

April 2019**IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS**Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

April 5
[27th Annual Mayors' Legislative Day-Statehouse Annex, Trenton](#)

April 13
[Mayors' Roundtable on Affordable Housing and Cannabis-Hilton Hotel, East Rutherford](#)

April 16
[Mayors' Roundtable on Affordable Housing and Cannabis-Hotel ML, Mount Laurel](#)

April 24
[Labor and Personnel Law Update-DoubleTree Hotel, Tinton Falls](#)

April 29
[Mayors' Roundtable on Affordable Housing and Cannabis-Princeton Marriott at Forrestal, Princeton](#)

June 14
[One Day Mini Conference-Conference Center at Mercer, West Windsor](#)

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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 many different topics including the revised OPMA Primer, the 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 an interactive panel with members of the Legislature. To find out more about this event, visit the [calendar listing on our website](#).

All of 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 all lead our state.

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Mayors' Roundtable Events on Cannabis and Affordable Housing

Contact Michael Darcy, ext. 116, or mdarcy@njlm.org

The League is proud to present a Mayors' Roundtable discussion on the topics of Affordable Housing and Cannabis. These topics will be the focus of moderated discussions involving your questions, presentations by helpful experts, and status reviews of legislation. The topics will be the same at each of the three dates and locations. The moderated discussions and presentations will focus on your concerns.

Cannabis

The League has not taken a position on legalization, but has done significant research on municipal experiences in other states. See what other states' facilities look like and learn how other communities have been impacted by this new industry. Get your questions answered and take important information back to your residents and governing body. Gain an understanding of how other municipalities are planning to address this new industry and how the State plans to regulate it.

Affordable Housing

No two communities' solutions to housing needs are the same. Learn from the variety of approaches that have been implemented. Understand the current situation in various parts of the state and learn where legislative efforts may be focused. The moderated discussions and presentations will focus on your concerns, so send us your specific questions in advance to Danielle Holland-Htut, Continuing Education/Special Programs Manager, dholland@njlm.org with the subject line "Mayors' Roundtable Question"

The events will run 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

For information on these events and to register, click on each of the dates below:

[Saturday, April 13, 2019, Hilton Hotel, 2 Meadowlands Plaza, East Rutherford, NJ 07073](#)

[Tuesday, April 16, 2019, Hotel ML, 915 Route 73, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054](#)

[Monday, April 29, 2019, Princeton Marriott at Forrestal, 100 College Road East, Princeton, NJ 08540](#)

Elected Officials Inducted in League Hall of Fame

Contact Michael Darcy ext. 116, or mdarcy@njlm.org

The League will induct new members into the Elected Officials' Hall of Fame during the 27th Annual Mayors Legislative Day April 5, 2019, at the State House Annex in Trenton. This honor is reserved for those governing body members, active and retired, who have served 20 years in elected municipal office. There are over 400 inductees in the Elected Officials Hall of Fame to date. Congratulations to our most recent members! [See the list on the Hall of Fame webpage.](#)

The 2019 Elected Officials Hall of Fame inductees are as follows:

Councilman Steven Hatala, Jr., Clifton City
Mayor Ronald Sutton, Sr., Commercial Township
Committeeman David M. Salkin, Freehold Township
Committeeman Richard J. Bruning, Lafayette Township
Mayor Victor De Luca, Maplewood Township
Mayor James Rotundo, Palisades Park
Council President Gary S. Schaer, Passaic City
Mayor Dennis Sullivan, Somerville Borough
Mayor John P. Watt, Teterboro Borough
Village Trustee Mark Rosner, Township of South Orange Village
Deputy Mayor Joseph Florio, Union Township (Union)
Committeeman Bruce Peterson, Upper Deerfield Township

Mayor Emeritus Silverio A. Vega, West New York Town

**Nominations Sought
For Mayors' Hall of Fame**

Contact Michael Darcy, ext. 116, or mdarcy@njslom.org

The League is accepting nominations for the 2019 Mayors Hall of Fame. To qualify, a mayor must be serving in at least their tenth cumulative year for the silver level, twentieth 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 ten 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 13, 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. 116.

Let Your Vendors Know About NJ Municipalities Magazine!

Do you work with vendors that you would recommend to other municipalities? Let these vendors know about the League's magazine; placing advertisements in the magazine helps to increase the reach of their marketing message and supports the League as an organization in the process.

Contact Taran Samhammer at tsamhammer@njlm.org with your vendor's mailing address and we will send them a sample issue!

April Is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community. Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show one in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives.

Child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before age 18. Young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence, and youth ages 12-17 were 2.5 times as likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault. On college and university campuses, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college.

This year's theme, "I Ask," will champion the power of asking—whether it is asking to hold someone's hand, for permission to share personal information with others, or if a partner is interested in sex. "I Ask" is the statement by which individuals will demonstrate that asking for consent is a healthy, normal, and necessary part of everyday interactions. "I Ask" is the statement by which we will uplift the importance of consent and transform it from being prescriptive to empowering.

You can access all the information you can use to increase awareness at the National Sexual Violence Resource Center [website](#).

Claim Your CEU's from the 103rd Annual Conference

Contact Danielle Holland-Htut, ext. 118, or dholland@njlm.org

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

Attend the 27th Annual Mayors' Legislative Day

Contact Danielle Holland-Htut, ext. 118, or dholland@njlm.org

Register now 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 ignite 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.

2019 Municipal Directory

Contact Dee Kotch, ext. 115, or dkotch@njlm.org

The annual Municipal Directory was 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.