

May 2022

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

May 8
Mother's Day

May 15
Peace Officers Memorial Day

May 3
Memorial Day

June 15
[NJLM Mini Conference-Conference
Center at Mercer, West Windsor](#)

- ✓ Lunch and Learn
- ✓ DEP Announces Two New Grant Opportunities
- ✓ 2022 Mini Conference
- ✓ Peace Officers Memorial Day
- ✓ Be a Part of NJ Municipalities Magazine

FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Mayor William Pikolycky
Mayor, Borough of Woodbine*

We have learned many lessons during our tenures in local government. And it's critical that we can use every tool at hand to keep on learning and building a better tomorrow. One resource, the League website, is an excellent starting point for all your municipal staff information needs.

On the [Calendar of Events](#) you can find seminars on multiple topics, including Ethics, OPRA, Energy Issues, and more.

For up-to-the-minute news, [please sign up for topic-specific new flashes](#) covering issues from Legislative Advocacy to Emergency Management.

We also have a Legislative Blog, [The Town Crier](#), that features frequent updates on NJLM's legislative activities.

On the [publications page](#) you can find the League's award-winning magazine, *NJ Municipalities*, along with primers, surveys, directories, and white papers to build your municipal reference library.

There are [municipal](#) job postings and the Bureau of Municipal Information's reference desk with [useful links](#) to other sites.

And, you can also follow the League on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). You can even view videos on our [YouTube](#) page.

I encourage all local officials to access the resources of the League!

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Lunch and Learn Briefing with U.S. DOT

Contact Paul Penna, Senior Legislative Analyst, ext. 110, or ppenna@njlm.org

On Tuesday, May 3 at noon, the League is hosting a free Lunch and Learn briefing with Charles Small, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Intergovernmental Affairs Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, to discuss municipal funding in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the new federal Commercial Drivers' License rules.

Please [register](#) in advance to participate. Once registered, a link to the briefing will be emailed to you the morning of May 3.

DEP Announces Two New Grant Opportunities

Contact Andrew La Fevre, Legislative Analyst, ext. 116, alafevre@njlm.org

As earth week kicked off, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection launched a \$10 million public lakes grant program to help improve water quality, and a \$15 million investment through Blue and Green Carbon Grants to help enhance New Jersey's natural infrastructure. These grants allow for an investment into real change in our communities. The League recommends reviewing each grant's to see what ways they can help benefit your municipality.

The NJDEP will hold a public information session from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on May 19. To learn more about the Natural Climate Solutions Grant Program and to register for the information session, please visit DEPs website.

NJLM Mini-Conference Open for Registration-Earn up to 8 CEUs

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

This NJLM Mini-Conference is returning as an in-person event this year at the Conference Center at Mercer in West Windsor. The educational event will take place June 15, 2022 and will offer 10 sessions for attendees to join for one low price. CEU's are available for Finance Officers, Tax Collectors, Public Works Professionals, Municipal Clerks, Accountants, Recycling Professionals, and New Jersey Attorneys. Cost is \$115 per person for members and \$130 for nonmembers.

For a schedule of the sessions and the registration form, please visit the [Mini-Conference website](#).

We would also like to thank the sponsors of our Mini Conference [CGI](#), [Colliers Engineering](#), [Spatial Data Logic](#), and [The Bancorp Bank](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Holland-Htut at 609-695-3481, ext. 118, or dholland@njlm.org

Peace Officers Memorial Day is May 15

Since 1962, Peace Officers Memorial Day is held annually in the United States on May 15 in honor of federal, state, and local officers killed or disabled in the line of duty. It is observed in conjunction with Police Week. While it is not a public holiday, many communities hold memorial services and fly the flag at half-mast. A national memorial service is held in Washington, D.C., on May 15.

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Contact Amy Spiezio at aspiezio@njlm.org or Tasneem Kapadia at tkapadia@njlm.org

We invite you to pitch your op-ed columns, COVID recovery stories, news items, and feature-length pieces that celebrate and inspire local officials for inclusion in upcoming editions of the League's official publication, NJ Municipalities magazine. Right now, we are accepting stories for our fall editions, which preview the 2022 Annual League Conference and more. Please reach out to Managing Editor Amy Spiezio at aspiezio@njlm.org with your ideas today.

In each issue, the magazine provides insights on a variety of topics of interest to local governments and also puts a spotlight on particular topics that are currently trending. Please visit the League's website for author guidelines or a full rundown of issue spotlights.

If you and other officials within your municipality don't subscribe to NJ Municipalities, please visit the magazine bookshelf to check out the useful information included in each issue and consider adding this publication to your municipal government toolkit.

Do you work with vendors that you would recommend to other municipalities? Let these vendors know about the League's magazine, NJ Municipalities. Placing advertisements in the magazine helps to increase the reach of their marketing messages and supports the League as an organization in the process. Reach out to Tasneem Kapadia at tkapadia@njlm.org with your vendors' mailing address and we will send them a sample issue.