refrigerator for residents of the household.
- The Senior Gold Card provides prescription discounts for elderly or disabled residents who do not qualify for PAAD.

In summary, the following are some statistics for the year 2012. The division provided information and assistance to over 11,000 residents; performed benefits screenings for 6,969 residents and provided transportation for over 7,563 residents.

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Together We Can Save the Municipal Bond Interest Tax Exemption

By Janice S. Mironov
NJLM President,
Mayor, East Windsor Township



Under the federal tax code, investors are not required to pay federal income tax on interest earned from most bonds issued by state and local governments. The tax exemption for municipal bond interest has been in law since the federal income tax was instituted 100 years ago in 1913.

Local governments save an average of 25 to 30 percent on interest costs with tax exempt municipal bonds as opposed to taxable bonds. Through this tax exemption, state and local governments receive a lower interest rate on their borrowing since investors receive the benefit of non-taxable interest income.

Tax-exempt bonds are the primary financing mechanism for local infrastructure projects, with over \$3.7 trillion in outstanding tax-exempt bonds, issued by 30,000 separate government units.

There remains a critical need for continuing investments in America's and New Jersey's infrastructure. In its March 19, 2013 "Report Card for America's Infrastructure," the American Society of Civil Engineers gave our nation's roads, bridges, transit, waste water, drinking water, schools, parks, airports, etc. an over-all grade of D+, and it estimated the need for new investments at \$3.6 trillion by 2020.

Recognizing these unmet needs, the real and ultimate beneficiaries of this tax exemption are municipalities, their residents and the business community. If the exemption is removed or limited, local governments and residents will be adversely impacted. Removal or limitation of the exemption—a common sense way to keep taxes lower and produce local jobs, while making essential improvements to our infrastructure—will increase the costs of these projects.

We will need to offer higher rates of return resulting in greater expenses to invest in the building or rebuilding of roads, bridges, schools, libraries, water and sewer facilities, fire stations and other projects meant to meet the needs of families and businesses. This will force New Jersey municipalities to either raise property taxes to cover the increased interest, or to forego the needed investments. Other commissioned reports have also projected large job losses from these higher rates and increased costs.

Despite the need for further investment and the clear benefits of the exemption for the nation, the continued tax exempt status of municipal bonds by D.C. officials remains a highly endangered species.

In 2010, President Obama issued Executive Order 13531, which created the bipartisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform to address our nation's fiscal

challenges. The "Simpson-Bowles" Commission was charged with identifying policies to improve the fiscal situation in the medium term and to achieve fiscal sustainability over the long run. The Commission's report called for the elimination of almost all tax expenditures, including the exemption for interest earned on municipal bonds.

The exemption continues to be threatened by efforts to reduce the federal deficit. So-called tax reformers of both political parties want to rewrite the IRS code using a blank slate approach, with all tax expenditures on the table.

The League of Municipalities has been committed to doing all that we can to save this invaluable tool. Adopted at our Annual Business Meeting last December, Conference Resolution 2012-06 expressed our support for the preservation of the Federal Income Tax exemption for interest earned on municipal bonds.

We have regularly communicated to our Congressional delegation and also written regular updates to our Mayors, urging them to contact Senator Menendez, Senator Lautenberg and, recently, Senator Chiesa, as well as their House representative. And we have worked closely with the National League of Cities, which created a coalition that includes the National Association of Counties, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the Government Finance Officers Association, in a public awareness and lobbying campaign to protect the income tax exemption for interest earned on municipal bonds.

Based on the conviction that maintaining the tax-exemption is essential for addressing national infrastructure priorities, helping our national economy grow, creating jobs and serving the unique needs of each of our communities, that campaign led to the creation of the "Don't Mess With Our Bonds Coalition," which now includes 54 different national associations. Through our membership in the National League of Cities, the New Jersey League supports that group, as well.

A new national lobbying effort recently has been launched to support the preservation of the tax exemption for interest earned on state and municipal bonds. For information about their advocacy efforts and their educational resources, visit <http://act-now.us/info-center>.

Maintaining the tax-exemption of local bonds is essential to addressing national infrastructure priorities, helping our national economy grow, creating jobs and serving the unique needs of each of our communities. We need your assistance to impress that fact on all who serve us in Washington. ▲



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Camden Is Safer Thanks to the Metro Division



By Dana L. Redd
Mayor, Camden

Making the City of Camden safe for my residents remains my number one responsibility and priority as Mayor. Little else matters if you can't walk down the street or even step out your front door, without fear of being the victim of a crime or otherwise violated by the thugs roaming our neighborhoods. The rise in criminal activity, much of it drug-related, has placed far too many of our residents in danger. Something had to be done.

To improve public safety in Camden, I, along with my partners in state government and in Camden County, have taken significant steps toward meeting this challenge head on. We needed a sustainable solution to restore and enhance public safety for our residents and businesses. That is why when Fraternal Order of Police Union leadership failed to present any real concessions, my Administration began to have discussions with Camden County about the idea of creating the Camden County Police Department—Camden Metro Division. We ultimately came to the conclusion that the Metro Police Division model was the right solution for Camden.

Once the city, county and state entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), we began to develop the plan to transition into the new police department. Under the authority of the MOU, the parties were able to (1) procure police professional consultants for technical planning issues including organizational structure, staffing and equipment and transition design; (2) negotiate on start-up

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Metro Police Officers (starting from left) Stuart, Freestone and Sanchez talk with a Camden resident on the first day of deployment on April 8 in the Parkside neighborhood.



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One of the new Metro Police Officers plays basketball with children in North Camden during one of the Mayor's Camden Clean Days.

costs and funding; (3) begin community engagement meetings by the city and county to explain the concept of regional policing and the transition process; (4) develop staffing plans with the Civil Service Commission and Police Training Commission; and (5) settle a host of other technical and financial details that led to the actual start-up of the Metro Division.

It should be noted that at no time during this transition was there a lapse in police protection for residents and businesses. All costs of police services from the Camden Metro Division are paid for by the city.

While creation of the new police force proved controversial and was not without difficult decisions, my Administration, along with Freeholder Director Cappelli, members of the Camden County Freeholder Board, and the Governor and his Administration had to make the best decision for

Camden's children and families. With the new Metro Division in place, we have increased the number of sworn police officers and civilian positions, all without increasing Camden's tax levy. By the end of this year, there will be a total contingent of 401 Camden Metro Police Officers (of those, 155 are former Camden City officers) and a command staff that also reflects Camden's diverse population.

What was more important than nearly doubling the total number of officers was increasing the number of police officers patrolling Camden City neighborhoods and business corridors. The days of having police officers sitting behind desks is over. Metro Police Officers are in the communities interacting with our residents and businesses. In the first 120 days of the operation, gun seizures are up 34 percent from this time last year, homicides are down 26 percent, and daytime shootings are

down more than 34 percent. But this is not just about the numbers; it is also about the improved quality of life as a result of a reduction in violent crime.

I made a promise three and a half years ago to find real solutions to our public safety issues in Camden. I am proud to say that the transition to the Metro Division has laid the foundation of change in how we deal with enforcement. Although it is not the sole solution, it is the beginning. Much more work lies ahead as we deal with other systemic public safety challenges such as prevention, intervention and offender re-entry.

In short, employing a new model of policing that increases services and safety for Camden was necessary to take our streets back from the criminals. This initiative will bolster public safety to unseen levels and make Camden a safer place to live, work and raise a family. ▲

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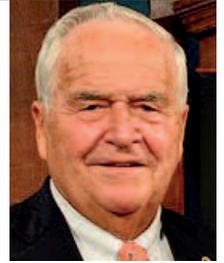
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Explaining the Tax Effects of Superstorm Sandy



By Thomas F. Kelaher
Mayor, Toms River Township

Toms River Township recently sent out its tax bills, and I thought it was necessary to include a personal letter to every resident explaining our new budget. It should be noted that due to Superstorm Sandy, we lost 20 percent of our tax base, which resulted in a \$2 billion loss for the township. Of the 10,500 homes that sustained either water damage or a complete loss, the vast majority of these homeowners want to rebuild and most have begun that process. While we are hopeful that everyone will restore their homes, the fact remains that it will take at least three to five years for Toms River to financially recover from this loss.

Toms River's Letter to Taxpayers The following is a portion of the letter our property owners received:

The township faced some extraordinary challenges this year as a result of Superstorm Sandy. Sadly, due to the devastating impact of this unprecedented storm, many properties on the mainland and the barrier island suffered damage resulting in many residents losing their homes, or at the very least, forcing residents to temporarily relocate. Our Tax Assessor reduced the tax assessments for those properties that sustained damage accordingly, as the State law requires. The overall impact on the township tax base was a reduction of over \$2 billion. In light of this reduction in the tax base, our immediate concern as far back as November 2012, was that if we were not proactive in addressing this situation, property owners whose properties were not impacted by Sandy would experience catastrophic increases in their property taxes to basically make up for the historic reduction in the ratable base. To that end, the township administration and governing body aggressively pursued alternative and stopgap funding to address this issue, and I am pleased to report to you that the following revenue totaling over \$27.6 million has been included in our 2013 Township Budget which was adopted on 7/10/13 by the governing body:

- **\$5 million from a FEMA Community Disaster Loan (CDL Program).** Although technically termed a "loan," this may end up being a "grant" to the Township if the tax base does not sufficiently recover in three years.
- **\$15.5 million from the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for a Community Development Essential Services Block Grant** that will fund a portion of the salaries and wages and operational costs in the Police and Public Works Departments.
- **\$7,134,500 in FEMA reimbursement costs** for expenses incurred by the Township since the storm, offsetting the first year payment of a Special Emergency Note.

In addition to addressing the concern with respect to lessening the impact on municipal taxes as shown above, and more importantly, we were vitally concerned that if no action was taken with respect to the largest portion of the property tax bill, the school taxes, property owners would still experience historic increases in that portion of the tax bill, which we felt would be unacceptable. For that reason, we aggressively applied for additional funding on behalf of the Toms River Board of Education and received additional funding in the amount of \$12.5 million from the Department of Community Affairs for a Community Development Essential Services Block Grant. This funding will be used to reduce the School Tax levy and will alleviate the possibility of large school tax increases for properties not impacted by Sandy.

The overall Township municipal tax levy has been reduced by over \$4 million from 2012 and is actually LESS than the municipal tax levy in 2011 and the School Tax levy has been reduced by over \$12 million and is LESS than the school tax levy in 2012. It should be noted that, in light of the reassessment that was started before Superstorm Sandy and completed this spring, the impact of the tax rates will impact each property differently based on the amount and percentage of the reduction in the assessed valuation of individual properties. Overall, however, the "average" municipal property taxes (municipal portion only) in 2013, based on an "average" residential assessment of \$234,597, will be \$1,246 as compared to the "average" in 2012 of \$1,413, which was based on an "average" residential assessment of \$354,999. As noted above, the impact on individual properties will depend on the overall change in the assessed valuation.

I felt it was necessary and appropriate to provide this detailed explanation to you to highlight the many actions taken to address what could have been a very large increase in property taxes (between 30 and 40 percent) as a result of the damage caused by Superstorm Sandy and the corresponding decrease in the ratable base of the Township. I am very appreciative of the support and assistance we received at the state level from the Governor's office in securing the largest level of disaster assistance funding granted by the State to any municipality. I am particularly pleased that the State recognized the need to provide assistance to lower the Board of Education levy at our request, which is also unprecedented. Rest assured that it is our continuing effort to address the property tax concerns heading into 2014 and in the years ahead until our town recovers from the impact of this devastating natural disaster. ▲

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Tapping Emerging Technology

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By Timothy P. Dougherty
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New Jersey municipalities face the daunting task of improving government services with declining resources. Fortunately, emerging technology has made the challenge of expanding the reach of government services while reducing its costs easier to meet. With advancements in cloud-powered software, GIS applications and mobile technology, governments have access to low-cost tools that will help them become more efficient and provide greater transparency.

While local leaders understand the role technology plays in making government services more efficient, there are misconceptions about the complexity of implementing new systems and the ability to measure their impact. Legacy systems required installation on individual computers or a local server. Software updates were sparse and maintenance was burdensome. Technology aged quickly and its benefits were never fully realized because adoption never reached a critical mass. Cloud-computing and the government



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software-as-a-service (SaaS) model have drastically changed how technology is delivered, maintained and used. Systems are now integrated with ease and updates occur remotely. Rather than becoming obsolete, software gets better as time progresses.

The Digital Commitment The adage “If you can’t measure it, you can’t manage it” is more meaningful today than ever before. Data is the engine that powers software and governments produce a lot of data. The scalability benefits of cloud-computing enable organizations to crunch massive amounts of information. Combined with predictive analytics and reporting innovations, governments can glean decision-driving insights that will help them to plan intelligently and allocate resources more efficiently.

However, governments are lagging far behind the private sector. Companies rely heavily on analytic feedback to make decisions, big and small. The tools exist. What is lacking is the willingness to commitment to understanding their enormous potential and the effort to incorporate them into current systems.

With technological innovation as a catalyst, municipalities across the country have begun to make decisions that support the creation of a robust digital government. These principals are transparency, collaboration, efficiency and ultimately, cost savings.

With this in mind, many municipalities are using analytical data and other critical information to improve their decision-making processes and to bring more people to the table.

TECHNOLOGY
IS NOW GETTING
OUT OF ITS OWN WAY
AND MUNICIPAL LEADERS
SHOULD TAKE NOTICE.

Your municipality can learn from the success of other local governments. New York City famously instituted CompStat (in 1995), a crime-prevention framework that involved spatial and statistical analysis applications with a GIS interface. CompStat is credited with playing an integral role in aiding policing efforts that led to a precipitous decrease in crime that continues today. Statistical analysis helped transform New York City from one of the country’s most dangerous places to live, to one of the safest—in just 18 years.

Morristown’s Experience The Town of Morristown and its Planning Division are in the process of finalizing its 2013 Master Plan. The plan’s primary goal is to set a long-term plan for land use that ensures the preservation of

Morristown’s neighborhoods, while enhancing resident’s quality of life. Transforming municipal service delivery, accountability, and efficiency all support the objective of making Morristown a better place to live and operate a business.

Early this summer we began to implement a pilot program to move several of our municipal departments in to the cloud with new GIS and government management applications. We understood as a municipality that we had a real opportunity to further the mission of good government in Morristown.

With cloud-computing, mobile applications and the SaaS model of software delivery coming of age, we are now able make a commitment to implementing the best possible technology solutions and laying a foundation for staying on the cutting edge.

Technology Planning Technological advances are occurring at a faster pace than ever. Accordingly, it is imperative that we plan for the future when we implement new technology. Good digital government must be supported by applications, software and hardware that are agile and easily scalable.

For example, mobile phones will soon overtake desktops as the dominant global internet platform. The implications of this paradigm shift are far-reaching. As mobile technology becomes faster and more reliable, other government technology needs to be adaptable to new platforms. The SaaS model of software delivery in conjunction with cloud computing have made it possible to develop applications that will seamlessly translate from desktop to mobile. In turn, municipal activities will become less time consuming and more efficient.

Act Now Technology is now getting out of its own way and municipal leaders should take notice. Now is the time to make a commitment to building a digital government that better serves municipal stakeholders while drastically reducing costs. If we are going to take advantage of these opportunities, we must make a serious commitment to integrating technology into our strategic visions. As municipal budgets get tighter, emerging technologies will offer municipalities a way to maintain quality services without increasing the tax burden upon residents. ▲



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The Keys to Locking Up Government Data



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How safe is your municipality's data? In today's world, it is likely that the cell phone in your hand is just as powerful as the computer sitting on your desk. With technology advancing at lightning pace, threats to municipal data are increasing. Government computer systems are particularly prone to attack from domestic and foreign hackers who seek to obtain government data for illicit purposes.

THE BIGGEST THREAT TO MUNICIPAL DATA OFTEN COMES FROM THOSE WHO ARE ENTRUSTED WITH ITS OWN SECURITY—THE MUNICIPALITY'S OWN EMPLOYEES.

Municipalities are entrusted with vast amounts of digital information including social security numbers, driver's license numbers and dates of birth, which make municipal databases particularly attractive to thieves. Diligent municipalities have already installed advanced firewalls and implemented heightened security and access protocols to protect municipal data from outside attacks. However, the biggest threat to municipal data often comes from those who are entrusted with its security—the municipality's own employees.

With technology advancing at lightning pace, threats to municipal data are increasing.

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Imagine that a municipality receives information that one of its long-time tenured employees engaged in activity which, if proven, would constitute serious, even criminal, misconduct on the job. The employee is promptly placed under investigation and, shortly thereafter, the employee retires without any warning or notice. He packs up his office and leaves municipal employment, without so much as an informal goodbye. Weeks later, municipal administrators discover that a large portion of the municipality's data is missing from its computers and servers. All digital information entrusted to the now-retired employee is gone.

The municipality may hire a data forensics firm to investigate, but the forensic examiners only confirm the municipality's fears. The former employee showed up on his last day of work, connected a high-capacity portable hard drive to his municipal computer, copied all data to which he had access onto the drive, and then deleted everything that he could from

the municipality's servers and computers, including his email. The former employee's motive—an attempt to cover his tracks or an irrational act of desperation—is irrelevant at this point. The data is gone and the municipality's servers have long-since

the security of the municipality's computer system and are in the hands of a disgruntled former employee. This nightmare scenario could occur in any municipality at any time. However, municipalities can and should take steps to avoid such a disaster.

BY IMPLEMENTING A COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY AND DATA PRESERVATION PLAN, MUNICIPALITIES CAN EFFECTIVELY DETER DATA THEFT AND DESTRUCTION FROM BOTH EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL SOURCES.

overwritten the empty disk sectors, making forensic recovery impossible.

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the data to the public before he is caught. Those who unlawfully access, copy, and destroy data may also be civilly liable for their conduct. The Computer-Related Offense Act (CROA, N.J.S.A. 2A:38A-1, et seq.) allows for injunctive relief, as well as civil damages for such activity. However, the theft and destruction of municipal data is a violation of the public trust for which no amount of civil damages can adequately redress the harm to the municipality and the public. Municipalities must take proactive steps to prevent internal data theft and destruction before it occurs.

Unfortunately, there is no single solution to securing such a vast amount of data as that typically kept by a municipality. Basic steps such as regular off-site backups, frequent password changes, power source and continuity management, and wireless and remote access security should be continued and reinforced. Municipal data should also be protected from unforeseen events such as natural disasters. However, none of those measures can prevent data theft or destruction by the municipal employee, whose job requires him to have access to the system.

Municipalities should begin by consulting with their legal counsel to develop a clear and comprehensive computer use and access policy for all employees. The policy should clearly state that no employee has any expectation of privacy in anything that he or she does on the municipality's computer system, and that the municipality reserves the right to monitor the employee's use of its systems. The policy should be reinforced with all employees regularly as a deterrent to any contemplated unlawful activity.

Next, a detailed security plan should be established with the assistance of a data forensics and security firm. If the municipality uses an outside vendor to provide IT services, the vendor may be helpful in developing the security plan. However, we caution against allowing IT personnel who are directly employed by the municipality to develop the security plan, as they should be subject to the terms of the plan, not responsible for its implementation. The security plan should include provisions that employees are to be given access only

to those portions of the system that are required for them to perform their job functions. Employee workstations should also be configured to disallow writing to external USB drives and storage devices and, with limited exceptions, writeable CD/DVD drives to deter the easy removal of data from municipal systems. Regular audits of access and activity across the municipality's systems are also

recommended to spot unauthorized access or attempted attacks.

By implementing a comprehensive security and data preservation plan, municipalities can effectively deter data theft and destruction from both external and internal sources. While not every attack is preventable, preparation and thorough planning can effectively mitigate any damage inflicted by a data removal and destruction scheme. ▲

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Under the Gold Dome

Welcome to Record Setting Spending



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hen the U.S. Supreme Court ruled three years ago that corporations, labor unions and associations were free to play in the political arena, both watchdogs and politicians alike foretold the end of politics as we had come to know it.

After all, the so-called Citizens United decision opened up exactly the kind of rampant exchange of money that a raft of campaign finance laws, including the sweeping McCain-Feingold Act, had sought to prevent.

Deep-pocketed corporations would rule, the warnings went, and the "little guy" would become a quaint afterthought in the electoral process.

So what's happened in our state in the wake of the momentous ruling? While we're not yet to the point where individual donors don't matter, New Jersey this election season has shattered the previous record for the amount of outside cash that flowed into the state.

In fact, "set a record" is a pretty strong understatement. The previous record was obliterated sometime over the summer, well before the traditional Labor Day start to the campaign season.

By July, a total of seven organizations had raised nearly \$15 million and spent \$13.6 million, just off the total of \$14 million spent during the entire 2009 gubernatorial cycle.

One group, The Republican Governors Association, was a big player in the 2009 contest and as of July had raised and spent \$1.7 million. Others are new this year, including PACS funded by the state's largest public sector unions, but have nevertheless already made their mark.

By September, that number had risen to more than \$20 million raised according to the Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) and officials there expected it to hit \$30 million by the time the polls closed.

So how do you put that amount in perspective?

Consider that both Governor Chris Christie and Democratic State Senator Barbara Buono agreed to accept state matching funds in this election—giving each \$2 in state money for every \$1 in private donations raised. As of late September, the two candidates combined had raised about

\$7 million and had total war chests of about \$15 million—half what outside groups are expected to spend this cycle.

All told, between the various state and county parties as well as the 250 or so candidates running for office, the total raised as of late September was about \$60 million give or take.

Yes folks, that means outside groups—many of whom are under no requirement to tell anyone who their backers are, could account for \$1 out of every \$3 spent in the 2013 election season.

Lest you think I'm lamenting the high court's decision or attacking anyone's First Amendment right to free political speech, hold up. I make my living under the First Amendment and I learned in week one of my journalism career not to take a public position on anything controversial.

But to look at outside money and influence objectively you have to consider the scope of the issue. So consider this.

The gubernatorial matching funds program was put in place by the state with the goal of leveling the playing field for the regular Joes who had a hankering to be governor. The program, lawmakers thought, would limit outside influence on the governor's race by limiting the actual money raised and spent.

But that equation changes dramatically with the influence of outside money. A candidate such as Buono or Christie can fund his or her campaign with taxpayer money after raising

what amounts in this day and age to a fairly nominal amount in donations and then sit back and wait for the cavalry to arrive in the form of millions in outside money.

ELEC has proposed greater monitoring of outside money including donor disclosure requirements that would at the very least tell the world who is funding the campaign. But many already are forced to report and some do so voluntarily and yet the flow of money continues.

Meanwhile, the battle over the decision continues to rage and efforts continue on the part of opponents to overturn it through legislation.

But the high court has spoken. ▲

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Assuring a Successful Transition in Jersey City



By Steven Fulop
Mayor, Jersey City;
Member, NJLM Executive Board

Winning an election sometimes appears easier than building an Administration that must respond the needs of the citizenry. After being elected in May, came the important task of governing. We had spent months talking to residents and had developed policy papers on the main issues facing Jersey City, but we knew that to hit the ground running when we took office on July 1, we would need to expand upon that research and delve into the inner workings of city government.

We were committed to change and didn't want to lose the momentum from the election success. We were especially focused on restructuring public safety operations; formalizing a tax abatement policy that would draw investment to the heart of the city creating jobs; making our government more efficient by consolidating services and removing redundancies; and creating greater transparency.

We also wanted to make sure that our transition report didn't end up collecting dust on a shelf. Like other cities, such as Chicago and Portland, Oregon, our plan had always been to convene a robust transition team to closely examine past policies and the current structure of government and operations. The members would be leaders in their field and forward thinkers who could help develop a blueprint to move Jersey City forward.

THE INFORMATION WE GAINED
DURING OUR TRANSITION REVIEW
WAS IMMENSELY VALUABLE.



Jersey City Mayor Steven M. Fulop (second from right) speaks with (left to right) Newark Mayor Cory Booker, U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo, State Director for Senator Menendez Michael Soliman and Senate President Stephen Sweeney in City Hall prior to his inauguration on July 1, 2013. (Photo by Mike McNamara)

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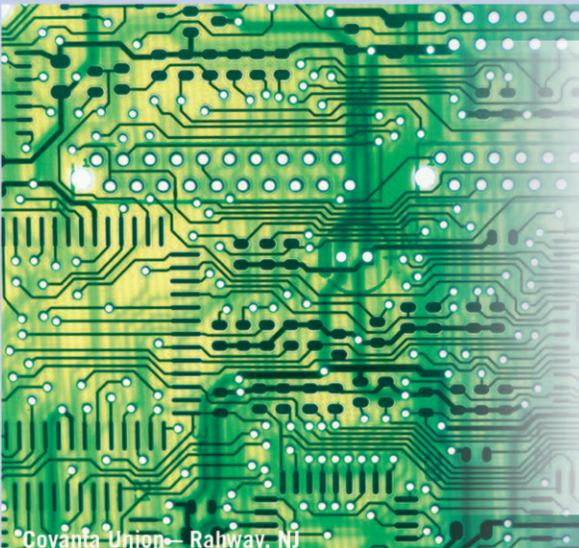
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Jersey City Transition Team To maximize the short amount of time between election and governing, we comprised 11 transition team subcommittees that were as follows: Budget and Financial Operations Review Team; Departmental Operations Review Team; Executive Recruitment; Workforce Development, Training and Reentry; Real Estate/Redevelopment/Business Climate-Outreach Committee; Independent Authorities; Cultural Development and Tourism; Legal Review; and Recreation/Education; and IT Initiatives.

We also held four public meetings during the transition to hear directly from the residents, with between 800 and 1,000 people participating. One theme that resonated at all of the public meetings was that residents wanted a more responsive municipal government. Based on those concerns, we have already restructured the constituent services bureau—now called the Resident Response Center—to add more and better-trained staff, and have extended hours from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The result of the transition committee review and the public meetings was a 155-page transition report that was made public on the city's website. This was the most comprehensive transition report done in the history of Jersey City and is providing a solid framework for the administration as we begin to restructure government and create accountability, transparency and efficiency.

Researching the best practices of other leading cities, such as New York City and San Francisco, the committees also suggested numerous recommendations to generate efficiencies, reduce redundancies of services, use technology, and produce cost savings. Examples include modernizing the city's payroll system, implementing online purchasing and procurement, and reestablishing the City Grants Office.

Public Safety During the transition we also studied the structure of Jersey City's police and fire departments and how and why other municipalities are trending toward mergers of their public safety operations. Indianapolis recently created a department of public safety and while many of the mergers are happening in suburban communities, the Federal

Bureau of Investigations has released a report that indicates combining public safety services in larger urban settings is beneficial.

So, within our first two and a half months in office we introduced and passed legislation to create a Department of Public Safety consolidating our police and fire operations. We are currently studying the merger of parking enforcement operations into this new public safety department, as well.

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During the transition, we hired former NYPD Commissioner Howard Safir's firm, Vigilant Resources International, to conduct a national search for a director to lead this new Public Safety Department. We selected former NYPD Deputy Chief James Shea. The firm, who is being paid through corporate donations, is also closely reviewing our police and fire departments to suggest recommendations as we merge operations.

Data Collection A major project we have already implemented based on transition research is the Jersey City Dashboard Program—a data-driven analysis of all Jersey City services. Other cities like Baltimore and Edmonton, Canada, have used dashboard programs to track program efficiencies and taxpayer spending.

The primary objective of the Jersey City Dashboard Program is to improve the quality of services by increasing efficiency, eliminating wasteful and unnecessary spending, identifying opportunities for increasing revenue, and improving communication and transparency with the public.

For example, when a pothole is filled, we want to know the project's start and completion time, how many employees are involved, an exact

address of the pothole, what resources are used, and when the request to fill the pothole is received.

While we knew that data collection of this magnitude had not previously occurred in Jersey City, we believed this data existed somewhere and that we just needed to find it. What we discovered during the transition; however, was quite the opposite. Some data recording still occurred in paper notebooks or on note cards, and a large portion of department operations and activities were not being recorded at all.

Within the first month in office we also conducted a desk audit of all city employees to evaluate employee functions as well as program performance. The audit will help eliminate any duplication of services.

Another accountability measure we have implemented is the installation of GPS devices in city vehicles. Already, this GPS program has eliminated unauthorized stops and after-hour vehicle use by city employees. The initiative has greatly improved productivity, while creating efficiency and reducing fuel costs.

Tax Abatement We also restructured the city's tax abatement policy to incentivize development off the waterfront and into the heart of the city. The city's historic use of tax abatements had resulted in unbalanced development that had not benefited the city as a whole. Prior administrations continued to approve tax abatements for projects along the waterfront and downtown, even after these areas became some of the most valuable real estate in the region, if not the nation.

And, we are also holding developers accountable by auditing the existing tax abatements—a practice that was not done for several years. Our first review has resulted in the city recouping \$2.3 million from one developer alone.

These are just a few examples of how the work we conducted during the transition is already being implemented as we put in place the policies of our new administration. I cannot stress enough the importance of a thorough transition review and encourage any new mayor to make this a priority. The information we gained was immensely valuable and assisted us in identifying the greatest challenges and in prioritizing our short and long-range goals. ▲



NJ GMIS will hold its fifth annual government Technology Education Conference on March 27, 2014. This one-day event is a “must attend” for anyone responsible for the use of technology in the public sector. If you are a CIO, help desk technician, web master or K-12 tech supervisor you won’t want to miss this event. The conference covers topics of interest for all technology professionals in the public sector, including: In-depth technical sessions, management issues, IT specialties & applications, web, social media and communications, K-12 education and more.



“Beak’s Rules of Leadership” learned and developed over his many years as a Marine and a civilian director. Many of these rules were tested when Lieutenant General Howell took command of The Johnson Space Center with a work force of 15,000 individuals, including hundreds of astronauts and scientists and thousands of

engineers. Lt. General Howell was the Director of the Space Center when tragedy fell; the space shuttle Columbia exploded. In this session, Beak will explore his “Rules of Leadership” that made him an unparalleled commander and manager.

Last year’s event saw 150+ attendees, 13 educational forums and 39 vendors, providing lots of networking opportunities. We are applying for four contact-hours of IT CEUs issued by the Division of Local Government Services!

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The TEC 2014 Keynote Address will be presented by Lieutenant General Jefferson “Beak” Howell, Jr. J.D. ‘Beak’ Howell is presently an adjunct professor with the Lyndon B. Johnson School for Public Affairs at the University of Texas in Austin. Beak’s impressive resume includes 37 years as an officer in the Marines in which he commanded at all levels: leading infantry platoons of 50+/- Marines, a 250-Marine fighter/attack squadron, a 5,000-person aircraft group, a 15,000-person aircraft wing, and ultimately a Marine force of 80,000+ Marines and sailors.

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Connecting the Dots in the Life Science Economy



Joseph Pannullo
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on Life Sciences

What oil is to Texas and autos are to Michigan, the life sciences are to New Jersey. Biopharmaceutical and medical technology companies form the engine that drives New Jersey's economy and has significant economic impact on each community in the state. Our communities benefit from local taxes paid by the companies and from the local commerce generated by their employees. Many life science companies also have community responsibility programs that encourage local involvement on the part of their employees. In addition to its economic impact, the industry is continually working to discover new, life-saving treatments and cures—an effort that will benefit not only New Jersey—but also the rest of the United States and the world.

As the Mayor of East Hanover Township, I have experienced firsthand the benefits of having Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, the US pharmaceuticals operation of one of the world's leading healthcare companies, headquartered in my community. However, it is not just host communities that benefit from the industry's presence—industry employees, vendor companies and vendor company employees

extend the positive economic impact to literally every town in New Jersey.

While most New Jerseyans understand the importance of the industry in the state, the relationship between policy decisions and legislation in Washington and what happens in our local communities is also significant. There is a direct correlation between legislation that impacts the industry and the economics of our local communities.

For example, legislation that threatens the success of life science companies puts all of us at risk: communities that depend on tax and philanthropy, businesses that provide goods and services to the companies, and individuals whose jobs are directly or indirectly tied to the industry. Additionally, policies that negatively impact the ability of these companies to do business could result in reduced investment in research and development, which could increase the timeline for bringing patients new, potentially life-saving medications. In short, if the biopharmaceutical industry suffers, we will all suffer.

There are currently a number of key issues at the federal level that could potentially have a negative impact on the life science industry. From trade agreements that might limit intellectual property (patent) protection, to allowing the importation of prescription drugs from other countries,



to imposing a Medicaid-style rebate on Medicare Part D, the industry is facing challenges that could directly cause a negative impact. While the details may not seem relevant to those outside the industry, we must remember that ultimately, its continued success will benefit each of us on many fronts: in our communities, in our jobs and most importantly, when we or our family members are diagnosed with a chronic medical condition or a serious illness.

patients and customers as we provide a range of healthcare solutions. The support the Mayors Committee on Life Sciences provides for New Jersey's life science community fosters a positive environment for innovation and the betterment of patients."

Other speakers at the event were Shawn O'Neil, Executive Director, Federal Government Affairs for Novartis Corporation, who offered an in-depth look at Federal Priorities for the

Jersey's economy. Randy Dias, Executive Director of Engineering, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, wrapped up the presentation with remarks about the recent changes to the Novartis campus. Jim Stabenow, Director of Engineering, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, then led the group on a tour of the campus. It was an excellent event, and we plan to host similar programs in the future.

I hope you are inspired to join the important effort to support life sciences in our great state. Mayors are ideally suited to speak about and represent the people of New Jersey, and can serve as the bridge between Main Street and Washington on issues discussed at the federal, state and local level. Whether you currently host a life science facility in your town or simply wish to learn more about this industry, we hope you will consider joining our committee. For more information, you can view our page on the League of Municipalities' website (njslom.org/Committee-Life-Sciences.html). We will also have a booth at the League Convention in November. ▲

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One of my primary objectives as Chair of the League's Mayors Committee on Life Sciences is to educate my fellow mayors on this connection. On October 10, the committee hosted a forum at Novartis' facility in East Hanover called "Connecting the Dots: Innovation, Federal Issues and the Life Science Economy." A group of mayors gathered for an in-depth presentation on the concept and issues I outlined above. Then we were treated to a tour of the Novartis campus, where the local government leaders were able to see some of the new, state-of-the-art facilities the company recently completed.

Our host, Kevin Rigby, the US Country Head of Public Affairs and Vice President Public Affairs for Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation and the former Mayor of River Edge, kicked off the meeting. As a former mayor, Kevin appreciates the results that can come from a collaborative relationship between local officials and their corporate partners.

He said that "By working with East Hanover Township and the State of New Jersey, Novartis has been able to make a substantial investment in our East Hanover campus. This has allowed us to build a first-class working environment for our 6,000 associates on campus that fosters collaboration, increases communication and inspires innovation. As a result, we are better able to meet the evolving needs of

industry and Dean Paranicas, President and CEO of the HealthCare Institute of New Jersey and We Work for Health New Jersey Co-Chair, who spoke about how the life sciences impact New



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Red Bank Holds the First Electronic Tax Sale



By Pasquale Menna
Mayor, Red Bank

It is always a good idea to plan your tax sale date for a time when there will be little conflict such as not during a tax quarter, not when your staff is on vacation, and not around the holidays. The Borough of Red Bank took all of that into consideration when planning for the 2012 annual tax sale, the first such sale to be done electronically in New Jersey.

Although we would like to have held the sale in September, when considering that the on-line electronic sale required certain waiting periods, the earliest we could have the sale was October 29. We thought the timing was right and scheduled the tax sale for 8:30 a.m. Little did we know that Hurricane Sandy was going to unleash her wrath on New Jersey on that day.

Because a State of Emergency had been declared by Governor Christie no employees were able to get to Borough Hall, including the Tax Collector and the Chief Financial Officer. And yet—despite the fact Borough Hall had no power and thus no computers, phones, heat, or internet—the sale went off without a hitch! In fact, Red Bank sold every lien that was offered, almost all of them at a premium. Our online tax sale, the first of its kind by a municipality in New Jersey, was successful on many levels.

Red Bank is one of several municipalities participating in the state approved pilot program for electronic tax sales. Upon receipt of State of New Jersey approval of Red Bank's application to hold an electronic tax sale through RealAuction.com, the planning began. Resolutions were prepared and adopted, notices were ordered, and the taxpayers were notified.

Red Bank is a small borough. Our budget has approximately 4,300 line items and the same number of water/sewer accounts. A typical tax sale begins with 200-300 items and ends with around 100 being sold. The 2012 sale began with 191 advertised items and after 86 properties were paid, 100 percent of the remaining 105 certificates were sold to 12 outside investors. We had 177 bidders registered who remitted deposits totaling almost \$600,000.00. And a remarkable 98 of the 105 certificates were sold at a premium.

Our online tax sale (held in accordance with Title 54:5), was less expensive than holding a live tax sale. In addition, more bidders were able to be a part of the process. We had bidders from

Utah, California, and even one registered from outside of the US! The entire process, from the registration to the bidding, is done online. The bidders were able to participate in the sale from the comfort of their own homes, offices, public computers, or libraries, instead of having to physically attend the sale. All questions concerning the online procedures, registration, placing bids, even explanations of NJSA 54:5 were available on our special tax sale website at redbanktaxsale.com. Perspective participants were also able to use an interactive training webinar provided by RealAuction to learn how to participate.

Although October 29 proved to be devastating in many ways, the success of this first electronic tax sale in the wake of such an incident further justified our decision to be the first municipality in the State of New Jersey to go online. Our Tax Collector, Constance Ludden, presented this opportunity to the borough and was excited to use technology to improve the tax sale process. Since this idea was a success, we will continue to take full advantage of this technology.

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The State Health Plans Will Reward Healthy Choices



By Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff
State Treasurer



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Next year, the State of New Jersey will break new ground in supporting the health of both state and local government workers.

The two health plans it sponsors for public workers, the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) and the School Employees Health Benefits Program (SEHBP), will start offering an Incentive Wellness Program called NJWELL. The program will give active workers and their spouses or partners financial rewards for making healthy lifestyle choices and one-on-one help putting them into practice.

The over 150,000 public workers insured by SHBP and another 95,000 insured by SEHBP and their 135,000 covered spouses and partners—380,000 people in all—will be eligible to participate in NJWELL next year.

Making healthy lifestyle choices like exercising more, losing weight, or switching to a healthier diet is something we all know we should do. But many of us—myself included—can have trouble actually following through. This new program is designed to turn hopes of making a positive change into reality for thousands of public workers in New Jersey.

Participants will be eligible for financial rewards at every level of the program. In their first year with NJWELL, they can earn gift cards worth up to

\$100. If they continue with the program for three years, they'll be eligible to receive gift cards worth up to \$250.

They'll also be able to call on a personal coach for help in setting and meeting goals for fitness, weight loss and dietary and lifestyle changes, or a medical professional to help them find better ways to manage a chronic health condition.

By meeting their goals, State health plan members will improve the quality of their lives today and enhance their prospects for enjoying more healthy and productive years ahead.

The local governments that use our health plans—and the taxpayers who pay their bills—will also benefit from a healthier workforce that is less likely to incur high medical costs. Over time, we expect this new program to generate savings on health care claims and insurance costs.

Employers whose workers reach target levels for participation in NJWELL will be eligible for premium savings of as much as 1 percent per year.



NJWELL will give those enrolled in either of the state's two health plans financial rewards for making healthy lifestyle choices.



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The private sector has long recognized what wellness programs can do. A recent survey by Aon Hewitt, a consulting firm, found that 79 percent of mid-size and large companies offer some type of incentive wellness program to their workers. There is little debate about the financial benefits these programs deliver. One study found that for every dollar spent on wellness programs, medical costs are reduced by \$3.27 and absentee costs by \$2.73.

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The public sector has been catching up. Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Arkansas all offer Incentive Wellness Programs to their workers. We studied their experiences while developing the plan for New Jersey.

The use of incentive plans similar to NJWELL is expected to grow significantly next year because new federal regulations have raised the allowable value of incentives that employers can offer to their workers as part of a wellness program in 2014, to provide more flexibility to design wellness programs that will be attractive to workers.

The programs will be offered by both Aetna and Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield, the two insurers that will be providing health benefits coverage to SHBP and SEHBP members next year.

The Health Plan Design Committee for the SEHPB, and the one for SHBP have agreed to offer a new Incentive Wellness Program to all of their active members, and their spouses or partners.

The committees also agreed to other important changes to both health plans, most notably, extending Mental Health Parity to plan participants as well as offering four new, lower-cost coverage options, which can reduce premium costs for participants by up to 15 percent.

The changes that came out of this year's Plan Design Committee process are the result of exactly the kind of cooperative approach to managing employee health care costs and benefit offerings that was envisioned when the committees were created as part of the comprehensive package of pension and health benefit reforms that Governor Chris Christie signed into law in 2011.

NJWELL, the Incentive Wellness Program that the Plan Design Committees adopted, will be phased in over three years. In the first year, employees and their spouses or partners will be encouraged to complete health assessments and biometric screenings that will help them identify possible health risks they may be facing based on their lifestyle, medical and family history, and other factors.

The main goal will be to make sure that participants know their numbers for their blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol levels as well as their body mass index. They will also be asked to answer questions about their health. They will each then receive a health summary comparing their actual numbers to what their target numbers should be. These critical baseline numbers can reveal whether a person is at elevated risk for heart disease, stroke or diabetes and provide a firm basis for deciding on the best way to reduce health risks.

The second year of the program will focus on taking action and engaging both the worker and his or her spouse or partner in actions such as undergoing age or gender appropriate screenings such as mammograms or colon cancer screenings, as well as taking preventive health care actions, such as receiving vaccines, and working with their coach or medical advisor.

The third year will focus on continuous engagement and higher reward thresholds based on engagement and adherence for workers and their spouses or partners.

The program will be supported by a health and wellness website that will enable participants to enter and maintain their personal health data in a single location and access the latest health news. The site will also suggest specific "health actions" based on individual health data and goals.

Research has shown that wellness programs work best when they have the strong support of employers behind them. Over the next few months, we will be doing our part by urging public workers throughout New Jersey to take advantage of these new resources for building healthier lives that will be available in the New Year. We are optimistic that many of them will respond positively. ▲

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Wayne Township and Wayne BOE Share Radio Services



By Cristopher P. Vergano
Mayor, Wayne Township
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Wayne Township Public Schools

Long before it was in vogue for government entities to share services, the Township of Wayne and the Wayne Board of Education (BOE) looked for ways to work together to save our taxpayers money. During the course of the past years, the Township and Board have worked jointly to construct two turf fields, share equipment, and perform services for each other.

The BOE purchases its gas from the township, which made it possible for the BOE to avoid the cost of installing fuel tanks. Additionally, the township's yearly road resurfacing program includes BOE projects that, due to the economies of scale, cost less than they would have if the BOE bid this work separately. This past year, Wayne and the BOE once again found an area where shared services would result in tremendous savings—radio communications.

In 2009, the township began working on a multimillion-dollar upgrade to its more than 30-year-old radio infrastructure. Due to the age of the system, various communication problems existed that posed serious safety concerns for first responders and township employees. Various sections of the township no longer received consistent coverage, when it rained the system did not function properly and Police Dispatch often could not communicate with first responders who were inside of buildings. Obviously, these conditions needed to be corrected and that is exactly what the township did. The township's new and much improved radio system has been up and running since 2012.

After Superstorm Sandy, the Director of the township's Office of Emergency Management, Sandy Galacio, had many discussions with various BOE staff, including Transportation



Wayne Township and the Wayne BOE are sharing a radio system. Pictured above is the Wayne Police Communications Center.

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Supervisor Daryl Fennel and Facilities Manager John Maso about the BOE's communications shortcomings and the need to replace a system that was very old. In anticipation of future need, the township had the foresight to design and build its infrastructure to allow for expanded capacity, figuring that at some point the BOE would be looking to upgrade its system as well. The thought process at that time was that it was more cost effective to address the additional capacity during the planning and construction of the township's system than it would be once the system was complete.

Once the outline of the BOE's possible integration into the township's system had been discussed with and agreed to by both Mayor Vergano and the Wayne Township Public Schools' Superintendent Raymond Gonzalez, Sandy Galacio, Daryl Fennel and John Maso set out to make this shared service a reality.

As mayor, I am always looking for ways to save money for our taxpayers. We currently do a number of things with the BOE and allowing them to

use our existing radio infrastructure was not a difficult decision. They will save a lot of money by not having to pay for the cost of building a new system and a portion of our yearly costs will be reduced due to the BOE's use of the township's system. This is a win for the taxpayers.

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Co-author school Superintendent Gonzalez agreed. "What's been the most significant point for all of us to focus on is that the Board and the

township both serve Wayne Township's residents," Gonzalez said. "We've all worked together to generate some tremendous savings, from which everyone benefits. Now, I'm looking forward to seeing what we can do for an encore."

The first step was to have the BOE meet with the company that installed the township's system to discuss the BOE's needs. These included communications between the BOE's transportation division and the buses, bus-to-bus communication and BOE-to-township communications. They also made sure that there would be no integration problems and determined the type of equipment that needed to be purchased.

The next step was to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the BOE that would encapsulate the needs of both parties. A major component of the MOU was the cost-sharing formula based on all costs associated with maintaining the radio infrastructure divided by the number of terminal subscriber units used by the township and the BOE. (A subscriber terminal unit is any mobile radio, portable radio, base station or any other equipment used.) Because of the willingness of all parties involved, the development of this MOU was not difficult.

By participating with the township, the BOE was able to accomplish its goal of replacing an antiquated and unreliable radio system with one that will meet its needs well into the future. The BOE also avoided making a capital outlay, other than to purchase equipment such as portable and mobile radios. The resulting savings was in the million-dollar range. By entering into this agreement with the BOE, the township was able to reduce its current and future costs. More importantly, the integration of the BOE into the township's system establishes streamlined emergency communication between the schools and the township's emergency services—improving response times and enhancing protection for students and staff. This partnership is a win-win situation for the township, the BOE and our taxpayers who, in the final analysis, are the ultimate beneficiaries of this and other joint efforts between the two entities. ▲



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Foundation President, Mayor Art Ondish of Mount Arlington commented "With James on the board we are able to gain perspective from a critical partner in the energy industry. Charlene compliments the growing importance of utilities and telecommunications for the state. William will assist with deeper understanding of the state's infrastructure needs. Mark will further deepen the Foundation's knowledge of energy infrastructure needs throughout the state. And we are grateful to have Ken join the Board again as an experienced Trustee of the Foundation. Together our new board members represent critically important New Jersey industries and will help lead the Foundation in its mission to offer timely research and a proactive approach to resolving the complex issues affecting New Jersey's diverse communities." ▲

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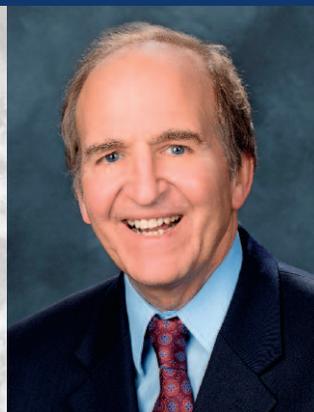
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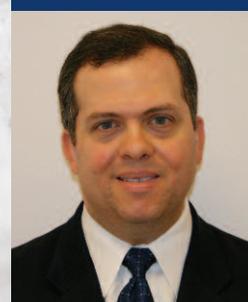
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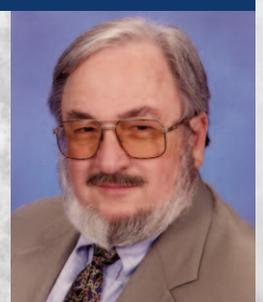
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The Hawk Rise Wildlife Sanctuary

Preserving an Essential Ecosystem



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Hawk Rise Liaison



Over 123 resident and migratory bird species, including red tail hawks, have been observed at the Hawk Rise Wildlife Sanctuary in Linden.

When Linden students first walked the nature trails of Hawk Rise Wildlife Sanctuary this past spring on a class trip, the conversion of a closed landfill and surrounding degraded wetland into a 95-acre nature preserve had come full circle.

The City of Linden covers 11.2 square miles and supports an urban population of 40,000. Located 13 miles south of Manhattan, Linden is bordered by the cities of Elizabeth, Roselle and Rahway, and is separated from Carteret and Staten Island by the Rahway River and the Arthur Kill.

THE CITY HAS DEVELOPED A
BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENT-
ING THE CONVERSION OF A LANDFILL
INTO OPEN SPACE AND HABITAT.

Linden's industrial waterfront contains some of the most densely populated areas in the United States. The Arthur Kill watershed contains 5,000 people per square mile, a density five times that of New Jersey on average and 75 times that of the nation. Over the last hundred years, salt marsh and other estuarine habitat in this area has been filled, converted into landfills, and developed for industrial and petrochemical uses. Currently, only 10 percent of the Rahway River's 24-mile stretch is publically owned land. Of that, an even smaller percentage is devoted to conservation of the river's valuable marsh ecosystem. Overdevelopment and pollution have made the Rahway Riverfront a wasted resource.

Linden sits at the intersection of the Rahway River and Arthur Kill, on a surprisingly rich expanse of salt marsh. However, this urban oasis is largely isolated from a dense human population by major roads, industrial sites, and residential development. These land uses threaten the wildlife that depends on this habitat. In addition, because people are isolated from this ecosystem, they have become disconnected from nature and don't understand the value of natural systems, like estuaries. The resident's of Linden enjoy flood protection, improved water quality and a reduction in airborne carbon as a result of the ecosystem along the river's edge.

In 2000, a partnership of city groups decided to work to raise community awareness of the value of the Rahway River/Arthur Kill urban estuarine region. The establishment of Hawk Rise provided the opportunity to engage both school children and the general public in the work of habitat preservation. The City of Linden, as the central administrator of these partnerships, initiated collaboration between themselves, the Linden Public Schools, city businesses and industry, and conservation groups to restore the ecosystem within Hawk Rise and to develop an education and outreach program.

During a 12-year process that spanned difficult economic times, Linden first drafted a plan to create Hawk Rise and prepared a long-term strategy to successfully achieve that goal. The Hawk Rise design team held several public meetings aimed at creating a vision that could be supported by a diverse set of community groups.

Once the city garnered support for the project, Linden engaged in an aggressive program to close the active landfill, which had been historically

riddled with violations and mismanagement. We also settled the outstanding environmental issues from past administrations. Working with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, interested local groups and city leadership, Linden secured funding for the project and hired an engineering firm. The project was funded by over \$15 million of taxpayer monies and Green Acres grants.

Linden then partnered with the New Jersey Audubon Society (NJAS), and under their stewardship, restored 40 acres of forested wetlands and constructed a 1.5-mile walkway that offered residents the opportunity to explore Hawk Rise and reconnect with nature. NJAS also installed interpretative signage along the nature trail, that point out estuarine habitats and the services they provide. Specific educational topics include the history of the site, the structure of landfills, the Rahway River watershed, salt marsh ecology and green energy.

With Phase 1 and 2 of the restoration complete, Hawk Rise is now a mosaic of healthy habitat types, including salt marsh, forested wetlands, mudflats,

and vernal pools. Over 123 resident and migratory bird species have been recorded, and the landscape supports myriad breeding amphibians. Additional proposed restoration activities include the preservation of 55 acres of grassland atop the landfill mound. In Phase 3, the sanctuary will expand to reclaim a second environmentally-impacted site and complete a boardwalk loop through the wetlands.

What makes the Hawk Rise project stand apart from similar ecological restoration projects is its integration into the Linden Public Schools science curriculum. This unique natural preserve offers nearly limitless opportunity for Linden public school students to learn about natural systems and their relationship to these systems. The site is within a 15-minute bus ride from most of the schools in the district and is accessible by means of parking facilities and a pedestrian trail. Linden fully incorporated Hawk Rise into the science curriculum from the beginning of the project and has provided experts in ecology-based instruction to facilitate the professional training of classroom teachers and to assist in



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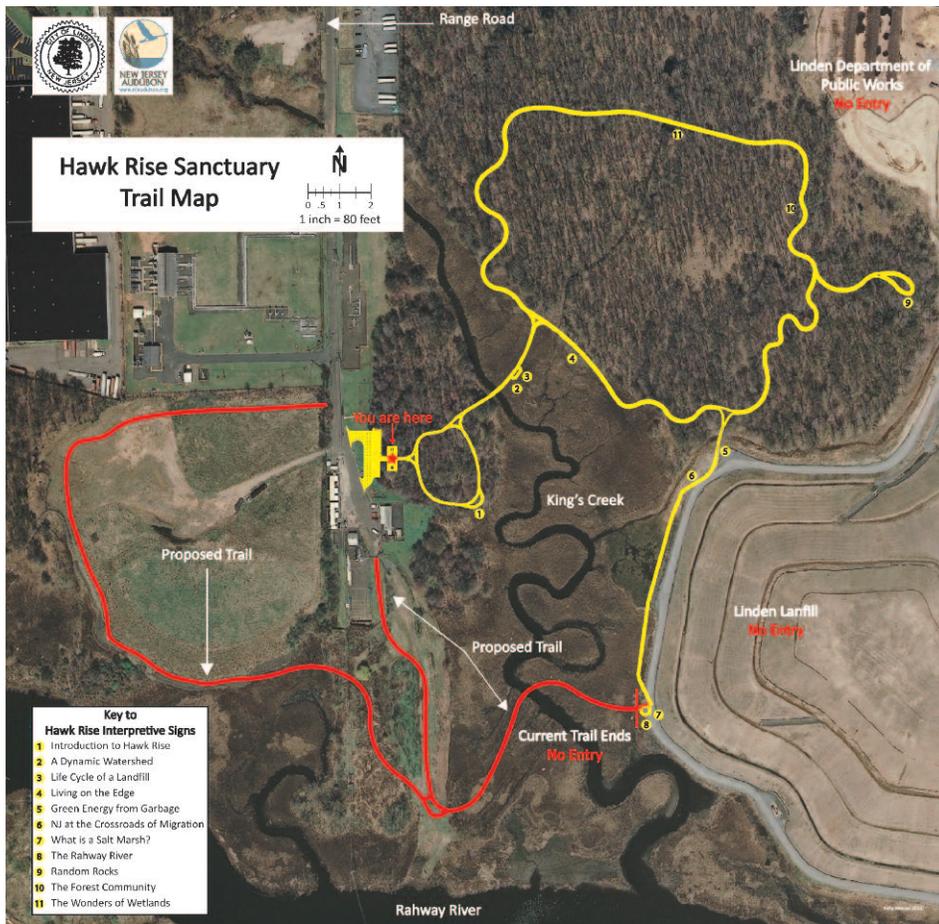
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Hawk Rise is now a mosaic of healthy habitat types, including salt marsh, forested wetlands, mudflats, and vernal pools. Additional proposed restoration activities include the preservation of 55 acres of grassland atop the landfill mound.

the initial student field trips. Linden's current science curriculum is designed to engage students in grades two through eight with classroom learning followed up with field based, experiential learning at Hawk Rise. Educating young people on the importance of preserving natural habitats promotes their stewardship of these ecosystems later in life.

Since the opening of Hawk Rise in May 2012, Linden's efforts have been applauded by multiple environmental organizations. The city received the 2012 Governor's Environmental Excellence Award in Land Conservation. Hawk Rise also was named the Municipal Engineering Project of the Year by the New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers. The Hawk Rise project is the

first of its kind in Union County and mirrors the efforts taking place in Hudson and Bergen counties to reopen the waterfront for people and nature. The city has developed a blueprint for successfully implementing the conversion of a landfill into open space and habitat. The project has added value to the area, and for the first time, neighboring towns and companies are reinvesting in the area as new opportunities arise. In addition, Hawk Rise offers residents new access to natural resources that have been denied to them for decades. The new network of wetland forest trails, open space, wildlife viewing stations and elevated walkways all work to connect people, while protecting bodies of water and wildlife from environmental and manmade threats. Additionally, this site serves as a demonstration project for the host of other sites in similar conditions along New Jersey's tidal waterways. Hawk Rise stands out as an innovative approach to addressing the problems of the watershed and offers a positive example for the future of the Rahway River Greenway Plan.

In the spirit of preserving this sanctuary and improving the banks of the Rahway River for years to come, the City of Linden has committed itself to continue to work with the Linden Public Schools to further integrate Hawk Rise and its significance into the school curriculum. NJAS will also continue to offer to families and adults a wide array of natural history programs that stress the importance of ecological conservation and the benefit it provides to our communities.

Hawk Rise represents an opportunity to instill an appreciation and commitment to ecological restoration, enhancement and preservation in our citizens. The significance of the improvements made to Hawk Rise and the restoration of access to the Rahway River cannot be overstated. The preservation of these natural resources directly benefits our community in terms of public health, safety and recreation. What Linden has done with Hawk Rise is not only a step in the right direction, but also a comprehensive program to instill the values of ecological stewardship in Linden for generations. Their accomplishment should be inspiration for all to recapture and restore previously developed spaces. ▲

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New Jersey Managed Districts Association

Wednesday, November 20, 5:30-7:00 pm

NJMDA Reception:
The Palm Restaurant at the Latin Quarter,
Tropicana Casino & Resort
2801 Pacific Avenue

Reception Sponsor:
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League Session:
Thursday, November 21, 2:00-3:40 pm
"Getting the Good Word Out: BIDs and the Net, the News and Social Media"
Moderator: Victor DeLuca
Mayor, Maplewood
Atlantic City Convention Center, Rm 313

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Old Bridge's Mayor's Clean Team

Putting the Lid on Litter



By Owen Henry
Mayor, Old Bridge Township

Former New York City Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia said that "There is no Democratic or Republican way of cleaning the streets." Without a doubt, litter and debris on roadways and in parks affects everyone in the community, is unsanitary and unsightly and diminishes the quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors. In 2012, I organized the Mayor's Clean Team to tackle the litter challenge head on in Old Bridge through a combination of public education, volunteer participation and funding and support from the New Jersey Clean Communities Council.

The Township of Old Bridge is a 42-square mile community in Middlesex County that has over 189 miles of township roadways. When my new Administration took office in January 2012, the Mayor's Office was inundated with calls and complaints about the growing litter problem in town. I immediately assembled a steering committee which included Council Member Debbie Walker, Council Member Mary Sohor and Clean Communities Coordinator Debbie DePew to organize and activate the Mayor's Clean Team.

One of the cornerstones of Old Bridge Clean Team's success has been the volunteer organization "mini grants" funded through the Annual Clean Communities Program. All volunteer organizations in town are eligible to receive a \$500 grant if their respective organizations perform a three-hour clean up event at one or more of Old Bridge's high priority locations. To date, over 150 groups (and 560 volunteers) have participated in the program including local sports teams, schools and religious organizations. These grants really create a win-win situation for everyone—the township gets much needed assistance from a volunteer workforce and the volunteer organizations receive much needed funds for other community initiatives such as school programs, scout projects and scholarships.

Michele Conlon, a parent and member of several volunteer groups in town, enthusiastically agrees: "The Old Bridge Township road clean-ups are a great way for our local organizations to earn money as well as instill pride in our town."



Mayor Henry joins Old Bridge students for a clean up at the Student Environmental Exchange in Asbury Park.

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OUR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL,
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ORGANIZATIONS AND THE
NEW JERSEY CLEAN
COMMUNITIES COUNCIL,
THE MAYOR'S CLEAN TEAM
IS PUTTING A LID ON LITTER
IN OLD BRIDGE TOWNSHIP.

The Township of Old Bridge is also a proud and active participant in a number of other programs and initiatives sponsored by the New Jersey Clean Communities Council including Adopt a Beach for the Cliffwood Beach and Laurence Harbor Waterfront, Clean Communities Student Environmental

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ALL VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS IN TOWN ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A \$500 GRANT IF THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS PERFORM A THREE-HOUR CLEAN UP EVENT AT ONE OR MORE OF OLD BRIDGE'S HIGH PRIORITY LOCATIONS.

Old Bridge Environmental Commission Vice Chairperson Perry Simone, a supporter and advocate of our recent initiatives, pointed out that "The Old Bridge Township Clean Communities Program has made tremendous strides in the past several years. It has had a very positive impact on the township and is designed to involve residents, township volunteers, and students from elementary to high school."

Keeping our town clean and litter-free definitely takes a lot of time, teamwork and perseverance. In partnership with our Township Council, staff, local volunteer organizations and the New Jersey Clean Communities Council, the Mayor's Clean Team is up to the challenge and will continue to put the lid on litter in Old Bridge Township.

For additional information on the Old Bridge Clean Communities Program, please contact the Mayor's Office at (732) 721-5600 ext. 2040 or e-mail Recycling Coordinator Debbie DePew at ddepew@oldbridge.com. ▲



PLAN YOUR DAYS! For this year's 98th Annual League Conference, November 19-21, we have more sessions and distinguished speakers than ever before! Review this special section for the names of the programs and presenters. For the session descriptions, visit NJSLOM.org or consult the program book you will receive at the Conference.

Since many sessions run concurrently, take a few minutes now to map out your own daily agenda in conjunction with your fellow officials. Many sessions are recorded and will be available for purchase. Audio recordings may be purchased by visiting onsiterecordings.net.

SHUTTLE SERVICE Transportation to and from hotels and the Convention Center will be provided on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (every 10-15 minutes on average). Detailed shuttle schedules are available at njslom.org and will be posted at the conference center and hotels.

REGISTRATION If you have not pre-registered, you can register on the second floor of the Convention Center.

NJLM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING At 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19 the committee will consider resolutions that were submitted on or before October 18. Any interested delegate may attend, but only members of the Resolutions Committee may vote. The committee's recommendations will be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting. For a synopsis of all resolutions submitted, visit the League Information Booth.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING The Annual Business Meeting (3:30 p.m., Thursday, November 21) is open to all delegates; however, only the Mayor or his or her designee may vote. Credentials will be checked at the door and voting cards will be distributed.

EXEMPTION FROM OCCUPANCY TAX Municipal officials paying hotel room bills by cash or personal check are not entitled to an exemption from the luxury tax. For the exemptions, you must pay with a voucher from the municipality.

GOALS Meet a new person every day. Pick up at least one new idea or fact every day. Have at least one substantive discussion that will benefit your town with a vendor. Consider writing a report or press release about your experience. And have fun, every day!

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE:

Tuesday, November 19

- 8:00 a.m. Affiliates' Meeting (see listing of all Affiliates' Meetings on page 4)
- 9:00 a.m. Registration and Exhibits open
- 12:00 p.m. 5th Annual Sustainable Jersey Luncheon (Sheraton)
- 1:00 p.m. Vendor Solutions sessions (see page 5 for complete listing)
- 2:00 p.m. NJLM CONSULTING PERIOD (2-4 p.m., Hall A)
- 2:00 p.m. Select from concurrent sessions and meetings
- 3:00 p.m. NJLM Resolutions Committee Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Registration and Exhibits close

Wednesday, November 20

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and Exhibits open
- 9:00 a.m. Select from concurrent sessions and meetings
- 10:45 a.m. Select from concurrent sessions and meetings
- 12:00 p.m. Affiliate Luncheons and Vendor Solutions sessions
- 12:15 p.m. Mayors Box Luncheon (Sheraton)
- 1:00 p.m. Vendor Solutions sessions
- 2:00 p.m. Select from concurrent sessions and meetings
- 3:45 p.m. Select from concurrent sessions and meetings
- 5:00 p.m. Registration and Exhibits close

Thursday, November 21

- 8:00 a.m. Women in Municipal Government Breakfast (Sheraton)
- 8:30 a.m. Registration and Exhibits open
- 9:00 a.m. Select from concurrent sessions and meetings
- 10:45 a.m. Select from concurrent sessions and meetings
- 12:00 p.m. Vendor Solutions session
- 12:15 p.m. NJLM Luncheon for all Delegates (Sheraton)
- 1:00 p.m. Exhibits close
- 2:00 p.m. Select from concurrent sessions and meetings
- 3:00 p.m. Registration closes
- 3:30 p.m. NJLM Business Meeting (Sheraton)



NJLM PROGRAMS, SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are in the Atlantic City Convention Center.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013

9:00 a.m. Registration and Exhibits Open

12:00 p.m.  **FIFTH ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE JERSEY AWARDS LUNCHEON** 

Crown Ballroom – Sheraton Convention Center Hotel (For tickets: sustainablejersey.com)

Welcome:

PAM MOUNT *Chair, Sustainable Jersey Board of Trustees*
JANICE S. MIRONOV *Mayor, East Windsor; League President*

Sustainable Jersey Accomplishments:

DONNA DREWES *Co-Director, Sustainable Jersey*
RANDALL SOLOMON *Co-Director, Sustainable Jersey*

Celebration of Walmart's \$1,000,000 Funding Milestone for Small Grant Program – Video:
ARTHUR ONDISH *President, New Jersey League of Municipalities Educational Foundation; Mayor, Mount Arlington*

Presentation of the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Funded by Walmart:

PHILIP SERGHINI *Director of Public Affairs for New Jersey, Walmart*

Presentation of Sustainable Jersey Awards for Leadership, Creativity & Innovation and Collaboration:

INVITED *New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection*

Presentation of Sustainable Jersey Award for Outstanding Corporate Citizen to NJM Insurance Company:

ARTHUR ONDISH *President, New Jersey League of Municipalities Educational Foundation; Mayor, Mount Arlington*

PAM MOUNT *Chair, Sustainable Jersey Board of Trustees*

Presentation of Sustainable Jersey Champion Awards for Small, Medium and Large Municipalities:

JOSEPH FIORDALISO *Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*

Conveyance of Sustainable Jersey Certifications:

EDWARD J. MAHANEY, JR. *Mayor, City of Cape May; Trustee, Sustainable Jersey Board*
ANNE-MARIE PERACCHIO *Director, Conservation and Clean Energy Policy, New Jersey Natural Gas and Trustee; Sustainable Jersey Board*

2:00 P.M. – 4:00 p.m. CONSULTING PERIOD ON GENERAL MUNICIPAL TOPICS

Exhibit/Hall A (See NJSLOM.org or the Conference Program for a list of over 70 topics.)

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. NJLM Workshops

ORIENTATION – GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 319

Presiding:

ARTHUR R. ONDISH *Mayor, Mount Arlington; League Immediate Past President*

Speakers:

JANICE S. MIRONOV *Mayor, East Windsor; League President*

“Welcome to the 98th Annual League Conference”

SUZANNE M. WALTERS *Mayor, Stone Harbor; League First Vice President*

“Function and Importance of the Annual Business Meeting”

WILLIAM G. DRESSSEL, JR. *Executive Director, New Jersey State League of Municipalities*

“Highlights of the 98th Annual Conference”

GERALD J. TARANTOLO *Mayor, Eatontown; League Second Vice President*

“The Importance of Resolutions and How They are Passed”

BUDGET AND AUDIT UPDATES – UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS

(League Joint Session with the Government Finance Officers Association and the Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association)

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 302

CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 BUD; CTC – 2.0 GEN/SEC; RMC – 2.0 FIN; CLE – 2.0; CPA – 2.0 FIN; CTA – 1.5 PTA; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

SOPHIE HEYMANN *Mayor, Closter; Member, League Energy Tax Restoration Task Force*

Speakers:

CHRISTINE ZAPICCHI *Bureau Chief, Division of Local Government Services, DCA*
LEON COSTELLO *Certified Public Accountant/Registered Municipal Accountant, Ford Scott & Associates*

PATRICIA MCNAMARA *Executive Secretary to Local Finance Board, Division of Local Government Services, DCA*

THE EFFECTIVE USE OF HUMOR TO ENHANCE LEADERSHIP SKILLS

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 411

CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 OFF MGMT; CPWM – 1.5 MGMT; QPA – 1.5 OFF/ADMIN; RMC – 1.5 PROF DEVEL; CLE – 2.0; RPP0/RPPS – 1.5 M/S; Registrars – 0.5; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

CHUCK CHIARELLO *Committeeman, Buena Vista, League Past President*

Speakers:

JOEY NOVICK *Comedian and Actor; Comedy Works Entertainment, Councilman, Flemington*
JON BRANNICK *Assembly Minority Leader, Assemblyman, District 21*

CLEAN COMMUNITIES FUNDING RELIEVES STRAINED MUNICIPAL BUDGETS

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 401

CMFO/CCFO – FIN/DEBT; RMC – 2.0 FIN; CLE – 2.0; CRP – 1.5; CPA – 2.0 FIN; PACLE – 1.5

Presiding:

PAUL MATAcera *Former Mayor, North Brunswick; League Past President*

Speakers:

BARBARA MCCONNELL *MBI-GluckShaw*
RICHARD J. HILLS *Department of Planning (Retired), Division of Solid Waste Management, County of Middlesex*
GARY SONDERMEYER *Director of Technology Development, Bayshore Recycling*
ADRIENNE KREIPKE *Acting Director, Budget and Finance, DEP*

CAMPAIGNING – WHAT IS NEEDED FOR A SUCCESSFUL POLITICAL CAREER

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 312

Presiding:

SAMUEL S. RAIA *Mayor, Saddle River*

Speakers:

BART ROSSI *Rossi Psychological Group, PA*
DALE FLORIO *Partner, Princeton Public Affairs Group*
PETER J. WOOLLEY *Professor of Politics, Fairleigh Dickinson University*

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY AWARD WINNERS

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 301

CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 GOVT; CRP – 1.5

Presiding:

PAM MOUNT *Chair, Sustainable Jersey Board*

TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 409

Presiding:

BRIAN GALLAGHER *Mayor, Somerville*

Speakers:

ANDREW SWORDS *Director of Statewide Planning, DOT*
VIVIAN BAKER *Assistant Director of Transit Friendly Development, New Jersey Transit*
BRIAN GALLAGHER *Mayor, Somerville*
COLIN DRIVER *Director of Economic Development, Somerville*

ASSISTANCE IN FORECLOSURE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR CHILDREN

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 305/306

RMC – 2.0 PROF DEVEL; CTA – 1.5 PTA.

Presiding:

SHARON ROBINSON-BRIGGS *Mayor, Plainfield; Member, League Executive Board*

Speakers:

ALLISON BLAKE *Commissioner, State Dept. of Children and Families*
TOI COLLINS *Director of Outreach Services, Affordable Housing Alliance*
DIANE JOHNSON *Newark Field Office Director, U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development*

COST SAVINGS FROM NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 420

CPWM – 2.0 TECH; WWW/TCH – 1.5; CRP – 1.5; RPP0/RPPS – 2.0 P/P.

Presiding:

ALBERT B. KELLY *Mayor, Bridgeton; Member, League Executive Board*

Speakers:

EDWARD MERCER *Manager, State Energy Office, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*
MICHAEL SHEEDY *Thermal Storage*
J. B. ROSEFSKY *Hydro Turbines for Electric Generations*
ROBERT VAN NAARDEN *Conversion of Municipal and Sewer Waste into Electric Power*
JEFF CARPOFF *Solar Electric Storage & Generation*

NEW JERSEY SAFETY INSTITUTE – RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MUNICIPALITIES

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 311

Tuesday, November 19, 2:00 – 3:40 p.m.; Wednesday, November 20, 9:00 – 10:40 a.m. and again at 2:00 – 3:40 p.m.; Thursday, November 21, 9:00 – 10:40 a.m.

Moderating:

DAVID GRUBB *Executive Director, Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund*

Speakers:

MICHAEL MASTRONARDY *Police Chief, Toms River*
PAUL MIOLA *Executive Director, Atlantic, Burlco and Trico Joint Insurance Funds*
JOANNE HALL *Safety Director (South), Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund; Vice President, J.A. Montgomery Risk Control Services*
DAVID MCHALE *Safety Director (North), Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund*
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3:00 P.M. – 5:15 p.m. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Room 320

Presiding:

SUZANNE M. WALTERS *Mayor, Stone Harbor; League First Vice President*

Parliamentarian:

WILLIAM J. KEARNS, JR., ESQ. *League General Counsel; Kearns, Reale and Kearns*

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. NJLM Workshops

INTRODUCING YOUR DOWNTOWN TO THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 313

CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 OFF MGMT; CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; RMC – 1.5 PROF DEVEL; CLE – 1.8; PACLE – 1.0.

Presiding:

JAMES ANZALDI *Mayor, Clifton; League Past President*

Speakers:

PAUL CAMELLA *Managing Member, Camella Realty, LLC*
NICK TSAPATSARIS *Nick Tsapatsaris and Associates*

JONATHON SCHULTZ *Managing Principal, Onyx Equities, LLC*
MICHAEL REDPATH *President, Downtown NJ, Inc.*
MARIO IANNELLI *Manager of Land Development Services, Dewberry*
STEVEN SANTOLA *General Counsel, Woodmont Properties*

PENSIONS AND BENEFITS UPDATE ON RETIREMENT, BENEFITS AND SERVICES

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 303 (League Joint Session with the Government Finance Officers Association and the Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association)
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 FIN/DEBT, .5 OFF MGMT; RMC – 1.5 FIN, .5 PROF DEVEL; CLE – 1.8; CPA – 1.5 FIN; PACLE – 1.0

Presiding:
WAYNE SMITH *Mayor, Irvington; Member, League Executive Board*

Speakers:
PRISCILLA BADIANE *Manager, Client Services, Division of Pensions and Benefits, State Department of the Treasury*
DOUGLAS MARTUCCI *Pension Benefits Specialist; Division of Pensions and Benefits; State Department of the Treasury*

USING YOUR MUNICIPAL WEBSITE TO MAKE LIFE EASIER

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 408

Presiding:
FRANK J. DRUETZLER *Mayor, Morris Plains; Member, League Executive Board*

Speakers:
PATRICK MURRAY *Director, Monmouth University Polling Institute*
ALAN ZALKIND *Director, Center for Government Services, Rutgers, The State University*

MINIMUM TECHNOLOGY SECURITY REQUIREMENTS – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 404
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 IT; CTC – 1.5 IT; CPWM – 1.5 TECH; WWW/TCH – 1.5; QPA – 1.5 IT; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 M/S; CPA – 1.5 CS; REGISTRAR – 0.5.

Presiding:
LIZ LEMPERT *Mayor, Princeton*

Speakers:
JUSTIN HEYMAN *Department of Information Technology, Franklin Township (Somerset); President, New Jersey Government Management Information Systems*
ROBERT MCQUEEN *Certified Government Chief Information Officer, Princeton; President, NJ-GMIS, New Jersey Chapter*
MARC PFEIFFER *Assistant Director, Bloustein Local Government Research Center, Rutgers, The State University*
TODD COSTELLO *Director, Management Information Systems, Middletown*

PROBLEM SOLVING IN A CRISIS ENVIRONMENT

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 412
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 OFF MGMT; CPWM – 1.5 MGMT; WWW/TCH – 1.5; RMC – 1.5 PROF DEVEL; CLE – 1.8; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 M/S; CPA – 1.5 PD; REGISTRAR – 0.5; PACLE – 1.0.

Presiding:
RAYMOND J. MCCARTHY *Mayor, Bloomfield*

Speakers:
LINDA STAMATO *Co-Director, Center for Negotiation & Conflict Resolution, Rutgers University*
SANFORD M. JAFFE *Co-Director, Center for Negotiation & Conflict Resolution, Rutgers University*

MUNICIPAL ANIMAL CONTROL – OFTEN OVERLOOKED AND MISUNDERSTOOD

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 415
CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; CLE – 1.8; PACLE – 1.0.

Presiding:
DANIEL N. CORANOTO *Deputy Mayor, Hampton Township; Member, League Executive Board*

Speaker:
MICHAEL MELCHIONNE *Chief Animal Cruelty Investigator (Retired); Executive Board Advisor, New Jersey Certified Animal Control Officers Association*

Panelists:
LISA PERRY *President, New Jersey Certified Animal Control Officers Association; Animal Control Officer/Animal Cruelty Investigator, Bloomingdale*
STEVE BORDI *Vice President, New Jersey Certified Animal Control Officers Association; Supervising Animal Control Officer/Animal Cruelty Investigator, Camden (Retired)*
CAROL TYLER *Northern Region Director, New Jersey Certified Animal Control Officers Assoc.*

MODEL INNOVATIONS IN SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES: PROFILING THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY SMALL GRANT PROJECTS

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 318
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; QPA – 1.5 PROCUREMENT; RMC – 1.5 FIN; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 PP; CPA – 1.5 MAS.

Presiding:
EDWARD J. MAHANEY, JR. *Mayor, Cape May*

Speakers:
RANDI ROTHMEL *Chairman, Mount Holly Environmental Advisory Committee*
SEAN CANNING *Business Administrator, Mount Olive*
MARTA LEFSKY *Director, Department of Planning and Development, Woodbridge*
BARBARA JONES *Chair, Hightstown Environmental Commission*
JANET PELLICHERO *Recycling Coordinator, Princeton*

REBUILDING EVEN STRONGER BY INVESTING IN THE ARTS

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 309
REGISTRAR – 0.5.

Presiding:
SHING-FU HSUEH *Mayor, West Windsor*

Speakers:
CAROL CRONHEIM *Assistant Secretary of State, State Department of State*
JIM KENNEDY *Former Mayor, Rahway; Skye Consulting*
JOE BARRIS *Assistant Director, Monmouth County Division, Hall of Records*

THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 315
CLE – 1.8; PACLE – 1.0.

Presiding:
ANTHONY DAVIS *Council President, Paterson*

Speakers:
GREGORY C. FEHRENBACH *League Interlocal Cooperation and Management Advisory Service Coordinator*
PHYLLIS HOLLY-WARD *Councilwoman-at-Large; Council President, Trenton*
D'ARCY GREEN *Councilwoman, Bay Head*
BRIAN WILTON *Council President, Lake Como*
TOM SARLO *Councilman, Little Ferry*
MICHAEL W. HERBERT *Municipal Attorney, Herbert, VanNess, Cayci & Goodell*

GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION – COMMUNITY-BASED ENERGY SAVINGS

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 416
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; WWW/TCH – 1.5; QPA – 1.5 OFF ADMIN; RMC – 1.5 FIN; CLE – 1.8; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 PP; CPA – 1.5 MAS; PACLE – 1.0.

Presiding:
DAVID LEUTWYLER *Mayor, Plumsted*

Speakers:
GARY FINGER *Business Ombudsman, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*
GORDON BALL *Procurement Specialist, Division of Local Government Services, DCA*
EDWARD MERCER *Manager, State Energy Office, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:30 a.m. Registration and Exhibits Open

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. NJLM Sessions

SANDY: 1 YEAR LATER

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 401 (League Joint Session with The New Jersey Planning Officials)
CMFO/CCFO-2.0 OFF MGMT; CPWM – 2.0 MGMT; RMC – 2.0 PROF DEVEL; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 M/S; AICP CM 1.0 (Pending)

Presiding:
JANICE S. MIRONOV *Mayor, East Windsor; League President*

Speakers:
RICHARD CONSTABLE *Commissioner, DCA*
MARY-ANNA HOLDEN *Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*
BOB MARTIN *Commissioner, DEP*
JAMES SIMPSON *Commissioner, DOT*

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY – MOVING TO RESILIENCY: SUSTAINABLE JERSEY ACTIONS AND EXAMPLES FOR ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. – Room 322
CPWM – 2.0 MGMT; WWW/TCH – 1.5; RMC – 2.0 PROF DEVEL; CRP – 1.75

Presiding:
SYLVIA PETILLO *Mayor, Hopatcong*

Speakers:
DAVID KUTNER *Recovery Planning Manager, New Jersey Future*
MARTHA MAXWELL DOYLE *Project Coordinator, Barnegat Bay Partnership, Ocean County College*
VEDA TRUESDALE *Senior Research Associate, Environmental Analysis & Communication Group, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy, Rutgers University*
LINDA WEBER *Resiliency Network Manager, Sustainability Institute, The College of New Jersey*

OBsolete SUBURBAN OFFICE BUILDINGS: WHAT IS TO BE DONE?

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 310 (League Joint Session with New Jersey Planning Officials, Inc.)
RMC – 2.0 PROF DEVEL; CTA – 1.5 PTA; AICP CM 1.5 (Pending).

Presiding:
M. JAMES MALEY, JR. *Mayor, Collingswood; Chair, League Economic Dev. Task Force*

Moderator:
RICHARD F.X. JOHNSON *Senior Vice President, Matrix Development Group*

Speakers:
JAMES W. HUGHES *Dean, Rutgers University, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy*
RALPH ZUCKER *President, Somerset Development*
RICHARD F.X. JOHNSON *Senior Vice President, Matrix Development Group*
FRANK J. DRUETZLER *Mayor, Morris Plains; Member, League Executive Board*

USES OF SOCIAL MEDIA – CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES AND REWARDS

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 304
CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 OFF MGMT; CPWM – 2.0 MGMT; QPA – 2.0 OFFICE ADMIN; RMC – 2.0 REC; CLE – 2.0; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 M/S; CPA – 2.0 CPM; REGISTRARS – 0.5; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:
JANICE KOVACH *Mayor, Clinton Town*

Speakers:
MORRIS ENYEART *President, City Connections; League Web Resources*
FRANCIS "MAC" WOMACK, III *Mayor, North Brunswick*
JAY MULDOON *Councilman, Metuchen*
JAMEL C. HOLLEY *Mayor, Roselle*
JOSEPH DEIORIO *Administrator, Manasquan*
JENNIFER ROSELLE *Genova, Burns, Giantomasi & Webster*

NJLM PROGRAMS, SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

LOCAL BUDGETS MEET THE 21ST CENTURY

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 320
CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 BUD; RMC – 2.0 FIN; CLE – 2.0; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 PP; CPA – 2.0 FIN; CTA – 1.5 PTA; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:
PAUL TOMASKO Mayor, Alpine

Speakers:
GERRY SENESKI Cumberland County Chief Financial Officer; Former Assistant Director, Division of Local Government Services, DCA
JON RHEINHARDT Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, Wharton
JOSEPH MONZO Deputy Manager/Chief Financial Officer, South Brunswick

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION UPDATE

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 412
CLE – 2.0; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 M/S; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:
SANDRA H. HAIMOFF Mayor, Millburn

Speakers:
PARTHENOPY BARDIS Chief of Staff, New Jersey Civil Service Commission
KIMBERLY ROGERS-MCLEAN Exec. Dir. of Administration, New Jersey Civil Service Commission
KENNETH CONNOLLY Director, Classification & Personnel Management, New Jersey Civil Service Commission
DAN HILL Director of Selections Services & Recruitment, New Jersey Civil Service Commission

NEW JERSEY'S MOST PRESSING GRANT/FUNDING NEEDS

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 421
CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 FIN/DEBT; RMC – 2.0 FIN; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 M/S; CPA – 2.0 FIN.

Presiding:
WILLIAM PIKOLYCKY Mayor, Woodbine

Speakers:
HOWARD HENDERSON State Director, USDA Rural Development
WILLIE TAYLOR Regional Director, US Dept. of Commerce, Economic Dev. Administration
ANA MONTERO Assistant Commissioner, DCA
ETTA DENK Senior Vice President, Bank of America
MICHAEL ZUMPINO Grants Consultant; Chairman, Triad Associates

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE POLICE – WHEN DOES REGULATION BECOME INTERFERENCE?

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 404
CLE – 2.0; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:
DAVID DELVECCHIO Mayor, Lambertville; League Past President

Speakers:
JEFFREY B. LEHRER Partner, DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis & Lehrer
JAMES COSGROVE Police Director, Elizabeth
RAYMOND HAYDUCKA Police Chief, South Brunswick Police Department

NEW JERSEY SAFETY INSTITUTE – RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MUNICIPALITIES

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 311
Tuesday, November 19, 2:00 – 3:40 p.m.; Wednesday, November 20, 9:00 – 10:40 a.m.
and again at 2:00 – 3:40 p.m.; Thursday, November 21, 9:00 – 10:40 a.m.

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DAVID GRUBB Executive Director, Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund

Speakers:
MICHAEL MASTRONARDY Police Chief, Toms River
PAUL MIOLA Executive Director, Atlantic, Burlco and Trico Joint Insurance Funds
JOANNE HALL Safety Director (South), Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund;
Vice President, J.A. Montgomery Risk Control Services
DAVID MCHALE Safety Director (North), Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund
SUSAN KOPEC Training and Administration Director, J.A. Montgomery Risk Control Services
DONALD RUPRECHT Director, Training and Communications, J.A. Montgomery Risk Control Services
HOWARD W. SPENCER Senior Loss Control Consultant, J.A. Montgomery Risk Control Services

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. NJLM Sessions

FORMER GOVERNORS FOCUS ON ELECTION RESULTS

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 201/202

Presiding:
ARTHUR R. ONDISH Mayor, Mount Arlington; League Immediate Past President

Moderator:
LUKE MARGOLIS News 12 New Jersey's Political Reporter; Host, News 12's Power and Politics

Invited Speakers:
JOHN O. BENNETT Former New Jersey Governor
JAMES E. MCGREEVEY Former New Jersey Governor
DONALD DIFRANCESCO Former New Jersey Governor
JAMES FLORIO Former New Jersey Governor
BRENDAN BYRNE Former New Jersey Governor

SHOP CLOSE TO HOME FOR TAX RELIEF

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 321

Presiding:
JONATHAN L. HORNIK Mayor, Marlboro

Speakers:
LAWRENCE S. ROSEN Deputy Mayor, Marlboro
JOHN CAPP Business Administrator, Marlboro
CARMINE DEFALCO President and Chief Executive Officer, FinCredit Inc.
TERRENCE MALLOY Chief Financial Officer, Bayonne

INVESTING IN A STRONGER, HEALTHIER NEW JERSEY

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 312 (League Joint Session with New Jersey Health Officials — NJACCHO) REGISTRARS – 0.5.

Presiding:
CHUCK CAHN Mayor, Cherry Hill

Speaker:
MARY O'DOWD Commissioner, State Department of Health

ETHICAL STANDARDS – MORE THAN JUST STATUTORY

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 303 (This session is part of the Arthur J. Holland Program on Ethics in Government at the Eagleton Institute of Politics)
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 ETH; CTC – 1.5 ETH; CPWM – 1.5 ETH; WWW/TCH – 1.0; QPA – 1.5 ETH; RMC – 1.5 ETH; CLE – 1.5 ETH; CRP – 1.0; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 ETH; CPA – 1.5 ETH; CTA – 1.0 PTA; REGISTRARS – 1.0; PACLE – 1.0.

Presiding:
DANA REDD Mayor, Camden

Moderator:
JOHN WEINGART Associate Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University

Speakers:
EDWIN H. STERN Former Presiding Judge for Administration, Appellate Division; Former New Jersey Supreme Court Justice
ADAM SCHNEIDER Mayor, Long Branch
WILLIAM J. KEARNS, JR. League General Counsel; Kearns, Reale & Kearns

SANDY REBUILDING – UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 415 (League Joint Session with The New Jersey Planning Officials)
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 1.5 MGMT; QPA – 1.5 PROCUREMENT; RMC – 1.5 PROF DEVEL; CLE – 1.5; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 M/S; AICP CM 1.25 (Pending)

Presiding:
CHUCK CHIARELLO Committee Member, Buena Vista; League Past President

Speakers:
MARY BETH BRENNER Chief of Staff, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
STACY BONNAFFONS Assistant Commissioner, DCA
SCOTT BRUBAKER Office of Permit Coordination and Environmental Review, DEP
MATTHEW DOHERTY Mayor, Belmar

TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSPORTATION – INNOVATION FOR SMARTER TRAVEL

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 411

Presiding:
ALEX TORPEY Mayor, South Orange Village

Speakers:
DENNIS MOTIANI Assistant Commissioner, Transportation Systems Management, DOT
VERONIQUE "RONNIE" HAKIM Executive Director, New Jersey Turnpike Authority
JAMES WEINSTEIN Executive Director, New Jersey Transit
STEVE DILTS First Vice Chair, Board of Directors, Intelligent Transportation Society of New Jersey
KEN PHILMUS Member, Board of Directors, Intelligent Transportation Society of New Jersey
DAVID LIEBGOLD Chief of Transportation, New Jersey Meadowlands Commission

COPING WITH THE CAP – SUCCESS STORIES FROM MUNICIPAL LEADERS

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 402
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 BUD; RMC – 1.5 FIN; CLE – 1.5; CRP – 1.0; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 M/S; CPA – 1.5 FIN; CTA – 1.5 PTA; PACLE – 1.0.

Presiding:
SOPHIE HEYMANN Mayor, Closter

Speakers:
THOMAS H. NEFF Director, Division of Local Government Services, DCA
JOSEPH DEIORIO Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, Manasquan
RANDY PACE Councilman, Medford

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY – NEW ACTIONS, INCENTIVES AND UPDATES FOR 2014

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 308/309
CPWM – 1.5 MGMT; WWW/TCH – 1.0; RMC – 1.5 PROF DEVEL; CRP – 1.25; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 PP.

Presiding:
PAM MOUNT Chair, Sustainable Jersey Board of Trustees

Speakers:
RANDALL SOLOMON Co-Director, Sustainable Jersey, Sustainability Institute at The College of New Jersey
DONNA DREWES Co-Director, Sustainable Jersey, Sustainability Institute at The College of New Jersey
TERI JOVER Managing Director, New Jersey Future
GARY SONDERMEYER Vice President of Operations, Bayshore Recycling
LEO VAZQUEZ Executive Director, National Consortium for Creative Placemaking
BETH RAVIT Co-Director, Center for Urban Environmental Sustainability, Department of Environmental Sciences, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: AWARENESS, PREVENTION, DETERRENCE & COORDINATION

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 301
CLE – 1.5; REGISTRARS – 0.5; PACLE – 1.0.

Presiding: TBD

Speaker:
JOHN JAY HOFFMAN Acting Attorney General, State Department of Law and Public Safety

URBAN MAYORS – SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AND URBAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 419
CLE – 1.5; PACLE – 1.0.

Presiding:
WAYNE SMITH Mayor, Irvington; President, Urban Mayors Association; Member, League Executive Board

Speakers:

FRANK MINOR *Mayor, Logan; Member, League's Economic Development Task Force*
LISANNE FINSTON *Executive Director, Elijah's Promise, New Brunswick*
APRIL DESIMONE *Chair, Social Enterprise Alliance, New York Metro Chapter*
JEFFREY A. ROBINSON *Assistant Professor and Assistant Director, Center for Urban Entrepreneurship & Economic Development, Rutgers Business School, Management and Global Business Department*
MEREDITH TAYLOR *Co-Founder, AGWorks in the City, LLC*

**12:00 p.m. MAYORS' BOX LUNCHEON
"AN OPEN DIALOGUE WITH KEY CABINET OFFICIALS"**



12:00 Noon – 1:45 p.m. – Crown Ballroom, Sheraton Convention Center Hotel
Reservations Only – Tickets \$20.00

Welcome:

JANICE S. MIRONOV *Mayor, East Windsor; League President*
Mayors Hall of Fame Presentation

Innovation in Governance Awards Presentation

An Open Dialogue on Mayors Issues with Governor's Cabinet

Speakers:

RICHARD CONSTABLE *Commissioner, DCA*
ANDREW SIDAMON-ERISTOFF (INVITED) *Treasurer, State Department of the Treasury*
BOB MARTIN *Commissioner, DEP*
JIM S. SIMPSON *Commissioner, DOT*
MARY-ANNA HOLDEN *Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. NJLM Sessions

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DONALD RUPRECHT *Director, Training and Communications; J.A. Montgomery Risk Control Services*
HOWARD W. SPENCER *Senior Loss Control Consultant; J.A. Montgomery Risk Control Services*

LEGISLATIVE LEADERS PERSPECTIVE ON "RECOVERY, REBUILD, RESTORE" AGENDA

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 201/202

CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 OFF MGMT; CPWM – 2.0 MGMT; RMC – 2.0 PROF DEVEL; CLE – 2.0; RPPO/RPPS – 1.0 M/S; CPA – 2.0 CPM; PACLE – 1.5.

Welcome:

SUZANNE M. WALTERS *Mayor, Stone Harbor; League First Vice President*

Moderator:

MICHAEL ARON *NJTV Chief Political Correspondent*

Speakers:

STEPHEN M. SWEENEY *Senate President; Senator, District 3*
THOMAS H. KEAN, JR. *Senate Minority Leader; Senator, District 21*
SHEILA OLIVER *Assembly Speaker; Assemblywoman, District 34*
JON BRANNICK *Assembly Minority Leader; Assemblyman, District 21*

COMPLETE STREETS – REDEFINING OUR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 408/409

CPWM – 2.0 MGMT.

Presiding:

JEFFERY JONES *Mayor, Paterson*

Speakers:

MARY K. MURPHY *Executive Director, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority*
SHEREE DAVIS *Acting Manager, Bureau of Commuter & Mobility Strategies, DOT*
CHARLES BROWN *Voorhees Transportation Center, Rutgers University*
JANINE G. BAUER *AARP Volunteer, Transportation*
JERRY FRIED *Former Mayor, Montclair; Lead Ambassador, Rutgers Voorhees Transportation Center*

NEWLY ELECTED REFRESHER: BUDGET, PROCUREMENT, AND FINANCE PURCHASING ISSUES

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 419

CLE – 2.0; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 PP; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

JOHN DEAN DERIENZO *Mayor, Hawthorth; Member, League Executive Board*

Speakers:

CHRISTOPHER J. VAZ *Assistant Division Director, Div. of Local Government Services, DCA*
GORDON BALL *Procurement Specialist, Division of Local Government Services, DCA*

UPDATE FROM NY/NJ SUPER BOWL HOST COMMITTEE: SUPER OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW JERSEY TOURISM

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 322

Presiding:

TIMOTHY C. MCDONOUGH *Mayor, Hope; League Past President*

Speakers:

ALFRED F. KELLY, JR. *Chairman, NY NJ Super Bowl Host Committee*
JIM KIRKOS *President/CEO, Meadowlands Regional Chamber of Commerce*
WAYNE HASENBALG *President & CEO, New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority*

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND THE 2013 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 418

CLE – 2.0; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

M. JAMES MALEY, JR. *Mayor, Collingswood; Chairman, League Economic Dev. Task Force*

Speakers:

LAUREN H. MOORE *Deputy Executive Director, New Jersey Business Action Center*
MICHELE BROWN *Executive Director, Economic Development Authority*
TRACYE MCDANIEL *President and Chief Executive Officer, Choose New Jersey*

DEP EMERGENCY RULE AND FLOOD HAZARD RULE UPDATES

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 304

CPWM – 2.0 GOVT; WWW/TCH – 1.5; RMC – 2.0 PROF DEVEL; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

THOMAS F. KELAHER *Mayor, Toms River*

Speakers:

MARILYN LENNON *Assistant Commissioner, Land Use Management, DEP*
GINGER KOPKASH *Manager of Policy Implementation, Div. of Land Use Management, DEP*
JOSEPH FLEMING *Executive Vice President, Paulus, Sokolowski and Santor Engineering*

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LEADERSHIP FOR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 308

WWW/TCH – 1.5; CLE – 2.0; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

LINDA DUBOIS *Mayor, Pittsgrove; Member, League Emergency Management Preparedness Task Force*

Speakers:

MAJOR PATRICK CALLAHAN *Commanding Officer, Emergency Management Section, New Jersey State Police*
MARY J. GOEPFERT *External Affairs/AFN Liaison, New Jersey Office of Emergency Mgmt.*
EDWARD DICKSON *Director, Homeland Security and Preparedness*
WILLIAM KELLEHER *Homeland Security Branch, Emergency Management Section, Recovery/Preparedness, New Jersey State Police*
JEFFREY L. POMPPER *Executive Director, Emergency Management Coordinator, Department of Emergency Services, Salem County*

SHARED SERVICES - INCREASING EFFICIENCY OF POLICE SERVICES

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 411

CLE – 2.0; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 PP; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

DANA REDD *Mayor, Camden*

Speakers:

GREGORY C. FEHRENBACH *League Interlocal Cooperation and Management Advisory Service Coordinator*
DANA REDD *Mayor, Camden*
LOUIS CAPPELLI, JR. *Freeholder Director, Camden County*
RICHARD RICHARDELLA *Retired Police Chief and Public Safety Management Specialist, Division of Local Government Services, DCA*

DO'S AND DON'TS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICS

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 303

CMFO/CCFO- 2.0 ETH; CTC – 2.0 ETH; CPWM – 2.0 ETH; WWW/TCH – 1.5; QPA – 2.0 ETH; RMC – 2.0 ETH; CLE – 2.0 ETH; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 ETH; CPA – 2.0 ETH; CTA – 1.5 PTA; REGISTRARS – 1.0; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

GERALD J. TARANTOLO *Mayor, Eatontown; League Second Vice President*

Speakers:

THOMAS H. NEFF *Director, Division of Local Government Services, DCA*
WILLIAM J. KEARNS, JR. *League General Counsel; Kearns, Reale & Kearns*

UTILIZING STATE CONTRACTS IN ADDRESSING PURCHASING NEEDS

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 403 (League Joint Session with the Governmental Purchasing Association of New Jersey)

CMFO /CCFO – 2.0 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 2.0 GOVT; QPA – 2.0 PROCUREMENT; RMC – 2.0 FIN; CLE – 2.0; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 PP; CPA – 2.0 FIN; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

J. NOLAN HIGGINS *Mayor, Freehold Borough*

Speakers:

JOSEPH VALENTI *Chief, Bureau of Local Management Services, Division of Local Government Services (Retired), DCA*
NICOLA REID *Purchasing Agent, Stafford*
LISA DUBOIS *Deputy Director, Division of Purchase and Property, State Dept. of the Treasury*
MARGARET QUINN *Assistant Director, Division of Purchase and Property, State Dept. of the Treasury*
RICHARD TRENK *Municipal Attorney, West Orange; Trenk, DiPasquale, Della Fera & Sodono, P.C.*

NEW JERSEY SAFETY INSTITUTE – RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MUNICIPALITIES

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. — Room 311

Moderator:

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Speakers:

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NJLM PROGRAMS, SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. NJLM Sessions

PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT FOR MUNICIPALITIES

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 421
CPWM – 1.5 TECH.

Presiding:

WILLIAM KOCHERSPERGER Mayor, Pemberton Borough

Speaker:

NICHOLAS VITILLO Research Associate, Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation, Rutgers, The State University

MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN – MAKING WELLNESS A PRIORITY

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 313

Presiding:

WILLIAM CURTIS Mayor, Bay Head

Speakers:

CHARLES CAHN Mayor, Cherry Hill
KATHLEEN LEVENTHAL Deputy Mayor, Maplewood
BRIAN WILTON Councilman, Lake Como
MELISSA KOSTINAS Director, Mayors Wellness Campaign

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 414

CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; WWW/TCH – 1.5; CLE – 1.8; CRP – 1.5; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

SHING-FU HSUEH Mayor, West Windsor

Speakers:

JAMES J. MURPHY Bureau Chief, Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control, Division of Water Quality, DEP
CHRISTOPHER OBROPTA Director of the New Jersey Water, Resources Research Institute, Rutgers, The State University
JEREMIAH D. BERGSTROM Senior Project Manager, Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program, Rutgers, The State University
LEWIS GOLDSHORE League Environmental Counsel; Law Offices of Lewis Goldshore

ELECTED OFFICIALS REFRESHER: ETHICS, OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS, OPRA & CIVILITY IN PUBLIC DISCOURSE

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 417

CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 ETH; CTC – 1.5 ETH; CPWM – 1.5 ETH; QPA – 1.5 ETH; RMC – 1.5 ETH; CLE – 1.8 ETH; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 ETH; CPA – 1.5 ETH; CTA – 1.5 PTA; REGIS-TRARS – 0.5; PACLE – 1.

Presiding:

JO-ANN LIPTAK Mayor, Raritan Borough; Member, League Executive Board

Speaker:

WILLIAM J. KEARNS, JR. League General Counsel; Kearns, Reale & Kearns

PROTECTING YOUR MUNICIPALITY'S CREDIT WORTHINESS AS THE ECONOMY RECOVERS

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 404

CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 FIN/DEBT; CLE – 1.8; CPA – 1.5 FIN; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

EDWARD J. MAHANEY, JR. Mayor, Cape May

Speakers:

THOMAS H. NEFF Director, Division of Local Gov't Services, DCA
JOSSELYN YOUSEF Assistant Vice President, Moody's
EDWARD MCMANIMON McManimon Scotland & Baumann LLC
NOREEN WHITE Co-President, Acala Financial Group, Inc.

SHARED SERVICES: CREATING THE NEW PRINCETON

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 416

CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 OFF MGMT; CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; RMC – 1.5 PROF DEVEL; CLE – 1.8; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 PP; CPA – 1.5 MAS; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

LIZ LEMPERT Mayor, Princeton

Speakers:

NANCY MALOOL Director of Shared Services/Consolidation, Div. of Local Government Services, DCA
GREGORY C. FEHRENBACH League Interlocal Cooperation and Management Advisory Service Coordinator
CHAD GOERNER Former Mayor, Princeton Township
MARK FREDA Chair, Transition Task Force
ROBERT W. BRUSHI Administrator, Princeton; Former Administrator, Princeton Borough

PLANNING FOR SUCCESS – HOW TO LINK MUNICIPAL AND COLLEGIATE SERVICES THROUGH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room – 309

Presiding:

J. CHRISTIAN BOLLWAGE Mayor, Elizabeth; League Past President

Speakers:

STEVEN FULOP Mayor, Jersey City; Member, League Executive Board
MARGARET MCMENAMIN President, Union County College
BERNIE MILLER Council President, Princeton; Former Mayor, Princeton Township
LEO MCCABE Mayor, Glassboro; Member, League Executive Board
DAWOOD FARAHÍ President, Kean University

SECURING FUNDING FOR ENERGY SAVING PROJECTS THROUGH ESIP'S

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 401

CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 BUD; CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; QPA – 1.5 PROCUREMENT; RMC – 1.5 FIN; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 PP; CPA – 1.5 FIN; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

GARY MINKOFF Mayor, Highland Park

Speakers:

TROY SINGLETON Assemblyman; District 7
ROBBI ACAMPORA Managing Director, Phoenix Advisors
MIKE THULEN ESIP Coordinator; Division of Economic Development and Energy Policy, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
MARGE DELLA VECCHIA Deputy County Administrator, Camden County

CHRONIC MAJOR FLOODING IN NEW JERSEY

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 312

Presiding:

CHRISTOPHER VERGANO Mayor, Wayne

Speakers:

BILL MCDONNELL FEMA Mitigation Branch Director, New Jersey Joint Field Office
JOHN MOYLE Manager, Bureau of Dam Safety and Flood Control, DEP
JOHN MILLER Planning Board Member, Lambertville; New Jersey Association for Floodplain Management
PAUL MILLER Senior Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Planner, Tetra Tech, Inc.; Former State Hazard Mitigation Officer, New Jersey Office of Emergency Management
SUSAN HOWARD Mayor, Monmouth Beach

IMPLEMENTING EFFECTIVE RISK MANAGEMENT

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 302

CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 1.5 MGMT; WWW/TCH – 1.5; RMC – 1.5 FIN; CLE – 1.8; CPA – 1.5 FIN; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

CHRIS BÖTTA Mayor, Ramsey

Speakers:

DAVID GRUBB Executive Director, Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund
FRED SEMRAU Fund Attorney, Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund

CRADLE TO PRISON PIPELINE – A CALL TO ACTION TO SAVE OUR CHILDREN

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 415 (League Joint Session with NBC-LEO)

Presiding:

JAMEL C. HOLLEY Mayor, Roselle

Speakers:

ADAM MCFADDEN Councilman, Rochester; President, NBC-LEO
JAMES WALLS Mayor, District Heights, Maryland; President-Elect, NBC-LEO
THEODORE GREEN Councilman, East Orange

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:00 a.m. WOMEN IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT BREAKFAST: "A MAYOR'S PERSPECTIVE"



Pearl Ballroom – Sheraton Convention Center Hotel (Ticket Required.: \$35)

Presiding/Welcome:

SUZANNE M. WALTERS Co-Chair, Women in Municipal Government Committee; League First Vice President; Mayor, Stone Harbor

Flag Salute and Invocation

Host City Welcome:

LORENZO T. LANGFORD Mayor, Atlantic City

President's Welcome:

JANICE S. MIRONOV League President; Mayor, East Windsor

Guest Speakers:

CAROL BESKE President of ACT Engineers; Former Mayor, West Windsor
JANICE KOVACH Mayor, Clinton Town; Former Director, Division of Women
Presentation of Outstanding Women In Government Award:
CAROL BESKE President of ACT Engineers; Former Mayor, West Windsor
JANICE KOVACH Mayor, Clinton Town; Former Director, Division of Women

8:30 a.m. Registration and Exhibits Open

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. NJLM Sessions

INTEREST ARBITRATION REFORM – THE 2% CAP, ROCKET DOCKET AND MORE

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 302

CMFO/CCFO – 1.0 FIN/DEBT, 1.0 BUD; RMC – 2.0 FIN; CLE – 2.0; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

BRIAN CARLIN Mayor, Burlington Township

Speakers:

LORRAINE TESAURO Director of Conciliation and Arbitration, PERC
JAMES METS Attorney at Law, Mets, Schiro and McGovern
JOSEPH P. HANNON Attorney at Law; Genova, Burns, Giantomasi and Webster

AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 402 (League Joint Session with New Jersey

Planning Officials)

RMC – 2.0 PROF DEVEL; CLE – 2.0; CPA – 1.5 PTA; PACLE – 1.5; AICP CM 1.5 (Pending).

Presiding:

GERALD J. TARANTOLO Mayor, Eatontown; League Second Vice President

Speakers:

CHARLES A. RICHMAN Deputy Commissioner, DCA
MICHAEL C. HRITZ Director, Community Development, North Brunswick
CHRISTIANA FOGLIO President, Community Investment Strategies
MATTHEW REILLY President and Chief Executive Officer, MEND
JEFFREY R. SURENIAN League Associate Counsel; Jeffrey R. Surenian Associates, LLC

REGIONAL COLLABORATIONS ON SUSTAINABILITY: ADVANCING YOUR SUSTAINABLE JERSEY EFFORTS BY SHARING INFORMATION

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 419
CPWM – 2.0 MGMT; CRP – 1.5.

Presiding:

EDWARD J. MAHANEY, JR. Mayor, Cape May

Speakers:

TARA SHEPARD Executive Director, HART Commuter Information Services
WARREN COOPER Mayor, Frenchtown
JULIE LANGE GROTH Resource Center Director, Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC)
SHANE GODSHALL Chair, Woodstown-Pilesgrove Joint Environmental Commission
WALTER CLARKE South Orange Board of Trustees & South Orange Green Team
FRED PROFETA Former Mayor, Maplewood; Former Chair, Mayors' Committee for a Green Future; Maplewood Green Team Member

PRIVATE COLLECTION OF OUTSTANDING MUNICIPAL COURT DEBT

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 315
CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 FIN/DEBT; RMC – 2.0 FIN; CLE – 2.0; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

GARY PASSANANTE Mayor, Somerdale; Member, League Executive Board

Speakers:

DEBRA JENKINS Assistant Director, Municipal Court Services Division, Administrative Office of the Courts
DANIEL SMITH Chief, Municipal Court Services Division, Administrative Office of the Courts
STEVEN A. SOMOGYI Chief, Municipal Court Services Division, Administrative Office of the Courts
RICHARD RICHARDELLA Public Safety Liaison, Div. of Local Government Services, DCA

DMO'S HELP YOU MAXIMIZE THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TOURISM

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 409

Presiding:

JAMES CASSELLA Mayor, East Rutherford; Member, League Executive Board

Speakers:

GRACE HANLON Executive Director, New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism
WILLIAM NEARY Executive Director, Keep Middlesex Moving, Inc., Representing Central Jersey; Former Mayor, East Brunswick
JIM KIRKOS President/CEO, Meadowlands Regional Chamber of Commerce, Representing North Jersey
LORI PEPENELLA Southern Ocean County Chamber, Representing Shore/South Jersey
RON SIMONCINI President, Axiom Communications

PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW AND REGULATION UPDATE

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 412 (League Joint Session with Tax Collectors and Treasurer's Association; Governmental Purchasing Association and Government Finance Officers Association)
CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 2.0 GOVT; WWW/TCH – 1.5; QPA – 2.0 PROCUREMENT; RMC – 2.0 FIN; CLE – 2.0; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 PP; CPA – 2.0 FIN; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

JOSEPH ACCARDI Mayor, Roselle Park

Speakers:

DAVID W. HOLLBERG Chief Financial Officer and Manager, Pequannock; Immediate Past President, Government Finance Officers Association of New Jersey
JOSEPH VALENTI Chief, Bureau of Local Management Services, Div. of Local Government Services (Retired), DCA
GORDON BALL Procurement Specialist, Div. of Local Government Services, DCA

ENERGY TAX RECEIPTS ARE NOT STATE AID!

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 417
CLE – 2.0; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

JANICE S. MIRONOV Mayor, East Windsor; League President; Chairperson, League Energy Receipts Restoration Task Force

Speakers:

BOB SMITH Senator, District 17
CHRISTOPHER "KIP" BATEMAN Senator, District 16
DANIEL BENSON Assemblyman, District 14
JOHN AMODEO Assemblyman, District 2

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 401
CPWM – 1.0 MGMT, 1.0 TECH; WWW/TCH – 1.5; CLE – 2.0; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

FRANK DRUETZLER Mayor, Morris Plains; Member, League Executive Board

Speakers:

MICHELE SIEKIRKA Assistant Commissioner, Water Resources Management, DEP
LAURA CUMMINGS Executive Director, South East Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority
ANDY KRICUN Executive Director, Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority
MARY-ANNA HOLDEN Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
DAVID ZIMMER Executive Director, New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust

NEW JERSEY SAFETY INSTITUTE – RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MUNICIPALITIES

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 311

Tuesday, November 19, 2:00 – 3:40 p.m.; Wednesday, November 20, 9:00 – 10:40 a.m. and again at 2:00 – 3:40 p.m.; Thursday, November 21, 9:00 – 10:40 a.m.

Moderating:

DAVID GRUBB Executive Director, Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund

Speakers:

MICHAEL MASTRONARDY Police Chief, Toms River
PAUL MIOLA Executive Director, Atlantic, Burlco and Trico Joint Insurance Funds
JOANNE HALL Safety Director (South), Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund; Vice President, J.A. Montgomery Risk Control Services
DAVID MCHALE Safety Director (North), Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund
SUSAN KOPEC Training and Administration Director, J.A. Montgomery Risk Control Services
DONALD RUPRECHT Director, Training and Communications, J.A. Montgomery Risk Control Services
HOWARD W. SPENCER Senior Loss Control Consultant, J.A. Montgomery Risk Control Services

YOU LOST RATABLES, WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 301 (League Joint Session with the Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey and the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys)
CMFO/CCFO – 3.0 FIN/DEBT MGMT; CTC – 3.0 GEN/SEC; CLE – 3.6; CPA – 3.0 TAX; CTA – 3.0 PTA; PACLE – 3.0.

Presiding:

THOMAS F. KELAHER Mayor, Toms River

Speakers:

GLENN CULLEN Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, South Plainfield
MARY MASTRO Tax Assessor, Readington
GEORGE R. BROWN, III Tax Administrator, Cape May County
THOMAS REILLY Assistant Director, Property Administration, Division of Taxation
GEORGE LOCKWOOD Tax Assessor, Union Beach
SAUL A. WOLFE League Tax Counsel; Partner, Skoloff & Wolfe

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. NJLM Sessions

MUNICIPAL TRAFFIC CONTROL REGULATIONS

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 309 (League Joint Session with New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers, Inc.)
CPWM – 1.5 TECH; CLE – 1.5; PACLE – 1.0.

Presiding:

BERT STEINMANN Mayor, Ewing

Speakers:

MICHAEL ANGELASTRO Municipal Traffic Engineer, Remington & Vernick
GLENN KIENZ Municipal Attorney, Weiner Lesniak
NICK UGLIAROLO Officer, Traffic Safety Bureau, Nutley Police Department
DAVID MARTIN Director, Div. of Traffic Engineering & Safety, State Dept. of Transportation

CHALLENGES OF DISRUPTIONS OF UTILITY SERVICES

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 411
CPWM – 1.5 TECH; WWW/TCH – 1.0; CLE – 1.5; REGISTRARS – 0.5; PACLE – 1.0.

Presiding:

JANICE S. MIRONOV Mayor, East Windsor; League President

Speakers:

JORGE L. CARDENAS Vice President, Asset Management and Centralized Services, PSE&G
DENNIS DOLL President and CEO, Middlesex Water Company
MICAHA RASMUSSEN Director of Corporate Communications, NJ Natural Gas/NJ Industries
JOSEPH FIORDALISO Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

HEALTH BENEFITS REFORMS – STATE AND FEDERAL UPDATE

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 403 (League Joint Session with the New Jersey Municipal Management Association)
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 BUD; RMC – 1.5 FIN; CLE – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 M/S; CPA – 1.5 FIN; REGISTRARS – 0.5; PACLE – 1.0.

Presiding:

WILDA DIAZ Mayor, Perth Amboy; Chair, League Management Reform Committee

Speakers:

DAVID POINTER Assistant Director, New Jersey Public Employees Health Benefits Program, Division of Pensions and Benefits, State Department of the Treasury
CHRISTOPHER VAZ Assistant Director, Division of Local Government Services, DCA
DAVID KNOWLTON President and CEO, New Jersey Healthcare Quality Institute
GREGORY BONIN Vice President, New Jersey Municipal Management Association; Administrator, Branchburg
NILSA GUTIERREZ Chief Medical Officer, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Region II (NY/NJ/PR/VI), US Department of Health and Human Services

EVALUATING YOUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 321
RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 M/S.

Presiding:

CHUCK CHIARELLO Committeeman, Buena Vista; League Past President; Chairman, League Emergency Medical Services Subcommittee

Speakers:

DON ROBERTS Chief, Licensing and Operations, Office of Emergency Medical Services, State Department of Health
TIM SEPLAKI Data Manager, Office of Emergency Medical Services, State Dept. of Health

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS AND TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT:

A FAMILIAR CONCEPT, NEW PARADIGM

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 201
RMC – 1.5 PROF DEVEL; CLE – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 M/S; PACLE – 1.0.

Presiding:

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN Mayor, Wharton

Speakers:

JOHN BELARDO League Associate Counsel; Partner, McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter
DENISE SZABO Municipal Clerk, Bernards
JIM DOHERTY Municipal Clerk, Wantage

NJLM PROGRAMS, SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

CURRENT LEGAL ISSUES THAT ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS NEED TO KNOW

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 313 (League Joint Session with New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys)
CLE – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0; PACLE – 1.0.

Presiding:

ERICA EDWARDS Mayor, Flemington; Member, League Executive Board

Speakers:

TRISHKA WATERBURY CECIL League Associate Counsel; Mason, Griffin & Pierson
EDWARD PURCELL Staff Attorney, New Jersey State League of Municipalities

LATEST CHANGES TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE RULES AND IMPACT ON YOUR COMMUNITY

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 202
RMC – 1.5 LIC; CLE – 1.5; PACLE – 1.0.

Presiding:

JOSEPH TEMPESTA, JR. Mayor, West Caldwell; League Third Vice President

OPENING COMMENTS:

MICHAEL HALFACRE Acting Director, New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, State Department of Law and Public Safety

Speakers:

SUZANNE M. WALTERS Mayor, Stone Harbor; League First Vice President
STEVEN E. SOME Lobbyist, Garden State Wine Growers Association
LOUIS D. GREENWALD Assembly Majority Leader; Assemblyman, District 6
DAVID P. RIBLE Assembly Conference Leader; Assemblyman, District 30

THE PROS AND CONS OF SHARING SERVICES

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 303
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 OFF MGMT; CPWM – 1.5 MGMT; RMC – 1.5 PROF DEVEL; CLE – 1.5; CRP – 1.25; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 PP; CPA – 1.5 CPE; Registrars – 0.5; PACLE – 1.0.

Presiding:

SUSAN HOWARD Mayor, Monmouth Beach

Speakers:

GREGORY C. FEHRENBACH League Interlocal Cooperation and Management Advisory Service Coordinator
GARY LAVENIA Manager, Maple Shade
COLLEEN MAHR Mayor, Fanwood
LINDA K. MURPHY President, New Jersey Shared Services Association
GARY PASSANANTE Mayor, Somerdale; Coordinator, Shared Services, Camden County; Member, League Executive Board
NANCY MALOOL Director, Shared Services/Municipal Consolidation, Division of Local Government Services, DCA

PREVENTING AND MITIGATING THE IMPACT OF FORECLOSURES

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 305/306
CLE – 1.5; PACLE – 1.0.

Presiding:

M. JAMES MALEY, JR. Mayor, Collingswood; Chair, League Economic Development Task Force

Speakers:

ANTHONY L. MARCHETTA Executive Director, New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency
JEFFREY G. OTTEAU President, Otteau Valuation Group
KIM COLE Outreach Education Coordinator, NovaDebt

LABOR RELATIONS, A WAGE AND HOUR PRIMER

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 302
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; RMC – 1.5 FIN; CLE – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 M/S; REGISTRARS – 0.5; PACLE – 1.0.

Presiding:

ROBERT C. NEFF, JR. Mayor, Little Silver

Speakers:

RAVI SATTIRAJU Sattiraju Law Firm, P.C.; South Asian Bar Association
JOSEPH P. HANNON Attorney at Law; Genova, Burns, Giantomasi and Webster

TAKING LEADERSHIP ON ENERGY ISSUES IN YOUR MUNICIPALITY: PROMOTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN YOUR COMMUNITY

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 421
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 OFF MGMT; CPWM – 1.5 TECH; RMC – 1.5 PROF DEVEL; CRP – 1.25; CPA – 1.5 MAS.

Presiding:

ARTHUR R. ONDISH Mayor, Mount Arlington; League Immediate Past President

Speakers:

SALLY BIRDSALL Planning Consultant
KATHLEEN LEVENTHAL Deputy Mayor; Maplewood
JIM RUTALA Principal; Rutala Associates LLC
MARK WARNER Energy Director, The Sustainability Institute, The College of New Jersey

12:15 P.M. LEAGUE LUNCHEON FOR ALL DELEGATES

Crown Ballroom – Sheraton Convention Center Hotel (Ticket Required)

Presiding:

JANICE S. MIRONOV Mayor, East Windsor; League President

Invocation:

MONSIGNOR PHILIP LOWERY Chaplain, New Jersey State Police; St. James Roman Catholic Church, Red Bank

Host City Welcome:

LORENZO T. LANGFORD Mayor, Atlantic City

Guest Speakers:

CHRIS CHRISTIE (INVITED) Governor, State of New Jersey
BOB MENENDEZ (INVITED) U.S. Senator, New Jersey

Presentation of Outstanding Public Service Award (Posthumously):
FRANK LAUTENBERG U.S. Senator, New Jersey

(To be presented to his wife, Bonnie Englehardt Lautenberg)

Presentation of the 2013 Public Sector Career Recognition Award

ROBERT CZECH Executive Officer, New Jersey Civil Service Commission

RICHARD LALENA Official Towne Crier for the New Jersey League of Municipalities

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. NJLM Sessions

THE NEW REALITY OF PUBLIC HOUSING

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 301
CLE – 2.0; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

JOSEPH VENEZIA Mayor, Estell Manor

Speakers:

HERBERT BROWN Executive Director, Trenton Housing Authority
TYRONE GARRETT Executive Director, Long Branch Housing Authority
TIMOTHY HENKEL Senior Vice President, Pennrose Properties, LLC

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES - ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 321
CPWM – 2.0 TECH; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 M/S.

Presiding:

ARTHUR R. ONDISH Mayor, Mount Arlington; League Immediate Past President

Speakers:

CHUCK FEINBERG Chairman, New Jersey Clean Cities Coalition
WILLIAM WELLS Natural Gas Vehicle Consultant, New Jersey Natural Gas
TARA HEMMER Area Vice President, Waste Management
TUCKER PERKINS Chief Development Officer, Propane Education and Research Council

UTILIZING SOCIAL MEDIA AND PROMOTING BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 313 (In partnership with the New Jersey Managed Districts Association)

Presiding:

VICTOR DE LUCA Mayor, Maplewood

Speakers:

CARLOS ACQUASVIVAS Mayor, Bergenfield
VINCE BAGLIVO Marketing/Communications Director, Ironbound Business Improvement District, Newark
SPENCER BAKER Marketing/Communications, River Road Improvement Corporation, Fair Lawn
CHRIS BERNARDO Assistant Director, Mount Prospect Partnership, Newark

PREVENTING SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND HOSTILE BEHAVIORS IN THE WORKPLACE

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 401
CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 ETH; CTC – 2.0 ETH; CPWM – 2.0 ETH; WWW/TCH – 1.5; OPA – 2.0 ETH; RMC – 2.0 ETH; CLE – 2.0 ETH; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 M/S; CPA – 2.0 ETH; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

JOHN VAN KEUREN Mayor, Glen Rock

Speaker:

ESTHER H. NEVAREZ Office of the Director, New Jersey Division of Civil Rights, State Department of Law and Public Safety

A NEW NORMAL FOR GUARD AND RESERVES

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 409
CLE – 2.0; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

GERALD J. TARANTOLO Mayor, Eatontown; League Second Vice President

Speakers:

ALAN R. SMITH Colonel, United States Marine Corp. (Retired), The New Jersey Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve
DONALD TRETOLA Vice Chair, The New Jersey Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve; Vice President of Public Affairs & Program Development, ALLIES, Inc.
STEVE ROGERS Commissioner, Nutley; Director, Nutley Military & Veterans Affairs Bureau
MICHAEL FERRARO Chief Master Sergeant, United States Air Force

A REVIEW OF THE OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (OPRA)

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 418 (League Joint Session with Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey)
CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 OFF MGMT; CTC – 2.0 GEN/SEC; CPWM – 2.0 GOVT; OPA – 2.0 OFF/ADMIN; RMC – 2.0 REC; CLE – 2.0; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 M/S; CPA – 2.0 PERSONAL DEVEL; CTA – 1.5 PTA; REGISTRARS – 1.0; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

KEITH KAZMARK Mayor, Woodland Park; Clerk, Elmwood Park; Second Vice President, Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey

Speaker:

BRANDON D. MINDE Executive Director, Government Records Council, DCA

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY UPDATE

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 419
CLE – 2.0; CRP – 1.5; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

SYLVIA PETILLO Mayor, Hopatcong

Speakers:

ROBERT MARSHALL Assistant Commissioner, State Dept. of Environmental Protection
DIANNE SOLOMON Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
LINDA R. GREENSTEIN Senator, District 14
ROBERT MENENDEZ (INVITED) U.S. Senator, New Jersey
DIANE J. JOHNSON Director, Newark Field Office, U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Dev.

TICKET

VENDOR SOLUTION SESSIONS

These sessions, which are open to all delegates, are produced by exhibitors to bring you their expertise, best practices and innovation updates.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION FOR DEVELOPING A LOCAL SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 306

This session is produced by Alternative Utility Services, Inc.

Speaker:

FRITZ KREISS *President, Alternative Utility Services, Inc.*

THE VIABILITY OF SOLID STATE MEETING AS THE NEXT GENERATION OF MEASUREMENT SOLUTIONS

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 406

This session is produced by Badger Meter Inc.

Speakers:

CRAIG CARDELLA *Sales Support Manager, Badger Meter, Inc.*
THOMAS WATTS *Account Manager, Badger Meter, Inc.*

REAL TIME CRIME CENTER

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 318

This session is produced by Computer Aid, Inc. (CAI).

Presiding:

GLEN GRAY *Branch Manager, Computer Aid, Inc. (CAI)*

Speakers:

MICHAEL NEWNHAM *Public Safety Consultant, CAI*
"Regional Intelligence and Investigation Center (RIIC)
Overview and Implementation"

BRIAN SULLIVAN *Public Safety Practice Director, CAI*
JOHN RUSSO *CAI Lehigh Valley Director*

DETECT AND AVOID COSTLY MISTAKES ON YOUR COMMODITY BILLS USING AIRTIGHT RFPs

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 317

This session is produced by South Jersey Industries.

TECHNOLOGY AS AN ENABLER TO ADDRESS OPRA, ON-LINE TRANSPARENCY LAW AND ONLINE SERVICES

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 407

This session is produced by Sunrise Systems.

Speakers:

JAY RUPAREL *Director, Sunrise Systems*
MARK SZEMPLE *Project Manager, Sunrise Systems*

HOSTED PBX SOLUTIONS/IP CLOUD COMPUTING

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 307

This session is produced by Xtel.

Presiding:

LIZ SORINO *Executive Vice President, Xtel Communications*

Speaker:

JEFFREY BOYER *Director of Sales, Xtel Communications*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

THE SUNSET OF COPPER LAND LINES; EXISTING ALTERNATIVES FOR FIRE ALARM DIGITAL COMMUNICATORS

12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. – Room 401

This session is produced by City Fire Equipment Company.

Presiding:

PERRY CRISTIANO *City Fire Equipment Company*

Speaker:

JOHN DRUCKER, CET *Fire Protection Subcode Official, Red Bank Borough*

HOT TOPIC – GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION – UNDERSTANDING THE BENEFITS AND HOW TO BEGIN THE PROCESS!

12:00 Noon – 12:50 p.m. – Room 414

This session is produced by Commercial Utility Consultants, Inc. (CUC).

Presiding:

NICHOLAS J. REYNOLDS *Chief Operating Officer, Commercial Utility Consultants, Inc.*

Speaker:

JOHN P. FISH *Business Development Coordinator, Commercial Utility Consultants, Inc.*

LOWER YOUR HEALTH CARE COSTS, BOTH YOURS AND YOUR EMPLOYEES'

12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. – Room 318

This session is produced by Marsh & McLennan Agency and Integrity Health.

Presiding:

MARK SENIOR *Senior Vice President, Marsh & McLennan Agency*

Speakers:

DOUGLAS FORRESTER *President, Integrity Health*
DR. JOSEPH CALABRO *Physician Executive, Partnership Health Center*

THE SDL PORTAL: IMPROVING EFFICIENCY WITH INTEGRATED ONLINE SERVICES

12:00 Noon – 12:50 p.m. – Room 322

This session is produced by Spatial Data Logic.

Speaker:

BRIAN FLOOD *President, Spatial Data Logic*

MAKING LIFE SAFER AND EASIER ON THE ROAD IN NEW JERSEY

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 310

This session is produced by American Traffic Solutions.

Speaker:

CHARLES CALLARI *Vice President, Account Management, Mid-Atlantic Region, American Traffic Solutions*

HOW TO IMPLEMENT VIRTUAL REALITY TRAINING TO TAKE YOUR MUNICIPALITY TO THE NEXT LEVEL

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 317

This session is produced by CFG Health Network.

Speakers:

JEANINE MILES, MS., LPC. *Director of Business Development and Marketing, CFG Health Network*
GEOFFREY BOYCE, MBA. *Executive Director, InSight Telepsychiatry, LLC.*
SANDRA VARGAS, RN. *Director of Correctional Healthcare, CFG Health Systems, LLC.*

CODE ACCESS: COME SEE THE NEWEST INNOVATIONS THAT SAVE TIME AND MONEY

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 313

This session is produced by General Code.

Speakers:

EARL BABB *NJ Codification Solutions Manager, General Code*
CRISTINA LOVERDE *Vice President of Codification Solutions, General Code*
BRUCE CADMAN *Director of Content Managements Solution Sales, General Code*

NAVIGATING THE PUBLIC ENTITY HEALTH BENEFITS ROAD WITH SELF-FUNDING AS THE COMPASS

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 306

This session is produced by MagnaCare.

Presiding:

MICHAEL JORDAN *Executive Vice President, Sales, MagnaCare*

Speakers:

MATTHEW PRESUTTI *Senior Sales Executive, MagnaCare*
TOM CONSIDINE *Chief Operating Officer, MagnaCare*
JOE BERARDO *President and Chief Executive Officer, MagnaCare*

MANAGING YOUR DEBT – THE SMART APPROACH

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 305

This session is produced by Phoenix Advisors, LLC.

Presiding:

DAVID B. THOMPSON *Chief Executive Officer, Phoenix Advisors, LLC*

Speaker:

ANTHONY P. INVERSO *Senior Managing Director, Phoenix Advisors, LLC*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

CREATING REVENUE THROUGH CONVERTING UNUSED REAL ESTATE TO CASH THROUGH AUCTIONS

12:00 Noon – 12:50 p.m. – Room 307

This session is produced by Max Spann Real Estate & Auction Co.

Speakers:

MAX SPANN, JR. *Chief Executive Officer and President, Max Spann Real Estate and Auction Company*
ROBERT DANN *Chief Operating Officer, Max Spann Real Estate and Auction Company*

AFFILIATE PROGRAMS, SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

ASSESSORS (Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

10:00 a.m. — 12:00 noon — Room 402

Welcome:

JO ANNE R. LAMBUSTA, CTC *President, TCTANJ*
JASON GABLOFF *CMFO, President, GFOANJ*

JOINT SESSION: THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, THE TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION, THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL ASSESSORS AND THE MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

2 Contact Hours for CTC - Legislation; CMFO/CCFO - Office Management and Ancillary Subjects; RMC - Professional Development; CTA - Property Administration, CPA/RMA - Business Law - RPP0/RPPS, QPA - Office Administration/General Duties.

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LAND USE AND ASSESSING... YOU CANNOT HAVE ONE WITHOUT THE OTHER

1:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. — Room 322

CTA - 2 Credits Appraisal Approved

Moderator:

FRANK COLON, CTA *Municipal Tax Assessor, East Brunswick*

Speakers:

GLENN C. KEINZ, ESQ. *Weiner Lesniak, LLP*
JOHN GILLOOLY, MAI, CTA *Integra Realty Resources*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

NJ CHAPTER OF IAAO ANNUAL MEETING

9:00 a.m. - Bally's Park Place Hotel, 6th Floor - Dennis Ballroom

Presiding:

J. STEPHEN WALTERS, CTA *President, NJ-IAAO*

AMANJ ANNUAL MEETING

10:00 a.m. - Bally's Park Place Hotel, 6th Floor - Dennis Ballroom

Presiding:

SCOTT HÖLZHAUER, CTA *President, AMANJ*

LEGISLATIVE AND TAX COURT UPDATE

10:00 a.m. - Bally's Park Place Hotel, 6th Floor - Dennis Ballroom

CTA - 2 Credits Property Administration Approved

Speakers:

JOHN LLOYD, ESQ. *Nowell, Amoroso, Klein, Bierman, PA., AMANJ, Counsel*
DAVE SMITH *Princeton Public Affairs Group, Inc.*

AMANJ BUSINESS LUNCHEON

12:00 noon - Bally's Park Place - 6th Floor - Blenheim Ballroom

Presiding:

SCOTT HÖLZHAUER, CTA *AMANJ President*

Guest Speaker:

MICHAEL J. BRYAN *Director, New Jersey Division of Taxation*

QUARTERLY MARKET UPDATE WEBINAR

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Bally's Park Place - 6th Floor - Marlborough A & B Ballroom

CTA - 2 Appraisal Hours Continuing Education Credits Approved

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

YOU LOST RATABLES, WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Room 301 (League Joint Session with the Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey and the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys)

CMFO/CCFO - 3.0 FIN/DEBT MGMT; CTC - 3.0 GEN/SEC; CLE - 3.6; CPA - 3.0 TAX; CTA - 3.0 PTA; PACLE - 3.0.

Presiding:

THOMAS F. KELAHER *Mayor, Toms River*

Speakers:

GLENN CULLEN *Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, South Plainfield*
MARY MASTRO *Tax Assessor, Readington*
GEORGE R. BROWN, III *Tax Administrator, Cape May County*
THOMAS REILLY *Assistant Director, Property Administration, Division of Taxation*
GEORGE LOCKWOOD *Tax Assessor, Union Beach*
SAUL A. WOLFE *League Tax Counsel, Partner, Skoloff & Wolfe*

THE ASSESSOR'S ROLE IN THE MUNICIPAL STRUCTURE

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Room 415

CTA - 1.5 Property Tax Administration Credits Approved

Moderator:

SCOTT HÖLZHAUER, CTA, SCGREA *President, AMANJ; Assessor, Multiple Jurisdictions*

Speakers:

FRED SEMRAU, ESQ. *Dorsey and Semrau*
JON RHEINHARDT, CMFO, CCFO, RPP0, QPA, MPA *Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Purchasing Agent, Borough of Wharton*

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEYS (New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS

2013 LEGAL UPDATES (DAY ONE)

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Room 321

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO PROGRAMS AND CLE REQUIREMENTS

1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Speakers:

TRISHKA WATERBURY CECIL, ESQ. *President*
ROBERT F. RENAUD *First Vice-President and Program Chair*

CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: 2013 UPDATE

1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

NJCLE: 1.2, PACLE: 1.0

Speakers:

LEWIS GOLDSHORE, ESQ. *(Law Office of Lewis Goldshore, Princeton)*
RAYMOND CANTOR *(Chief Advisor to NJDEP Commissioner Bob Martin)*
RAYMOND S. PAPPERMAN, ESQ. *(Director, Office of Dispute Resolution, NJDEP)*

MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS AND ATTORNEYS —

COOPERATIVELY CONFRONTING THORNY ISSUES

2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (A Joint Presentation of the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys and the New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers)

NJCLE: 1.8, PACLE: 1.5

Moderator:

RONALD D. CUCCHIARO, ESQ. *(Weiner Lesniak, Parsippany)*

Speakers:

STANLEY SCHREK, PE, AIA, PP, LEED AP *(Van Cleef Engineering Services, Phillipsburg)*
TODD M. HAY, PE CME *(Pennoni Associates, Inc., Edison)*
PETER C. TEN KATE, PE, PP, CME, CPWM *(Boswell Engineering, South Hackensack)*
GLENN C. KIENZ, ESQ. *(Weiner Lesniak, LLP, Parsippany)*
ROBERT T. REGAN, ESQ. *(Law Offices of Robert T. Regan, Westwood)*

NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SECTOR LABOR LAW: 2013 DEVELOPMENTS

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NJCLE: 1.2, PACLE: 1.0

Speaker:

MATTHEW J. GIACOBBE, ESQ. *(Cleary Jacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, Florham Park)*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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SAUL A. WOLFE *League Tax Counsel, Partner, Skoloff & Wolfe*

CURRENT LEGAL ISSUES THAT ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS NEED TO KNOW

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Room 313 (League Joint Session with New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys)

CLE - 1.5; RPP0/RPPS - 2.0; PACLE - 1.0.

Presiding:

ERICA EDWARDS *Mayor, Flemington; Member, League Executive Board*

Speakers:

TRISHKA WATERBURY CECIL *League Associate Counsel; Mason, Griffin & Pierson*
EDWARD PURCELL *Staff Attorney, New Jersey State League of Municipalities*

NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS

2013 LEGAL UPDATES (DAY TWO)

1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Room 416

AVOIDING AND DEFENDING CLAIMS AGAINST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

NJCLE: 1.2, PACLE: 1.0

Speakers:

ROBERT F. RENAUD, ESQ. *(Palumbo & Renaud, Cranford)*
RICHARD P. CUSHING, ESQ. *(Gebhardt & Kiefer, Clinton)*
ROBERT F. VARADY, ESQ. *(LaCorte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella, Union)*

OPRA AND RIGHT TO KNOW: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NJCLE: 1.5, PACLE: 1.0

Speakers:

CARL R. WOODWARD III, ESQ. *Carella Byrne Cecchi Olstein Brody & Agnello, PC, Roseland*
KRISTINA P. HADINGER, ESQ. *(Mason, Griffin & Pierson, Princeton)*
WILLIAM JOHN KEARNS, JR., ESQ. *(Kearns, Reale & Kearns, Willingboro)*

MUNICIPAL LAW UPDATE 2013

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
NJCLÉ: 1.2, PACLE: 1.0

Speaker:
TRISHKA WATERBURY CECIL, ESQ. (Mason, Griffin & Pierson, PC, Princeton)

NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS ANNUAL MEETING

4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Room 416

NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS ANNUAL SOCIAL EVENT

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Trump Plaza, Chelsea Room B/C

BUILDING OFFICIALS (Building Officials Association of New Jersey)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

"ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS"

10:00 a.m. – Room to be announced — Trump Plaza

Presiding:
JAMES ZACONIE President, BOANJ

"INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND ANNUAL LUNCHEON"

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. — Ballroom B-D — Trump Plaza

Presiding:
JAMES ZACONIE President BOANJ

Oath of Office administered by:
STEPHEN JONES President ICC

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

OVERVIEW OF NEW JERSEY UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE

10:00 a.m. — Room 316

Presiding:
ROBERT LACOSTA President, BOANJ

MUNICIPAL CLERKS (Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey, Inc.)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013

10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. — Room 402

Welcome:
JO ANNE R. LAMBUSTA, CTC President, TCTANJ
JASON GABLOFF, CMFO President, GFOANJ

JOINT SESSION: THE MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION, GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, THE TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION AND THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL ASSESSORS: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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"PATH TO A PAPERLESS COUNCIL MEETING"

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 414

Contact Hours: RMC: 2.0 –Records
Presiding:
JENNICA BILECI, M.P.A., R.M.C. Township Administrator, Mantua Township

Speakers:
SHARON L. BRIENZA, RMC/MMC Municipal Clerk, Township of Branchburg
GREGORY C. HART Borough Administrator, Borough of Franklin Lakes

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m. – Tiara Ballroom – Trump Taj Mahal

This is an abbreviated version. The complete version will be listed in the Conference Program and will also appear on the League's website: (www.njslom.org/98thconf/clerks-business-meeting.html).

Call to Order and Welcome:
NANCY L. SAFFOS President MCANJ; Municipal Clerk, Township of Cherry Hill

Roll Call of Officers:
DINA ZAWADSKI Secretary; Municipal Clerk, Deptford Township

Flag Salute:
JOEL POPKIN MCANJ Executive Director

Invocation:
ANDREW J. PAVLICA Immediate Past President, MCANJ; Municipal Clerk, City of Garfield

Approval of Minutes – MCANJ Annual Business Meeting of December 12, 2012

Reports:
DENISE SZABO Treasurer, MCANJ; Municipal Clerk, Township of Bernards

Introduction of Candidates for 2014 Secretary:
DINA ZAWADSKI 2013 MCANJ Secretary; Municipal Clerk, Township of Deptford

Recognition of 2013 Committee Chairs:
NANCY L. SAFFOS President, MCANJ; Municipal Clerk, Township of Cherry Hill

Recognition of 2013 CMC and MMC Awards:

VINCENT BUTTIGLIERI IIMC Region II Director; Municipal Clerk, Ocean Township (Monmouth)

Recognition of Instructors of Municipal Clerks Courses:

PAMELA MORLEY-CHAPPELLE Associate Program Specialist, Rutgers University

Announcement of 2012/2013 Registered Municipal Clerks Certification Recipients:

HAROLD WIENER Municipal Clerk, Irvington Township

Presentation of L. Manuel Hirshblond Distinguished Service Award:

NANCY L. SAFFOS President, MCANJ; Municipal Clerk, Township of Cherry Hill

Presentation of Friend of the Municipal Clerk Award:

NANCY L. SAFFOS President, MCANJ, Municipal Clerk, Township of Cherry Hill

State of the Association Address:

NANCY L. SAFFOS President, MCANJ; Municipal Clerk, Township of Cherry Hill

Presentation of the 2013 Municipal Clerk of the Year Award:

ELAINE B. KENNEDY 2012 MCANJ Municipal Clerk of the Year; Retired, Former Municipal Clerk, Eagleswood Township

Announcement of Election Results for 2014 MCANJ Secretary:

SHARON YOUNG Chair, Credentials Committee, MCANJ; Municipal Clerk, West Windsor Twp.

2014 Slate of Officers:

DINA ZAWADSKI Secretary, MCANJ; Municipal Clerk, Deptford Township

Motion to Cast Ballot for Slate of Officers

Administration of Oath to Officers:

THE HONORABLE JOHN E. MCCORMAC Mayor, Township of Woodbridge

Acknowledgements to President Nancy L. Saffos

JOHN M. MITCH President-Elect, MCANJ; Municipal Clerk, Township of Woodbridge

Remarks by President-Elect:

JOHN M. MITCH President-Elect, MCANJ; Municipal Clerk, Township of Woodbridge

Acknowledgements to President-Elect JOHN M. MITCH:

NANCY L. SAFFOS PRESIDENT, MCANJ; MUNICIPAL CLERK, TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2013

"GET THE FACTS ABOUT ABC REGULATIONS"

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Room 414

Contact Hours: RMC 1.5 – Licensing

Presiding:

KEITH KAZZMARK, RMC Elmwood Park Municipal Clerk, MCANJ 2nd Vice President; Mayor, Woodland Park

Speakers:

ROBERT C. WILLIAMS, ESQ.

JOHN COCKLIN A.B.C. Chief of Investigations

LISA ELLISON BARATA A.B.C. Deputy Attorney General

NANCY L. SAFFOS President, MCANJ; Municipal Clerk, Township of Cherry Hill

A REVIEW OF THE OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (OPRA)

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 418 (League Joint Session with Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey)

CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 Office Management; CTC – 2.0 General/Secondary; CPWM – 2.0 Government; QPA – 2.0 Office Administration/General Duties; RMC – 2.0 Records; NJCLE – 2.0; CRP – 1.5; RPP0/RPPS – 2.0; CPA – 2.0 Personal Development; CTA – 1.5 Property Tax Administration; REGISTRAR – 1.5; PACLE – 1.5

Presiding:

KEITH KAZZMARK, Mayor, Woodland Park; Clerk, Elmwood Park; Second Vice President, Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey

Speaker:

BRANDON D. MINDE Executive Director, Government Records Council, DCA

COURT ADMINISTRATORS (Municipal Court Administrators Association of New Jersey)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. — Room 418 (Badge Required) 2.0 CEC's

"Welcoming Address":

ROSEMARIE NOVELLI-SALYER, CMCA President, MCAA of New Jersey

"Encouraging the Heart of Court Professionals"

JUDE DEL PREORE TCA Burlington Vicinage

NINA THOMAS Civil Division Manager, Burlington Vicinage

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Tropicana Hotel – Grand Ballroom 0.5 CEC's

"Installation Brunch"

ROSEMARIE NOVELLI-SALYER, CMCA President MCAA of New Jersey

"Keynote Speaker":

DEBRA A. JENKINS Assistant Director, Municipal Court Services Division

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Room 320 (Badge Required) 3.0 CEC's

"Complaint Free Workplace"

FRANK CARR Training Coordinator, Administrative Office of the Courts

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2013

"CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST"

8:00 a.m. – Tropicana Hotel – Royal Swan Ballroom, 4th Floor North Tower

"MCAA OF NEW JERSEY NOVEMBER MEETING"

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Tropicana Hotel – Royal Swan Ballroom, 4th Floor North Tower

"CHANGE AND ADAPTABILITY"

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Tropicana Hotel – Royal Swan Ballroom, 4th Floor North Tower 3.0 CEC's

Speaker:

TINA LALENA CMCA Municipal Division Manager, Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage

AFFILIATE PROGRAMS, SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS (Municipal Electrical Inspectors Association of New Jersey, Inc.)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

"ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS ARE WE DOING THEM RIGHT AND CONSISTENT"

10:00 a.m. — Room 407

Speaker:
GEORGE W. SELAH, III Vice President, NJMEIA

ENGINEERS (New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

"PAST PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST"

8:30 a.m. — Room 306

10:30 a.m. "Business Meeting"

12:00 noon — Room 302 "Annual Luncheon Meeting & Awards Presentation"

Welcome:

JOHN MEDINA, P.E. President, New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers

Invocation:

PETER C. TEN KATE, P.E.

MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS AND ATTORNEYS — COOPERATIVELY CONFRONTING THORNY ISSUES

2:30 p.m. — Room 321

NJCLÉ: 1.8, PACLE: 1.5

Moderator:

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Speakers:

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ROBERT T. REGAN, ESQ. (Law Offices of Robert T. Regan, Westwood)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

MUNICIPAL TRAFFIC CONTROL REGULATIONS

10:45 a.m. — 12:00 noon — Room 309 (League Joint Session with New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers, Inc.)

CPWM — 1.5 TECH; CLE — 1.5; PACLE — 1.0.

Presiding:

BERT STEINMANN Mayor, Ewing

Speakers:

MICHAEL ANGELASTRO Municipal Traffic Engineer, Remington & Vernick

GLENN KIENZ Municipal Attorney, Weiner Lesniak

NICK UGLIAROLO Officer, Traffic Safety Bureau, Nutley Police Department

DAVID MARTIN Director, Div. of Traffic Engineering and Safety, State Dept. of Transportation

FINANCE OFFICERS (Government Finance Officers Association of New Jersey)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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JOINT SESSION: GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND THE TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: OBSERVATIONS OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE IN 2012 AND THE CHALLENGES AHEAD

1:00 p.m. — 1:50 p.m. — Room 402

1 Contact Hour CTC — General Secondary; CMFO/CCFO — Office Management and Ancillary Subjects; RMC — Professional Development; CPA/RMA — Personal Development

Speaker:

MARC PFEIFFER Principal, PfeifferGov LLC, Assistant Director, Bloustein Local Government Research Center, Rutgers, The State University; Former Deputy Director, DLGS

BUDGET AND AUDIT UPDATES — UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS

2:00 p.m. — 3:40 p.m. — Room 302 (League Joint Session with the Government Finance Officers Association and the Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association)
CMFO/CCFO — 2.0 BUD; CTC — 2.0 GEN/SEC; RMC — 2.0 FIN; CLE — 2.0; CPA — 2.0 FIN; CTA — 1.5 PTA; PACLE — 1.5.

Presiding:

SOPHIE HEYMANN Mayor, Closter; Member, League Energy Tax Restoration Task Force

Speakers:

CHRISTINE ZAPICCHI Bureau Chief, Division of Local Government Services, DCA

LEON COSTELLO Certified Public Accountant/Registered Municipal Accountant, Ford Scott & Associates

PATRICIA MCNAMARA Executive Secretary to Local Finance Board, Division of Local Government Services, DCA

PENSIONS AND BENEFITS UPDATE ON RETIREMENT, BENEFITS AND SERVICES

3:45 p.m. — 5:15 p.m. — Room 303 (League Joint Session with the Government Finance Officers Association and the Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association)
CMFO/CCFO — 1.5 FIN/DEBT, .5 OFF MGMT; RMC — 1.5 FIN, .5 PROF DEVEL; CLE — 1.8; CPA — 1.5 FIN; PACLE — 1.0

Presiding:

WAYNE SMITH Mayor, Irvington; Member, League Executive Board

Speakers:

PRISCILLA BADIANE Manager, Client Services, Division of Pensions and Benefits,

State Department of the Treasury

DOUGLAS MARTUCCI Pension Benefits Specialist, Division of Pensions and Benefits, State Department of the Treasury

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

GRANT AND TRUST FUND ACCOUNTING — MANAGING YOUR RESERVES

9:00 a.m. — 10:20 a.m. — Room 414

CMFO/CCFO 1.5 CEU Accounting, CPA/RMA/PSA/PA 1.5 CPE Accounting, RMC 1.0 CEU Finance

Moderator:

JASON GABLOFF

Speakers:

DAVID HOLLBERG

JON RHEINHARDT

JOE KOVALCIC

A 360 DEGREE VIEW OF THE MARKETS — A MARKET PRIMER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

10:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. — Room 403

CMFO/CCFO 1.5 CEU Financial/Debt Management, RMC 1.0 CEU Finance,

CPA/RMA/PSA/PA 1.5 CPE Finance.

Speaker:

THE PFM GROUP

JOINT SESSION: TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: MISCELLANEOUS BILLING — HOW TO BILL CODE VIOLATIONS

1:00 p.m. — 1:50 p.m. — Room 417

1 Contact Hour CTC — Enforcement; CMFO/CCFO — Office Management & Ancillary Subjects, RMC — Professional Development, CPA/RMA — Accounting

Speakers:

SHARON A. SULECKI, CTC, CMFO, CCMFO, RMC, CTA Tax Collector, Township of Lacey

RUTGERS TAX COLLECTION INSTRUCTOR

SUZANNE OLAH, CTC Retired Tax Collector, Tax Collector Consultant, Rutgers Tax Collection Instructor

JOINT SESSION: TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

1:00 p.m. — 1:50 p.m. — Room 421

1 Contact Hour for: CTC — General/Secondary, CMFO/CCFO — Financial & Debt Management, CPA/RMA — Personal Development

Speaker:

DENIS P. O'LEARY Northeast Regional Director of Portfolio Management, Capital One Asset Management, LLC

JOINT SESSION: TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: IRS UPDATES

2:00 p.m. — 2:50 p.m. — Room 402

1 Contact Hour — CTC — Reporting, Billing & Collections; CMFO/CCFO — Accounting, CPA/RMA — Accounting

Speaker:

PATRICIA REGETZ Internal Revenue Agent, Federal, State, Local Governments

JOINT SESSION: TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: HEALTHCARE REFORM — COMPLIANCY AND EXPECTATIONS

3:00 p.m. — 4:20 p.m. — Room 402

1.5 Contact Hours — CMFO/CCFO — 1 Budget, .5 Office Management & Ancillary Subjects, RMC — Finance, CPA/RMA — Personal Development

Speakers:

CRAIG HASDAY Chief Operating Officer, Frenkel Benefits, LLC

ERIC B. LABASKA Senior Vice President — NJ Public Sector, Frenkel Benefits, LLC

ADAM OKUN Senior Vice President, Frenkel Benefits, LLC

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW AND REGULATION UPDATE

9:00 a.m. — 10:40 a.m. — Room 412 (League Joint Session with Tax Collectors and Treasurer's Association; Governmental Purchasing Association and Government Finance Officers Association)

CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 2.0 GOVT; WWW/TCH – 1.5; QPA – 2.0 PROCUREMENT; RMC – 2.0 FIN; CLE – 2.0; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 PP; CPA – 2.0 FIN; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:

JOSEPH ACCARDI Mayor, Roselle Park

Speakers:

DAVID W. HOLLBERG Chief Financial Officer and Manager, Pequannock; Immediate Past President, Government Finance Officers Association of New Jersey

JOSEPH VALENTI Chief, Bureau of Local Management Services, Division of Local Government Services (Retired), DCA

GORDON BALL Procurement Specialist, Division of Local Government Services, DCA

JOINT SESSION: TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: COUNTERFEITING UPDATE – WHAT SHOULD YOU BE LOOKING FOR?

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Room 304

1.5 Contact Hours CTC – Reporting, Billing, Collecting, CMFO/CCFO – Office Management & Ancillary Subjects, RMC – Finance

Speaker:

DARRIN CZELLEZC Senior Special Agent, United States Secret Service

JOINT SESSION: TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: ETHICS

10:45 a.m. – 11:35 a.m. – Room 304

1 Contact Hour – CTC, CMFO/CCFO, RMC, QPA – Ethics, CPA/RMA – Professional Ethics

Speaker:

PROFESSOR PAULA FRANZESE Peter W. Rodino Seton Hall School of Law

FIRE OFFICIALS (New Jersey Fire Prevention and Protection Association)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

“REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW JERSEY FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION”

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room Hall A

Presiding:

JOHN S. WISNIEWSKI Assemblyman, District 19; Chairman, New Jersey Fire Safety Commission

“NEW JERSEY FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION ASSOCIATION REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING”

3:30 p.m. — Room 316

Presiding:

STANLEY J. SICKELS President, N.J.F.P.P.A.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

“2012 ICC CODES – A LOOK AHEAD”

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Room 317

Moderator:

RICHARD SILVIA Vice President, N.J.F.P.P.A.; Fire Marshal, Saddle River

Instructor:

JOHN J. DRUCKER JR., CET Fire Protection Subcode Official, Building/Electrical/Fire Inspector, Red Bank

“NJ UNIFORM FIRE CODE – FIRE SERVICE FEATURES & BUILDING SYSTEMS”

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Room 317

Moderator:

STANLEY J. SICKELS President, N.J.F.P.P.A., Fire Marshal/Construction Official, Red Bank

Speaker:

JOHN J. DRUCKER JR., CET Fire Protection Subcode Official, Building/Electrical/Fire Inspector, Red Bank

HEALTH OFFICERS (NJACCHO)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

INVESTING IN A STRONGER, HEALTHIER NEW JERSEY

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 312 (League Joint Session with New Jersey Health Officials — NJACCHO)

REGISTRAR – 0.5.

Presiding:

CHUCK CAHN Mayor, Cherry Hill

Speaker:

MARY O'DOWD Commissioner, State Department of Health

NJACCHO FRANK J. OSBOURNE AWARD CEREMONY

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 – Room 312

NJACCHO BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Room 301

REGIONAL HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS PLANNING

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. – Room 301

Speaker:

CARL MICHAELS Coordinator Preparedness Programs, New Jersey Department of Health

INFORMATION SHARING AND TECHNOLOGY THROUGHOUT NEW JERSEY IN 2014

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Room 301

ACA AND THE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE. WHERE DOES LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH FIT IN?

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Room 301

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

NJACCHO – HEALTH OFFICIALS ANNUAL BRUNCH

9:00 a.m. – The Borgata – Room: To be announced

MANAGERS AND ADMINISTRATORS (New Jersey Municipal Management Association)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

AWARDS CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON:

12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. – Room 319

Speakers:

TARA LOVRICH President, NJMMA

GREG BONIN Vice President, NJMMA

MANAGING THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE ACT (OBAMA CARE)

2:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. – Room 413

Presiding:

JAMES ANZALDI Mayor, City of Clifton

Speakers:

MATTHEW WATKINS City Manager, City of Clifton

GREG GRIMALDI Conner Strong/PERMA

THOMAS UCKO IMAC Insurance, Management and Consulting, LLC

CHUCK CUCCIA Borough Administrator, Borough of Saddle River; Chairman, Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund

ROBERT LANDOLFI Business Administrator, Township of Woodbridge

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

HEALTH BENEFITS REFORMS – STATE AND FEDERAL UPDATE

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 403 (League Joint Session with the New Jersey Municipal Management Association)

CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 BUD; RMC – 1.5 FIN; CLE – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 M/S; CPA – 1.5 FIN; REGISTRARS – 0.5; PACLE – 1.0.

Presiding:

WILDA DIAZ Mayor, Perth Amboy; Chair, League Management Reform Committee

Speakers:

DAVID POINTER Assistant Director, New Jersey Public Employees Health Benefits Program, Division of Pensions and Benefits, State Department of the Treasury

CHRISTOPHER VAZ Assistant Director; Division of Local Government Services, DCA

DAVID KNOWLTON President and CEO, New Jersey Healthcare Quality Institute

GREGORY BONIN Vice President, New Jersey Municipal Management Association; Administrator, Branchburg

DENNIS GONZALEZ Executive Officer, Office of the Secretary, Region II (NY/NJ/PR/VI), US Department of Health and Human Services

PLANNING OFFICIALS (New Jersey Planning Officials, Inc.)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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NEW JERSEY MANDATORY LAND USE EDUCATION*

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEMBERS CERTIFICATION TRAINING*

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. – Room 308

Moderator:

KENNETH KAUKER NJPO Director, Edgewater Park

Panelists:

ROBERT REID NJPO Board of Counselors, Professional Planner, Reid Associates, Absecon

MICHAEL GAROFALO, ESQ. NJPO Associate Legal Counsel, Laddey, Clark & Ryan, Sparta

TIFFANY CUVIELLO Professional Planner, Director of Planning, Galloway

STAN OMLAND Professional Engineer, Omland Engineering Associates, Cedar Knolls

CHRISTINE MARION Professional Planner, Morris County Planning Director, Morristown

EXPERIENCED BOARD MEMBERS TRAINING*

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Room 310

Moderator:

BERNARD CEDAR NJPO Board of Counselors, Cherry Hill

Panelists:

ELIZABETH TERENCE Professional Planner, Terenik Land Use Consulting, Cape May Court House

F. CLIFFORD GIBBONS, ESQ. NJPO Assistant Legal Counsel, Dolan and Dolan, Princeton

JEFFREY BARON, ESQ. Baron & Brennan, P.A., Voorhees

DAVID MCKEON Professional Planner, Ocean County Planning Director, Toms River

KEVIN DIXON Professional Engineer, Dixon and Associates Engineering, Galloway

“21” COUNTIES COME UP WINNERS*

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Room 314

Moderator:

MICHAEL LAPLACE Passaic County Planning Director

Panelists:

LOUIS JOYCE Salem County Planning Director

MIRAH BECKER Middlesex County Supervising Planner

MICHAEL LYSICATOS Passaic County Senior Planner

AFFILIATE PROGRAMS, SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

PLANNING GREMLINS*

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Room 405

Moderator:

EUGENE KOBRYN *NJPO Director, Little Egg Harbor*

Panelists:

STUART PLATT, ESQ. *NJPO Associate Legal Counsel, Marrazzo & Platt P.C., Stratford*
EDWARD KOLLING *Professional Planner, Dresdner Robin, Asbury Park*
THOMAS SCANGARELLO *NJPO Board of Counselors, Professional Planner, Scangarello LLC, Medford*

INHERENTLY BENEFICIAL, INHERENTLY PROBLEMATIC*

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – Room 314

Moderator:

GRAEME ATKINSON *NJPO Director, Long Branch*

Panelists:

ELIZABETH MCKENZIE *Professional Planner, Flemington*
PATRICK DWYER, ESQ. *NJPO Associate Legal Counsel, South Orange*

TROUBLE AWAITS! – WHEN MASTER PLANS & ZONING ORDINANCES CONFLICT*

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Room 405

Moderator:

FREDERIC F. AZRAK, ESQ. *Azrak & Associates, L.L.C., Pompton Plains*

Panelists:

PETER MCARTHUR, ESQ. *Azrak & Associates, L.L.C., Pompton Plains*
KEITH CAHILL *Professional Engineer, Bohler Engineering*
JOHN MCDONOUGH *Professional Planner, John J. McDonough Associates, LLC*
CHARLES OLIVO *Professional Engineer, Stonefield Engineering & Design*
GEORGE AZRAK *Architect, GA Architecture, Glen Ridge Planning Board*

STAYING OUT OF TROUBLE – AVOIDING CONFLICTS*

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Room 314

Moderator:

WARREN GOODE *NJPO Past President, Planning Board Chairman, Ocean Township*

Panelists:

STUART PLATT, ESQ. *NJPO Associate Legal Counsel; Marrazzo & Platt P.C., Stratford*
ROBERT GACCIONE, ESQ. *NJPO Associate Legal Counsel, Gaccione, Pomaco P.C., Belleville*

LSRP – CONTAMINATED SITES AND THE PLANNING PROCESS*

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Room 310

Moderator:

JAMES KILDUFF *NJPO Board of Counselors, Professional Planner, Planning and Community Dev. Director, Franklin (Sussex)*

Panelists:

PETER JARAN *Professional Planner, Equity Environmental Engineering LLC, Flanders*
JAMES HEINEMAN *Professional Planner, Equity Environmental Engineering LLC, Flanders*
ROBERT JACKSON *Professional Planner, Equity Environmental Engineering LLC, Flanders*

SMART PHONES HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE*

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Room 405

Moderator:

PETER STECK *NJPO Board of Counselors, Professional Planner, Maplewood*

Panelists:

ROBERT IVANOFF *Copper Hill Ventures – President, and NJ Wireless Association – VP*
RICHARD SCHKOLNICK, ESQ. *Brown, Moskowitz, Kallen, P.C.*
JOHN ZEMBRUSKI, ESQ. *T-Mobile USA*

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NEW JERSEY MANDATORY LAND USE EDUCATION*

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEMBERS CERTIFICATION TRAINING*

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Room 410

Moderator:

JOHN BURKE *NJPO President; Planning Board Chairman (Combined), Manasquan*

Panelists:

RICHARD COPPOLA *NJPO Board of Counselors, Professional Planner, Coppola & Coppola Associates, Princeton Junction*
JAMES CLARKIN III, ESQ. *NJPO Assistant Counsel, Clarkin & Vignuolo, P.C., Piscataway*
CHRISTOPHER FALCON, ESQ. *NJPO Associate Counsel, Maraziti, Falcon & Healey, Short Hills*
PAUL STERBENZ *Professional Engineer, Maser Consulting, Clinton*
GEORGE VERVERIDES *NJPO Board of Counselors, Professional Planner, Middlesex County Director of Planning, New Brunswick*

EXPERIENCED BOARD MEMBERS TRAINING*

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Room 420

Moderator:

EDWARD GALLAGHER *NJPO Director, Ridgelyield*

Panelists:

ROBERT MICHAELS *NJPO Board of Counselors, Professional Planner, Randolph*
SUSAN RUBRIGHT, ESQ. *NJPO Associate Counsel, Brach Eichler, LLC, Roseland*
PAUL GRYGIEL *Professional Planner, Phillips Preiss Grygiel LLC, Hoboken*
JOAN ADAMS, ESQ. *Adams and Adams, Swedesboro*
PETER AVAKIAN *Professional Engineer, Leon S. Avakian, Inc., Neptune*
JOHN PETERSON *Professional Planner, Atlantic County Deputy Director of Planning, Northfield*

SANDY: 1 YEAR LATER

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 401 (League Joint Session with The New Jersey Planning Officials)

CMF/CCFO-2.0 OFF MGMT; CPWM – 2.0 MGMT; RMC – 2.0 PROF DEVEL; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 M/S; AICP CM 1.0 (Pending)

Presiding:

JANICE S. MIRONOV *Mayor, East Windsor; League President*

Speakers:

RICHARD CONSTABLE *Commissioner, DCA*
MARY-ANNA HOLDEN *Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*
BOB MARTIN *Commissioner, DEP*
JAMES SIMPSON *Commissioner, DOT*

OBSOLETE SUBURBAN OFFICE BUILDINGS: WHAT IS TO BE DONE?

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 310 (League Joint Session with New Jersey Planning Officials)
RMC – 2.0 PROF DEVEL; CTA – 1.5 PTA; AICP CM 1.5 (Pending)

Presiding:

M. JAMES MALEY, JR. *Mayor, Collingswood, Chair, League's Economic Development Task Force*

Moderator:

RICHARD F.X. JOHNSON *Senior Vice President, Matrix Development Group*

Speakers:

JAMES W. HUGHES *Dean, Rutgers University, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy*
RALPH ZUCKER *President, Somerset Development*
RICHARD F.X. JOHNSON *Senior Vice President, Matrix Development Group*

FALLING ROCK REVISTED*

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Room 408/409

Starring the Falling Rock Players!

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Room 314

Moderator:

JAMES RHATICAN, ESQ. *Wolff and Samson, West Orange*

Panelists:

URBAN LAND USE INSTITUTE PROFESSIONALS

SANDY REBUILDING – UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 415 (League Joint Session with The New Jersey Planning Officials)

CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 1.5 MGMT; QPA – 1.5 PROCUREMENT; RMC – 1.5 PROF DEVEL; CLE – 1.5; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 M/S; AICP CM 1.25 (Pending)

Presiding:

CHUCK CHIARELLO *Committee Member, Buena Vista; League Past President*

Speakers:

MARY BETH BRENNER *Chief of Staff, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*
STACY BONNAFFONS *Assistant Commissioner, DCA*
SCOTT BRUBAKER *Office of Permit Coordination and Environmental Review, DEP*
MATTHEW DOHERTY *Mayor, Belmar*

NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATORS LUNCHEON

(11:30 a.m. – Registration) 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. – Chelsea Ballroom — Trump Plaza (NJPO AFFILIATE)

WHAT TO DO WHEN THERE'S NOTHING TO DO?*

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. – Room 405

Moderator:

JOSEPH BURGIS *Professional Planner, Burgis Associates, Westwood*

Panelists:

ROGER THOMAS, ESQ. *Dolan & Dolan, P.A., Newton*
DARLENE GREEN *Professional Planner, Maser Consulting, Clinton*

WHAT EVERY NEW LAND USE BOARD ATTORNEY SHOULD KNOW...*

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – Room 314

Moderator:

GAIL GLASHOFF *NJPO Director, Land Use Administrator, Lebanon Township*

Panelists:

MICHELE DONATO, ESQ. *NJPO General Counsel, Michele R. Donato, Esq., Lavallette*
GLENN KIENZ, ESQ. *NJPO Assistant Counsel, Weiner-Lesniak, Parsippany*

ETHICS: DOING WHAT'S RIGHT WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING *

2:30 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. — Room 406

Moderator:

GAIL GLASHOFF *NJPO Director, Land Use Administrator, Lebanon Township*

Panelists:

DENNIS GALVIN, ESQ. *NJPO Assistant Counsel, Galvin Law Firm, Jackson*
MICHELLE TAYLOR *Professional Planner, Taylor Design Group, Inc., Mount Laurel*

SOCIAL MEDIA & PLANNING*

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Room 420

Moderator:

ROSALIND MCLEAN *Land Use Administrator, Teaneck*

Presenters:

RICHARD PREISS *Professional Planner, Phillips Preiss Grygiel LLC, Hoboken*
EDWARD BUZAK, ESQ. *NJPO Assistant Counsel, The Buzak Law Group, LLC, Montville*

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THE WILLIAM MARTIN COX SYMPOSIUM ON PLANNING, LAND USE AND THE LAW (FORMERLY THE PLANNING AND ZONING QUESTIONS AND LEGAL OPINIONS)*

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. — Room 416

Moderator:
MICHELE DONATO, ESQ. *NJPO General Counsel, Michele R. Donato, Esq., Lavallette*

Panelists:
EDWARD BUZAK, ESQ. *NJPO Assistant Counsel, The Buzak Law Group, LLC, Montville*
JAMES CLARKIN III, ESQ. *NJPO Assistant Counsel, Clarkin & Vignuolo, P.C., Piscataway*
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F. CLIFFORD GIBBONS, ESQ. *NJPO Assistant Counsel, Attorney, Dolan and Dolan, Princeton*
GLENN KIENZ, ESQ. *NJPO Assistant Counsel, Attorney, Weiner-Lesniak, Parsippany*

Floor Manager:
SHAUN C. VAN DOREN *NJPO Treasurer, Committeeman, Tewksbury*

AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE*

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 402 (League Joint Session with New Jersey Planning Officials)
RMC – 2.0 PROF DEVEL; CLE – 2.0; CPA – 1.5 PTA; PACLE – 1.5; AICP CM 1.5 (Pending)

Presiding:
GERALD J. TARANTOLO *Mayor, Eatontown, League Second Vice President*

Speakers:
CHARLES A. RICHMAN *Deputy Commissioner, DCA*
MICHAEL C. HRITZ *Director, Community Development, North Brunswick*
CHRISTIANA FOGLIO *President, Community Investment Strategies*
MATTHEW REILLY *President and Chief Executive Officer, MEND*
JEFFREY R. SURENIAN *League Associate Counsel*

PLUMBING INSPECTORS (New Jersey State Plumbing Inspectors Association, Inc.)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

CODE UPDATES TO 2012 PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL CODES

3:00 p.m. — Room 317

Presenter:
THOMAS PITCHERELLO *Code Specialist, Code Assistance Unit, Dept. of Community Affairs*

PROSECUTORS (New Jersey State Municipal Prosecutors Association)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

DISORDERLY PERSONS/PETTY DISORDERLY PERSONS OFFENSES IN MUNICIPAL COURT

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 Noon – Room 413
NJ CLE: 1.5 Municipal Court Certification

Moderator:
JOHN KAWCZYNSKI *Municipal Prosecutor for Piscataway and South Amboy*

Speaker:
JAY WEINBERG *Attorney-at-Law, New Brunswick, NJ*

NJSMPA QUARTERLY LUNCHEON & BUSINESS MEETING

12:00 Noon – 1:50 p.m. — Room 416 (Pre-Registration Required)

PLEA BARGAINING IN MUNICIPAL COURTS

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 318
2.0 NJ CLE: includes municipal court certification and Ethics/professionalism component

Moderator:
MICHAEL MITZNER *Municipal Prosecutor for Summit and Berkeley Heights*

Speaker:
DAVID SPEVACK *Municipal Prosecutor for Woodbridge and Newark*

PUBLIC WORKS (Public Works Association of New Jersey)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

"ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT"

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon — Room 406
CPWM – 1.5, Ethics; CRP – 1.5

Presiding:
DOUGLAS BURO *President, PWANJ*

PURCHASING AGENTS (Governmental Purchasing Association of New Jersey, Inc.)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

"CONCESSIONS ARE A FACT OF LIFE"

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. — Room 410
CEU's: MFO: 2 Financial/Debt Management, CFO: Financial/Debt Management, Public Works Manager: 2 Government, Municipal Clerk: 2 Finance, QPA: 2 Procurement Procedures, RPPS/RPPO: 2 (Course #12047)

Speaker:
GERRI C. POPKIN, MAS, QPA *Director of Purchasing, Monmouth County*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

"USING NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACTS"

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 417
CEU's: MFO: 2 Financial/Debt Management, CFO: Financial Management, Public Works Manager: 2 Government, Municipal Clerk: 2 Finance, QPA: 2 Procurement Procedures, RPPS/RPPO: 2 (Course #12048)

Speakers:
GORDON BALL, QPA, RPPO, CPPO *Procurement Specialist, New Jersey Div. of Local Government Services in the DCA*
ANNE MARIE B. SPAGNOLA, MPA, QPA, RPPS

Procurement Lead:
ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST *Procurement, NJ Cooperative Purchasing Outreach Team, NJ Dept. of Treasury, Div. of Purchase & Property, Procurement Bureau*

GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING AGENTS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON

12:00 noon – Sheraton Convention Center Hotel, at the Boulevard Café, 2nd floor
For Members Only. Must have made reservations and prepaid in order to attend.

UTILIZING STATE CONTRACTS IN ADDRESSING PURCHASING NEEDS

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 403 (League Joint Session with the Governmental Purchasing Association of New Jersey)
CMFO /CCFO – 2.0 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 2.0 GOVT; QPA – 2.0 PROCUREMENT; RMC – 2.0 FIN; CLE – 2.0; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 PP; CPA – 2.0 FIN; PACLE – 1.5.

Presiding:
J. NOLAN HIGGINS *Mayor, Freehold Borough*

Speakers:
JOSEPH VALENTI *Chief, Bureau of Local Management Services, Division of Local Government Services (Retired), DCA*
NICOLA REID *Purchasing Agent, Stafford*
LISA DUBOIS *Deputy Director, Division of Purchase & Property, State Dept. of the Treasury*
MARGARET QUINN *Assistant Director, Div. of Purchase & Property, State Dept. of the Treasury*
RICHARD TRENK *Municipal Attorney, West Orange, Trenk, DiPasquale, Della Fera & Sodono, P.C.*

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Presiding:
JOSEPH ACCARDI *Mayor, Roselle Park*

Speakers:
DAVID W. HOLLBERG *Chief Financial Officer and Manager, Pequannock; Immediate Past President, Government Finance Officers Association of New Jersey*
JOSEPH VALENTI *Chief, Bureau of Local Management Services, Division of Local Government Services (Retired), DCA*
GORDON BALL *Procurement Specialist, Division of Local Government Services, DCA*

RECREATION (Community Recreation Society of New Jersey)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

"SAFE PLAYING FIELDS: IPM, LEGISLATION AND YOU"

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Room 316
.2 CEU's will be awarded

Speaker:
RICH WATSON *Pine Hill Public Schools*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

"SHARED SERVICES: MAKING THEM WORK FOR YOU"

9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m. — Room 315
.2 CEU's will be awarded

Speakers:
LANE J. BIVIANO, ESQUIRE
PANEL OF RECREATION AND PARK PROFESSIONALS

"TECHNOLOGY & RECREATION"

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Room 315
.2 CEU's will be awarded

Speaker:
SEAN P. CANNING *Mount Olive Township*

REGISTRARS (Registrar's Association of New Jersey)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:00 a.m. – Registration and Breakfast – Ocean Ballroom A – Bally's Park Place
9:00 a.m. – Association Business Meeting – Ocean Ballroom B – Bally's Park Place
1.0 CEU Credit for Certified Municipal Registrars, Course Number F13004

HOMELAND SECURITY FORENSIC LABORATORY

10:00 a.m. – Ocean Ballroom B – Bally's Park Place
2.0 CEU Credits for Certified Municipal Registrars, Course Number F13001

Presenters:
TIM MAHONY *Assistant Special Agent, U.S. Department of Homeland Security*
KAMALUDDIN ALI *Agent, Investigations ID Lab, U.S. Department of Homeland Security*

12:15 p.m. Buffet Lunch – Ocean Ballroom A

GOOD RECORDS MANAGEMENT – THE BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATERS

2:00 p.m. – Room 421
1.5 CEU Credits for Certified Municipal Registrars, Course Number F13002

Presenter:
ARGEAN T.P. COOK *Imaging Certification Coordinator/Records Analyst, Dept. of the Treasury*

LEGAL NAME CHANGE

3:30 p.m. – Room 417
1.5 CEU Credits for Certified Municipal Registrars, Course Number F13003

Presenter:
HONORABLE AL RIVAS *Judge, Family Court Division, Middlesex County*

AFFILIATE PROGRAMS, SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS (Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association of NJ)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. — Room 402

Welcome:

JO ANNE R. LAMBUSTA, CTC President, TCTANJ
JASON GABLOFF, CMFO President, GFOANJ

JOINT SESSION: GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, THE TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION, THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL ASSESSORS AND THE MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

2 Contact Hours for CTC - Legislation; CMFO/CCFO - Office Management and Ancillary Subjects; RMC - Professional Development; CTA - Property Administration, CPA/RMA - Business Law - RPP0/RPPS, QPA - Office Administration/General Duties.

Speakers:

BONNIE A. FLEMING, CTC/CMFO TCTANJ Legislative Chairperson
KEITH A. BONCHI, ESQ. TCTANJ Legal Counsel
LORI BUCKELEW Senior Legislative Analyst, New Jersey State League of Municipalities
JOANNE M. KWASNIEWSKI, RMC Clerk, Borough of Fair Lawn
MARC PFEIFFER Principal, PfeifferGov, LLC; Assistant Director, Bloustein Local Government Research Center, Rutgers, The State University; Former Deputy Director, DLGS

JOINT SESSION: GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION & THE TAX COLLECTORS & TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: OBSERVATIONS OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE IN 2013 & THE CHALLENGES AHEAD

1:00 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. - Room 402

1 Contact Hour CTC - General Secondary; CMFO/CCFO - Office Management and Ancillary Subjects; RMC - Professional Development; CPA/RMA - Personal Development

Speaker:

MARC PFEIFFER Principal, PfeifferGov LLC, Assistant Director, Bloustein Local Government Research Center, Rutgers, The State University; Former Deputy Director, DLGS

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION REQUIREMENTS

2:00 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. - Room 419

1 Contact Hour - CTC - Reporting, Billing & Collections

Speaker:

PATRICIA A. TURIN, CTC Tax Collection Specialist, Div. of Local Government Services, DCA

BUDGET AND AUDIT UPDATES - UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS

2:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m. - Room 302 (League Joint Session with the Government Finance Officers Association and the Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association)
CMFO/CCFO - 2.0 BUD; CTC - 2.0 GEN/SEC; RMC - 2.0 FIN; CLE - 2.0; CPA - 2.0 FIN; CTA - 1.5 PTA; PACLE - 1.5.

Presiding:

SOPHIE HEYMANN Mayor, Closter; Member, League Energy Tax Restoration Task Force

Speakers:

CHRISTINE ZAPICCHI Bureau Chief, Div. of Local Gov't Services, DCA
LEON COSTELLO Certified Public Accountant/Registered Municipal Accountant, Ford Scott & Associates
PATRICIA MCNAMARA Executive Secretary to Local Finance Board, Division of Local Government Services, DCA

PENSIONS AND BENEFITS UPDATE ON RETIREMENT, BENEFITS AND SERVICES

3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Room 303 (League Joint Workshop with the Government Finance Officers Association and the Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association)
CMFO/CCFO - 1.5 FIN/DEBT, .5 OFF MGMT; RMC - 1.5 FIN, .5 PROF DEVEL; CLE - 1.8; CPA - 1.5 FIN; PACLE - 1.0

Presiding:

WAYNE SMITH Mayor, Irvington, Member, League Executive Board

Speakers:

PRISCILLA BADIANE Manager, Client Services, Division of Pensions and Benefits, State Department of the Treasury
DOUGLAS MARTUCCI Pension Benefits Specialist, Division of Pensions and Benefits, State Department of the Treasury

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

ETHICS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. - HAVANA TOWER, CASTANET ROOM - TROPICANA HOTEL
1 Contact Hour - CTC, CMFO/CCFO, RMC, QPA - Ethics; CPA/RMA - Professional Ethics

Speaker:

SUSAN JACOBUCCI, ESQ. Director of Finance, City of Newark

BUFFET BREAKFAST: ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING/INSTALLATION OF 2014 OFFICERS

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - HAVANA TOWER, MAMBO ROOM

Presiding:

JO ANNE R. LAMBUSTA, CTC President TCTANJ, Township of Brick

Flag Salute:

MICHELE A. ADAMS, CTC Sergeant-At-Arms, TCTANJ, Township of Maple Shade

Invocation:

LYNN MACEWAN, CTC Chaplain, TCTANJ, City of Somers Point

Guest Speaker:

CAROL A. WOLFE President/CEO, Homes Now Inc. and Homes Now Chambers Bridge Project, Inc.; Executive Director/Vice President, Dottie's House and Friends of Dottie's House

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

JOINT SESSION: TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: MISCELLANEOUS BILLING - HOW TO BILL CODE VIOLATIONS

1:00 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. - Room 417

1 Contact Hour CTC - Enforcement; CMFO/CCFO - Office Management & Ancillary Subjects, RMC - Professional Development, CPA/RMA - Accounting

Speakers:

SHARON A. SULECKI, CTC, CMFO, CCMFO, RMC, CTA Tax Collector, Township of Lacey
RUTGERS TAX COLLECTION INSTRUCTOR
SUZANNE OLAH, CTC (Retired) Tax Collector Consultant, Rutgers Tax Collection Instructor

JOINT SESSION: TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

1:00 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. - Room 421

1 Contact Hour for: CTC - General/Secondary, CMFO/CCFO - Financial & Debt Management, CPA/RMA - Personal Development

Speaker:

DENIS P. O'LEARY Northeast Regional Director of Portfolio Management, Capital One Asset Management, LLC

JOINT SESSION: TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: IRS UPDATES

2:00 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. - Room 402

1 Contact Hour - CTC - Reporting, Billing & Collections; CMFO/CCFO - Accounting, CPA/RMA - Accounting

Speaker:

PATRICIA REGETZ Internal Revenue Agent, Federal, State, Local Governments

JOINT SESSION: TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: HEALTHCARE REFORM - COMPLIANCY AND EXPECTATIONS

3:00 p.m. - 4:20 p.m. - Room 402

1.5 Contact Hours - CMFO/CCFO - 1 Budget, .5 Office Management & Ancillary Subjects, RMC - Finance, CPA/RMA - Personal Development

Speakers:

CRAIG HASDAY Chief Operating Officer, Frenkel Benefits, LLC
ERIC B. LABASKA Senior Vice President, NJ Public Sector, Frenkel Benefits, LLC
ADAM OKUN Senior Vice President, Frenkel Benefits, LLC

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW AND REGULATION UPDATE

9:00 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. - Room 412 (League Joint Session with Tax Collectors and Treasurer's Association; Governmental Purchasing Association and Government Finance Officers Association)

CMFO/CCFO - 2.0 FIN/DEBT; CPWM - 2.0 GOVT; WWW/TCH - 1.5; QPA - 2.0 PROCUREMENT; RMC - 2.0 FIN; CLE - 2.0; CRP - 1.5; RPP0/RPPS - 2.0 PP; CPA - 2.0 FIN; PACLE - 1.5.

Presiding:

JOSEPH ACCARDI Mayor, Roselle Park

Speakers:

DAVID W. HOLLBERG Chief Financial Officer and Manager, Pequannock; Immediate Past President, Government Finance Officers Association of New Jersey
JOSEPH VALENTI Chief, Bureau of Local Management Services, Division of Local Government Services (Retired), DCA
GORDON BALL Procurement Specialist, Division of Local Government Services, DCA

JOINT SESSION: TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: COUNTERFEITING UPDATE - WHAT SHOULD YOU BE LOOKING FOR?

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Room 304

1.5 Contact Hours CTC - Reporting, Billing, Collecting, CMFO/CCFO - Office Management & Ancillary Subjects, RMC - Finance

Speaker:

DARRIN CZELLEZ Senior Special Agent, United States Secret Service

JOINT SESSION: TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: ETHICS

10:45 a.m. - 11:35 a.m. - Room 304

1 Contact Hour - CTC, CMFO/CCFO, RMC, QPA - Ethics, CPA/RMA - Professional Ethics. CPA/RMA/PA Credits Available - *License Number CE 01098

Speaker:

PROFESSOR PAULA FRANZESE Peter W. Rodino Seton Hall School of Law

WELFARE ASSOCIATION (Municipal Welfare Association of New Jersey)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

RECOGNIZING YOUR OWN CULTURAL INFLUENCE

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Room 307

3 CEU'S

Welcome:

BARBARA MICELI President, MWANJ

Speaker:

MEGAN SULLIVAN, LPC, LCADC

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

ANNUAL BRUNCH AND BUSINESS MEETING

9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Atlantic Club Casino Hotel, 3rd Fl., Atlantic A

Guest Speaker:

MARYBETH SCHAEDEL Coordinator, NJ Food Stamps Program

3M TRAFFIC SAFETY AND SECURITY
 A&A IRON AND METALS
 A&K EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC.
 A&M EMERGENCY RESPONSE DIV
 ACCESS NEW JERSEY/CNA SERVICES
 ACCESSREC, LLC
 ACME/LINGO FLAGPOLES
 ACTION DATA SERVICES, INC.
 ACTION TERMITE & PEST CONTROL
 ADAMS, BEHMANN & HEGGAN ASSOC.
 ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, INC.
 AETNA
 AFLAC - GINA CANDURA PURAZZO
 AIA NEW JERSEY
 AIR & GAS TECHNOLOGIES INC.
 AIR BRAKE & EQUIPMENT
 ALFRED S/AUTIONS INC.
 ALL ACCESS RIGGING CO.
 ALL TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS
 ALLEN ASSOCIATES
 ALLIANCE BUS GROUP
 ALLEDBARTON SECURITY SERVICES
 ALLESTAFF OFFICE INTERIORS
 ALLSTATE POWER VAL
 ALTERNATIVE UTILITY SERVICES
 AMAZING NOODYS
 AMBULANCE NETWORK INC.
 AMERESCO
 AMERICAN ADDICTION CENTERS
 AMERICAN FIBER TECHNOLOGIES
 AMERICAN FREEZE DRY OPERATIONS
 AMERICAN HOSE & HYDRAULICS
 AMERICAN INNOTEK-BRIEF RELIEF
 AMERICAN PIPE CLEANING, LLC
 AMERICAN PULPING ASSN - NJ
 AMERICAN RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES
 AMERICAN RED CROSS - NEW JERSEY
 AMERICAN ROLL OFF
 AMERICAN TENNIS COURTS, INC.
 AMERICAN TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS
 AMERICAN UNIFORM & SUPPLY
 AMERICHEALTH NEW JERSEY
 AMERLUX
 AMIRIT TECHNOLOGIES
 AMY S. GREENE ENVIRONMENTAL
 AP CERTIFIED TESTING LLC
 APIM PERMAFORM
 APPLIED MICRO SYSTEMS
 AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC.
 AQUALETTE INDUSTRIES, LLC
 AQUATECH-USA.COM
 ARSENAULT ASSOCIATES
 ARQUAITE N FOUNDATION
 ASI, INTERPRETER REFERRAL SERVICE
 ASPHUNDUM TREE EXPERT CO.
 ASTOROTURF
 AT&T
 ATHLETIC FIELDS OF AMERICA
 ATLANTIC - TOMORROWS OFFICE
 ATLANTIC AQUATIC ENGINEERING
 ATLANTIC COAST FIBERS
 ATLANTIC COUNTY GOVERNMENT
 ATLANTIC DDA/JOHNSON & TOWERS
 ATLANTIC INFRARED, INC.
 ATLANTIC VENDING
 AURORA ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.
 AV BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS
 AXA EQUITABLE
 B.E.R. LLC
 BADGE COMPANY OF NEW JERSEY
 BADGER MEIER, INC.
 BALADY PROMOTIONS, INC.
 BARBER BEACH CLEANERS
 BARNEGAT BAY COALITION
 BAUMGARDNER HOUSE LIFTING
 BAYSHORE RECYCLING CORP.
 BEACH CAMERA & ELECTRONICS
 BEACHTECH
 BEAM CLAY/PARTAC PEAT CORP.
 BELFOR USA
 BEN SHAFFER & ASSOCIATES, INC.
 BENCHMARK ANALYTICS INC.
 BENECAARD SERVICES, INC.
 BERGKAMP INC.
 BETHLEHEM PRECAST INC.
 BEYER BROS. CORP.
 BEYER FLEET
 BEYER BRIDGE
 BILMINGER AIR/VAC WATER TECH.
 BLUE ARROW CONTRACT MFG CORP
 BOLLINGER INC.
 BORTEK INDUSTRIES, INC.
 BOSCH REXROTH CANADA
 BOYCE ASSOCIATES, INC.
 BRIGHT STAR ESOLUTIONS
 BRIGHTSTACK
 BRINKERHOFF ENVIRONMENTAL SVCS
 BRITTON INDUSTRIES, INC.
 BROWN & BROWN BENEFIT ADVISORS
 BROWNFIELD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
 BRUNO ASSOCIATES, INC.
 BRUSH BLAZER
 BURLINGTON CO. BRIDGE COMMISSN.
 BUYERS PRODUCTS
 BYRAM LABORATORIES INC.
 C.T.M. BULK HANDLERS, INC.
 CABLEVISION SYSTEMS CORPORATION
 CAIT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER GROUP
 CALDWELL COLLEGE
 CAMBRIA TRUCK CENTER INC.
 CAMEROTA TRUCK PARTS
 CAMPBELL FREIGHTLINER, LLC
 CAPEHART SCATCHARD
 CAPITAL BENEFITS, LLC
 CARBTRON CORPORATION
 CARD DATA SYSTEMS
 CARONDO
 CAREPLUS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS
 CARSON CORPORATION
 CARTON COUNCIL
 CARUCCI SAFETY & EQUIPMENT
 CASCADE ENGINEERING
 CBT FILTERS
 CEMCO
 CENTENARY COLLEGE
 CENTRAL TURF & IRRIGATION SUPPLY
 CERTIFIED POWER, INC.

CFG HEALTH NETWORK
 CGP&H, LLC
 CGR
 CHAMBERS ARCHITECTURE, INC.
 CHEMUNG SUPPLY CORP.
 CHRYSLER VALLEY TRUCK SALES
 CIGNA
 CINELLI IRON AND METAL CO.
 CIRUS CONTROLS LLC
 CITI-E-NET
 CITY FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY
 CITY OF LONG BRANCH
 CITY OF PLAINFIELD
 CIVICPLUS
 CIVIL SOLUTIONS
 CIVIL TRAINING, LLC
 CLARITY TECHNOLOGIES GROUP LLC
 CLASSIC TURF COMPANY LLC
 CLEAN EARTH, INC.
 CLEAN ENERGY
 CLIFFSIDE BODY CORP.
 CME ASSOCIATES
 CMIT SOLUTIONS
 CODED SYSTEMS LLC
 COLONIAL LIFE
 COLUMBIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
 COMCAST BUSINESS
 COMMERCIAL RECREATION SPECIALIST
 COMMERCIAL UTILITY CONSULTANTS
 COMMERCIAL VEHICLE CONSULTANTS
 COMPUTER AID, INC.
 CONCENTRA URGENT CARE
 CONCEPT PRINTING & PROMOTIONS
 CONCORD ENGINEERING
 CONCRETE PIPE ASSOC OF NJ
 CONEDISON SOLUTIONS
 CONNER STRONG & BUCKELEW
 CONSOLIDATED FENCE CO.
 CONSOLIDATED SERVICES GROUP/CHN
 CONSTRUCTION CRANE & TRACTOR INC
 CONTEMPORARY SPRINTER
 CONVAULT, INC.
 COOPER - FLEET ENERGY
 COOPER LIGHTING STREETWORKS
 COOPER'S OFFICE FURNITURE
 COBY ASSOCIATES, INC.
 COUNTY OF BERGEN
 COUNTY OF UNION FREEHOLDERS
 COVANTA ENERGY/COVANTA
 CRAM-A-LOT/IV.MFG., INC.
 CRANE MATERIALS INTERNATIONAL
 CRANNER ENGINEERING, P.A.
 CREATIVE VISUAL SYSTEMS
 CRESTON HYDRAULICS INC.
 D.A.R.E. NEW JERSEY, INC.
 DATA NETWORK SOLUTIONS
 DC SOLAR
 DEJANA TRUCK & UTILITY EQUIPMENT
 DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY
 DELUXE INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS
 DENCO & ASSOCIATES/PARKEON
 DEWBERRY
 DIRECT FLOORING
 DITSCHMAN FLEMINGTON FORD LINC
 DM MEDICAL BILLINGS
 DMR ARCHITECTS
 DOCLISAFE RECORDS MANAGEMENT
 DOME CORP OF NORTH AMERICA
 DOUBLETREE STRUCTURES INC.
 DOWNTOWN DECORATIONS
 DOWNTOWN LOCAL, INC.
 DRINKABLE AIR NORTHEAST
 DRS IMAGING
 DUBLIN SCRAP METAL INC.
 DUCO
 DUNCAN SOLUTIONS, INC.
 DYNTEK SERVICES
 EAGLE WIRELESS/NETWORK FLEET GPS
 E&C COST ASSOCIATES, INC.
 EASTERN LIFT TRUCK CO. INC.
 ECIVIS, INC.
 EDWARDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.
 EIRC
 ELECTRONIC RISKS CONSULTANTS
 ELIZABETH DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
 EMERGI-CLEAN, INC.
 EMVEX, LLC
 EMPLOYER SUPPORT GUARDRES NJ
 ENVIROSMART
 ENERGY SOLVE LLC
 ENERVATION INC.
 ENFOTECH & CONSULTING, INC.
 ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS, INC.
 ENVIROSIGHT
 ENVIROTECHS, INC.
 EPLUS TECHNOLOGY INC.
 EVAC-CHAIR NORTH AMERICA
 EXAMWORKS
 EXCEL ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
 EXEMPLUS - SITOMIT - IDEON
 EXETER SUPPLY CO. INC.
 EXTREME ENERGY SOLUTIONS INC.
 EZ DOCK MID-ATLANTIC
 F2 STREET COMPANY
 FACILITY SOLUTIONS GROUP
 FACILITYDUDE
 FAIRBANKS DICKINSON UNIVERSITY
 FANUC
 FDR HIT CHES
 FEIST ENGINEERING INC.
 FERRERO ENGINEERING INC.
 FIBREX GROUP INC.
 FILDTRUP
 FILEBACK
 FINCREDIT INC.
 FIRE AND SAFETY SERVICES LTD
 FIRE DEPT. COST REDUCER, LLC
 FIREFIGHTER ONE, LLC
 FIRST CHOICE AUTOMOTIVE EQUIP.
 FIRST MCO
 FIRST PRIORITY EMERGENCY VEHICLE
 FKA ARCHITECTS
 FLEMINGTON DEPT. STORE/KEYPORT
 FLEMINGTON GMC CHEVROLET BUICK
 FM GENERATOR, INC.
 FOLEY INCORPORATED
 FOR SOLUTIONS

FORCE AMERICA INC.
 FRALINGER ENGINEERING PA
 FRESPAN STRUCTURES INC.
 FRENCH & PARRELLO ASSOCIATES
 FIT FIRST CLEAN TENDR IND.
 FIVE FORCE MULTIFORCE SYSTEMS
 FUELMASTERS/IVM TECH SYSTEMS, INC
 GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES
 GAMETIME PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
 GARBO GRABBER
 GARDEN STATE BOBCAT GROUP
 GARDEN STATE FIREWORKS, INC.
 GARDEN STATE LABORATORIES, INC.
 GARDEN STATE MUNICIPAL I/F
 GARDEN STATE PEST CONTROL
 GARDEN STATE SWEEPERS
 GEESSE CHASERS, LLC.
 GENERAL CODE
 GENERAL CREATION, INC.
 GEOD CORPORATION
 GEOLAM
 GEORGE ELY ASSOCIATES
 GIBSON TARQUINI GROUP, INC., THE
 GILLESPIE GROUP, INC.
 GOLDWIN AXIEM BRAND
 GOLDEN EQUIPMENT CO. INC.
 GOLDSTEIN PARTNERSHIP
 GOOD ENERGY/GEA.COM
 GOVCONNECTION, INC.
 GOVDEALS INC.
 GRAINGER INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY
 GRAMCO BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS
 GRANTRUCK EQUIPMENT CO., INC.
 GREAT WEST FINANCIAL
 GREELY AND HANSEN
 GREEN SKY INDUSTRIES, INC.
 GREENPATCH BY COLD MIX MFG.
 GROTTO ENGINEERING ASSOC LLC
 GZA GEOENVIRONMENTAL, INC.
 H.A. DEHART & SON
 H.I.K. TRUCK CENTER
 H&M ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS INC.
 HAMILTON RIVERKEEPER INC.
 HAMILTON KENT LLC
 HANSON AGGREGATES BMC
 HARBOR CONSULTANTS, INC.
 HARDER EQUIPMENT, INC.
 HATCH MOTT MACDONALD
 HEAVY DUTY LIFTS
 HELAC CORPORATION
 HENDERSON TRUCK EQUIPMENT - NJ
 HERTZ EQUIPMENT & ENGINEERS INC.
 HERTZ FURNITURE NEW JERSEY
 HEYER, GRUEL, & ASSOCIATES
 HIGHLINE PRODUCTS
 HILLMANN CONSULTING, LLC
 HIMS EMPLOYER SOLUTIONS
 HOFFMAN SERVICES, INC.
 HOLOPHANE/AEL ACUITY BRANDS
 HOMESERVE
 HOOPER TRUCK CENTERS
 HORIZON BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF NJ
 HOUPTER TRUCK SERVICE
 HUDSON COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTH.
 HUDSON COUNTY MOTORS INC
 HUMAN & CIVIL RIGHTS NORTH AMERICA
 HUNTER JERSEY PERBITL
 HUNTER TECHNOLOGIES
 HUNTERSON MECHANICAL SERVICES
 HYUNDAI LOCAL, INC.
 ILLUMINATING ENGINEERING SOCIETY
 INDUSTRIAL PETROLEUM SUPPLY CO.
 INFO-COP BY GTBM, INC.
 INFRADAPT LLC
 INNOVATIVE SURFACE SOLUTIONS
 INSERVO INSURANCE SERVICES
 INSTANT VERIFICATION - CHILD PROT
 INSURANCE ADMINISTRATOR (IAA)
 INSURANCE DEFENSE ADMINISTRATORS
 INTEGRATED DOCUMENT TECHNOLOGIES
 INTEGRATED TECHNICAL SYSTEMS
 INTEGRITY HEALTH
 INTER CITY TIRE
 INTERCON TRUCK EQUIPMENT
 INTERNATIONAL FIREWORKS MFG. CO.
 INTERPORT
 INVESTORS BANK
 IPS GROUP
 ITEM, LTD.
 ITRON, INC.
 IXP CORPORATION
 J&J TRUCK BODIES & TRAILERS
 J.FLETCHER CREAMER & SON INC.
 JACK DOHNEY COMPANIES
 JAG PHYSICAL THERAPY
 JASPER ENGINES & TRANSMISSIONS
 JASPER ACCESS GROUP/NATAO
 JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT
 JERSEY ENERGY GROUP
 JERSEY MULCH PRODUCTS LLC
 JERSEY PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT
 JESCO, INC.
 JEWEL ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.
 JOHN EAGLE, INC.
 JOHN DEERE COMPANY
 JOHN W. KENNEDY COMPANY INC.
 JOHNNY ON THE SPOT, INC.
 JOHNSTON COMMUNICATIONS
 JONES & FRANK
 JOSHUA MARCUS GROUP PROMOTIONS
 KELLER & KIRKPATRICK INC.
 KEYSTONE DIGITAL IMAGING
 KEYSTONE PURCHASING NETWORK
 KEYSTONE STRUCTURES INC.
 KIELY EQUIPMENT CO., LLC
 KIMCO USA, INC.
 KLEIN RECYCLING
 KOMPAN PLAYGROUNDS
 KTR ASSOCIATES
 KUBOTA TRACTOR CORPORATION
 KUEPER NORTH AMERICA
 KUSTOM SIGNALS, INC.
 K&L MASONRY SUPPLY LLC
 L.R. KIMBALL
 LABOR SYSTEMS
 LAN ASSOCIATES EPAS, INC.

LASERFICHE
 LAUREL EQUIPMENT
 LB WATER & FCS
 LED NATURAL LIGHTING SOLUTIONS
 LEGISLATIVE MANUAL/LAWYERS DIARY
 LEOTEC ELECTRONICS USA CORP.
 LIBERTY PAPER/JANITORIAL SUPPLY
 LIBERTY PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS
 LIFESAVERS INC.
 LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP
 LOGTECH
 LOWE'S COMPANIES
 LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES OF NJ
 M.L. ROBERTSON CONSTRUCTION CO.
 MACC CAMERA & VIDEO SERVICE INC.
 MACO OFFICE SOURCE
 MAGNACARE
 MAILROOM SYSTEMS, INC.
 MAJOR POLICE SUPPLY
 MARBELITE COMPANY INCORPORATED
 MARSH & MCLENNAN AGENCY
 MASER CONSULTING
 MASSHUTTAL
 MATRIX NEW WORLD
 MAX SPAN REAL ESTATE/AUCTION CO
 MCGRATH MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT
 MCINTOSH
 MCM TECHNOLOGY LLC
 MCNEILL TRUCK & MANUFACTURING
 MCSYSTEMS SOFTWARE, LLC
 MERCER COUNTY SCD
 METALCOM LLC.
 METRO
 METRIC PARKING
 METRO GROUP OF NJ
 MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS
 MICHAEL BROLY WORKS
 MID ATLANTIC TRUCK CENTRE
 MID-ATLANTIC WASTE SYSTEMS
 MIKESYER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
 MILER'S BETTER SHOES
 MILLENNIUM COMMUNICATIONS GROUP
 MILLENNIUM SYSTEMS, LLC.
 MITCHELL HUMPHREY & CO.
 MOBILE LIFTS INC.
 MOBILE NOW! LLC
 MOBI-MAT BY DESCHAMPS
 MODERN GROUP
 MODERN OFFICE SYSTEMS
 MONMOUTH TRUCK EQUIPMENT
 MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY
 MORTGAGE CONSTRUCTION
 MORTGAGES FOR HEROES/ANNIEMAC
 MOST DEPENDABLE FOUNTAINS
 MOTORCYCLE MALL
 MRA INTERNATIONAL
 MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY
 MUNICE POWER PRODUCTS
 MUNICIBID.COM
 MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOC OF NJ
 MUNICIPAL EXCESS LIABILITY FUND
 MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE INC.
 MUNIDEX, INC.
 MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING
 MUTUALINK, INC.
 NACR
 NAJARIAN ASSOCIATES
 NATIONAL BULB RECYCLING CORP.
 NATIONAL FENCE SYSTEMS, INC.
 NATIONAL IPA
 NATIONAL RESTORATION
 NATIONAL WATER MAIN CLEANING CO.
 NATURE'S CHOICE CORPORATION
 NCPA
 NPOST USA
 NETWORKFLEET, INC.
 NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER
 NEW JERSEY BEEKEEPER ASSOC.
 NEW JERSEY BUSINESS SYSTEMS
 NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE OF MAYORS
 NEW JERSEY FAN SERVICES
 NEW JERSEY LAW JOURNAL
 NEW JERSEY MUNICIPALITIES
 NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS
 NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS (NGV)
 NEW JERSEY ONE CALL
 NEW JERSEY PLANNING OFFICIALS
 NEW JERSEY TALENT NETWORKS
 NEW JERSEY TAX STATE ALLIANCE
 NEW JERSEY'S CLEAN ENERGY PROG.
 NEW JERSEY'S CREDIT UNIONS
 NEXUS ENERGY SOLUTIONS
 NJ - CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS FUND
 NJ - CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
 NJ - COOPERATIVE PURCHASING & DSS
 NJ - COUNCIL ON DEVEL. DISAB.
 NJ - DEPT. LOCAL GOV'T ASSISTANCE
 NJ - DEPT. HEALTH/INDOOR ENVIRON.
 NJ - DEPT. MIL/VEHS-FAM PROG.&NJNG
 NJ - DEPT. OF BANKING & INSURANCE
 NJ - DEPT. OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES
 NJ - DEPT. OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
 NJ - DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
 NJ - DEPTCOR NJDOC
 NJ - DIV. OF REVENUE-RECORDS MGMT
 NJ - DIVISION OF TAXATION LPT
 NJ - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 NJ - HOUSING & MORTGAGE FINANCE
 NJ - LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN
 NJ - MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION
 NJ - REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
 NJ - UNCLAIMED PROPERTY
 NJ CERTIFIED ANIMAL CONTROL
 NJ CLEAN COMMUNITIES
 NJ DESTINATION MARKETING ORG
 NJ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOC.
 NJ ENVIR. INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST
 NJ GMS
 NJ HALL OF FAME MOBILE MUSEUM
 NJ LSRA
 NJ MECH. ALLIED CRAFT COUNCIL
 NJ POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
 NJ PROPANE GAS ASSOCIATION
 NJ RECREATION & PARK ASSN.
 NJ SPOTLIGHT
 NJ STATE FIRST AID COUNCIL
 NJ STATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS

NJ SUSTAINABLE ENERGY JOINT MTG
 NJ WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOC.
 NJ WIRELESS ASSOCIATION
 NJLS
 NJNAHRO
 NJ'S CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM
 NORRIS SALES CO. INC.
 NORTH AMERICAN PIPELINE SERVICES
 NORTHEAST COMMUNICATIONS GROUP
 NORTHEAST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
 NORTHEAST PRECAST
 NOV/AMERON PROTECTIVE LININGS
 NW FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC
 NWN CORPORATION
 O&S ASSOCIATES
 OFFICE BUSINESS SYSTEMS
 OFFICE DEPOT
 OIL SOLUTIONS INT'L
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Legislative Update



By Michael F. Cerra, NJLM Director of Government Affairs; Lori Buckelew, NJLM Senior Legislative Analyst; Jon R. Moran, NJLM Senior Legislative Analyst

MUNICIPAL PRIORITY ON SOLAR SYSTEMS The League supports A-4236, which would provide priority status to a solar electric power generation system that is installed on the property of a public entity including a municipality, municipal agency, or municipal authority and is expected or intended to provide energy savings to that public entity. Only net-metered projects that have received approval from the Board of Public Utilities to be connected to the electric distribution system would be prioritized.

Such prioritized projects would provide a financial benefit to public entities and, by extension our taxpayers, by reducing energy costs. For these reasons, this is a policy that would benefit taxpayers and warrants support.

A-4236 is referenced to the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee. Its Senate companion, S-2871, is referenced to the Senate Environment and Energy Committee.—MFC

EXTENDING VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION The League opposes A-1969, which extends eligibility for veterans' property tax deduction to residents of continuing care retirement communities. We believe that the bill, while well intended, benefits the owners of continuing care retirement communities and not the veterans. The bill is sponsored by Assemblymen McKeon, O'Scanlon, Wilson and Brown and Assemblywomen Tucker and Casagrande.

A-1969 permits a resident of continuing care retirement community who is eligible for a veterans' deduction to be entitled to claim the deduction to the extent of the share of taxes assessed against the continuing care retirement community real property that is attributable to the unit that the resident occupies. To establish the veteran's deduction a resident of a continuing care retirement community shall be deemed the owner of legal title to the share of the taxable value of the continuing care retirement community real property that is attributable to the unit that the resident occupies.

The bill remains silent on how that deduction is given to the veteran. Continuing care retirement community fee structures are varied. According to AARP, continuing care retirement communities typically require an entrance fee as well as monthly charges. Also monthly charges may

increase as needs change. These fees are dependent on a variety of factors including the health of the person, the type of housing they choose, whether they rent or buy, the number of residents living in the facility and the type of service contract. Additional fees may be incurred for other options including housekeeping, meal service, transportation and social activities.

The League appreciates the sponsors' intent but must oppose A-1969 as the deduction should be given directly back to the veteran and not the facility.

A-1969 is awaiting consideration by the full Assembly. The Senate Companion, S-588, sponsored by Senators Beck and Bateman, is awaiting consideration by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.—LB

INCENTIVES FOR SHARED STUDENT BUSING The League's Legislative Committee has voted to support A-331, which would provide incentives for shared services agreements between school districts and municipalities for transporting students along hazardous routes.

Under the bill, the incentive factor included in the transportation aid formula would be modified to include an additional weight to provide increased transportation aid to school districts that transport students efficiently, as measured by the district's regular vehicle capacity utilization, and which have entered into a shared services agreement with the municipality pursuant to the "Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act."

We salute the sponsor Assemblyman Dancer for advancing this initiative and we urge that it advance through the legislative process.—JRM

CLARIFICATION OF FARMLAND PRESERVATION The League Legislative Committee recently reviewed A-4005, which authorizes the subdivision of preserved farmland into smaller preserved farms. The League has a number of concerns with this legislation, summarized below, and opposes it in its current form. Fundamentally, the League believes A-4005 runs contrary to the intent and purposes of the farmland preservation program.

Under current law, the property owner must meet two criteria in order for a preserved farm to be subdivided.

The first criterion is that the division must be for an agricultural purpose. The second criterion allows a buyer of preserved farmland to occupy a "residual dwelling site opportunity" (RDSO). The State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC) currently has jurisdiction to determine if an applicant meets the above two criteria.

In both cases, the elimination of these tests runs contrary to the intent of the farmland preservation program in that it encourages the sale purchase of the property for non-farm use. This taxpayer-funded program is intended to maintain and preserve the state's farmland and we believe this intention should be maintained. The League prefers that the SADC maintain this oversight and for these reasons, respectfully opposes A-4005.

A-4005 is referenced to the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. To date, there is no Senate companion.—MFC

BILL COULD HELP SMALLER HOME-STATE WINERIES The League's Legislative Committee supports A-823, which is designed to promote home state wineries by establishing a new small winery

and wine manufacturing license.

Under this bill, a small winery would be required to maintain at least three acres of fruit under cultivation on, or adjacent to, the winery premises to be used in the production of wine. Similar to the current farm winery license graduated fee structure, the fee for a small winery licensee under the amended bill would be graduated to encourage small winery businesses as follows: \$3,000 to manufacture more than 150,000 and up to 250,000 gallons per year; \$2,000 to manufacture more than 100,000 and up to 150,000 gallons per year; \$1,000 to manufacture more than 50,000 and up to 100,000 gallons per year; \$250 to manufacture more than 1,000 and up to 50,000 gallons per year; and \$100 to manufacture 1,000 gallons or less per year.

In compliance with the recent Third Circuit, Court of Appeals decision (*Freeman v. Corzine*), the small winery license would be available to qualifying out-of-state wineries, entitling similarly situated wineries to the same privileges, including the ability to sell at retail to consumers in up to 16 salesrooms situated in the state.

The bill also establishes a wine manufacturing license (of \$3,750). This license allows the holder to produce any fermented wines; to blend, fortify and treat wines; and to sell and distribute its products to licensed wholesalers and to churches for religious purposes; to sell and distribute in other states pursuant to applicable sale and distribution laws; and to maintain a warehouse.

The League supports A-823.—JRM

CONVERSION OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES FINES INTO TAX LIENS

The League supports S-1071, which permits conversion of fines for violation of certain municipal ordinances into tax liens. Specifically, S-1071 permits the conversion of zoning and property maintenance violations into municipal liens if they are not paid in full within 20 days of its imposition upon certification of the code enforcement officer.

The lien must be filed with the county clerk or registrar of deeds and mortgages as municipal lien against the property upon certification of the code enforcement officer who issued the citation. In addition, the code

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enforcement officer shall file a copy of the lien and certification with the municipal tax collector, which shall be added to and become and form part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon such dwelling or lands, the same to bear interest at the same rate as taxes, and shall be collected and enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as taxes.

The League supports S-1071, because it not only provides municipalities with another tool to recoup municipal

revenue, but encourages residents to maintain their properties. However, we have requested that the sponsor, Senator Connors, consider amending the bill to allow municipalities to include the cost of filing a lien as part of the lien.

S-1071 is awaiting consideration by the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee. The Assembly companion A-616, sponsored by Assemblywoman Gove and Assemblyman Rumpf, is awaiting consideration by

the Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee.—LB

LEGISLATION WILL ASSIST MUNICIPALITIES WITH AGE-RESTRICTED FORECLOSURES The League supports S-2806, which places obligations on creditors to maintain vacant dwelling units in age-restricted communities during foreclosure.

Specifically, once notified by the community of the vacancy, the bill would require the mortgage lender to pay the monthly maintenance fee and the appropriate share of any common expense as well as maintain the unit.

S-2806 would not only assist in mitigating the detrimental impacts of foreclosures on a community, but would also help assure the solvency of the respective homeowner associations.

S-2806 is referenced to the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee. A-4169, the Assembly Companion, is referenced to the Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee.—MFC

LEAGUE SUPPORTS IMMUNITY EXTENSION BILL The League enthusiastically supports S-2165/A-3282. This bill provides immunity from civil liability to all first aid, rescue, and emergency squads, as entities, in certain circumstances.

Current law provides civil immunity to: (1) individual members of first aid, rescue, or emergency squads, regardless of whether they receive reimbursement; (2) volunteer first aid, rescue, and emergency squads, as entities; and (3) first aid, rescue, or emergency squads, as entities, regardless of whether they receive reimbursement, for acts or omissions committed while in training for or in the rendering of advanced life support services. The immunity conferred by current law does not extend to non-volunteer squads, as entities, for acts or omissions committed while in training for or providing services other than advanced life support services.

This common-sense initiative clarifies that civil immunity is to be extended to all first aid, rescue, and emergency squads, regardless of the type of life support services provided. The amendments also clarify that civil immunity applies to "hybrid" squads, which may not meet the statutory definition of a volunteer or non-volunteer squad.

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We commend the sponsors for their leadership on this and we support S-2165/A-3282.—JRM

BORROWING FOR MUNICIPALITIES IMPACTED BY HURRICANE SANDY

The League Legislative Committee has reviewed and supports A-4078, which permits municipalities impacted by Hurricane Sandy to borrow for current expenses through December 31, 2014, and to repay special emergency notes over a ten-year period.

Municipalities in the path of Sandy's devastation must also contend with lost ratables. If and when those ratables will return is unknown. Some ratables will return within the next few years, some may take longer and some may never return. A-4078 provides necessary flexibility by permitting municipalities whose ratable base and revenue collections have been negatively impacted by Hurricane Sandy to bond and adopt special emergency appropriation ordinances for current expenses through December 31, 2014. It also expands the time period to pay back the special emer-

gency appropriation from five years to ten years.

We believe, however, that the two year time period is too short of a time frame. We have suggested to the sponsors, Assemblyman Rumpf and Assemblywoman Gove, that the expiration be extended from December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2016. Over the next several years municipalities impacted by Sandy may experience fluctuations in their tax ratable base. This law would assist in providing financial stability.

A-4078 is waiting for consideration by the Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee—LB

LEGISLATION TO FACILITATE FIRE DISTRICT CONSOLIDATIONS

The League's Legislative Committee supports S-1956/A-2911, which would permit municipalities to consider the consolidation of all fire districts in the municipality, upon receipt of parallel resolutions, adopted by the commissioners of all of the fire districts within the municipality.

If the municipal governing body

approves the development of a consolidation plan, it would work with the fire district commissioners to prepare the plan. The Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs could assist with the process. Upon completion of the consolidation plan, and after a full public hearing on it, the governing body of the municipality would vote on a resolution to consolidate the fire districts.

Following adoption of the ordinance, the Local Finance Board would schedule a hearing to discuss revisions to the plan, if it has objections. Otherwise, the consolidation plan shall be deemed approved by the board. Upon approval or revision of the plan by the Local Finance Board, the consolidation plan would be considered finally adopted, and the assets and debts of the fire districts to be consolidated would be reapportioned pursuant to the consolidation plan.

We salute the sponsors for their leadership on this effort to streamline operations and, possibly, increase economy and efficiency.—JRM ▲



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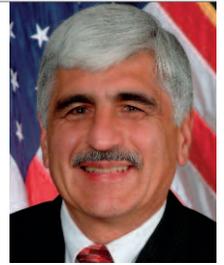


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By John R. Spodofora
Mayor, Stafford Township

During Superstorm Sandy, over 4,500 homes in Stafford Township's bayfront area were devastated by flooding. At the same time, over 300 downed trees blocked roads in our upland areas; requiring multiple traffic control checkpoints and extensive detours. The checkpoints and detours lasted for days, and in some cases weeks. Our public works personnel and vehicles were stretched to their limits and demand was high for traffic control.

Our community of 26,000 in Manahawkin, covers 47 square miles, including 187 miles of local jurisdiction roads. The Stafford Township Department of Public Works, like many other agencies, uses whatever means are available to distribute road cones and establish work zones—vehicles ranging from pickup trucks to rack body trucks to dump trucks.

At a post storm debriefing meeting, we reviewed our handling of traffic control and the checkpoints. While our Department of Public Works (DPW) was able to complete the task, town officials knew there had to be a better and safer way to accomplish the task.

In response, Superintendent of Public Works Ronald A. Cop met with the DPW management staff to develop a plan. Many different ideas and capabilities were discussed, including the need for a vehicle that could quickly and safely deploy a minimum of 500 road cones, barricades, traffic control signs, an arrow board, and lighting. Out of those discussions a basic design for a "Work Zone Safety Truck" unit developed.

DPW officials then met with Chief of Police and Emergency Management Coordinator Joseph H. Giberson, III



The chassis of an unused recycling truck was repurposed for the new vehicle.

and Township Administrator James Moran. Chief Giberson brought to light three possible uses for the new unit. The first would be to provide the setup and secure the work zone for DUI checkpoints. The second was to assist with long-term accident investigations that require a work zone or traffic detours. The third use would be to provide lighting for work crews following accidents or emergencies. This would free up emergency apparatus at a scene for other purposes or use elsewhere during an emergency. Administrator Moran was charged with exploring potential funding sources for the vehicle.

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Meetings were held with representatives of several body manufacturers and we soon discovered that no “stock” trucks were available. Bodies of this nature are almost always custom designed and fabricated to the needs of the client. It was suggested that a body in the configuration required by Stafford could cost as much as \$90,000 fully equipped. The cost for a new chassis would also be in the \$85,000 to \$90,000 range, bringing the total cost to around \$185,000. At this point we began to consider



Stafford Township had a recycling truck—a 2003 Mack Freedom—that was no longer in use that had a good chassis. The recycling body was worn and no longer used, so the DPW cut up and recycled the body and reused the chassis for the Work Zone Safety Truck.

alternatives, including whether to build the truck in house. This seemed the best option, but raised the question of where to get a suitable chassis.

It turned out that we had a recycling truck—a 2003 Mack Freedom—that was no longer in use that had a good chassis. The recycling body was worn and no longer used, so we cut up and recycled the body and reused the chassis. The final design for the body was completed with the assistance of Gene Fitzgerald, a mechanic and fabricator for the DPW since 2005. Township Administrator

James Moran approved the project and secured the necessary funding from a Capital Equipment Fund.

The fabrication of the body was completed in six months with vehicle maintenance personnel working on assembly as the shop schedule permitted.

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and a-frame legs; and for a 48" aluminum traffic control sign, rollup signs, spring holders and sandbags;

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- a backup camera and monitor including an additional camera in the body area;
- a 12,500 watt generator;
- a Wilbert Night Scan Power-Lite 4.5 light tower with 9000 watts of lighting; and,
- a remote controlled WonWoo video camera mounted on the Wilbert Night Scan tower with 26x zoom and a video monitor/dvr control mounted in the cab.



The fabrication of the body was completed in six months with vehicle maintenance personnel working on assembly as the shop schedule permitted.

The final cost for the fabrication, painting, and equipment was \$37,000. Stafford Township saved approximately \$148,000 by recycling a chassis and fabricating the body in house.

I am very proud of our Department of Public Works. Time and again they have found ways to think outside the box to find cost effective, innovative solutions that expand the township's

capabilities and save taxpayers' money. The outcome demonstrated the value of looking within our department of public works, rather than to outside vendors. We had the talent to tackle this challenge in house.

The unit went into service on August 19, 2013. Its first assignment, on September 3, was at a major natural gas leak on State Highway 72 with multiple traffic

control points and a need for lighting.

This vehicle will undoubtedly prove useful in numerous situations, year in and year out. Particularly as a shore community, we need to be ready for another large scale response.

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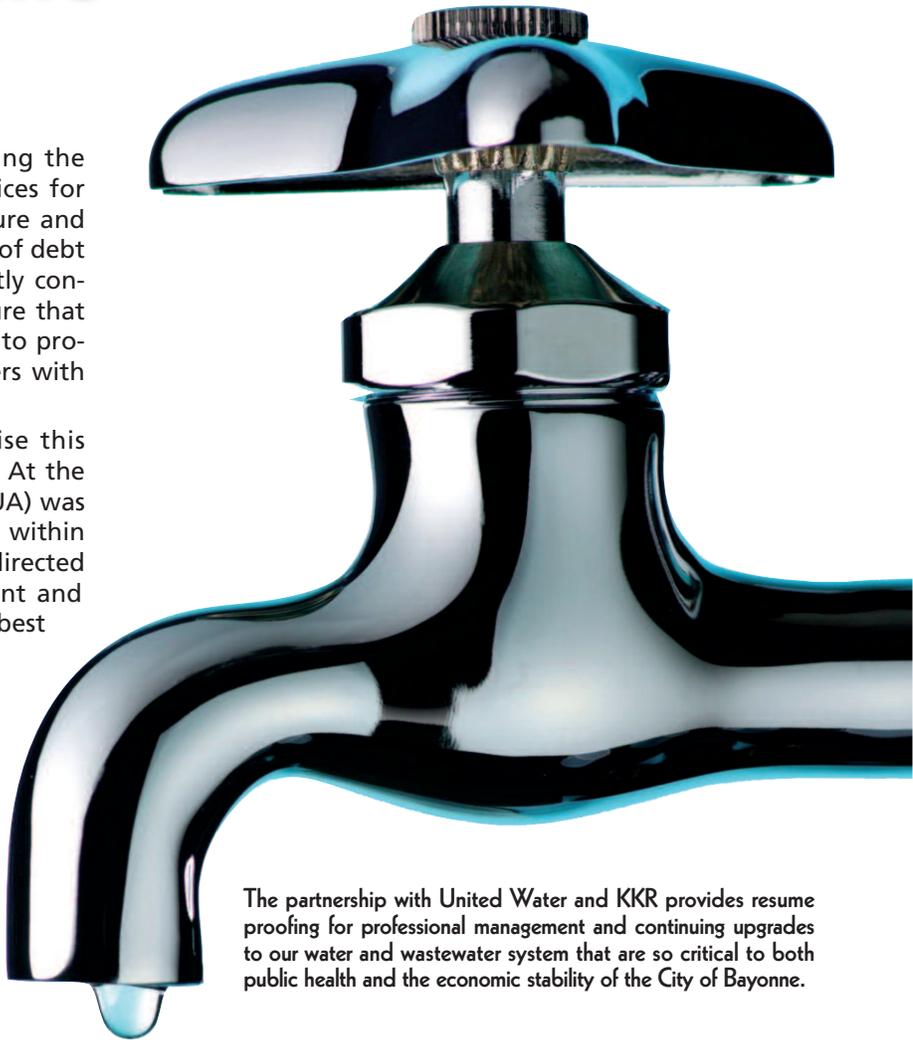


By Mark A. Smith
Mayor, City of Bayonne

Every municipality across New Jersey is facing the challenge of maintaining high quality services for its residents, dealing with aging infrastructure and managing finances without leaving a legacy of debt for future generations. The City of Bayonne recently confronted this type of challenge. How could we ensure that an aging water and waste water system continued to provide first-rate service while not burdening taxpayers with additional debt?

Goals Finding a solution that did not compromise this objective was the goal I set for my administration. At the time, the Bayonne Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA) was responsible for the water and waste water system within the City of Bayonne. During the winter of 2012, I directed the Bayonne MUA to fully analyze both the current and future needs of the community to determine the best possible course of action.

After reviewing the Bayonne MUA's findings my directive was simple—seek a solution that would eliminate the Bayonne MUA's outstanding debt, advance a meaningful and sustainable capital improvement program and bring long term stability to the water and waste water system. After thoroughly reviewing all of the possible options, we determined the best course of action for the City of Bayonne was to enter into an innovative public-private partnership with United Water and its financial partner, Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts (KKR).



The partnership with United Water and KKR provides resume proofing for professional management and continuing upgrades to our water and wastewater system that are so critical to both public health and the economic stability of the City of Bayonne.

OVER THE LONG TERM, THE OPERATIONAL UPGRADES FROM THIS PARTNERSHIP WILL HELP MAINTAIN AND PROTECT PLENTIFUL ACCESS TO CLEAN AND SAFE DRINKING WATER WHILE SIGNIFICANTLY UPGRADING THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM.

Partnership with United Water This partnership, the first of its kind in the United States, permitted the City of Bayonne and their Utilities Authority to outsource the management and operations of their water and wastewater system for 40 years, while maintaining ownership and complete control of our assets. More importantly, United Water/KKR provided an upfront payment of over \$150 million, allowing the Bayonne MUA to pay off the vast majority of its debt. Under the partnership agreement, United Water/KKR will manage the city's water and waste water system over the next 40 years, providing expertise and resources that would otherwise would not be available to us. United Water and KKR will also be responsible for creating a long term and sustained capital improvement program for our aging infrastructure that will improve the efficiency of the water and waste water system.

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United Water/KKR, as part of the terms of the agreement, will invest \$14.5 million over the first three years to initiate critical water and sewer infrastructure improvement projects throughout the system. In subsequent years, United Water/KKR will invest an additional \$2.5 million per year for infrastructure improvements over the life of the 40 year agreement, resulting in over \$120 million in capital investments in our system. This continued, proactive investment in water and waste water infrastructure ensures the quality of water and the quality of life for future generations.

Water Rates Sustained capital investment requires funding. Prior to entering in our partnership with United Water/KKR, the Bayonne MUA was in the process of assessing rate adequacy for this purpose. Fortunately, through this transaction we were able to minimize the impact of rate increases. This transaction requires an initial rate increase during the first year of the contract, no increase for the next four years, followed by modest annual increases based on an agreed upon

formula tied to inflation. Fortunately, we were able to ease the burden in the short term, while providing a predictable and sustainable rate structure going forward.

We expect that our partnership will also enhance the existing customer services that Bayonne residents have come to expect. Enhanced services will include online payment options and in-person payment centers at various locations within the city, making bill payments much more convenient.

United Water/KKR has already begun the citywide installation of new meters in every home and for every commercial customer in the City of Bayonne. This meter installation program will increase the reliability of meter readings and create a modern monitoring system.

Finally, and perhaps most important to the city's taxpayers, the MUA debt from the past decade will be eliminated. The partnership between the Bayonne MUA and United Water/KKR eliminates virtually all of the debt currently carried by the Bayonne MUA and has already improved the bond

rating of the City of Bayonne, making way for more efficient use of municipal funds and improving economic development opportunities.

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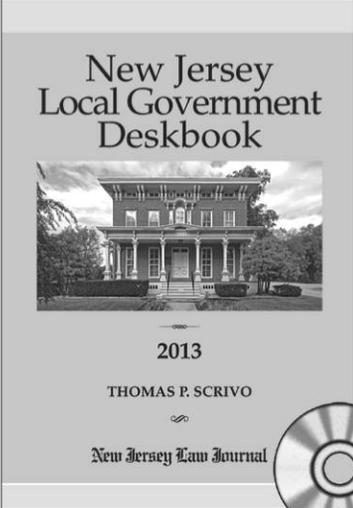
The residents of Bayonne will continue to receive water from the same source and of the same quality as the water they received prior to the partnership. Over the long term, the operational upgrades from this partnership will help maintain and protect plentiful access to clean and safe drinking water while significantly upgrading the wastewater system.

Like many municipalities throughout the United States, Bayonne struggled to keep its water and sewer system in compliance with environmental regulations. The partnership with United Water and KKR provides for professional management and continuing upgrades to our water and wastewater system that are so critical to both public health and the economic stability of our city.

The City of Bayonne is proud to have developed an innovative public-private partnership that maintains service for its residents, upgrades aging infrastructure and manages finances without leaving a legacy of debt for future generations. ▲

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The Site Remediation Reform Act

A Licensed Site Remediation Professional's Perspective



By Mark J. Pedersen
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If you are a regular reader of *New Jersey Municipalities* magazine, you are probably familiar with the Site Remediation Reform Act (SRRA). Over the past several years, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has endeavored, through this periodical and other forums, to inform local officials about this law and how it is transforming the cleanup of contaminated sites throughout New Jersey, including numerous municipal properties. As a municipal official who may be responsible for remediating sites in your community, you must understand this law and how it can benefit your city or town.

SRRA was enacted in 2009 to streamline New Jersey's site remediation process, eliminate the backlog of cases in DEP and accelerate cleanups. It went into full effect in May 2012 after a three year phase-in period. Now, rather than having a DEP case manager assigned to every site, in most cases the day-to-day oversight of remedial investigations and cleanups is provided by highly qualified, environmental consultants known as Licensed Site Remediation Professionals (LSRPs).

The LSRP documents his or her progress in completing the various phases of a remediation by submitting the appropriate forms and reports to DEP. DEP staff inspects all of the

forms and, if necessary, conducts a more thorough review. The Site Remediation Professional Licensing Board (SRPLB), which is responsible for LSRP licensing and performance, audits a percentage of the LSRPs annually, and also investigates any formal complaints lodged against LSRPs.

The results so far are promising. As of June 30, 2013, 512 consultants had achieved permanent LSRP status. The number of active cases in the Site Remediation Program has decreased to 14,283 cases, down from 18,800 cases prior to implementation of the LSRP program. On average, DEP staff is able to process LSRP submittals in approximately 46 days. The SRPLB has investigated 12 complaints against LSRPs and concluded four warranted disciplinary actions; the other complaints were either dismissed, withdrawn or are pending action.

We asked Dan Toder, an environmental consultant and LSRP with extensive experience working on contaminated municipal properties, for his thoughts on the new cleanup process. An employee of Hatch Mott MacDonald since 1988, he became a temporary LSRP in 2009 and acquired



LSRP Dan Toder works at a municipal site remediation project at the Garwood Athletic Field Complex.

permanent LSRP status last year after passing the required exam. He has worked on hundreds of sites, including landfills, municipal and county Department of Public Works facilities, gasoline stations, maintenance yards, toll plazas, bridge facilities, industries and schools. Below are his responses to our questions.

It's been over a year since full implementation of the Site Remediation Reform Act. How well do you think the LSRP program is working?

Dan Toder: So far, I think the program is accomplishing its purpose by enlisting the help of private environmental consultants to process sites in a shorter period of time. If the old system of DEP case management was still in effect, many of the sites that were recently closed would still be open.

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What types of municipal sites are you currently working on?

Dan Toder: Most of my municipal sites are Department of Public Works facilities. These facilities maintain vehicles and equipment and store motor fuel, motor oil and hydraulic oil. Remediation is needed when a leak or spill of these substances occurs.

I am also working on parks and schools. These projects often result from construction activities. Schools and public parks are considered "sensitive land uses" and must be safe for public use. Typically, a due diligence evaluation is performed before construction. If potential environmental concerns are identified, a thorough

investigation is conducted to assess potential impacts to soil and ground water. If impacts are confirmed, remediation is necessary before construction can begin.

Have you received feedback from municipalities about the new process?

Dan Toder: Feedback has been very positive from my municipal clients, especially when I can close a case with an Unrestricted Response Action Outcome (RAO). This means the site has

been cleaned up to the point where there is no contamination in the soil, ground water or sediments exceeding DEP's most stringent remediation standards. RAOs can also be issued with restrictions (institutional controls and/or engineering controls) if residual contamination is left behind after the remediation is completed. The municipality must certify that the controls will continue to protect public health and the environment.

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What are the advantages of the new process, particularly for municipal sites?

Dan Toder: The main advantage is that sites move through the remedial process without interruption, but this is also true of sites owned by private entities. One advantage that municipalities have is that they are not required to set aside financial assurance funds if the site is closed with a Restricted RAO. If an engineering control is installed at a privately-owned site, the private entity must establish financial assurance to ensure there is funding available to monitor and maintain the control for up to 30 years. For example, if an asphalt cap and fence were constructed to protect the public from exposure to soil contamination, a private entity must establish an escrow account to guarantee funding is available to maintain

these controls so they remain protective. Municipalities are not required to set aside funds to maintain engineering controls at their sites.

What new challenges have you experienced?

Dan Toder: The first challenge to come to mind was passing the LSRP exam. I took the Massachusetts Licensed Site Professional exam in 1998, so I hadn't taken a test in almost 15 years. Another has been keeping pace with all of the changes in the Site Remediation Program. DEP updates the technical guidance documents and program forms often, making it difficult to keep up with the changes. It would be helpful to establish an effective date or grace period so LSRPs can submit the old version of a form for a period of time after a new one comes out.

What advice would you give a municipality looking to hire an LSRP?

Dan Toder: Evaluate the qualifications of several LSRPs. Select three or four based on their qualifications and solicit their bids by issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) with a focused work

scope. The work scope should be limited to specific tasks so that the municipality receives comparable bids. RFPs are often vague or overly broad, resulting in the receipt of varying work scopes and cost estimates. This makes the bids difficult to evaluate and compare.

In addition:

- 1) Hire an LSRP from a reputable firm.
- 2) Check DEP's "Dataminer" database to identify what types of projects the LSRP has worked on.
- 3) Check the SRPLB website to see if there have been valid complaints against the LSRP.
- 4) Determine how many RAOs the LSRP has issued.

Finally, don't just look at the "bottom line" but evaluate what the LSRP offers in terms of work scope and schedule for the proposed fee.

Thank you Dan.

For more information about the Site Remediation Reform Act and LSRP program, please refer to DEP's web page at nj.gov/dep/srp. ▲

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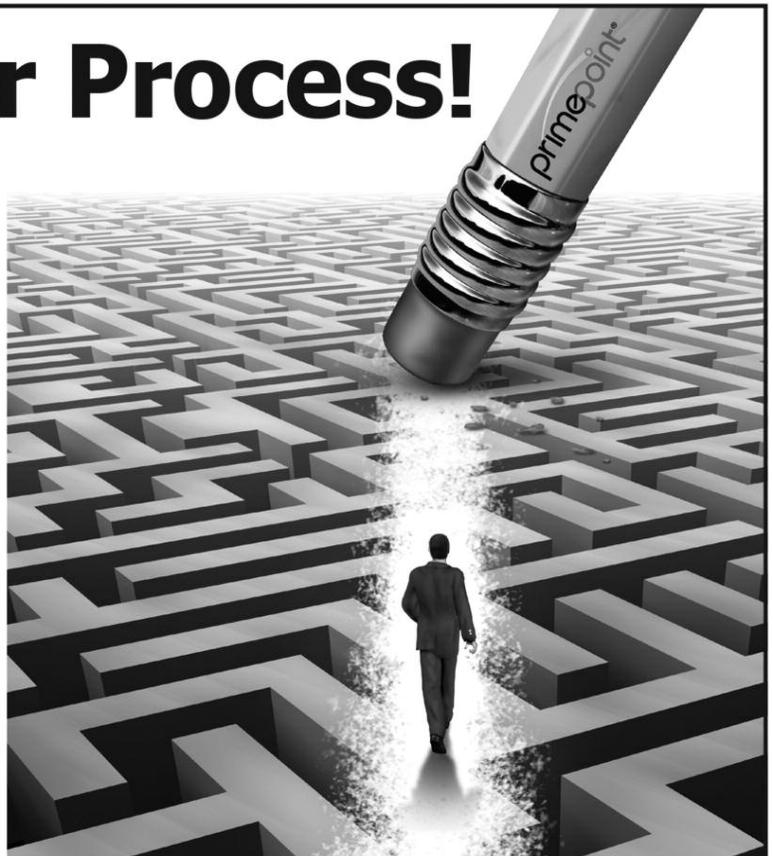
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Municipal Energy Aggregation Comes of Age



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Municipal energy aggregation is becoming the new rage due to high energy savings for municipalities. And as with any extremely popular new policy, elected officials who are savvy enough to ask the right questions stand to save their municipalities, and taxpayers, the most money.

Local government leaders are recognizing that by combining the total power usage of municipalities with that of residents and commercial entities, scale is created, which reduces the cost of electricity for all. "Energy aggregation is an idea whose time has come" opines the Asbury Park Press in a recent editorial, which goes on to say, "Every town should take advantage of the opportunity."

The Government Energy Aggregation Act of 2003 gives municipalities the authority to create, by ordinance, aggregation programs for residential and non-residential customers. In effect, the electricity currently supplied by the local public utility would be replaced by lower-priced electricity purchased from a third-party supplier. The residential part of the program is opt-out, which means a local resident would have the opportunity to leave the program at any time. Non-residential customers must affirmatively opt-in.

To date, three municipalities have enacted government energy aggregation programs (GEAs) and at least seven others are at some stage in the process. If, as Julius Caesar wrote "experience is the teacher of all things," what has the experience of these municipalities taught the rest of us? Well, as it would happen, quite a lot.

MUNICIPALITIES CAN SAVE A LOT OF MONEY BY IMPLEMENTING A PROPERLY STRUCTURED GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM.

First, municipalities can save a lot of money by implementing a properly structured GEA program. Montgomery Township, for example, saved its residents \$1.4 million dollars by aggregating the energy needs of 6,300 residents and enrolling them in a two-year contract with a third party supplier (TPS). Toms River saw a 12 percent drop in its enrolled residents' energy costs. However, as electricity prices decrease the difference between the



Elected officials who are savvy enough to ask the right questions about energy aggregation stand to save their municipalities, and taxpayers, the most money.

aggregation price and the price offered by a municipality's utility may become less. This may, over time, decrease the amount of savings achieved through aggregation.

Second, municipalities are not directly paying for the services of the energy consultant. The consultants are paid by the TPS with whom the municipality contracts, with consultants receiving a percentage of the per kilowatt hour cost the TPS charges the municipality's residents. This is paid out over the term of the contract, and has the potential to be very valuable to energy consultants. There is no clear consensus, however, on how municipalities contract for energy consulting services.

Some municipalities have been issuing requests for proposals (RFP's) under the Local Public Contracts Law (LPCL). Others have hired the consultant as an "extraordinary unspecifiable service" pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.1. These contracts should be awarded competitively. Energy consultants have different pricing, competency and experience and the public is best served when prospective vendors compete.

The fact that the municipalities are not paying the consultant directly makes for a wrinkle in how to apply the LPCL. To a certain extent, the relationship between the consultant and municipality is similar to a concession because a municipality's citizens, and not the municipality itself, would be paying the consultant's fee through their electric bills. As a concession, a municipality would have the option to use competitive contracting pursuant

to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 to contract for an energy consultant's services. Of course, public bidding can also be used for concessions, with RFP's being issued pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.4. Unfortunately, there is no firm consensus, as to how municipalities should contract for energy consultants. The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has not pro-

aggregator initiate an extensive public awareness program. This can be accomplished through mailings which describe the program, town hall type meetings, the municipal website, programming for the local cable public access channel, and meetings with the local Chamber of Commerce and other civic minded groups.

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vided any formal guidance on this, but if it does, the League will be sure to update its membership.

Third, municipalities should keep records of any expenses they incur while setting up the GEA. The law mandates that bid specifications sent to third party suppliers (TPS) require reimbursement by the TPS to the municipality for costs incurred in establishing or operating the energy aggregation program. (N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.8) Such costs cannot be reimbursed without these records.

Fourth, doing public outreach before and during the bidding process is the key to keeping the public on the local governing body's side. Some residents have misconstrued GEA programs as "big government dictating." Gary Finger, the BPU Ombudsman, strongly recommends that the municipal

Fifth, since both programs mandate that non-residential customers must opt-in, it is suggested by the Ombudsman for the Board of Public Utilities that extensive outreach to business is needed to encourage a competitive level of response and potentially drive down the cost for residential customers. This outreach should be a required contractual obligation of the consultant.

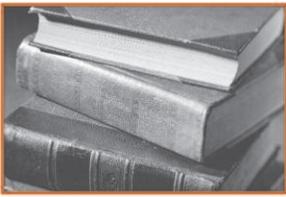
Municipal energy aggregation is an idea whose time has come. For a local elected official, though, the key to getting the most out of aggregation is to understand the process, the energy market, other municipalities' experiences and the sensitivity of their residents to the program. It is only then that an elected official can safely say that aggregation is in the best interest of the local citizenry. ▲



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Air Pollution and Ethics Codes

By Edward Purcell, Esq.
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Q *There is a growing concern in my municipality over pollutants being released into the air from manufacturers, construction sites and even by residents using controlled burns. The individuals causing this air pollution are compliant with the applicable state and federal clean air regulations. Nevertheless, due to health and safety concerns of the residents who live in our municipality, the local governing body would like to take action. Can the municipality enact an air pollution ordinance which is more stringent than federal or state air regulations?*

A Yes, a municipality can enact an air pollution control ordinance, as long as it is done pursuant to New Jersey's Air Pollution Control Act (APCA). This state law delegates responsibility to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to regulate air pollution in conformity with the federal Clean Air Act. This law authorizes and validates municipal ordinances. It does, however, place two major requirements on the type of ordinance the municipality crafts.

First, a municipal ordinance regulating air quality must be more restrictive than the APCA. (N.J.S.A. 26:2C-22) If the ordinance is less stringent, the APCA will supersede it. This also applies to any county governing body or board of health ordinance that seeks to regulate air pollution. This restriction prevents a municipality from making itself an exception to state and federal air pollution regulations.

Second, the municipalities are limited in what fees they can assess. The APCA places restrictions on the fees that a municipality can charge polluting entities. This means that municipalities cannot charge a polluter in excess of \$1,000 per year, per facility. Were a municipality to charge more than that, the APCA would cap that fee at \$1,000.

A few New Jersey municipalities have enacted this type of ordinance. For example, both Rockaway Borough and Cinnaminson Township have enacted ordinances under the APCA. Both ordinances are broadly applicable to any debris or ash caused by construction, demolition or the burning of vegetative matter.

Q *My local governing body wants to tighten up the municipality's ethics code. To that end we are considering creating a Municipal Ethics Board. What would be its powers?*

A Under N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.19 each municipality has the power to create a municipal ethics board. After the local governing body appoints the board, they must adopt, within 90 days, an ethics code. The code must be the same, or more restrictive than, the model ethics code found at N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5. If a municipality chooses to create its own ethics code, it must be approved by the Local Finance Board.

The statute lays out the board's composition. The board would consist of six members who are residents of the municipality. Each member can hold office for five years. No more than three of the members can be from the same political party. The board members operate on a volunteer basis. However, they can be reimbursed for costs associated with performing their duties as members of the ethics board.

The board has a number of powers surrounding the enforcement of the ethics code. The board has advisory powers, meaning that it can advise government officers and employees as to whether a certain set of facts would give rise to an ethics violation. It can also receive and review complaints and hold hearings to investigate possible violations of the municipal code. To that end, it can also issue subpoenas for the production of documents and the attendance of witnesses with respect to its investigations. Lastly, it can forward information to the Attorney General, or another law enforcement officer, regarding the violation of the municipal code.

Currently, 37 of 565 municipalities have chosen to create their own ethics boards. Municipalities that have not created a board are still subject to ethics violations. In municipalities that have not created their own ethics board, the state level Local Finance Board stands in its place. ▲

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What to Do When Things Go Wrong



By Dennis M. Galvin
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NJLM Senior Assistant Council Stuart R. Koenig, Esq. received the 2012 Michael A. Pane award. Sadly, on Saturday, September 15, 2012, Mr. Koenig, New Jersey's foremost expert on land use law, passed away unexpectedly. Dennis M. Galvin graciously agreed to write this article in his honor.

The award, created in honor of the memory of Michael A. Pane, a leading expert on local government law, recognizes a local government law professional who has made great achievements and exhibited the highest ethical standards. Mr. Koenig exemplified these qualities.

Every night, when we have a public meeting, we think about how best to conduct it. It is not possible to manage every aspect of a meeting. Some people feel that any attempt to manage a meeting undermines public participation. After all, public participation is the reason why we hold public meetings in the first place.

With that said, even when a meeting is well run, unforeseen conflicts of interest arise.

The best defense to conflicts of interest is training. However, every conflict can be easily managed if recognized quickly, and if the official in question promptly recuses himself and abandons the dais while any discussion occurs.

Failure to recuse yourself can have serious consequences and undermines the public's confidence in government. More than once in my career I have had great local officials tell me that notwithstanding their conflict of interest, they can act honestly and without bias. However, despite good intentions and sincerity, the law is clear: if you have a conflict of interest you must recuse yourself.

Your attorney is responsible for helping you make ethical determinations. Remember, your attorney feels pressure as your employee to please you. They recognize that making a ruling that an official cannot sit can have all kinds of repercussions.

So consider how hard it must be to give that advice. You should also reflect on the fact that your attorney has an obligation to your community, not just to you.



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Telling your attorney that they must find a way around ethical issues is always a bad idea. The correct move is to gracefully accept their advice, recuse yourself, cease any comments and discontinue any involvement in the matter.

Stuart Koenig, the current recipient of the Michael A. Pane Award for Ethics, served a myriad of communities as town counsel. He was known for giving advice, regardless of the consequences.

In a recent, unpublished case, an ordinance was set aside because a Law Division Judge found that a councilperson had what the Judge termed an appearance of a conflict of interest and chose to participate in a hearing anyway. The councilperson was a realtor and did business in a section of town where the proposed ordinance would impact parking. Therefore, the councilperson's business might have benefited from the proposed enactment. The Judge stated that the councilperson "acknowledged that it was, at the very least, a possibility that he would profit from the ordinance because, in his opinion it improves the quality of life for residents, rendering these properties more desirable and easier to rent." While the Court did not doubt the sincere belief of the councilperson that he was not conflicted, the Court went on to say: "A perceived conflict of interest is as harmful to the public's confidence

in its representatives as the actual existence of such conflict."

The Court went on to say, "Even assuming the result of the ordinance was beneficial and can be viewed as having improved the quality of life for residents in the borough, as defendant contends; it is the mere existence of a conflict, and not its actual effect, that requires the official action to be invalidated. Actual proof of dishonesty need not be shown." See *Speroni v. Boro of Point Pleasant Beach, etc., et al.* and *Purple Jet Fishing Charters, etc. et als v. Boro of Point Pleasant Beach, et als*. In the end, this councilperson, with years of experience, resigned his position. This matter remains on appeal, and it will be interesting to see if the Appellate Division agrees.

This case illustrates that a reviewing Court will have low tolerance for officials who act on a matter: (1) when they have an actual conflict of interest (2) when they have a perceived conflict of interest and (3) perhaps even when an opponent suggests a conflict of interest exists, unless it is properly addressed.

It seems to me that urgency is what undoes us. The best move here would have been to postpone the action and perhaps seek an independent legal opinion on whether the councilperson had a conflict of interest.

Attorney Conflicts Elected and appointed officials are not the only ones who

could have a conflict; sometimes it's the attorney.

Recently, a city attorney realized that he had a conflict and asked that special counsel be appointed. Special counsel was appointed; but based upon the exigencies of the moment, the City Attorney rendered some assistance to the governing body. According to the Supreme Court:

The challenged acts are: sending the initial letter to counsel involved in this appeal; preparing a generic memorandum that his substitute counsel forwarded, along with his own, to the governing body; and appearing at the May 5 meeting, in his capacity as Corporation Counsel, during which he answered questions about voting procedures and then signed the resolution on the line designating him as having approved the City Council's action. *Kane Properties, LLC v. City of Hoboken*

It is obvious from a review of these tasks that they were very limited tasks, but they were enough for our Supreme Court to find the governing body's actions tainted and set them aside. Again, the City Attorney's sincerity and good intentions were never in question. The Supreme Court explained that as the city was reviewing a land use matter, which is a quasi-judicial proceeding; and that, just like a judge, any appearance of an impropriety must be avoided.

The big lesson here is that haste makes waste. When we rush, we make mistakes. In this instance, hindsight tells us the City Attorney should have told the governing body to hold this matter until the conflict attorney could be made available.

The bottom line is when your attorney raises concerns regarding ethics, cooperate to the fullest extent. Pushing them for an opinion or assistance, when you know they have a conflict, is unwise.

Remember, even if your motives are good and your actions sincere, a court will set aside municipal actions even when just an appearance of a conflict exists, in order to ensure the public's confidence in their local officials. ▲



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How Technology is Transforming Transportation



By Matthew Holt
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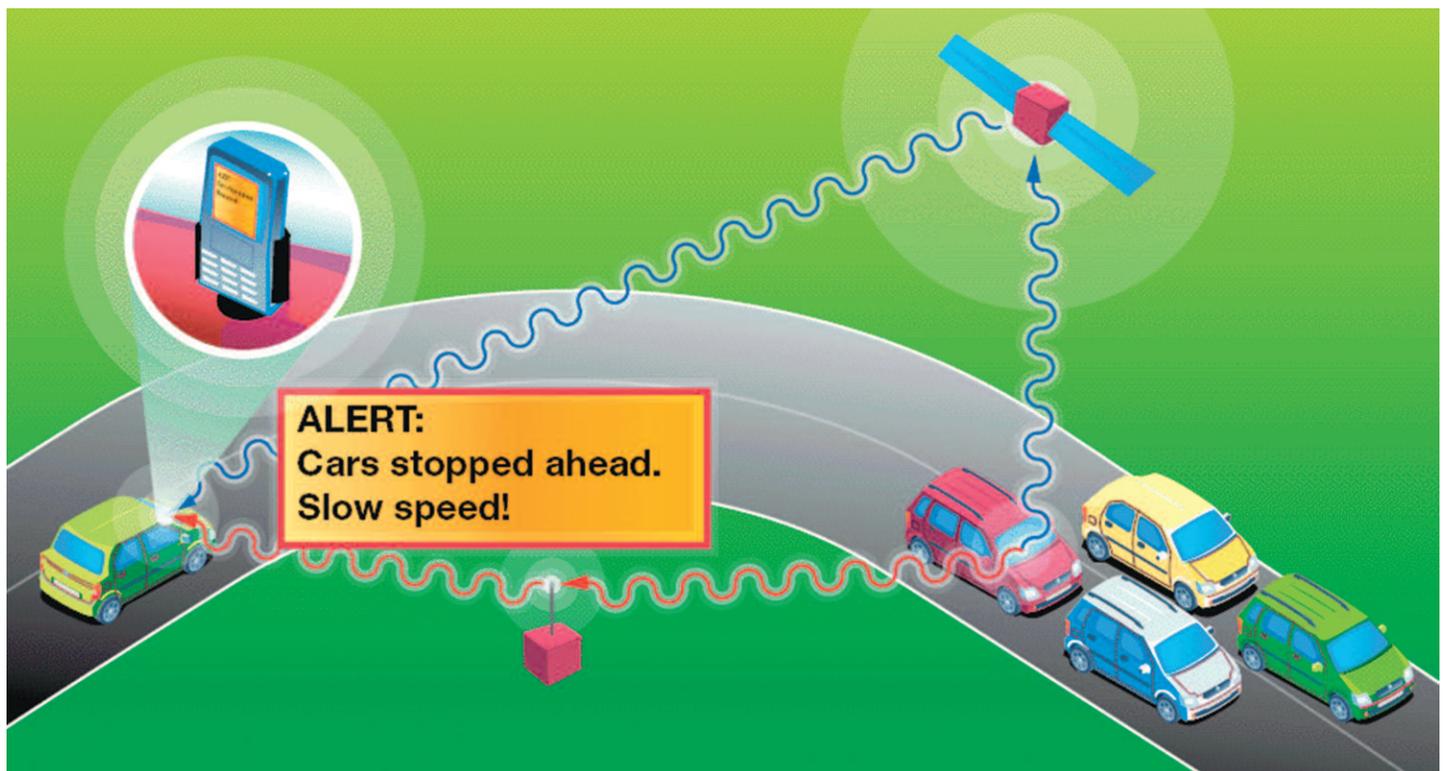
Technology is changing how we relate to the world around us in ever-surprising ways. Smartphone apps created by legions of tech entrepreneurs are putting amazing capabilities at our fingertips—shopping, browsing, gaming, socializing, you name it. Systems in our cars tell us how to get where we need to go, warn us about congestion and extend our senses to improve safety. Even kitchen appliances can now talk back to us.

It's an exciting time to see where technology will take us—especially in the field of transportation. Those travel-related smartphone apps and the dashboard displays in our cars are only the most visible signs of advancing transportation technology. A host of unseen innovations are beginning to make our road and transit networks work more efficiently and safely, in ways that seemed out of reach just a few years ago.

Technology isn't just speeding up our trips, it's making our transportation system safer and transforming our ability

to manage transportation demand, squeezing new capacity from our limited transportation infrastructure and, importantly, helping us do more with the scarce funding available. Because transportation supports nearly every aspect of commerce, these innovations have important implications for future economic growth and development. That's why public officials at every level of government have a vital role to play in guiding and capitalizing upon new transportation technologies.

Collectively, these transportation technology innovations are known as Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). When you're traveling down to the shore and see a roadside display telling you the travel time to Sandy Hook is 18 minutes, that simple message has sophisticated technology behind it. Feeding that sign are roadside sensors that gather real-time data and communicate wirelessly to a central processor, which then factors in past travel times keyed to the date, time and weather conditions. It calculates travel



This illustration shows how car-to-satellite-to-car communication works. Advances in technology are allowing cars to communicate with each other about traffic conditions via satellites.



At the New Jersey Statewide Traffic Management Center in Woodbridge, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, NJDOT and the State Police work together, sharing real-time data and video feeds to provide motorists with accurate and timely travel information.

time and transmits that information back to the sign, where you can use it to decide your route.

Other systems are also having an impact on traffic flow. Traffic lights at major intersections in the 14 towns in the Meadowlands area are being synchronized and controlled on a continuing basis through a centralized "Adaptive Signal System." The system

uses vehicle sensors, cameras, fiber optic cables and wireless links to adapt lights to traffic demand at any given moment. A similar system is in place along a heavily traveled stretch of Route 22. These systems are increasing safety and reducing congestion, delay, travel time, fuel usage and emissions. They are attracting great interest by public officials, and

more are being slated for deployment around the state.

New technologies are improving transit as well. "Smart Bus" systems are making possible automatic bus stop announcements, vehicle condition monitoring, passenger counting, and real-time location reporting. Mobile apps such as "My Tix" make buying tickets easier and faster. Real-time data is fed to operations control centers to help move riders more efficiently, whether during a typical evening commute, extreme weather or following special events like the upcoming Super Bowl at MetLife Stadium.

These and other ITS systems are based on innovations brought about by a near gold rush among tech entrepreneurs and private sector representatives who recognize the potential of transportation technology.

Public systems are both benefitting from and helping to drive these innovations. The national information service for motorists with immediate, 24-7 traffic information is known as 511. In New Jersey, the website 511NJ.org and the 511NJ phone system empower travelers with real-time data about roadway conditions.



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511NJ and other systems in the tri-state area also rely on TRANSCOM, a regional consortium of 16 transportation and public safety agencies that gathers data and provides real-time traffic information through radio, TV and smartphone apps. TRANSCOM uses data probes, strategically placed E-ZPass tag readers, Bluetooth technology, cameras, weather information systems, and law enforcement reports

on accidents and construction delays.

At the same time that these technologies are being deployed across the transportation network, some companies are looking further into the future. Quickly developing "Connected Vehicle technologies," already available on many new vehicles, will one day allow cars to "talk" to each other and get information from roadside beacons. Then there are the self-driving cars already being testing by Google and others that have logged hundreds of thousands of miles without an accident.

It all adds up to a revolution transforming how we use and manage the transportation system. But there is a catch. All the technologies, if they are to be deployed effectively, must be integrated into the existing regulatory, legal and other frameworks that govern transportation infrastructure. And they must adhere to common technical and communications standards so ITS systems deployed in one jurisdiction or by one agency will be able to talk to and work with those deployed elsewhere.

For this reason public officials at all levels of government have a pivotal role to play in guiding the revolution as it unfolds. Public officials, working with the private sector, must ensure that this ITS "interoperability" is achieved and that the interests of the wider public are served by ITS investment.

Fortunately, as far back as 1992, Congress recognized the need for an ITS "architecture" to guide development and deployment of the systems. The federal government began putting in place a national architecture and subsequently directed states and regions to begin doing the same. The emphasis is on technical standards, interoperability and a shared vision for how the systems should be developed and implemented.

The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), for which I serve as Chairman, is now partnering with transportation agencies, counties, regional partners, and technology innovators to update the statewide ITS architecture and write a strategic deployment plan for its full implementation. Our vision is to create a state-of-the-art "Connected Corridor" throughout New Jersey where transportation leaders plan for and leverage world class technology to improve our current transportation system. This

strategic plan will be a road map for developing and deploying innovative technology across all modes of transportation for the next 20 years.

The NJTPA is well positioned to take on this task. As the region's federally authorized Metropolitan Planning Organization, it plans and approves the investment of over \$1 billion in federal transportation funding each year. Its board is composed of locally elected officials from the 13 northern New Jersey counties and its two largest cities (Newark and Jersey City) as well as representatives of NJDOT, NJ Transit, the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey and the Governor's office.

All NJTPA members are participating in the Connected Corridor ITS Architecture project, as are planning partners from southern New Jersey, other state agencies like the NJ Turnpike Authority and key agencies in Philadelphia and New York. We are proud that ITS New Jersey, an organization led by many of New Jersey's private, academic and public sector technology and transportation leaders, is part of our effort. In fact, this project is a true public-private partnership that brings together the key players who are involved in moving the ITS revolution forward in our state and region.

As a former mayor, I am pleased to note that an increasing number of municipalities are directly implementing new transportation technologies for the benefit of all. ITS elements are being integrated into data-driven systems used by a growing number of towns for everything from road maintenance to law enforcement to parking management. Municipal officials and their staffs must stay abreast of ITS developments to capitalize on the innovations for the benefit of residents—as well as more cost-effective use of municipal budgets.

We are only at the beginning of a technological transformation that promises to make transportation safer and more efficient while supporting economic development and our quality of life. I am proud that the NJTPA and state, county, local and transportation officials throughout New Jersey are cooperating to make this promise a reality.

You can learn more about the NJTPA Connected Corridor ITS Architecture project at njtpa.org. ▲

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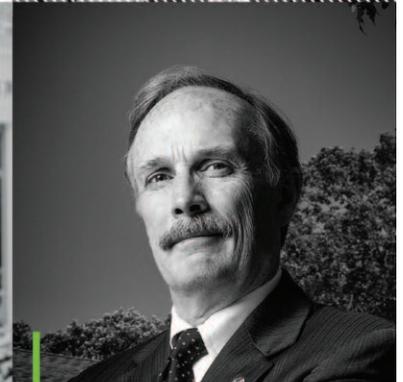
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Keeping a Watchful Eye on New Jersey's Ever-Changing Weather



By David A. Robinson
New Jersey State Climatologist,
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New Jersey's diverse landscape provides a wealth of challenges when it comes to monitoring, interpreting and predicting the state's diverse and ever-changing weather and climate conditions. The Office of the New Jersey State Climatologist (ONJSC) at Rutgers University is the focal point of New Jersey's climate services. Our office strives to keep New Jersey's citizens and communities one step ahead of their dynamic environment.

The ONJSC is responsible for collecting and archiving weather and climate observations, gaining a better understanding of New Jersey's climate through an active research program, and educating and informing citizens, stakeholders and decision makers on matters related to New Jersey's weather and climate. Dr. David A. Robinson, New Jersey State Climatologist, directs the ONJSC team of research assistants, technical specialists and students, with financial support coming from Rutgers and grants from state, federal and private entities.

The ONJSC's website (njclimate.org) features information ranging from historic temperature and precipitation data back to the late 19th Century to weather observations as timely as the past five minutes. Monthly and seasonal narratives recap recent conditions and place them in historical perspective. Snowfall totals from as many as 200 New Jersey communities are gathered, checked for accuracy and posted following significant storms. There are also educational links posted on the website, along with climatological normals, extremes and time series plots for long-term stations in municipalities scattered throughout the state.

Weather and Climate Monitoring Observations and products derived from two ONJSC weather networks are widely used by many municipal, county, state and federal agencies whose efforts depend on timely, high quality information.



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Damage at the Lighthouse Christian Academy in Manahawkin (Ocean County) caused by an EF-0 tornado on August 13.
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A Cool Summer Month: August 2013 Summary and a Warm and Wet Summer of 2013

The ONJSC website (njclimate.org) features information ranging from historic temperature and precipitation data back to the late 19th Century to weather observations as timely as the past five minutes.

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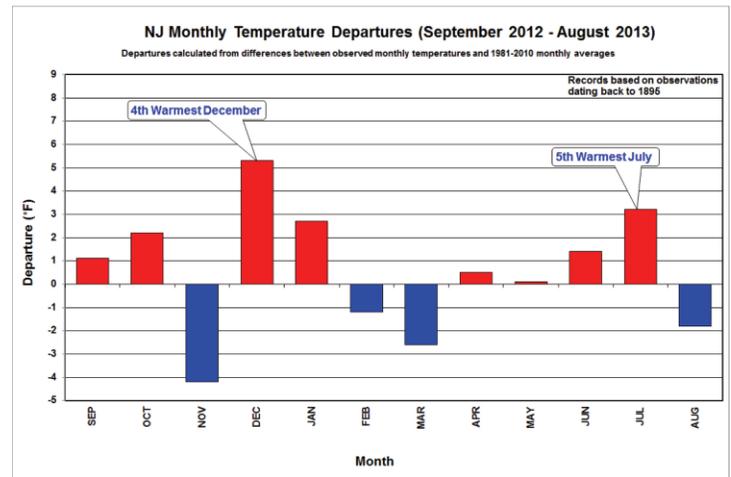
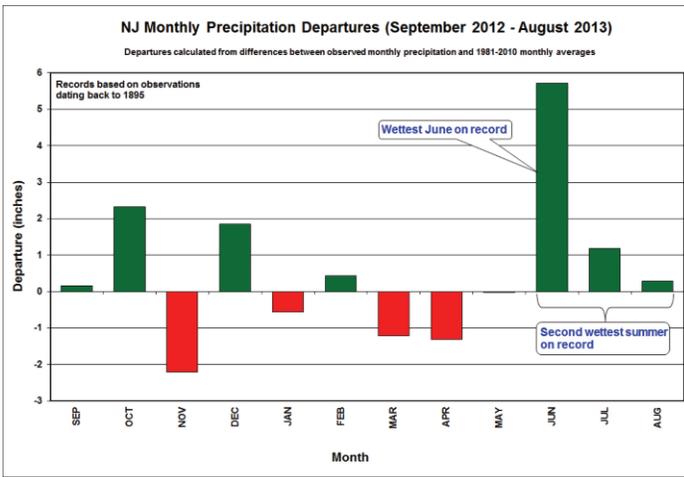
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Monthly departures from normal of temperature and precipitation from September 2012-August 2013

New Jersey weather and climate monitoring, forecasting and decision making. It is a "network of networks" that includes data gathered every five minutes from 56 stations operated by the ONJSC, supplemented with observations from dozens of other stations maintained by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, the National Weather Service (NWS), the U.S. Geological Survey, and others. Environmental variables measured include air temperature, precipitation, humidity, wind speed and direction, barometric pressure, solar radiation, and soil temperature and moisture. Additional value is added to these observations to derive growing, heating and cooling degree days and evaporation and

wind chill estimates. At the ONJSC, raw data are processed into a common database, with data and derived products instantly made available in colorful maps, graphs and tables via the NJWxNet website (njwx.org). Web "dashboards" are posted for major storms, and custom web "portals" that serve transportation, emergency management and forest fire management decision makers continue to be developed.

More than 250 New Jersey residents in every county participate in the New Jersey Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow (CoCoRaHS) network. These citizen scientists take a few minutes each day to report the amount of rain or snow that has fallen in their commu-

nities. All that is required to participate is an inexpensive 4" diameter plastic rain gauge, a ruler to measure snow, access to an internet-connected computer, and most importantly, the desire to watch and report weather conditions. It would be tremendous to have an active observer in each of our state's 565 municipalities! For more information about the program, visit the CoCoRaHS website at cocorahs.org.

Sandy and the ONJSC A week prior to Superstorm Sandy's October 29, 2012 arrival, forecasts were hinting that it could significantly impact New Jersey. At this point ONJSC field technicians performed checks to verify that our NJWxNet stations were in good operating condition. Once it was clear that our state would not escape a major blow, a web dashboard was quickly developed to deliver real time observations every five minutes as Sandy arrived. Meanwhile, the media began to descend upon the office, leading to over 100 interviews before, during and after the storm.

At noon on Sunday October 28, the dashboard was stable enough to launch. Word of its availability was sent to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM), the National Weather Service, and various media sources. We also announced its availability via social media. During the three-day period from Sunday to Tuesday, there were 30,000 absolute unique visitors and around 280,000 page views. Throughout Sandy, the dashboard was displayed the NJOEM command center where Governor Christie, his cabinet, all state agencies, and other support groups (e.g., Red Cross) were situated.

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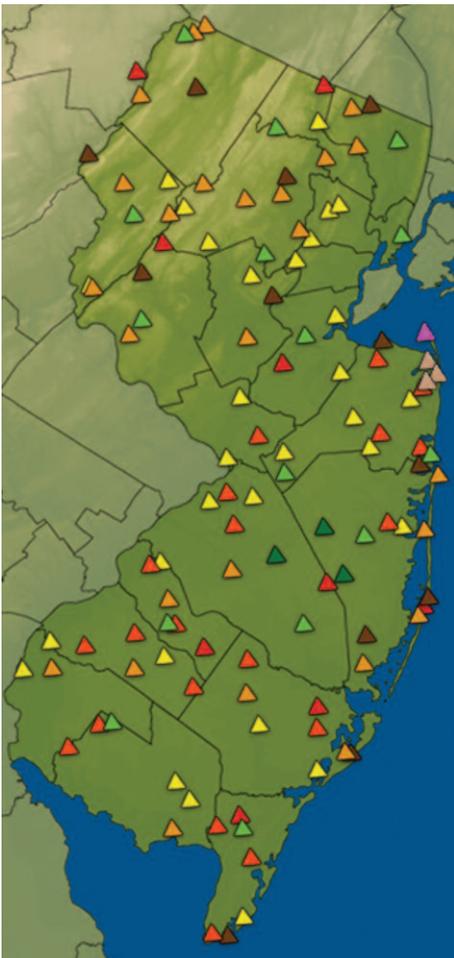


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The ONJSC and You The ONJSC is more than just an assemblage of weather stations and websites. We regularly consult with public and private stakeholders. ONJSC staff contribute to university, municipal, state and national activities related to agriculture, water resources, emergency management and homeland security, to name a few. We speak at a wide range of meetings and are interviewed by the media hundreds of times each year. The ONJSC has a

research presence, mostly of an applied nature and often stakeholder driven, on topics ranging from urban climate to pest management to drought warnings, to climate variability and change. The welfare of our communities and citizens is frequently dependent upon weather and climate conditions. The ONJSC is always available to assist with any issue that may come New Jersey's way. Please feel free to contact us at support@climate.rutgers.edu. ▲

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As Sandy arrived and power began to be lost, visits to the dashboard began to diminish, but NJWxNet reports kept arriving and continued to be disseminated, all the while being assessed for accuracy by ONJSC staff.

A post-storm assessment of the ONJSC's 56 NJWxNet stations found that the vast majority of stations reported every five minutes throughout the entire storm. This was due to a combination of solar power at most stations, cellular communication, ONJSC preparation and some good fortune. In fact, only a single wind instrument at one station was rendered inoperable during the storm.

Our work with public and private entities on a wide variety of matters associated with Sandy or looking toward potential future storms continues. Sandy was a transformative event for New Jersey and the ONJSC is grateful for the opportunity to contribute data and expertise that helped to inform decision makers and protect citizens.



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Six Towns Recognized for Sustainable Excellence



By Randall Solomon
Co-Director, Sustainable Jersey

Six towns that top the Garden State's A-list for sustainability were chosen for Sustainable Jersey awards in December. Through thick and thin, the recognized towns have pursued important and innovative environmental initiatives. These actions have saved their constituents money, while improving the environment for us all.

Each year, Sustainable Jersey, a statewide municipal certification program, recognizes a handful of towns that have achieved the most sustainability actions or certification points for their population size. The program also recognizes towns in three other special categories: leadership, innovation, and creativity and collaboration.

Woodbridge Township (Middlesex) For the fourth year in a row, the Sustainability Champion award winner in the large municipality category is Woodbridge Township. The township was certified with a record high of 765 Sustainable Jersey certification points.

Woodbridge Mayor John E. McCormac said, "In the quest for our fourth Sustainable Jersey Champion Award, Woodbridge Township, through the Greenable Woodbridge program, continued to implement new and innovative sustainable initiatives, including a \$7 million project to install energy-producing solar panels on municipal build-

ings; start-up of a Green Business and Technology Center; creation of a 'green' business recognition program; automated trash collection and single-stream recycling; implementation of energy-saving audits at municipal buildings and facilities; integration of fuel efficient hybrid vehicles into the municipal fleet; and the designation of Woodbridge as a Mayor's Wellness community, among many other initiatives."

Chatham Borough (Morris) The Sustainability Champion winner with 410 points in the medium municipality category is Chatham Borough. The borough is a good model for how community members and municipal staff can work together to develop a comprehensive sustainability program. A few of Chatham Borough's initiatives include a Complete Streets Policy and implemented a Safe Routes to School program. They also conducted an energy education and outreach program for residents and businesses about the energy-efficiency programs available to them through the New Jersey Clean Energy Program.

Chatham Borough installed a demonstration rain garden, composed of New Jersey native plants, that manages an estimated 25,000 gallons of stormwater runoff. High-efficiency toilets and faucet aerators were installed in the Municipal Building and Police Department, Public Works,



Volunteers plant the Camden Rain Garden. The City of Camden received the Sustainable Jersey Collaboration Award.



Woodbridge Township received the Sustainable Champion Award in the large population category. Pictured, from left to right, are Donna Drewes, Co-Director, Sustainable Jersey; Larry McCullough, Grants Officer, Woodbridge Township; Caroline Ehrlich, Chief of Staff, Woodbridge Township; Pam Mount, Chair, Sustainable Jersey Board; John E. McCormac, Mayor, Woodbridge Township; Marta Lefsky, Director, Department of Planning & Development, Woodbridge Township; and Randall Solomon, Co-Director, Sustainable Jersey.

Water Works and Fire Department. The borough uses an innovative Pay as You Throw residential solid waste program. It is a per-bag system where residents pay more or less for their solid waste disposal, depending on how much waste they generate. The program encourages recycling and composting, which removes materials from the garbage stream, therefore eliminating greenhouse gas impacts before they happen.

Cape May City (Cape May) The Sustainability Champion winner with 530 certification points in the small municipality category is Cape May City.

Dr. Edward J. Mahaney, Jr., Mayor of the City of Cape May said, "Through our involvement with the Sustainable Jersey program, the City of Cape May has intertwined our long-range planning agenda with our long-term financial and capital planning program to create a comprehensive and systematic sustainability approach for our city over the next two decades."

Cape May City includes curbside collection of shrink wrap and rigid plastics as part of its recycling program. The city adopted a Green Purchasing Policy that encourages buying remanufactured products such as toner, cartridges and retread tires and products that eliminate excess packaging. A Water Conservation Demonstration Garden was installed to educate the community about the importance of water conservation and to illustrate zeroscaping. In addition to a Buy Local

Campaign with merchants, the city adopted a Complete Streets Policy and a Habitat Conservation Ordinance.

Cape May City also conducted an energy audit of all of its municipal buildings and a fleet inventory of the municipal vehicles. Solar projects have been completed at the Lifeguard Headquarters, the Nature Center and the Public Works Department and more installations are planned.

Gloucester Township (Camden County) Gloucester Township was awarded the Sustainable Jersey Leadership Award. In 2012, Gloucester Township established the state's first Energy Master Plan for a municipal government. The plan consists of solar projects, energy audits, energy purchase consortiums and recycling initiatives.



Chatham Borough won the Sustainable Champion Award for towns with a medium population. Pictured, from left to right are Donna Drewes, Co-Director, Sustainable Jersey; Pam Mount, Chair, Sustainable Jersey Board; Bruce Harris, Mayor Chatham Borough; Cynthia Steffens, Chair, Chatham Borough Green Team; and Randall Solomon, Co-Director, Sustainable Jersey.



City of Cape May took the Sustainable Champion Award for small population towns. Pictured, from left to right, are Donna Drewes, Co-Director, Sustainable Jersey; Rachael Palermo, Member, Cape May Green Team; Debbie Sandmeyer-Bryan, Member, Cape May Green Team and Teacher, Cape May Elementary School; Pam Mount, Chair, Sustainable Jersey Board; Edward J. Mahaney, Jr., Mayor, City of Cape May; Jim Rutala, Member, Cape May Green Team; Bruce MacLeod, Cape May City Manager; and Randall Solomon, Co-Director, Sustainable Jersey.

Funded in part through the Energy Efficiency Block Grant, the municipality was able to construct solar panels on top of the Municipal Building's roof which allowed municipal land to remain unaltered.

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Volunteers work at the Gloucester Green Fair. Gloucester Township was awarded the Sustainable Jersey Leadership Award.

Plans are also underway for the local school boards to install solar power for almost all of the school buildings, as well as the Department of Public Works building.

"The success of our green initiatives is possible through full cooperation between the community and local government working toward our goal of creating a cleaner, greener township. It is my expectation that we will continue to grow as a model community for Sustainable Jersey," said Gloucester Mayor David Mayer.

Gloucester Township has taken the initiative to protect the well-being of the animals in the community by developing an innovative Companion Animal Management Plan. And, Gloucester Township Community Garden boasts 23 plots, a common herb garden and a common raspberry patch.

Borough of Harrington Park (Bergen) Harrington Park Borough was awarded the Sustainable Jersey Innovation and Creativity award for their work involving students in environmental education and sustainability through retreats, active clubs and initiatives.

The Harrington Park School Garden Project was supported by a committee comprised of two community members (one a founding Green Team member) and two Harrington Park teachers with the support of the Home School Association (HSA) and the Harrington Park Administration. The project helps students develop gardening skills and better understand the connections between growing food and the healthfulness of the food that they eat. Volunteer community members, teachers

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and students at HP School plant the garden in four raised beds.

The town supplies the compost and HSA pays for the tools, seeds, wood and for Garden Club advisors. The Garden Club plants, maintains and harvests produce, both in the fall and in the spring. The Harrington Park School Garden serves as a living classroom and a source of delicious vegetables for the students, staff and teachers.

City of Camden (Camden) The City of Camden was awarded the Sustainable Jersey Collaboration Award. Because resources available to Camden are limited, the administration actively sought to use partnerships to participate in Sustainable Jersey. Camden worked with an amazing collection of community partners to successfully complete their Sustainable Jersey application. As a result, the Camden Green Team was given the Collaboration Award for its achievement in bringing partners from the non-profit, business and faith-based sectors, along with volunteer city residents and government agencies into its efforts.

A sustainable community depends on the contributions of many people for its success. Camden achieved certification for its actions including water conservation, energy audits, rain gardens, holding a Green Fair and various community educational programs—totaling 285 certification points!

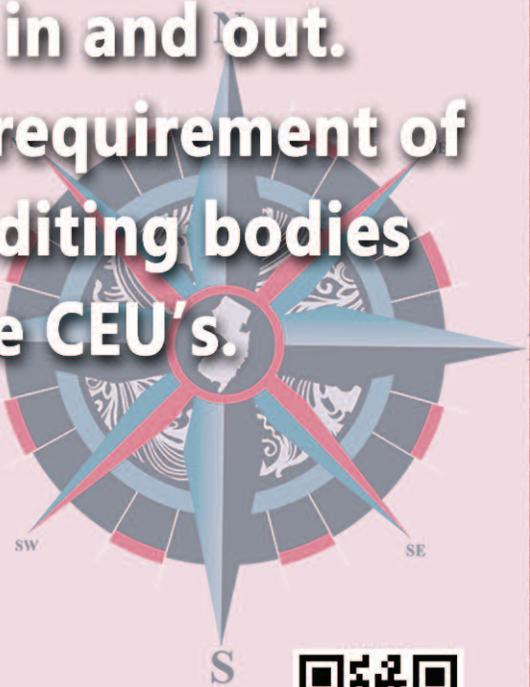
Camden Mayor Dana L. Redd said, "I am delighted that our efforts to Keep Camden Clean and Green have allowed the City of Camden to receive Sustainable Jersey certification. As we continue to revitalize and move our city forward, my Administration will build upon our greening efforts to ensure our residents are able enjoy a quality of life that is second to none."

2013 Sustainable Jersey Awards The projects and commitment to sustainability from Sustainable Jersey towns at the local level is inspiring. A new group of towns, chosen as the 2013 Sustainable Jersey award winners, will be selected from the towns that sought certification or re-certification in June 2013. Winners will be recognized at the Sustainable Jersey Annual Awards luncheon which is held at the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference on November 19, 2013. For more information visit SustainableJersey.com. ▲

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Calculating the 2 Percent Cap



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The interest arbitration reform law, P.L. 2010, c.105, sunset provision is set for April 1, 2014. That is, any collective negotiations agreements that expire after April 1, 2014 will not be subject to the 2 percent cap in interest arbitration if the sunset provisions are not extended. While municipalities are eager to see if the sunset provision will be extended, for those entering negotiations or interest arbitrations for contracts that expire before April 1, 2014, the calculation of the 2 percent for interest arbitration is still a question that the parties are grappling with at the table. This article will set forth the methodology that should be used by municipalities in calculating the 2 percent interest arbitration cap.

The statute provides the baseline information. The interpretation of the 2 percent cap calculation was given initial guidance by the Public Employment Relations Commission in its decision in *Borough of New Milford*, 38 NJPER 340 (¶116, 2012). However, it is necessary to understand the statutes for which the calculations are based.

The 2 percent is provided in N.J.S.A. 34:13A-16.7(b) and it states:

An Arbitrator shall not render any award...which, on an annual basis, increases base salary items by more than 2.0 percent of the aggregate amount expended by the public employer on base salary items for the members of the affected employee organization in the twelve month immediately preceding the expiration of the collective negotiations agreement, subject to arbitration.

The statute then defines what is meant by "base salary." It is defined as:

...the salary provided pursuant to a salary guide or table and any amount provided pursuant to a salary increment, including any amount provided for longevity or length of service. It shall also include any other item that was included in the base salary as understood by the parties in the prior contract. Base salary shall not include non-salary economic issues, pension and health and medical insurance costs.

Base salary therefore includes: (1) salary provided through a salary guide; (2) increments received by moving through the salary guide; (3) longevity; and (4) any other item that is understood by the parties to be part of base salary. Per statute, the base salary items for the 12 months preceding the expiration of the collective negotiations agreement cannot increase by more than 2 percent of the aggregate amount throughout the life of the successor collective negotiations agreement.

Therefore, the first step in calculating the 2 percent cap in interest arbitration is to calculate the base salary for the 12 months preceding the expiration of the collective negotiations agreement. So, for example, if your contract expires on December 31, 2013, it is what the municipality actually expended in base salary for the bargaining unit from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. What does this mean?

ONCE A MUNICIPALITY HAS RECEIVED
THE BENEFIT OF THE 2 PERCENT CAP,
IT CANNOT UTILIZE IT AGAIN.

Each employee must be calculated separately. For an employee employed throughout the whole year and who receives his/her increases on January 1, this is easy as the employee receives the full contractual amount throughout the entire 12 months. However, if an employee receives an increase on an anniversary date during the calendar year this must be taken into account. In this instance, the amount of the increase that is actually received during the year is counted, not the entire increment. For instance, if an employee received their advance on the salary guide on July 1 of the base year, that employee will be only counted as receiving 50 percent of the increment and not the full amount. This is so because the employee actually received 50 percent of the increment in the twelve months preceding the expiration of the collective negotiations agreement. The other 50 percent will be received in the first six months of the new collective negotiations agreement. This pro-ration was confirmed by the Commission in *Borough of Byram*, PERC No. 2013-72 NJPER (4/18/13).

In continuing the preceding 12 month calculation, if an employee retires during the year, only the time he or she was paid would count towards the 2 percent. If an employee retired on September 1 of the base year, 75 percent of the salary would count towards the base salary calculation. The same rationale would occur for an employee hired during the year. It would also follow that if an amount is paid periodically throughout the year and is agreed upon by the parties to count towards base salary, then only the monies actually received could be recorded as counting towards the 2 percent. An example of this would be uniform allowance. If it is paid twice during the year, for example, and the employee is employed during only one of the payments,

then only that payment should count towards the 2 percent.

A chart should therefore be prepared with every employee who was part of the bargaining unit for the base year. That chart should set forth each base salary item and how much was paid to each employee for the 12 months preceding the expiration of the collective negotiations agreement. Once the total base salary amount is calculated, 2 percent of that total amount will be the amount that the successor contract may be increased each year.

It is from that number, i.e. the 2 percent, that municipalities would base their calculations upon in interest arbitration. The Commission, in New Milford, provided instruction as to how to calculate the number moving forward. In particular, the Commission rejected that breakage should be considered part of the calculation. Instead, the Commission stated that the model which should be used is to "utilize the scattergram demonstrating the placement on the guide of all of the employees in the bargaining unit as of the end of the year preceding the initial year of the new contract, and to simply move those employees forward

through the newly awarded salary scales and longevity entitlements."

Essentially, what the Commission said in New Milford was to take the employees in the bargaining unit as of the last day of the prior agreement and act as if those employees will remain for the life of the new agreement. It is the movement of those employees through the salary guide, longevity guide as well as receiving any increases to base salary items which will determine how much of the 2 percent is used up in contract movement. It is then the difference between the "new monies" and the 2 percent amount, which will determine how much is remaining for a wage increase. So, for example, if the increment equals 2 percent, then there is no money left over for a wage increase in that year. The interest arbitrator would therefore not be able to issue a wage increase.

Remember, however, that the statute provides for a 2 percent increase on an annual basis in the aggregate. So, in instances such as example above, the arbitrator may award a wage increase in the year as long as at the end of the contract the total increase

does not exceed 2 percent over the life of the contract.

Arbitrators have used some creative ways to deal with this circumstance as exceeding the 2 percent in a given year is not uncommon when there are several employees moving on the guide. The most popular methods have been to: (1) borrow monies from other years; (2) freeze the increment; or (3) add steps to the guide.

This mathematical equation has been given some direction by the Commission and there is a body of arbitrations that have interpreted and applied the calculations. These steps should be followed in calculating the 2 percent in preparing for negotiations. Remember though, the parties may agree to an amount greater than 2 percent voluntarily in negotiations. Further, once a municipality has received the benefit of the 2 percent cap, it cannot utilize it again. If the cap applies to your municipality, it is advisable to know your 2 percent interest arbitration cap calculation prior to entering negotiations.

Please consult counsel and continue to track the developments of this law on this issue. ▲

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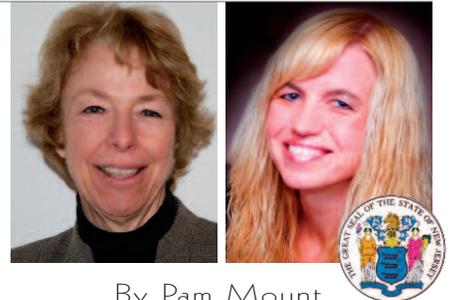
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Have you ever taken a lunchtime walk around the neighborhood where you work or live, and noticed a diesel delivery truck idling by the curb? Or, have you ever seen a bustling auto body shop with cars up on lifts in the garage bays, mechanics busily working with solvents and spray painting materials? Did you ever watch a street cleaner kicking up road dust? Air pollution from small scale emitters such as these can collectively have a large cumulative impact on a region, community or neighborhood.

Much is currently being done to identify and address pollution from large stationary sources, but less attention has been given to these small-scale emitters. For this reason, the New Jersey Clean Air Council (CAC) chose to focus its annual public hearing on pollutant sources that are not as easily identified and controlled: mobile, small area and neighborhood pollution sources. Following the hearing, the

C A C prepared a report of recommendations entitled "Transportation and Small Sources of Air Pollution: Challenges and Opportunities to Achieve Healthier Air Quality in New Jersey," and submitted it to Bob Martin, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Mobile sources; such as cars, trucks, buses, and construction equipment; are transient in nature. As they travel around the state, the emissions they generate are spread throughout numerous com-



munities and expose residents to a mixture of combustion by-products that can adversely affect human health. Also, small engines in lawn mowers and other mobile devices contribute significantly to local air pollution. Millions of individuals are exposed to mobile source exhaust through daily commuting, occupational, or personal activities, or the proximity of their school, office, or residence to major roadways.

Small stationary sources, referred to as area sources, include emissions from numerous small facilities or activities, which fall below a required emission reporting threshold. These sources individually release small amounts of air contaminants, but collectively release significant amounts of air contaminants.

Th i s pollution comes from local neighborhood businesses and private residences. These emission sources can include auto body and machine shops, dry cleaners, service stations, and residential wood-burning stoves and fireplaces, along with solvent use in the home. Simultaneous small source releases such as these are contributing substantial air pollution burdens to the state and can cause significant adverse health risk in a community.

The CAC considered all recommendations given at the hearing that focused directly on the state's transportation infrastructure, vehicular traffic and congestion mitigation, vehicle fleet usage and maintenance, local area source pollution mitigation, and permitting changes. As an important stakeholder, local governments, such as your own municipality, can help reduce air pollution by (1) identifying local sources, (2) enforcing local nuisance and air pollution ordinances, (3) providing

overburdening communities. The CAC recommends adequate funding of public transportation, including expansion of existing rail service, creation of new rail service corridors, additional high-speed EZ-Pass lanes, expanded rail access from ports to storage/distribution facilities, and development of "transit hubs" for people and freight. Traffic congestion mitigation measures are also recommended by

the CAC, including traffic signal timing incentives, trip reduction strategies, and development of an "ecodriving" campaign aimed at improving vehicle operation and driving habits.

The CAC recommends idling reduction programs be expanded in various ways, including developing sensible idling reduction enforcement for construction vehicles and equipment, expanded outreach and guidance to

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community education and outreach programs, (4) increasing availability of "green alternatives," such as vehicle charging and natural gas stations, and (5) assisting with local fleet management solutions.

In regard to the state's transportation infrastructure, the CAC recommends that mass transit be expanded in critical areas of the state in order to substantially reduce vehicle miles traveled. Building infrastructure designed to facilitate active transportation, such as walking and bicycling, yields public health benefits in addition to pollution reduction and should be encouraged. Development activities where existing infrastructure is present should also be encouraged, without



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municipalities for their own idling ordinances and enforcement, and expansion of truck stop electrification. In addition, retrofitting of heavy polluting diesel engines should be considered where replacement is not feasible.

The CAC promotes energy efficiency in vehicles through advanced technologies and alternative fuels. Some strategies would include implementation of additional policies to promote the use of Zero Emission Vehicles, as well as assessing the feasibility and supporting the requirement of provi-

sions for electric vehicle charging stations. The use of biodiesel should also be encouraged.

Local air pollution sources, in neighborhoods where they play a major role, need to be assessed with short-term monitoring studies. Better monitoring tools that encompass new ideas and new technologies should be developed. The CAC believes that a compliance assistance team should be assembled for business outreach, as identifying small area sources may not be possible using traditional emission inventory tech-

niques because their emissions are below the thresholds that trigger reporting on permits. Walking studies of neighborhoods could help to more thoroughly identify the sources of air emissions and determine which would be appropriate for further investigation.

The CAC also supports various programs that could help mitigate air pollution from small area sources. These include extended requirements for Dust Management Plans, better street cleaning frequency and practices, a lawn mower voucher/exchange program aimed to reduce the number of less-efficient 2-stroke engines, creation of a model ordinance for use of more efficient wood-burning equipment, and certain revisions to regulations involving the motor vehicle painting and spray-coating industry. The CAC supports and encourages that criteria be developed for evaluating permits more than ten years old with updated and accurate information regarding pollutant emissions.

The CAC supports various methods of neighborhood and community outreach. More education about air pollutants and health effects should be provided to community groups, and an outreach plan to highlight violation reporting procedures and hotline information should be developed. Community involvement should be solicited to conduct an emissions inventory of neighborhoods and to assist with air monitor placement and more timely data collection and reporting of results. Appropriate new policies should be developed to address small pollution sources, especially in urban areas.

The CAC recommends that, in an effort to identify, address, and remediate both mobile and local pollutant sources, a "stewardship approach" must be undertaken to involve a variety of stakeholders from state and local government, the small business sector, academia, environmental justice and other environmental organizations, and residential communities and consumers. Since many of the pollutants cannot be tied to one industry or one emitter, it takes more than one entity to identify, reduce, monitor, and educate about this pollution, discuss alternatives, and examine environmental and health impacts resulting from the pollutant or pollutant class.

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Tapping the Power to Save Lives



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After the water receded and wind settled after Superstorm Sandy, the New Jersey National Guard was out rescuing citizens. Whether they found that young child under the rubble or safely guided an elderly man out of his home was a direct result of the work being performed by the task force at the Homeland Security Center of Excellence Headquarters in Lawrence Township (Mercer).

"Emergencies are our number one priority," said Sergeant 1st Class Richard E. St. Pierre, who works at the center that is part of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. "It's our responsibility to find roads that are safe for our teams to go out on to rescue people. Without an emergency operations center like ours, quick and efficient response to any emergency would be hindered, if not incapacitated completely."

The effective operation of this center includes making sure it has power. This summer the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District completed the construction of a solar power project to provide power to the center. This is the fifth solar power project the Army Corps has helped construct for the New Jersey Army National Guard.

The project is not only supporting a center that is saving lives during natural and man-made disasters, but also providing the center 61 percent of its annual energy needs and saving the National Guard and taxpayers considerable money.

"This project is enhancing homeland security," said Jose Diaz, project manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District. "The overall effort in the use of renewable energy resources is to provide a level of energy security that will allow operation of our military facilities against any future fuel shortages, embargos, as well as natural disasters."

The Army Corps had 300 solar power panels installed on a 16,775 square-foot roof on a warehouse adjacent to the center. The panels, which were added to a system that was already on the warehouse roof, increased the energy yield from 321 kilowatts to 550 kilowatts.



The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the Homeland Security Center of Excellence and the New Jersey National Guard are turning to solar energy to provide a secure source of electricity for their operations that is not dependent on transmission lines, power plants, batteries or fossil fuels. Renewable sources installed by the Army Corps of Engineers are also providing energy cost savings.



Renewable energy resources can provide a level of energy security that will allow operation of our military facilities in the event of fuel shortages, embargos or natural disasters. The solar array pictured is at the Homeland Security Center of Excellence in Lawrence Township (Mercer). (Photo by New Jersey National Guard)

Panel arrays are composed of modules made up of several solar cells or photovoltaic cells that absorb sunlight that produce electricity. The larger the panel, the more electricity is produced.

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Electricity in the form of direct current is produced by the panels, which is not directly usable energy for a building. Most buildings require alternating current at a higher voltage. To make usable building power, the solar panel's direct current is fed into an inverter that transforms it into alter-

nating current at a higher voltage.

This alternating current power is then sent to the building's main transformers where it can be used by the building for its energy needs.

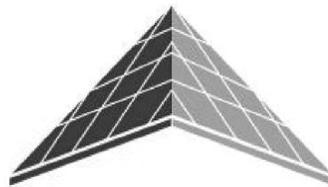
The enhanced solar power system is providing the center with approximately 61 percent of its annual energy needs and reducing the center's demand on the electrical grid during the summer months. This is the time when the demand for electricity is the highest and power is most expensive.

"These roof mounted systems will provide future cost avoidance to the

National Guard and save taxpayer's approximately \$110,000.00 annually," said Diaz.

This project is also tied to the public power grid so that excess energy can be shared with the community.

Like all of the New Jersey National Guard's solar power projects, this project is under the State of New Jersey's Solar Renewable Energy Certificate Program. Under this program, solar system owners who generate over 1,000 kilowatts of electricity per year that is connected to the public power grid, receive certificates.



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These certificates are then publicly sold and traded to New Jersey businesses and individuals, enabling them to receive solar power benefits without building a solar power system themselves. The revenue is returned to the solar system owners.

This won't be the last solar power project the Army Corps creates for the New Jersey National Guard. They are starting another project at the New Jersey National Guard's National Training Facility Headquarters in Sea Girt. They are constructing a 500+ kilowatt carport system to help create a net zero installation, an installation that produces as much energy on the site as the site uses over the course of a year.

"These projects are helping the New Jersey National Guard reach its renewable energy goals. The Guard wants 25 percent of its power to come from renewable energy sources by 2020," said Diaz.

Diaz added, "In addition, this solar power system will also help conserve valuable natural resources, improve air quality due to the fuel free nature of solar electricity generation and



Sergeant Major Terrence Taylor, left, and Sergeant 1st Class Richard St. Pierre update hurricane response plans in preparation for Hurricane Sandy at the Homeland Security Center of Excellence in Lawrenceville on October 26, 2012. (Photo by Master Sgt. Mark Olsen)

serve as a showcase for integrating renewable energy into military facility operations."

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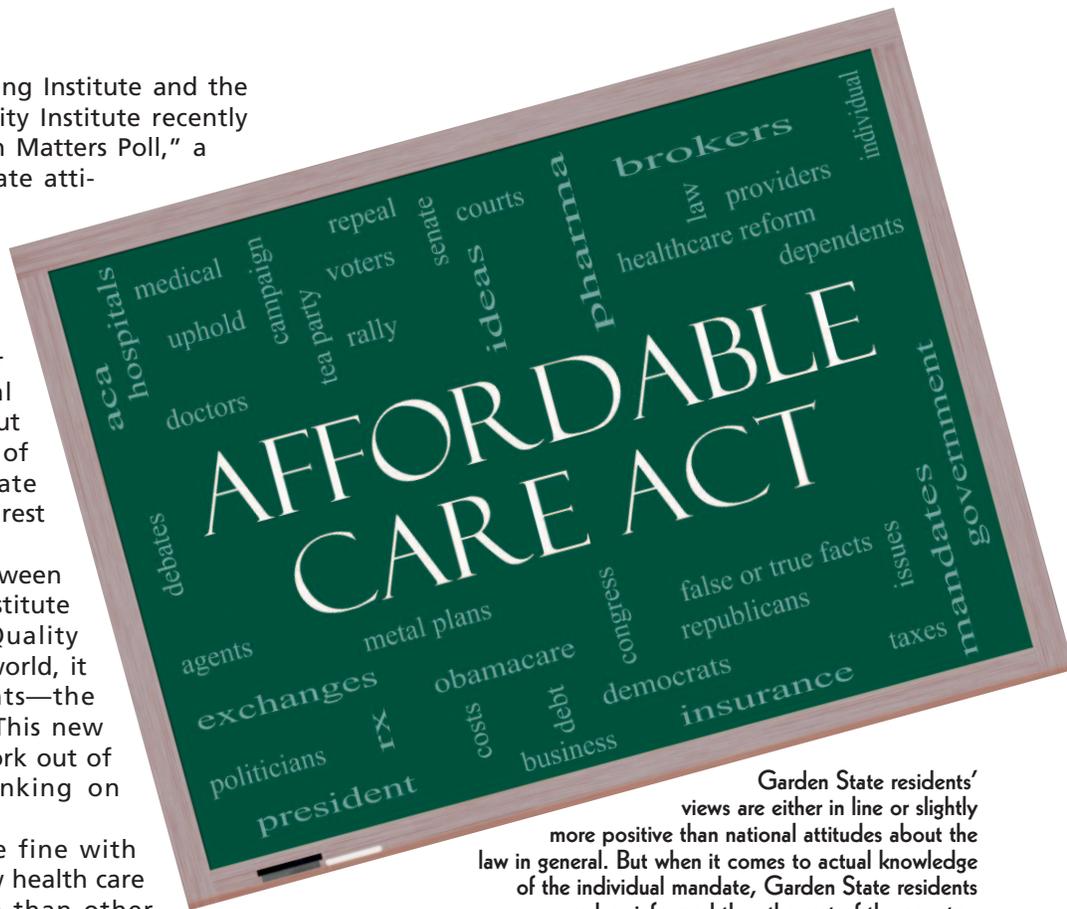
The Monmouth University Polling Institute and the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute recently released the very first “Health Matters Poll,” a periodic survey of Garden State attitudes regarding healthcare related issues. The first poll gauges New Jersey residents’ opinion of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the impending individual mandate. Garden State views are either in line or slightly more positive than national attitudes about the law in general. But when it comes to actual knowledge of the individual mandate, Garden State residents are less informed than the rest of the country.

This poll is a new collaboration between the Monmouth University Polling Institute and the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute. In the health care quality world, it is an important axiom that patients—the health care consumer—come first. This new survey will take much of the guesswork out of understanding what they are thinking on important health care concerns.

Most New Jerseyans appear to be fine with upcoming implementation of the new health care law, but they are much less aware than other Americans about the individual mandate. Many uninsured New Jerseyans could be in for a surprise if they elect not to get health care coverage and later find they have to pay a fine on their 2014 taxes.

Just under half (45 percent) of New Jersey residents have a favorable opinion of the ACA health reform law, also known as Obamacare, while 40 percent have an unfavorable view and 16 percent express no opinion. This is somewhat more positive than national opinion as measured by a recent Kaiser Health Tracking Survey. That August poll found 37 percent of Americans with a favorable opinion of the ACA and 42 percent with an unfavorable view.

About half (49 percent) of the state thinks the quality of their own health care will not be affected by implementation of the ACA, although 30 percent think it will get worse and just 13 percent think it will get better. This is nearly identical to a national Kaiser poll taken in March, when 48



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percent of Americans believed their health care quality would stay the same under the ACA, 34 percent said it would get worse, and 15 percent said it would get better.

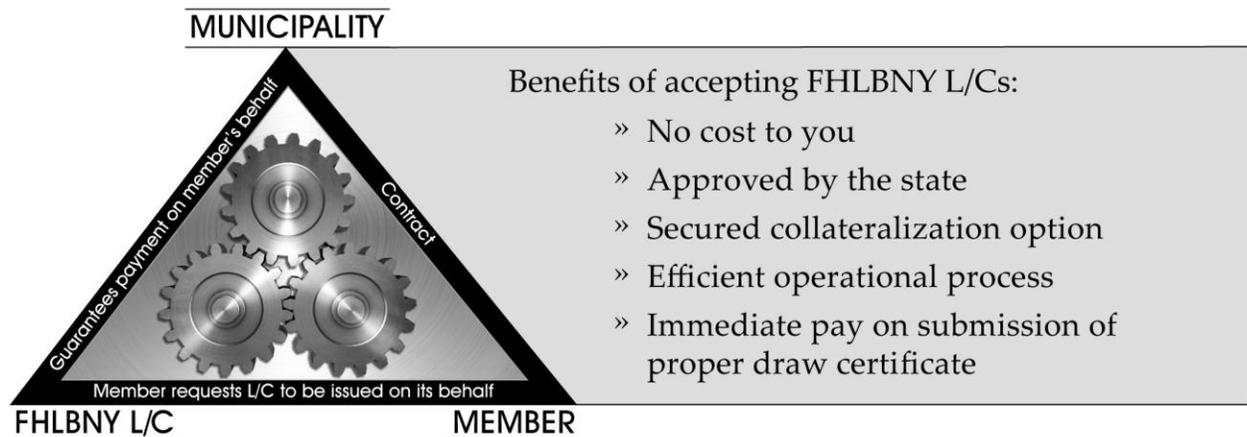
There are more concerns about the ACA’s impact on health care costs than on quality. More than 4-in-10 New Jerseyans (42 percent) predict their own costs will get worse under the ACA, compared to 37 percent who say their costs will stay about the same, and just 14 percent who say they will improve. Nationally, the March Kaiser poll found that nearly half (49 percent) of Americans felt that the ACA would negatively impact their own health care costs—a number that is somewhat more negative than the New Jersey result. One-third (33 percent) of Americans said their own costs would stay the same and just 15 percent said they would get better. New Jerseyans



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who purchase their own coverage (48 percent) are as likely as those who have employer coverage for either their families (45 percent) or just themselves (44 percent) to say that their health care costs will worsen under the ACA.

"In my view, just as is true with elections, as we get closer and closer to the date that people will have to be concerned with this historic new law, they will pay more attention and gain a better and more accurate understanding of it," said Knowlton. "I am not at all surprised by the level of understanding at this point."

Most New Jerseyans feel they understand the health care reforms either very (18 percent) or somewhat (49 percent) well. Only 3-in-10 say they understand the ACA not too well (19 percent) or not well at all (12 percent). However, Garden State residents' self-reported awareness of the reforms doesn't necessarily correlate with their knowledge of specific aspects of the law.

Just 1-in-3 New Jerseyans have heard a lot (11 percent) or some (23 percent) regarding the new health care exchanges, or marketplaces, which opened on October 1. Another 31 percent have heard only a little and 33 percent have heard nothing at all. These state numbers are nearly identical to a national poll taken by Kaiser in August (12 percent a lot, 21 percent some, 34 percent a little, 33 percent nothing).

New Jersey is significantly less informed than the nation, though, when it comes to the ACA's individual mandate. Just over half (56 percent) of the state is aware that the new law requires nearly all Americans to have health insurance by next year or pay a fine. Another 24 percent erroneously say there is no such mandate in the law, and 21 percent admit they do not know if such a provision exists. Among New Jerseyans who do not currently have health coverage, 58 percent are aware of the mandate. Among those who currently purchase their own coverage and could potentially be impacted if they drop that coverage, 64 percent are aware of the mandate.

New Jerseyans' knowledge of the individual mandate is significantly lower than national awareness. A March poll by Kaiser found that 74 percent of Americans said the ACA

requires individuals to purchase health coverage or pay a fine. This awareness level is 18 points higher than the comparable New Jersey number and suggests that a lack of a statewide public awareness campaign could have an impact on residents' compliance with the mandate.

MOST NEW JERSEYANS APPEAR TO BE FINE WITH UPCOMING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW HEALTH CARE LAW, BUT THEY ARE MUCH LESS AWARE THAN OTHER AMERICANS ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL MANDATE.

Just over 1-in-10 (11 percent) New Jersey adults report that they currently do not have health care coverage. Among this group 62 percent say they will probably obtain health coverage for 2014 after learning of the individual mandate. Another 24 percent say they will remain uninsured despite the mandate's fines, while 13 percent are uncertain about what they will do. These results are similar to a national Kaiser poll from August, when 58 percent of uninsured American adults said they would obtain coverage under the mandate.

New Jerseyans who pay for their own health coverage or do not have coverage express mixed interest in shopping for better or lower cost coverage on the new health care exchanges. Nearly half say they are very (27 percent) or somewhat (19 percent) interested in seeing what options the exchanges would provide for them compared to half who say they are only a little (14 percent) or not at all (36 percent) interested in exploring what the ACA marketplace has to offer. Among the uninsured, 70 percent are interested in shopping on

the exchange. A majority (58 percent) of those who purchase coverage on their own also express interest in exploring the exchange. New Jerseyans with employer provided coverage for their families (42 percent) or just themselves (37 percent) are less likely to be interested.

The poll also presented non-government insured respondents with a possible premium scenario for exchange coverage, based on early estimates of a potential \$1,000 monthly unsubsidized premium for a family plan that includes an average 30 percent co-pay. Just 19 percent of respondents would be at least somewhat interested in exploring family coverage for this cost.

Of course, the exchange is geared toward those who do not have access to employer-provided coverage. Among New Jerseyans who are currently without insurance—the group who the exchange is initially designed to serve—just 22 percent would be interested in family coverage at \$1,000 per month. However, more than 9-in-10 of these uninsured respondents report annual income levels that would potentially qualify them for federal subsidies to lower this cost. This means the amounts presented in the poll are markedly higher than the net cost that will be available to most residents who are currently uninsured.

Among New Jerseyans who currently purchase their own coverage, 32 percent are interested in looking into the exchange for alternate family coverage at \$1,000 per month. The poll results suggest that most of those who currently purchase insurance on their own would not be eligible for the lower subsidized premium because less than half report even being in an income bracket that could potentially qualify for federal subsidies.

Since the exchange is theoretically open to anyone, the poll also asked residents with employer-provided coverage about their interest shopping these policies. Among New Jerseyans with employer-provided family coverage, just 16 percent would be interested in shopping on the exchange if the premium was \$1,000 a month. This is somewhat lower than the interest level of those who purchase their own insurance or do not have coverage. ▲



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Facing Our Future

Our Economy Requires Infrastructure Investment



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Year after year, administration after administration, New Jersey has deferred investment in its utilities systems, roads and bridges, public transportation and water supply systems—and those systems have decayed. The reasons are many: revenue shortfalls, the requirement to adopt a balanced budget, increased costs and/or reduced private investment. Those systems all require the increased investment critical to our long-term economic success. Sandy only exposed and highlighted these existing problems.

In late April, *Facing Our Future* issued a report, “Infrastructure Investments Necessary for Economic Success.” Led by a volunteer Leadership Group of nearly 20 former government executives and public servants, *Facing Our Future* is an independent, bipartisan effort to build understanding about New Jersey’s problems and needs. Their recent report views infrastructure investment as more than a discussion of numbers, and considers how New Jersey’s citizens can collectively envision a future that rethinks current priorities to ensure that future. As an example of the importance of the infrastructure issue, the *Facing Our Future* report received front page, multiple story coverage in the Star—Ledger Sunday Perspectives issue immediately prior to release.

Facing Our Future’s report addresses the needs and required investments in the three areas most essential for

long-term economic success—electric power, transportation and water systems. The report provides a vision in each of these areas, identifies needs and makes recommendations for solutions, funding requirements and potential revenue sources. Furthermore, the report takes into account the challenges and wide-ranging, long-term statewide rebuilding effort necessary to respond to Sandy, and builds upon a growing public awareness of the role that infrastructure plays in our daily lives. It emphasizes the choices that New Jersey must face, and recognizes that New Jersey citizens must view infrastructure investments in totality rather than as discrete transactions. Finally, the report focuses on long-term investment beyond operational needs, and encourages a strengthened capital planning process for a competitive New Jersey.

The report’s summary recommendations are presented in the following paragraphs. The full report can be found at facingourfuture.org. As we face the first-year anniversary of Sandy—and the November elections—the report remains immediately relevant to New Jersey’s future.

Electric Power The Board of Public Utilities (BPU) must be engaged in the long-term planning for the electric power distribution system. Few elements of our critical infrastructure are more important, or have the potential for greater impact, than electric power. Visiting the issues only in rate

Transportation investment needs – estimate of **\$21.3 billion** over the period 2014-2018 just to cover short term state critical needs...presumes level of federal and state funding that is unlikely and unpredictable...an additional \$514 million per year needed to meet county and municipal transportation needs.

Electric Power investment needs – estimate of **\$8.9 billion**...what utilities have invested/are planning to invest over the next 15 months to up to 10 years...estimates are based upon needs of the distribution system and improvements resulting in increased system reliability.

Water Systems Infrastructure (including wastewater and storm water) – estimate of **\$40.7 billion**...includes drinking water infrastructure, wastewater and open space preservation over next 5-20 years.

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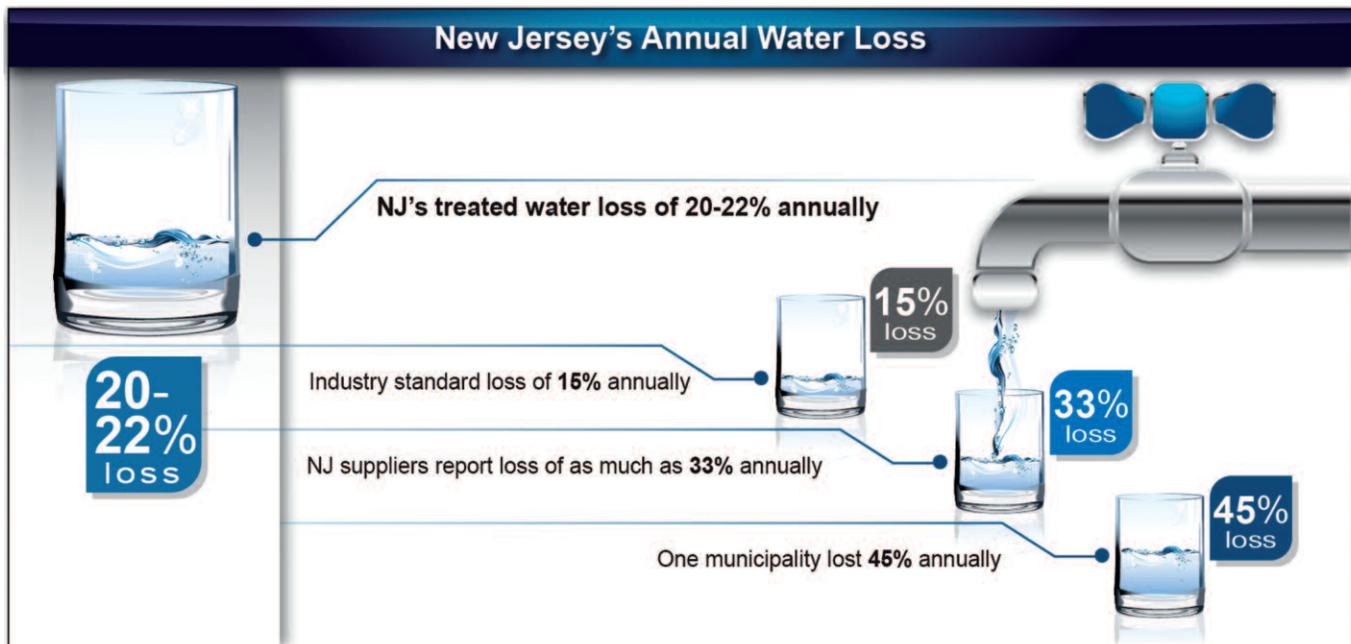


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cases or through the imposition of penalties is not the way to ensure New Jersey's economic success. A more robust, well-resourced and expert BPU and Rate Counsel would allow for more effective oversight of the state's public utilities.

Transportation *Facing Our Future* believes that the model used for the delivery of New Jersey's transportation services must be reconsidered for the 21st century. Post-Sandy, New Jersey has an opportunity to look at the business of transportation, and to determine how we can provide services at the lowest cost. We need to consider business models for transportation services that are cost-effective, and encourage innovation and accountability. For example, New Jersey could consider the consolidation of the various transportation agencies into a utility-like public benefits corporation regulated by an independent, appointed board rather than through annual budget approval by elected officials. This new organizational approach can lead to cost-effective planning and efficient provision of transportation services, and to the funding necessary to maintain and expand transportation services. Transportation is a critical economic development tool.

New Jersey's future economic success depends upon the ability to fund investment in transportation infrastructure. Through administrations of both parties, the Transportation Trust Fund

has been limited in its ability to fund capital investment in transportation.

In order to increase funding for transportation, the Transportation Trust Fund must be renewed in FY 2017. Additionally, New Jersey needs to adopt more flexible, elastic sources of revenue that reflect increasing energy efficiencies and changing transportation habits. Short-term, an increase in the motor fuels tax should be considered; long-term, the tax needs to be eliminated as revenues through this source are declining. We must consider alternative funding sources, such as a vehicle miles traveled (VMT) fee or extension of the sales tax to include motor fuels.

Lastly, New Jersey must commit to a comprehensive and updated look at transportation needs. Without such a review, New Jersey cannot plan for investment or for its future economic success.

Water Systems A competitive New Jersey needs a strong and transparent water supply and distribution capital planning process—with oversight. The New Jersey Water Supply Master Plan must be updated and the water systems infrastructure capital planning process strengthened at all levels of government. *Facing Our Future* envisions a process that would enable joint land-use planning for shared municipal services in post-Sandy redevelopment.

New Jersey must upgrade its outmoded and inadequate water systems and reverse the annual loss of our

state's treated water supply because of leaking pipes. The report recommends support for initiatives undertaken by private and public water companies through increased fees. Additionally, *Facing Our Future* recommends that New Jersey maintain and expand regulatory efforts to preserve and enhance water quality in order to avoid building expensive filtration and treatment systems.

In a time of limited resources, both financial and environmental, New Jersey should obtain and increase funding for open space preservation to protect and preserve watershed lands to assure water supply and quality. In addition, New Jersey needs to create natural buffer areas to protect infrastructure and developed areas. Through stronger planning and increased coordination, our state can encourage the broader use of "green infrastructure" to help address both stormwater management and water quality issues. ▲

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Middle has established a pre-application form for business owners wishing to open and operate a business within the township. The intent of this business friendly form is to open dialogue between the business owner and the township before a business moves ahead with purchasing a property, signing a lease or purchasing equipment. The pre-application form asks for contact information, the proposed square footage of the business, the proposed usage for this space and the number of parking spaces needed. Once submitted, forms are reviewed by the zoning and construction office for compliance with township regulations. If any problems are spotted, the potential business owner is contacted in advance. This quick action could potentially save them money by correcting problems early in the development process. The pre-application is an attempt to help potential business owners, not hinder them.



To keep its boardwalk a family friendly vacation destination, **Wildwood** has imposed regulations to avoid indecency and undress after receiving complaints from residents and visitors, as well as to provide a safe environment. Anyone over the age of 12 must wear footwear and a shirt covering the breast and/or pectoral area. In addition swim trunks, shorts, pants or skirts may not be worn more than three inches below the waist to expose any skin or garment underneath. If a police officer, boardwalk inspector or code enforcement officer encounters someone in violation of this policy, he or she will ask the offender to alter their dress immediately and peacefully. If they do not comply, the offender will be issued a monetary citation and removed from the boardwalk. Regulations apply to the boardwalk area only.



In August **Ocean Gate** celebrated its 95th birthday and the Ocean Gate Volunteer Fire Company celebrated its 100th year. The celebration included crafters, food, music and vendors. The borough also held its first Annual Cardboard Boat Race. The celebration ended with a fireworks show.



Highland Park's Shop Highland Park Reward Program allows consumers to shop locally at their downtown businesses and receive a percentage of their purchases back as either a property tax credit or rebate check. Reward cards

may be used by residents and nonresidents. Residents may choose to receive either a property tax credit or a rebate check. Renters and nonresidents will receive a rebate check. The businesses participating in the program determine the amount of incentive that their store will offer, and indicate their participation by placing a sign in their window. Rewards are accumulated in an escrow account until the end of the shopping year, which is designated as May 1 through April 30. The goal of this program is to encourage more people to shop locally.



Collingswood's "Friendly Ticket" program rewarded young helmet wearers this summer. When police officers spotted children 12 and under wearing a helmet while bicycling, skating, riding a scooter or skateboard they approached the child and issued them a ticket for free water ice. A local water ice vendor donated 500 vouchers to the program. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, helmet use is the most effective way to reduce head injuries resulting from a bicycle crash.



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