

August 2022**IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS**Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

Oct. 12
Local Government Ethics Webinar-Your
Computer

Oct. 19
The Comptrollers Report on Municipal Sick
Leave and Labor Negotiation Update Webinar
-Your Computer

Oct. 28
Cannabis Webinar-Your Computer

Nov. 15-17
[107th Annual League Conference-Atlantic City
Convention Center, Atlantic City](#)

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- ✓ Mayors Hall of Fame
- ✓ Be a Part of NJ Municipalities Magazine

FROM THE PRESIDENT*Mayor William Pikolycky,
Borough of Woodbine*

Last month, The State's budget was passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Murphy. The spending plan includes \$75 million in new funding, known as the Municipal Relief Fund, to be distributed to municipalities using the same Energy Tax Receipts formula.

I'd like to thank every Mayor who reached out to legislators and Governor Murphy urging the restoration of the Energy Tax Receipts, signed onto the joint Energy Tax Receipts Restoration Letter by the League and the Conference of Mayors, and adopted resolutions of support for S-330/A-3804. While we didn't receive everything we fought for, this is a start, and we will make every effort to protect that \$75 million in 2024 and expand those funds to a fully restored amount of \$331 million in the year to come.

This month, we'll be turning our focus to the Annual League Conference. Registration for the event opens August 1 with Early Bird Discount rates of \$60 for government delegates available through Sept. 30. Keep your municipal government's professionals and elected officials well informed. This year the League is offering many sessions of interest to your elected officials, including those on the topics of ethics, technology, budgeting, open public meetings, legislation, and public procurement.

Elected officials who participate in the Local Government Leadership Program can receive points for attending these classes. Course listings and CEUs will be listed this fall on the Conference page. For more information on the Local Government Leadership program, please visit the [Local Government Leadership webpage](#).

For more information on NJLM Conference registrations, visit the [Conference](#) page.

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107th Annual Conference Early Bird Discount Registration Opens Aug. 1

Contact Marie Kizer at mkizer@njlm.org or ext. 113 or Johnnifer Harris at jharris@njilm.org or ext. 119

The 107th Annual Conference Early Bird Discount Registration opens August 1. The current registration rates are below:

2022 NJLM Annual Conference Registration Rates				
Registration Type	Early Bird Discount	Advance		Onsite
	(Aug 1 – Sept 30) Credit Card, Check, Money Order & Purchase Order	(Oct 1 – Oct 14) Credit Card, Check, Money Order & Purchase Order	(Oct 15 – Nov 14) Credit Card Only	(Nov 15-17) Credit Card, Check, Money Order, Purchase Order & Cash
Government/Non-profit	\$60	\$70		\$75
Non-Government	\$120	\$150		\$160
Student	\$30	\$35		\$40

For more information on registration, please visit the [Conference website](#).

League Conference Information

For more information, visit the [League Conference page](#).

Delegate Registration

Delegate registration will open on August 1 on the [League Conference page](#). We encourage everyone to preregister online and have their conference credentials mailed to them in advance. This avoids delays and lines onsite in Atlantic City and takes advantage of early registration pricing.

League Code of Conduct

The League intends to maintain a welcoming professional atmosphere in all aspects of the Annual League Conference. To that end, conduct that violates the [League Code of Conduct](#) is not tolerated by the League, anyone who witnesses it, or is subjected to it. Everyone who participates in the Annual League Conference is required to adhere to this code.

Conference Center Preparations

We are busy making arrangements for this live event, including education and exhibits for the Annual League Conference. We look forward to seeing you in Atlantic City.

Beware of Scam Conference Housing Communications

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

It has come to our attention that there are unauthorized firms soliciting housing and hotel reservations from League conference attendees. Please Note: The only firm authorized to handle our conference housing reservations is AC Central Reservations. They will not call, email, or contact anyone unsolicited.

You can visit their website via the [League Conference Housing page](#).

Using unauthorized reservation services creates real problems for you and the conference as a whole. You cannot be assured your credit card or financial information is secure, and your room reservation may not actually be made. Also, your room will not be part of the official conference housing block so you won't get emergency housing information, nor will there be adequate shuttle bus services to your hotel.

As always, the League is available to answer your questions on any aspect of the Annual Conference and we strive to make your participation both enjoyable and highly productive.

Nominations Sought For Mayors' Hall of Fame
Contact Michael Cerra at mcerra@njlm.org or ext. 120

The League is accepting nominations for the 2022 Mayors' Hall of Fame. To qualify, a mayor must be serving in at least their 10th cumulative year for the silver level, 20th year for the gold level, or 30th year for the platinum level. Mayors who rotate into office can qualify after holding the office of mayor for 10 years.

Qualifying mayors will be inducted into the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Mayors' Hall of Fame during the Mayors' Luncheon at the Annual Conference Wednesday, November 16, in Atlantic City. For nomination forms and more information about the Mayors' Hall of Fame, visit the [Hall of Fame page](#) on the website or contact the League at 609-695-3481, ext. 120.

Applications for the Innovation in Governance Program Sought
Contact Ciara Bradley, Legislative Administrator, cbradley@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x128.

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities (NJLM) will again acknowledge and promote Innovation in Governance through our annual recognition program. This is a great opportunity to showcase innovative solutions to any problems that have cropped up – either suddenly or over time – in your municipality. It can also be an opportunity to let your peers in on innovations that prevented problems from even arising. This year the *Innovation in Governance Awards* Committee is looking for any new and distinctive approaches in any department of municipal government.

The deadline is **Friday, October 7, 2022**.

[Visit our awards page](#) to see previous years' ideas created by winning municipalities as well as the full invitation and application to this year's program.

Share Your Story in NJ Municipalities Magazine
Contact Amy Spiezio at aspiezio@njlm.org or Tasneem Kapadia at tkapadia@njlm.org

The fall issues of NJ Municipalities are underway. The October and November issues will preview the Annual League Conference, celebrate municipal achievements, and share ideas and opportunities to improve local governing. The issues will focus on technology in October and grants in November, but we welcome pieces about any subject pertaining to the working of municipalities.

We are proud that the majority of the magazine's articles come from you, municipal leaders throughout the Garden State, and hope you will consider helping us continue this useful information resource with your own stories. We invite you to pitch your op-ed columns, 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.

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.