

January 2021

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTSPlease consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

January 9

[Orientation for Newly Elected, Reelected, and Experienced Municipal Officials-Your Computer](#)

January 23

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February 26

[Returning to Work After COVID-19 Webinar-Your Computer](#)

March 6

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

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[Cannabis in the Workplace Webinar-Your Computer](#)

April 16

[29th Annual Mayors Legislative Day, Statehouse Annex, Trenton](#)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mayor Janice Kovach, Mayor Clinton Town
Happy New Year! Although we can all expect to have challenges, this is also an opportunity to work together and create the changes we'd like to see in local, state, and federal government. As we begin the New Year, we mayors face increasingly complex issues in daily operations and long-term planning alike. Elected officials need up-to-date information for better planning and administration that can help build your toolkit for meeting and solving problems. Your League provides targeted educational programming geared specifically to the needs of local elected officials as well as the staff that will help you maximize your operations.

On Saturday January 9 and Saturday, January 23, an orientation webinar for newly and reelected Municipal Officials will be held. The webinars will provide newly elected officials with a thorough overview of their major areas of responsibility and key state level contacts, while reelected officials will get up-to-date reference materials that provide answers to often asked questions.

If you don't have a seat at the table, you might find yourself on the menu. This year we will be working to build our representation in Trenton by local government officials. One great way to do this is the Annual Mayors Legislative Day. Held in the beginning of April this half-day event provides officials with a budgetary and legislative update from Legislative Leadership, the Governor, and Cabinet members.

We also offer a program exclusively for Elected Officials on the topic of "Budgeting for Elected Officials: Everything You Need to Know to Create, Balance, and Approve Your Municipality's Budget" The informative session will be on Saturday, March 6 and offers insights on budgeting through a uniquely challenging year.

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President's Message Continued

Please take advantage of this year-round valuable service the League provides to help answer your questions and provide solutions to local issues. Sign up for the above-mentioned seminars, and help get your administration off to a running start.

2021 Municipal Directory

Contact Dee Kotch at ext.115 or 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 and PDF copies are \$35 each for public officials and \$45 each for non-public officials. Use it to keep in touch with your colleagues around the state.

NJLM Helps Mayors Access State Leaders

Contact Michael Cerra at ext. 120 or mcerra@njlm.org

If you need help accessing state leaders and agencies, contact the League. Your staff in Trenton interacts daily with all State leaders and agencies and regularly facilitates mayors' communication in our capital.

2020 NJLM Virtual Conference: View Sessions On-Demand Now!

If you missed Conference week but would like view to sessions on-demand, [registration remains open](#). While CEU credits are not available, these sessions offer tools to take your throughout the pandemic and beyond. You can also revisit the virtual Exhibit Hall to download information about products and services or to email vendors directly for personal assistance. Access to the on-demand content and exhibit hall is available through November 1, 2021.

Webinar for Newly Elected Officials

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

Every year the League offers this important program in two locations around the state to help serve the needs of municipal officials who are new to their positions or who want a timely issue update. Due to Covid-19 and out of an abundance of caution, we have changed these webinars into an online format. You can remotely attend sessions on January 9 or January 23, and while the program location will be different, attendees will still have the opportunity to gain valuable information from presentations by mayors, as well as State, League, and other local officials.

These webinars are designed to specifically update and answer questions for newly elected and reelected officials looking for a refresher or to build shared knowledge with fellow local officials. Attend these programs and get the information and answers you need about your new responsibilities. For more information, see the calendar on page one of this newsletter or visit the [Seminar Calendar](#).

Don't Miss "Budgeting for the Elected Official: Everything You Need to Know to Create, Balance, and Approve Your Municipality's Budget" Webinar

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

Creating and approving a feasible budget is one of the most important tasks on an elected official's long list of responsibilities. 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 toward Elected Officials to help them in the municipal budgeting process.

The program will take place on Saturday, March 6, 2020, at the Conference Center at Mercer. Additional program details and registration fees are available on the [Budgeting for Elected Officials Calendar Announcement](#). Please Note: Due to Covid-19 this program may be altered to an online version. Keep checking the League website for more updates.

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, and 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 is a certificate of completion mailed to them and recognition at the Orientation Session at the Annual Conference.

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 number of points, they complete an online application form and receive a Local Government Leader certificate in the mail.

At the Orientation session at the Annual League Conference in November, they will be recognized (Officials who submit application forms after September 1 will be recognized at the next year's Conference). Join our first two honorees, Mayor Judy Davies-Dunhour of Stone Harbor and Mayor Mary Jane Canose of Berardsville in pursuing further excellence in local governance.

More information on this program is available on the [Local Government Leadership Program webpage](#).

Elected Officials Hall of Fame Nominations

Contact Michael Cerra, Ext. 120, or mcerra@njlm.org

In recognition of the many municipal governing body members who have selflessly served for 20 or more years, the League of Municipalities is pleased to once again accept nominations for the Elected Officials Hall of Fame.

This special honor is reserved for those governing body members, active and retired, who have served 20 years in elected municipal office. As you know, these special elected officials have governed their municipalities for lengthy tenures, guiding their communities through the good times and troubled times, with little recognition.

The Elected Officials Hall of Fame will shine a light on these pillars in our communities and hold them up as an example of civic pride for all citizens to emulate.

In a special ceremony during the Mayors' Legislative Day at the State House in April 2021, there will be a presentation to these special elected municipal officials. They will be inducted into the Elected Officials Hall of Fame and their picture will appear in the League magazine, *New Jersey Municipalities*.

If you know of any elected municipal officials not currently in the Elected Officials Hall of Fame who have served at least 20 years in elected municipal office, please visit the [League's Award program](#) page to access the nomination form.

The form may be copied if you want to make several nominations. Please mail the form(s) back to League office by January 1, 2021, so they may be included in the ceremony. Confirmations will be mailed to the nominees in February, 2021.

You may view a full list of all Hall of Fame inductees at the [League's Award programs webpage](#). To order, visit the League's website and [complete the order form](#).

Show Off Your City Contest Deadline Feb. 3
Contact Amy Spiezio, Ext. 123, or aspiezio@njlm.org

This year like no other, the picture of municipal life has been profoundly different. We'd like to record the many special municipal moments in New Jersey through the 2021 NJLM Annual Show Off Your City photo contest. You are invited to send us photos of how local residents and officials worked and played and thrived in these pandemic days or record the timeless moments of beauty in your community.

Entries will be posted on the League's Facebook page, website, and some will be featured in the April issue of *NJ Municipalities magazine*, and possibly other issues.

A winner will be selected and receives a free League publication of their choice.

We ask that photos be high resolution JPEG—at least 1 MB in size. Please provide photo credit if necessary. Unfortunately, stock photos and images that are too low resolution will not be considered. By submitting a photo, you are agreeing that you own the rights to the photo and that NJLM has permission to use the photo in *NJ Municipalities*, on NJLM's social media and website, and in other printed materials. Please include your Facebook profile name and we will tag your photo on Facebook.

Photos can be submitted via email to aspiezio@njlm.org, or mailed on CD or flash drive to 222 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608.

Submission deadline is February 3, 2021. For more [information, visit our website](#).