

February 2019

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS**Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

Feb 28-

[Everything Elected Officials Need to Know About Immigration Law-DoubleTree Hotel, Tinton Falls](#)

March 2

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

March 6-

[A Quick Review of Budget and Audit Update Webinar-Your Computer](#)

March 19-

[Budget, Ethics, and Procurement Update-Conference Center at Mercer, West Windsor](#)

March 27-

[Medical Marijuana: What Public Employers Need to Know in New Jersey-DoubleTree Hotel, Tinton Falls](#)

April 5

[27<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayors Legislative Day-Statehouse Annex, Trenton](#)

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- ✓ Louis Bay Scholarship
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**FROM THE PRESIDENT***Mayor Colleen Mahr, Borough of Fanwood*

As mayors, we have a serious responsibility to lead our communities and indeed our state during difficult times. Our constituents, citizens, and neighbors look to us as the headlines trumpet fear of foreclosure, and the need for major restructuring of our public finances. And as mayors, we can count on the League to help us respond to these major public policy questions.

The League has many resources available with valuable information that is needed. Visit [our website](#) where you can find links to Important Issue Alerts, a full listing of League Committees, and Grant application information. You can also order various [publications](#) on several different topics such as Police and Fire Salary Survey and a Newly Elected Officials Handbook.

The League is also hosting the 27th Annual Mayors Legislative Day on April 5. This event will feature speakers from the Governor's Cabinet as well as a Legislative panel with members of the Legislature. To find out more about this event visit the [Legislative Day Calendar Announcement](#).

All this information and effort is only a start. Your voice and action will make the difference on these issues. So please review the information available and resolve to make your voice heard by your legislators, and by the League. Send your input and concerns so your staff in Trenton can keep them front and center in these discussions as we work together to lead our state.

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## **Everything Elected Officials Need to Know About Immigration Law Seminar**

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

Please join the League on February 28, 2019 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Tinton Falls from 9:00am-12:30pm for the "Everything Elected Officials Need to Know About Immigration Law" seminar. Mayor Michael Wildes, Esq., of Englewood City will begin the seminar with a general overview of Immigration Law focusing on:

- How people immigrate into the United States
- Employer I-9 compliance,
- Drivers' licenses for undocumented foreign nationals,
- Local law enforcement
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The seminar will then feature speakers from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the New Jersey Attorney General's Office who will discuss the current Federal and State initiatives regarding the enforcement of Immigration Law. Topics of discussion will be:

- Is Immigration enforcement action tied to local police or housing?
- What areas of interaction does Federal Immigration enforcement action have with local government?
- What are the State's current immigration initiatives and how do these tie in to the Federal and Local Efforts?

For more information on this seminar please visit the [February 28 Calendar Announcement](#) on the League webpage.

## **Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition**

*-Contact Michael Darcy ext. 116 [mdarcy@njlm.org](mailto:mdarcy@njlm.org)*

In January, the League mailed information to all mayors concerning the Annual Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition. League 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President William J. Chegwidde, Mayor of Wharton Borough chairs the Scholarship Competition. This popular competition is open to all high school juniors and seniors throughout the state. The top three winners each receive \$1,000 scholarships from the League.

Mayors play an integral role in the success of this program because your office publicizes its availability, judges the local entries, and distributes the checks and certificates supplied by the League. You should publicize the scholarship to your local schools and establish your judging committee. Your local winning entry must be submitted to the League office by April 2, so we can announce the three statewide winners by May 6.

## **Seeking Mayoral Conference Suggestions**

*-Contact Michael Darcy ext. 116 [mdarcy@njlm.org](mailto:mdarcy@njlm.org)*

Your League staff will shortly begin preparing the schedule of educational sessions for the 104<sup>th</sup> Annual League Conference. To make sure this schedule accurately reflects your needs, we need your input. Please fax or e-mail your suggested topics and speakers so we may coordinate your ideas into an informative and thought provoking conference. Most conference sessions are based on the input and responses from mayors and elected officials.

**Don't Forget to Claim Your CEU's from the 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference**

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Please remind your licensed officials that the deadline to claim CEU credits from the 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference is May 1, 2019. To claim credits, licensed officials should visit the [CEU Tracking page](#) on the League website.

**Attend the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayors' Legislative Day**

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Be sure to register for the 27th Annual Mayors' Legislative Day to be held April 5, 2019 at the State House Annex in Trenton. This is a great way to kick off your administration by hearing about the State's legislative agenda from the Governor, Administration officials, and key members of the Senate and Assembly. For more information please visit the [Legislative Day Calendar announcement](#) on the League Website.

**Cannabis Resource Page**

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Governor Murphy has identified the legalization of the adult recreational use of marijuana as a top priority for his Administration. Senate President Sweeney also supports this and has publicly indicated that there is sufficient support in the Senate to advance enabling legislation and Speaker Coughlin recently stated that he supports legalization.

While the League does not have a position on the topic of legalized recreational marijuana, we have created the [Cannabis Resource Page](#) as a tool for our members. This website features information regarding upcoming legislation, Labor Law Issues, Enforcement, and much more.

**2019 Municipal Directory**

*-Contact Dee Kotch 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 copies are \$30 each and PDF copies are \$49. Use it to keep in touch with your colleagues around the state.

**Don't Miss Out On the "Budgeting for the Elected Official: Everything You Need to Know to Create, Balance, And Approve Your Municipality's Budget" Seminar**

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Creating and approving a feasible budget is one of the most important tasks of an Elected Official. 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 towards Elected Officials to help them in the Municipal Budgeting Process. The program will take place on Saturday, March 2, 2019, at the Conference Center at Mercer. Additional program details and registration fees are available on the [Budgeting for Elected Officials Calendar Announcement](#).

**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, 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

will be a certificate of completion mailed to them and recognition at the Orientation Session at the Annual Conference in Atlantic City.

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 amount of points, they complete an online application form and will receive a Local Government Leader certificate in the mail. Then at the Orientation session on Tuesday at the Annual November Conference 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 will be available on the [Local Government Leadership Program webpage](#)