

## September 2019

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

September 11-Patriot Day

September 17-Constitution Day

September 20

[Practical Guide to Developing Affordable](#)

[Supportive Housing in your Community Webinar- Your Computer](#)

October 18

[Down the Rabbit Hole: Exploring Ethics for Government Employees and Elected Officials -Holiday Inn Hasbrouck Heights](#)

October 22

[Understanding Collective Negotiations, Interest Arbitration and Chapter 78 Update and Recent Legislative Enactments Affecting the Employer-Employee Relationship-DoubleTree Hotel, Tinton Falls](#)

October 29

[Down the Rabbit Hole: Exploring Ethics for Government Employees and Elected Officials-Hotel ML, Mount Laurel](#)

November 19-21

[104<sup>th</sup> Annual League Conference-Atlantic City Convention Center, Atlantic City](#)

- ✓ Patriot Day
- ✓ Constitution Day
- ✓ League Conference Resolutions
- ✓ Annual Conference Registration
- ✓ Beware of Scam Conference
- ✓ Innovation in Governance Awards
- ✓ Michael A. Pane Award
- ✓ Mayors' Hall of Fame
- ✓ *NJ Municipalities Magazine*

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Mayor Colleen Mahr, Borough of Fanwood*

While creating your daily schedule of sessions and meetings for the League Conference, please make sure to add these must-attend events to your agenda.

#### Wednesday, November 20

Mayors' Box Luncheon-12:00 p.m.

This event is your chance to meet and greet fellow mayors and the League's leadership. Held in the Sheraton Crown Ballroom, this event will feature inductions to the Mayors' Hall of Fame and Innovation in Governance Awards presentations. There is also an Executive Briefing. Admission to this event is by ticket only.

WIMG Networking & Awards Event-5:00 p.m.

At the end of the day, join the Women in Municipal Government to honor women who have dedicated service toward the advancement of women in municipal government in an atmosphere conducive to meeting and learning from your colleagues. Admission to this event is by ticket only.

#### Thursday, November 21

Annual League Luncheon-12:00p.m.

This event is held at the Sheraton Crowne Ballroom. This event will feature speakers from the Legislature and the Governors Cabinet. Admission to this event is by ticket only.

League's Business Meeting- 3:30 p.m.

This event is held at the Sheraton Hotel. Only the Mayor or their official designee can vote, but we welcome all municipal officials into the discussion of League business. There is no cost to attend this event.

For ticket prices and more information on any of these events please visit the [Conference Webpage](#).

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### **Patriot Day Volunteer and Service Opportunities**

September 11, 2019 is Patriot Day. Mayors can link their homepage to the [Corporation for National and Community Service website](#) and allow residents to find volunteer and service opportunities.

### **Constitution Day September 17**

September 17, 2019 is Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. Mayors can find activities for community leaders at the [Constitution Center website](#).

### **Submit League Conference Resolutions by October 4**

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

The Conference Resolutions Committee will consider resolutions from officials who are currently in municipal office. A summary of the proposed resolution should be sent to the League office by Friday, October 4, 2019. All resolutions must be general and relate to municipal government interests. For more information, contact Michael Cerra, Assistant Executive Director, at 609-695-3481 ext. 120 or [mcerra@njlm.org](mailto:mcerra@njlm.org).

### **104<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Pre-Registration Now Open**

Contact Johnnifer Harris at ext. 119 or [jharris@njlm.org](mailto:jharris@njlm.org)

Pre-Registration for the 104<sup>th</sup> Annual League Conference is open! Costs for Pre-Registration are \$55 for Government Officials and \$ 105 for Non-Government Officials. Pre-Registration runs through October 1, 2019. After this Pre-Registration period has ended, attendees must pay on-site at the Atlantic City Convention Center. On-site registration rates are \$65 for Government Officials and \$125 for Non-Government Officials.

For more information on conference registration, please visit the [Conference website](#).

### **Beware of Scam Conference Housing Communications**

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

It has come to our attention that there are unauthorized firms soliciting housing and hotel reservations from League conference attendees.

Please Note: The only firm authorized to handle our conference housing reservations is AC Central Reservations. They will not call, email, or contact anyone unsolicited.

You can visit their website via the [League Conference page](#).

Using unauthorized reservation services creates real problems for you and the Conference as a whole. You cannot be assured your credit card or financial information is secure, and your room reservation may not actually be made. Also, your room will not be part of the official Conference housing block, so you won't get emergency housing information, nor will there be adequate shuttle bus services to your hotel.

As always, the League is available to answer your questions on any aspect of the Annual Conference and we strive to make your participation both enjoyable and highly productive.

**Call for Nominations for 2019  
Innovation in Governance Awards**

Contact Ciara Bradley, ext. 128, or [cbradley@njlm.org](mailto:cbradley@njlm.org)

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities (NJLM) will again acknowledge and promote Innovation in Governance through our annual recognition program. This is a great opportunity to showcase innovative solutions to any problems that have cropped up—either suddenly or over time—in your municipality. It can also be an opportunity to let your peers in on innovations that prevented problems from arising.

This year, the Innovation in Governance Awards Committee is looking for any original approaches in public administration undertaken by a Garden State municipality during the past and forthcoming 15 months—from the beginning of June 2018 to September 30, 2019. Any innovation in any department or program will be considered for recognition.

This program was established to highlight exemplary local government activities that exhibit creative and practical approaches to local problems and concerns. We will share the winning entries with municipal leaders at the 104th Annual League of Municipalities Conference Mayors' Luncheon on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at the Sheraton in Atlantic City, and in our magazine, *New Jersey Municipalities*.

This year's judges will be League Past Presidents Paul Maticera and Plainsboro Mayor Peter Cantu, Director of the DCA's Division of Local Government Services Melanie Walter, and League Executive Director Michael Darcy.

The application can be accessed by visiting the Innovation in Governance Awards page on the [League of Municipalities website](#)

The nomination deadline for this program is October 1, 2019. Accordingly, we encourage you to forward this information to the appropriate people in your municipality today, giving them ample time to meet the deadline.

If you have any questions on the Innovation in Governance Awards, please contact Ciara Bradley at the League of Municipalities 609-695-3481, ext. 128, or [cbradley@njlm.org](mailto:cbradley@njlm.org)

**17th Annual Michael A. Pane Award Nominations  
Are Now Being Accepted**

For additional information, call John Gillespie at 732-530-4226

In honor of the memory of Michael A. Pane, the 17th annual award will be presented to a professional (attorney, engineer, or planner) that personifies outstanding ability, integrity, and a high standard of ethics in his or her dealings with local government. This award includes a \$500 honorarium.

Mr. Pane personified and promoted integrity in local government, and it is the purpose of this award to recognize an individual who has over a period of years demonstrated the same professional commitment to service and, who by so doing, has set high standards that all involved in local government should strive to match.

The award ceremony will be held during the League's Annual Conference in Atlantic City, on Thursday, November 21, during a session of the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys. Nominations for this award will be accepted through September 15, 2019. Please mail, fax, or email your nomination to:

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“The League thanks the NJLM Educational Foundation for making this possible and is honored to participate in the promotion of the Michael A. Pane Award,” said League Executive Director Michael J. Darcy. A list of past award winners can be found at [www.njlm.org/Pane-award](http://www.njlm.org/Pane-award)

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

Contact Michael Darcy, ext. 116, or [mdarcy@njslom.org](mailto:mdarcy@njslom.org)

The League is accepting nominations for the 2019 Mayors’ Hall of Fame. To qualify, mayors must be serving in at least their 10th cumulative year for the silver level, 20th year for the gold level, or 30th year for the white level. Mayors who rotate into office can qualify after holding the office of mayor for 10 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 20, 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.

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Do you work with vendors that you would recommend to other municipalities? Let these vendors know about the League’s magazine, *New Jersey Municipalities*. Placing advertisements in the magazine helps to increase the reach of its marketing message and supports the League as an organization in the process.

Contact Taran Samhammer at [tsamhammer@njlm.org](mailto:tsamhammer@njlm.org) with your vendor’s mailing address and we will send them a sample issue!