

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

September 11
Patriots Day

September 17
Constitution Day

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November 16-18
[106th Annual League Conference-Atlantic City
Convention Center, Atlantic City](#)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mayor Janice Kovach, Clinton Town

It has been a tough year for us all, but our progress must continue and we have every hope and expectation to again host an in-person conference in the great city of Atlantic City, where every day is a great day.

Please join us for the 106th Annual Conference, November 16-18.

As we continue to plan, please know that our top priorities are your health, safety, and wellness. This conference may not look like others, as we will employ the health and safety guidelines agreed upon by federal, state, and local health authorities. Every effort will be made to make this safe for you, but still be a very productive and valued event. And I know we all look forward to the exchange of ideas and networking that is a trademark of the League.

Our plan is to provide another great conference that builds a legacy for all of us going forward. Join us to help create that legacy.

We have made some changes this year, which include:

- Additional conference sessions on Tuesday morning
- 75-minute conference sessions to allow for more time between sessions
- Revised exhibit floor with more cross aisles
- New rates for on-site registration
- New & improved conference website
- Additional exhibit floor entrance – Hall D

To start planning your conference experience, please visit www.njlm.org/conference

I'll see you in Atlantic City.

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106th Annual Conference Early Bird Discount Registration Now Open

Contact: Marie Kizer at mkizer@njilm.org or ext. 113 or Johnnifer Harris at jharris@njilm.org or ext. 119

Online registration is now open. As part of our health and safety protocols we have expanded the registration pricing for the conference to encourage early registration. The current registration rates are below:

Registration	Early Bird	Advance	Onsite
Type	<u>August 1 - October 1</u>	<u>October 2 - November 12</u>	<u>November 16 - November 18</u>
Government/Nonprofit	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$100.00
Non-Government	\$120.00	\$150.00	\$180.00
Student	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$55.00
	Aug 1 - Oct 1 All Payment Types	Oct 2 - Oct 15 All Payment Types Oct 16- Nov 12 Credit Cards Only	Nov 16- Nov 18 All payment Types

We encourage everyone to register online and have their conference credentials mailed to them in advance. For more information on pre-registration, please visit the [conference registration page](#) of the [Conference website](#).

League Conference Information

For more information, please visit the [League Conference page](#)

League Code of Conduct

The League intends to maintain a welcoming professional atmosphere in all aspects of the Annual League Conference. To that end, conduct that violates the [League Code of Conduct](#) is not tolerated by the League, anyone who witnesses it, or is subjected to it. Everyone who participates in the Annual League Conference is required to adhere to this code.

Conference Center Preparations

The League has been reevaluating and redesigning aspects of the conference in preparation for a safe and successful in-person conference. The League is taking measures along with our partners at the Atlantic City Convention Center, which is GBAC STAR certified, and all related service providers to follow CDC and NJ Department of Health guidelines and create a safe, healthy, and comfortable conference for all participants.

A healthy conference environment is our top priority for 2021. Sanitization protocols that comply with CDC guidance are ready for public spaces, meeting areas, food service, and transportation. Venue layout will take into account social distancing. Pre-registration will eliminate waiting lines. For more information on our [Health and Safety Plan](#) please visit the [conference website](#).

Ticketed Events

The League will be holding ticketed events during the annual conference, including::

- Annual Mayor's Box Luncheon on Wednesday, November 17 from 12:00 noon to 1:45 p.m. This event is limited to the mayor and two guests of the mayor's choosing. Cost: \$25 per person
- WIMG Networking & Awards Event on Wednesday, November 17 at 5:15 p.m. Cost: \$30 per person.

- Annual League Luncheon on Thursday, November 18 from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. Cost \$40 per person.

As a reminder, all ticketed League events require a conference badge, which is a separate fee from the ticketed event.

To purchase your tickets please visit the [League Event Tickets](#) page on the [conference website](#).

League's Business Meeting

The League's Annual Business Meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 18 at the Sheraton Hotel. Only the Mayor or their official designee can vote, but all municipal officials are welcome. There is no cost to attend this event.

Patriot Day Volunteer and Service Opportunities

September 11, 2021 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, 2021 is Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. Mayors can find activities for community leaders at the [Constitution Center website](#)

Call for Nominations for the Nineteenth Annual Innovation in Governance Awards

Contact: Ciara Bradley at ext. 128 or cbradley@njlm.org

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the New Jersey League of Municipalities 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 even arising.

This year, the Innovation in Governance Awards Committee is looking for any original approaches in public administration undertaken by a Garden State municipality from June 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. 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 106th Annual League of Municipalities Conference Mayors' Luncheon on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at the Sheraton in Atlantic City, and in the January issue of our magazine, *NJ Municipalities*.

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

In June Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver, Commissioner of Department of Community Affairs, and NJLM President Clinton Town Mayor Janice Kovach sent a [letter](#) to all mayors calling for nominations. The deadline for submission of the [application](#) is Friday, October 1, 2021.

We encourage you to forward this information to the appropriate people in your municipality today, giving them ample time to meet our deadline.

Beware of Scam Conference Housing Communications

Contact: Dee Kotch, ext. 115, or 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 Housing 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.

Nominations Sought For Mayors' Hall of Fame

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

The League is accepting nominations for the 2021 Mayors' Hall of Fame. To qualify, a mayor 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 platinum level. Mayors who rotate into office can qualify after holding position 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 17, in Atlantic City. For nomination forms and more information about the Mayors' Hall of Fame, contact the League at 609-695-3481, ext. 120.

Seeking Fall Submissions for NJ Municipalities Magazine

Contact: Amy Spiezio at aspiezio@njlm.org or Tasneem Kapadia at tkapadia@njlm.org

As we ease into fall, the League's official publication, *NJ Municipalities* magazine is preparing 2021-22 issues. We welcome you to pitch your op-ed columns, COVID recovery stories, news items, and feature-length pieces that celebrate and inspire local officials for inclusion in upcoming editions.

In each issue, the magazine provides insights on a variety of topics of interest to local governments and also puts a spotlight on particular topics that are currently trending. Please [visit the League's website for author guidelines](#) or [a full rundown of issue spotlights](#). Or reach out to Managing Editor Amy Spiezio at aspiezio@njlm.org.

If you and other officials within your municipality don't subscribe to *NJ Municipalities*, please visit the [magazine bookshelf](#) to check out the useful information included in each issue and consider adding this publication to your municipal government toolkit.

Do you work with vendors that you would recommend to other municipalities? Let these vendors know about the League's magazine, *NJ Municipalities*. Placing advertisements in the magazine helps to increase the reach of their marketing messages and supports the League as an organization in the process. Reach out to Tasneem Kapadia at tkapadia@njlm.org with your vendor's mailing address and we will send them a sample issue!