



NJLM President Mayor
Paul Tomasko, Alpine

President's Note:

Moving on from a busy month where many municipalities took the time to celebrate New Jersey's Local Government Week while working on budgets and so many other issues, the League would like to say thank you for participating and invite you to celebrate your teams in 2026.

Meanwhile, the work of governing continues with local governments under pressure to defend home rule against attempts at preemption of municipal land use decisions and fighting for the restoration of Energy Tax Receipts. While one mayor may not be able to solve these ongoing issues, together we are a powerful force. I encourage you to work with the League on legislative efforts by passing resolutions supporting local government and sharing them with the League and your State representatives.

Action List: May

1. [Register for Municipal Land Use Preemption Lunch & Learn](#). Governor Murphy has prioritized legislation that would change the state's zoning and permitting laws. Join the League on May 6 at 12:00 p.m. for a free webinar to learn about advocacy efforts to protect local municipal land use decisions.
2. [Adopt a Resolution Urging Restoration of Energy Tax Receipts](#). The League is once again calling on the Governor and Legislature to fully fund the Energy Tax Receipts Property Tax Relief Act. Now is the time to consider adopting the sample resolution calling for the full restoration of Energy Tax Receipts.
3. [Adopt a Resolution Supporting Local Land Use Authority](#). Please consider adopting the sample resolution affirming support for local land use decisions and opposing the conversion of certain stranded assets including office parks and retail centers to mixed-use developments without local approval.
4. [Adopt a Resolution Opposing ADU Bills](#). Assembly Committee Substitute (ACS) for A-2792, A-4370, and A-2489 would preempt local planning and permit Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on property zoned for single or two-family residential uses. Act now to prevent the erosion of local autonomy.

Learning Opportunities

Professional & Elected Officials Welcome to 2025 NJLM Mini Conference

Registration for [NJLM Mini Conference](https://www.njlm.org/836/NJLM-Mini-Conference) [https://www.njlm.org/836/NJLM-Mini-Conference] is now open! This annual event will be held June 18 at the Conference Center at Mercer. Educational sessions featuring topics such as ethics, using your budget as a tool, procurement updates, records retention,



tax sales, IT, clean energy, elections, and more. Certain Licensees can earn up to 8 CEU credits in one day. Space is limited, so register today.

Management Workshop Program-Part 4: Financial Management Series, North & South

The Management Workshop Program [<https://www.njlm.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=439>] is 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. The fourth series will cover a broad range of issues regarding Financial Management.

Rowan at Burlington County Community College, Mount Laurel

Tuesday, May 20, Developing a Budget (a.m.) & Reporting: State Documents (p.m.)

Tuesday, May 27, Understanding the Annual Financial Statement (a.m.) & Capitol Planning & Infrastructure Improvements (p.m.)

Bergen County Community College @ The Meadowlands

Wednesday, May 21, Developing a Budget (a.m.) & Reporting: State Documents (p.m.)

Wednesday, May 28, Understanding the Annual Financial Statement (a.m.) & Capitol Planning & Infrastructure Improvements (p.m.)

Visit the Education Calendar [<https://www.njlm.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=439>] for a registration form [<https://www.njlm.org/DocumentCenter/View/11636/managementseries-part-4-reg-form?bidId=>] and more information.

Grants

FY2025 LEAP Grant

Applications for the FY2025 LEAP program are now being accepted. LEAP facilitates exploring and establishing shared services by providing counties, municipalities, school districts, commissions, authorities, and fire districts assistance for the study or implementation of promising shared services projects undertaken pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act.

Due Date

The deadline to submit a Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) grant application for FY2025 is May 30.

To Apply

Grant applications are to be submitted through the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) [System for Administering Grants Electronically \(SAGE\)](https://dcasage.intelligrants.com/portal.asp) [<https://dcasage.intelligrants.com/portal.asp>] under grant IDs Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) 2025.

Additional information about the [FY2025 LEAP Program](https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/programs/Leap_grants.shtml) [https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlgs/programs/Leap_grants.shtml] Guidelines, Grant Management Guidelines, applications, supplementary documents, and additional detailed information is available on the DCA website.

Meet Your Executive Board: Mayor Adrian O. Mapp

Adrian O. Mapp is the Mayor of the City of Plainfield. He has a rich and varied career that has seen him thrive in both the public and private sectors. With over 25 years of experience in the finance industry, Mayor Mapp is renowned for his exceptional skills in overseeing complex financial operations, which are crucial in managing the diverse fiscal challenges faced by municipalities. His leadership has been instrumental in ensuring the fiscal health and integrity of the communities he has served, underpinned by his deep understanding of financial management principles.



Mayor Adrian O. Mapp,
Plainfield

Mayor Mapp holds an M.B.A. in International Business from Fairleigh Dickinson University, a B.S. in Accounting from Rutgers University, and an A.A. in Public Administration from Union County College.

His expertise is further validated by his certifications as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a Certified Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO), and a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA). Mayor Mapp's commitment to excellence in public finance is reflected in his active participation in several prestigious organizations, including the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (JCPA), and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

In Plainfield, Adrian Mapp's leadership has reached historic milestones, serving an unprecedented third term as Mayor. He is the first in the city's history to achieve this feat, a testament to his dedication, vision, and the trust placed in him by the residents. His tenure as Mayor has been marked by a holistic approach to governance, leveraging his extensive experience as a Councilman and Freeholder (County Commissioner) to promote fiscal responsibility, social justice, and community engagement.

Moreover, Mayor Mapp extends his influence and expertise beyond Plainfield through his participation in several key positions. He previously served on the Local Finance Board for the State of NJ and is President of the New Jersey Urban Mayors Association. He is a Board Member of the African American Mayors Association and has an active role in the United States Conference of Mayors and the NJ Conference of Mayors. His role on the NJ League of Municipalities Tax and Finance Legislative Subcommittee further exemplifies his commitment to advancing the interests of urban communities across New Jersey and beyond.

Supported by his family—his wife Amelia Mapp, daughters Shermona Mapp-Akotia and Ayisha Mapp—Mayor Mapp's journey is one of relentless dedication to public service, financial stewardship, and the pursuit of social justice. His leadership continues to inspire many, fostering a legacy of integrity, excellence, and community empowerment.



The Central Railroad of New Jersey Terminal Train Shed at Liberty State Park in Jersey City is set for restoration.

Magazine Moment: New Magazine Subscription System Launching Watch for Renewal Emails starting this month.

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