

**September 2022**

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

September 11  
Patriots' Day

September 17  
Constitution Day

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 Your Town Opted In or Out-Now What? -Webinar-Your Computer](#)

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

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- ✓ Beware of Scam Conference
- ✓ Housing Communications
- ✓ Patriot Day
- ✓ Constitution Day
- ✓ Mayors Hall of Fame
- ✓ Innovation in Governance
- ✓ Be a Part of NJ Municipalities Magazine

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Mayor William Pikolycky,  
Borough of Woodbine*

As we move into fall, the League's Officers and Executive Board are looking forward to meeting you all at the League Conference in Atlantic City. It has been a busy year and this is a good opportunity to discuss the work at hand.

This longstanding event is a valuable tool in staff, professional, and elected officials' training. It's also a chance for Mayors to gather and help determine the direction of the League's legislative efforts in the year to come.

While creating your daily schedule of sessions and meetings for the League Conference, please make sure to add these must-attend events to your agenda.

Wednesday, November 16

Mayors' Briefing Luncheon-12:00 p.m.

This event is your chance to meet and greet fellow mayors and the League's leadership. Held in the Sheraton Crown Ballroom, this event will feature inductions to the Mayors' Hall of Fame and Innovation in Governance Awards presentations. There is also an Executive Briefing. Admission to this event is by ticket only.

WIMG Networking & Awards Event-5:00 p.m.

At the end of the day, join the Women in Municipal Government to honor women who have dedicated service toward the advancement of women in municipal government in an atmosphere conducive to meeting and learning from your colleagues. Admission to this event is by ticket only.

Thursday, November 17

Annual League Luncheon-12:00 p.m.

This event is held at the Sheraton Crowne Ballroom. This event will feature speakers from the Legislature and the Governors Cabinet. Admission to this event is by ticket only.

League's Business Meeting- 3:30 p.m.

This event is held at the Sheraton Hotel. Only the Mayor or their official designee can vote, but we welcome all municipal officials into the discussion of League business. There is no cost to attend this event.

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**107<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Early Bird Discount Registration Ends September 30**  
 Contact Marie Kizer at [mkizer@njlm.org](mailto:mkizer@njlm.org), ext. 113 or Johnnifer Harris at [jharris@njilm.org](mailto:jharris@njilm.org), ext. 119

The 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Early Bird Discount Registration is available through Sept. 30. The Advance Registration pricing kicks in Oct. 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 is now open 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.

#### Ticketed Events

The League will be holding ticketed events during the annual conference, including:

- Annual Mayor’s Lunch Briefing on Wednesday, November 16 from 12:00 noon to 1:45 p.m. This event is limited to the Mayor and two guests of the Mayor’s choosing. Cost: \$25 per person
- WIMG Networking & Awards Event on Wednesday, November 16 at 5:15 p.m. Cost: \$30 per person.
- Annual League Luncheon on Thursday, November 17 from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. Cost \$40 per person.

As a reminder, all ticketed League events require a conference badge, which is a separate fee from the ticketed event.

To purchase your tickets, please visit the League Event Tickets page on the [conference website](#).

### **League Business Meeting**

The League's Annual Business Meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 17 at the Sheraton Hotel. Only the Mayor or their official designee can vote, but all municipal officials are welcome. There is no cost to attend this event.

### **Patriots' Day Volunteer and Service Opportunities**

September 11 is Patriots' Day. Mayors can link their homepage to the [Corporation for National and Community Service website](#) and allow residents to find volunteer and service opportunities.

### **Constitution Day September 17**

September 17 is Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. Mayors can find activities for community leaders at the [Constitution Center website](#)

### **Beware of Scam Conference Housing Communications**

Contact Dee Kotch, ext. 115, or [dkotch@njlm.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 Innovation in Governance Program Sought**

Contact Ciara Bradley, Legislative Administrator, [cbradley@njlm.org](mailto: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](mailto:aspiezio@njlm.org) or Tasneem Kapadia at [tkapadia@njlm.org](mailto:tkapadia@njlm.org)

The fall issues of *NJ Municipalities* are underway. The November issue has a focus on grants and will preview the Annual League Conference, celebrate municipal achievements, and share ideas and opportunities to improve local governing. The December issue will begin Conference wrap-ups and will focus on Repurposing Community Hubs (Master Plans) and discuss projects underway funded by ARP, but we welcome pieces about any subject pertaining to the working of municipalities. November editorial is due September 15 and December articles are due October 15.

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](mailto: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](mailto:tkapadia@njlm.org) with your vendors' mailing address and we will send them a sample issue.