

**January 2023**

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

Jan 19

[Understanding the State Planning Commission's Warehouse Siting Guidance-Your Computer](#)

Jan 21

[Orientation for Municipal Officials who are Newly Elected, Re-elected, or Experienced-Westin Hotel, Mount Laurel](#)

Feb 11

[Orientation for Municipal Officials who are Newly Elected, Re-elected, or Experienced-Hilton Hotel, East Rutherford](#)

Mar 11

[Budgeting for Elected Officials-Conference Center at Mercer, West Windsor](#)

- ✓ 2023 Municipal Directory
- ✓ NJLM Helps Mayors Access Leaders
- ✓ Seminar for Newly Elected Officials
- ✓ Budgeting for Elected Officials
- ✓ Show Off Your City
- ✓ Local Government Leadership Program
- ✓ NJ Municipalities Magazine

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Mayor Raymond S. Heck  
Millstone Borough*

As we begin the New Year, we mayors face increasingly complex issues in local government. Elected officials need up-to-date information for better planning and administration that can help meet and solve problems. Your League provides key educational seminars geared specifically to local, elected officials.

Two regional seminars will be held on Saturdays for newly and re-elected officials in January and February. The seminars will provide newly -elected officials with a thorough overview of their major areas of responsibility and key state level contacts, while re-elected officials will get up-to-date reference materials that provides answers to often asked questions. We also offer a program exclusively for Elected Officials on the topic of "Budgeting for Elected Officials: Everything You Need to Know to Create, Balance, and Approve Your Municipality's Budget" The session will be on Saturday, March 11.

Please take advantage of this year-round valuable service the League provides to help answer your questions and provide solutions to local issues. Sign up for the above-mentioned seminars and help get your administration off to a running start.

### OFFICERS:

#### RAYMOND S. HECK

President  
Mayor Borough of Millstone

#### WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Mayor, Wharton Borough

#### VACANT

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

#### SEAN ELWELL

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President  
Mayor, Elsinboro

### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

#### RAS J. BARAKA

Mayor, Newark City

#### THOMAS BIANCO

Mayor, Clayton Borough

#### SHELLEY BRINDLE

Mayor, Westfield

#### RUBY COTTON

Councilwoman, City of Paterson

#### WILLIAM W. CURTIS

Mayor, Bay Head Borough

#### DAVID DEGIRALAMO, MD, DMD

Mayor, Union Township

#### ANTHONY R. FANUCCI

Mayor, Vineland City

#### STEVE FULOP

Mayor, Jersey City

#### JOHN C. GLIDDEN JR

Mayor, Closter Borough

#### JEFFREY MARTIN

Mayor, Hamilton Township  
(Mercer)

#### JOHN PALLONE

Mayor, Long Branch City

#### GARY PASSANANTE

Mayor, Somerdale Borough

#### WILLIAM PIKOLYCKY

Mayor, Woodbine, Immediate

#### GUY PISERCHIA

Deputy Mayor, Long Hill Township

#### CHRISTINE QUINN

Councilwoman, Sparta Township

#### MARTY SMALL SR

Mayor, Atlantic City

#### PAUL H. TOMASKO

Mayor, Alpine Borough

#### JANET W. TUCCI

Mayor, West Long Branch Borough

#### ROSEMARY TUOHY

Mayor, Allamuchy Township

#### MICHAEL J. VENEZIA

Mayor, Bloomfield

#### CRAIG H. WILKIE

Mayor, Florence Township

### Executive Staff

**MICHAEL CERRA**, Executive Director

**LORI BUCKELEW**, Deputy Executive Director

## **2023 Municipal Directory**

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

The annual Municipal Directory will be mailed to all mayors the first week of March. There is no cost for the first copy. Additional print and PDF copies are \$35 each for public officials and \$45 each for non-public officials. Use it to keep in touch with your colleagues around the state.

## **NJLM Helps Mayors Access State Leaders**

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

If you need help accessing state leaders and agencies, contact the League. Your staff in Trenton interacts daily with all State leaders and agencies and regularly facilitates mayors' communication in our capital.

## **Orientation for Newly Elected Officials**

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

Every year the League offers this important program in two locations around the state to help serve the needs of municipal officials who are new to their positions or who want a timely issue update. You can attend sessions on January 21 at the Westin Hotel in Mount Laurel or February 11 at the Hilton Meadowlands Hotel in East Rutherford. Attendees will have the opportunity to gain valuable information from presentations by mayors, as well as State, League, and other local officials.

These seminars are designed to specifically update and answer questions for newly elected and reelected officials looking for a refresher or to build shared knowledge with fellow local officials. Attend these programs and get the information and answers you need about your new responsibilities. For more information, see the calendar on page one of this newsletter or visit the [Seminar Calendar](#).

## **Don't Miss "Budgeting for the Elected Official: Everything You Need to Know to Create, Balance, and Approve Your Municipality's Budget" Webinar**

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

Creating and approving a feasible budget is one of the most important tasks on an elected official's long list of responsibilities. It is also one of the most complex and time-consuming tasks. To aid in this endeavor, the League has created a special half-day program geared toward Elected Officials to help them in the municipal budgeting process.

The program will take place on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at the Conference Center at Mercer. Additional program details and registration fees are available on the [Budgeting for Elected Officials Calendar Announcement](#).

## **Show Off Your City Contest Deadline Feb. 3**

Contact Amy Spiezio, Ext. 123, or [aspiezio@njlm.org](mailto:aspiezio@njlm.org)

The Annual Show Off Your City Contest is accepting entries through February 3. Municipalities are invited to send us photos of their tourist attractions, downtown areas, economic development initiatives, parks, city halls, community groups, special moments, and new projects. Entries will be posted on the League's Facebook page, website, and some will be featured in the April issue of *NJ Municipalities* magazine, and possibly other issues. The winner will also receive a free League publication of their choice!

Photos can be submitted via the form on the league website, email to [aspiezio@njlm.org](mailto:aspiezio@njlm.org), or mailed on a flash drive to 222 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608.

For full details, [visit the Show Off Your City Contest webpage](#).

## **Become a Municipal Pioneer! Be a Part of the Local Government Leadership Program**

The League is proud to offer a voluntary recognition program that recognizes Elected Governing Body Members who complete additional training and advocacy. The program has three tiers: Municipal Leader, Municipal Innovator, and Municipal Pioneer. Each tier has an assigned number of points. Once an Elected Governing Body Member has earned the required points, they are awarded one of these tiers. The award is a certificate of completion mailed to them and recognition at the Orientation Session at the Annual Conference.

Elected Governing Body Members can achieve each level by attending trainings, seminars, writing articles for the magazine, and advocating for municipal interests. When an Elected Governing Body Member has completed an eligible activity, they will receive confirmation indicating the points earned. Once an Elected Governing Body Member has acquired the necessary number of points, they complete an online application form and receive a Local Government Leader certificate in the mail.

At the Orientation session at the Annual League Conference in November, they will be recognized (Officials who submit application forms after September 1 will be recognized at the next year's Conference).

More information on this program is available on the [Local Government Leadership Program webpage](#).

### **Winter & Spring Opportunities for Inclusion 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 League's official publication, NJ Municipalities magazine, is preparing content and advertising for its winter and spring 2023 issues. We welcome you to pitch your op-ed columns, local governing stories, news items, and feature-length pieces that celebrate and inspire local officials for inclusion in upcoming editions.

In each issue, the magazine provides insights on a variety of topics of interest to local governments and 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. Or reach out to Managing Editor Amy Spiezio at [aspiezio@njlm.org](mailto:aspiezio@njlm.org).

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.