



Mayor Bill Chegwiddden,  
League President

## President's Note

Well, that was fun. This summer was filled with good times around the state, but we've also been working on important topics that are going to heat up as the temperature begins to fall.

Of particular interest is the new OPRA reform law, which was effective as of September 3. The League's two Lunch and Learn events in June had over 800 participants and the August 28 educational webinar had over 700 participants. There is clearly a strong desire to learn the facts of the new law. There will also be further educational opportunities on OPRA at the League Conference.

Another item of interest to municipalities around the state is the announcement of numbers for the next round of Affordable Housing. We will be publishing a free special digital edition of *New Jersey Municipalities* magazine this month with information on Affordable Housing. Look on the [Magazine page on the website](#) to read and download your copy on September 12.

Looking ahead, the League Conference is fast approaching. The exhibit floor is sold out and registration is ahead of last years'--and we have so much more to tell you about. We've expanded our room block. We'll also be adding a handful of "Elected Officials Roundtables" to the program. These are more informal sessions on selected topics that will be an opportunity to network and talk with your peers with an interest in the same issues. We'll be announcing the networking roundtable session topics in the upcoming weeks. And there will be more new and exciting opportunities at the 2024 Annual Conference. Please keep an eye out for "New for 2024" programs and events.

Speaking of the Annual Conference, you can shape and create legislative priorities that will guide the League and help your community. Please remember to send the team at the League's headquarters in Trenton a

proposed resolution for consideration at the Conference Resolution Committee meeting held during the League's Annual Conference in Atlantic City on November 19 at 3 p.m.

## Action List: September

1. [Register for the Annual League Conference](#) and take advantage of Early Bird Pricing. Prices go up September 30.
2. Help shape the League's Legislative Goals. [Submit a Conference Resolution topic](#) by the first Friday of October or [submit your proposed Conference Resolution](#) by the third Friday of October.
3. [Download the free special digital edition of NJ Municipalities Magazine](#) focusing on Affordable Housing, available September 12.
4. [Complete your application for the Innovation in Governance Award](#), a contest from the League and the NJ Department of Community Affairs. Showcase your innovative solutions to municipal problems. Awards will be presented at the Mayors Lunch Briefing at the League Conference in November. Deadline: Friday, October 24.

## Learning Opportunities

### Municipal Management Seminar Series

NJLM and NJ Community Solutions present Municipal Management Program Part 4-Council Relations Series

#### Workshop Description

NJLM has partnered with NJ Community Solutions to provide a new educational program that will teach individuals about the practical side of managing municipalities in New Jersey. The Municipal Management Workshops are a series of three-hour practical educational sessions. Each session will be held in-person in small class sizes to provide opportunities to

learn, discuss and question key aspects of managing a New Jersey municipality.

Starting on September 10, 2024, the fourth series to be offered will cover a broad range of issues regarding Council Relations. Included will be communications, managing a split council, agenda prep, community relations, and setting expectations.

### Registration

Visit the League's [Seminar Calendar](#) for registration information.

## Grant Center Spotlight

### Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant

The deadline to apply for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. EECBG Program formula grants and vouchers has been extended. For local governments, the deadline is now October 31, 2024.

### Application

For more information, visit the [Office of State and Community Energy Programs grant application hub](#).

*For more grant news, please visit the [League's Grant Resource Center](#).*

## Get to Know Your Executive Board



Councilwoman Christine Quinn, Sparta

## Councilwoman Quinn

Sparta Township Councilwoman Christine Quinn was elected to Sparta Town Council in 2012 and has served as Mayor in 2016 and 2021 and Deputy Mayor in 2015, 2018, 2019, 2020. She was elected to the League's Executive Board in 2020 representing Sussex County.

Councilwoman Quinn's public service includes President of Sussex County League of Municipalities; Co-Founder and Committee

Liaison Salute 07871; Recreation Advisory Committee Liaison; Health Department/ Committee Liaison; LMCC Council Liaison; SMART (Sparta Municipal Alliance Resource Team) Council Liaison/Co-Chair. She is the founder of the Youth Council Initiative.

Professionally, Quinn focuses on workforce development and workforce enablement - change and learning (IT); corporate/IT education (design, delivery, deployment); agile/ devops transformation/education/change management; project management; marketing and communication. She also is a local volunteer, coaching sports organizations.

Councilwoman Quinn's recognitions/achievements include Sussex County Mayor of the Year 2021 and Sussex County Outstanding Women Award Recipient 2019

Quinn is married to husband, Ron, and has five children and seven grandchildren.



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## Magazine Moment

Look for the special digital edition of *NJ Municipalities*, available for free at the [magazine's webpage](#) starting September 12! This special edition focuses on Affordable Housing, with items from state and local leaders and subject matter experts.

We're now seeking submissions for our November (due September 20), December (due October 14), and January issues. Please consider writing an article for the magazine. See the [author's guidelines](#) for more information. Submit your queries, news items, op-eds, or articles for *NJ Municipalities* magazine [by email to Amy Spiezio](#).

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