

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

The 107th Annual Conference is just about a month away! Are you planning to attend? Here are a few reasons you should

The Mayors' Briefing Luncheon features a cabinet- level briefing and will be held Wednesday, November 16. Visit the [Conference Meal Function page](#) to see the speaker lineup and order tickets.

In-person connections:

Hundreds of Exhibitors with products and services that benefit your municipality are ready for discovery on our exhibit floor. Visit the online Exhibit Interactive Floor Plan.

Valuable education:

More than 100 Educational Sessions with the topics including emergency management, development and revitalization, ethics, environmental issues and sustainability, transportation, social media, housing and foreclosures, taxes, telecommunications, and much, much, more. Visit the [Conference page](#) to see the full list of sessions.

I hope to see you at the Conference!

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## **Go Digital at This Year's Conference! Download Our Conference App!**

Visit the [Conference page](#) for more information

Starting October 5, you can download the official Conference mobile app. With this app you will be able to access a fully searchable session schedule, interactive map of the exhibit floor, a thorough listing of exhibitors, and up-to-date event information. Don't miss important sessions, speakers, or exhibits—create a personalized schedule before you arrive onsite to maximize your experience! Download Day is October 5. Check your phone's app store for more details!. The League's Mobile app is sponsored by AT&T.

### **Conference Hotel Deadlines**

Contact Dee Kotch at ext. 115 or [dkotch@njlm.org](mailto:dkotch@njlm.org)

The last date to make reservations (based on availability) is October 7 for the paper form or October 14 for online registration. The last day to cancel reservations without incurring any charges is November 10 for Claridge, Caesars, Bally's, Sheraton, Borgata, Courtyard by Marriott, Hard Rock, Ocean, and the Tropicana, and November 1 for Resorts.

### **Unauthorized Hospitality Functions**

Contact Michael Cerra Executive Director, [mcerra@njlm.org](mailto:mcerra@njlm.org), 609-695-3481, ext. 120

The 107<sup>th</sup> Annual League Conference will soon be upon us and we know you are looking forward to a productive and educational week.

Numerous exhibitors and groups have scheduled receptions and hospitality functions during the evening hours in Atlantic City. However, each year there are a few commercial entities that schedule hospitality functions such as brunches and lunches that conflict with the Conference programming.

These unauthorized functions should not be confused with legitimate business luncheons sponsored by our affiliated associations and their members. The League urges you not to attend daytime hospitality functions offered by commercial firms.

Instead, plan your daytime activities so you can derive the greatest educational benefit from attending the League Conference. Education sessions begin at 9:00 a.m., break at noon, resume at 2:00 p.m. and finally adjourn at 5:15 p.m.

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.

### **Submit League Conference Resolutions by October 7**

Contact Mike Cerra at ext. 120 or [mcerra@njlm.org](mailto:mcerra@njlm.org)

The Conference Resolutions Committee will consider resolutions from officials who are currently in municipal office. A summary of the proposed resolution should be sent to the League office by Friday, October 7, 2022. All resolutions must be general and relate to municipal government interests. For more information, contact Michael Cerra, Executive Director, at 609-695-3481, ext. 120 or [mcerra@njlm.org](mailto:mcerra@njlm.org).

### **Earn Points Towards the Local Government Leadership Program**

Contact Danielle Holland-Htut, ext 118 or [dholland@njlm.org](mailto:dholland@njlm.org)

This year the League is offering many sessions of interest to your elected officials, including those on the topics of Ethics, Budgeting, Open Public Meetings, and Public Procurement. Elected officials interested in participating in the Local Government Leadership Program will be able to receive points for attending these classes. You can view the current course listings on the Conference webpage. Search for LGLP in

the “Advanced Search” Tab on the [Conference schedule page](#). For more information on the Local Government Leadership program, please visit the [Local Government Leadership webpage](#).

### **October Is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month**

With the advancement of technology, communication, and social media, people are more connected than ever. With this increase in the use of technology also comes the increase of cybercrimes and privacy issues. To help make the public aware of these growing threats, October has been designated as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

National Cybersecurity Awareness Month is designed to engage and educate public and private sector partners through events and initiatives with the goal of raising awareness about cybersecurity and increasing the resiliency of the nation in the event of a cyber incident. Each week the Department of Homeland Security will discuss a different theme revolving around cybersecurity to help bring awareness to these issues and educate the public on what they can do to avoid cyber breaches on their own personal computers and at work. For more information on National Cybersecurity Awareness Month including resources guides, programs, and more, please visit the [Department of Homeland Security 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.

### **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.

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### **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 leaves are just starting to change, but we're working on the winter issues of *NJ Municipalities*. 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. The January issue will focus on Leadership and Workplace Development. How have your day-to-day operations changed since the pandemic? We'd love to hear about your challenges and successes. December articles are due October 17 and January articles are due November 21.

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.