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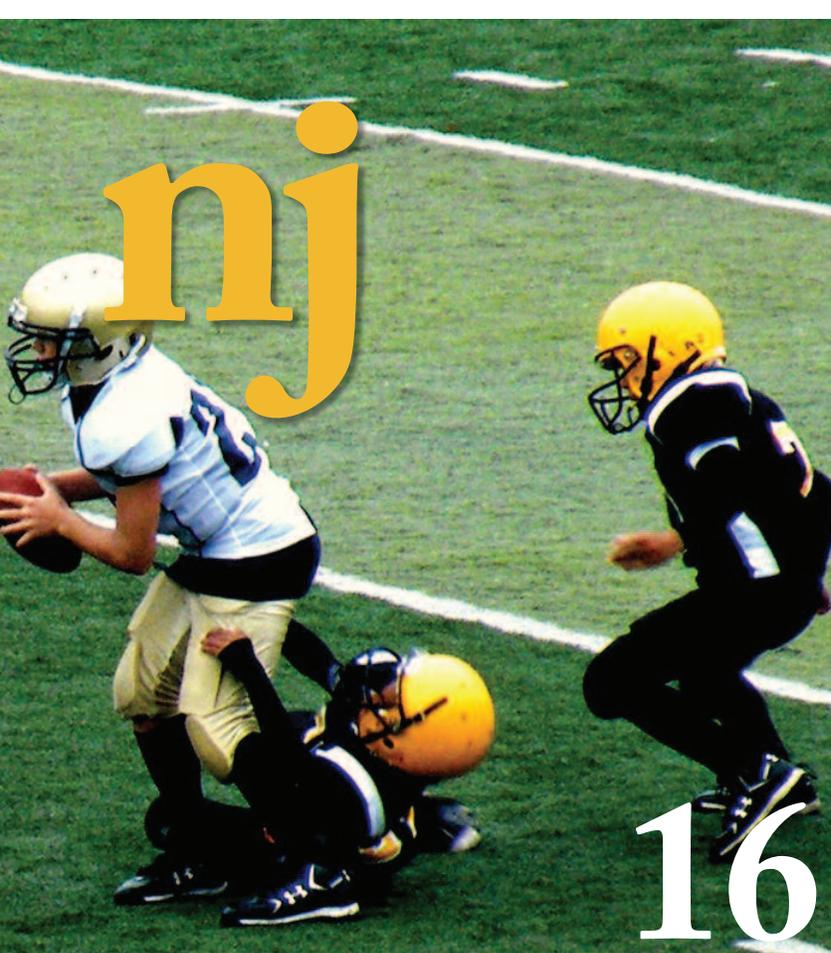
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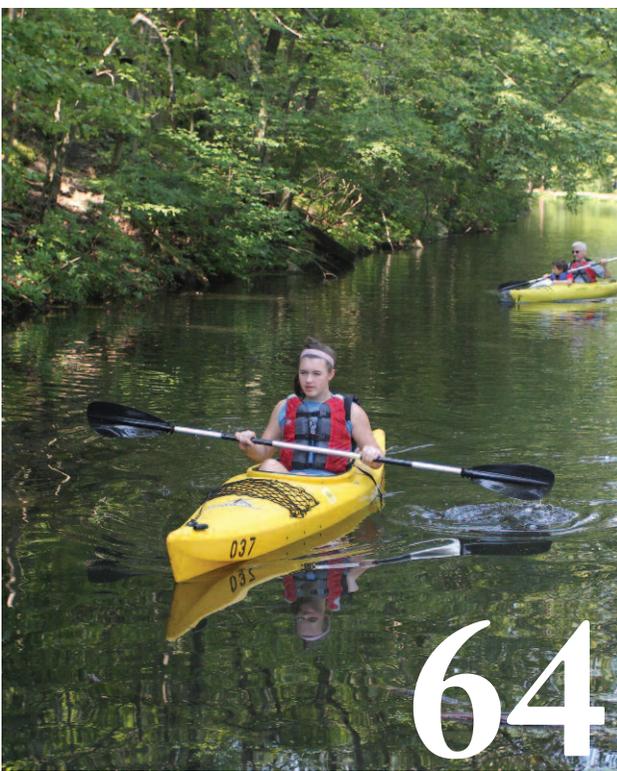
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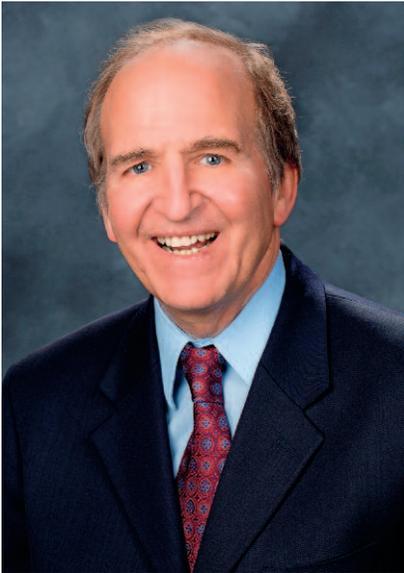
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## Attend and Get Educated

George Bernard Shaw put it well when he remarked: “If you have an apple and I have an apple and we exchange apples then you and I will still each have one apple. But if you have an idea and I have an idea and we exchange these ideas, then each of us will have two ideas.”

Bearing this in mind, we urge all of you to attend your League’s Annual Conference later this month in Atlantic City. You’ll find many details on our gathering in the center pages of this magazine and on our website at [njslom.org](http://njslom.org).

This year’s theme, “Partnerships for Prosperity,” gives a pretty good indication of our focus. We’ve scheduled a full slate of informational programming. And that has been further supplemented by the programming put together by our affiliate organizations. There is also much to be learned on the exhibit floor, in terms of the services and products that are available to better serve your fellow citizens. And, of course, we can’t begin to estimate the value of the ‘off pro-

gram,’ informal encounters, when two or a few local officials get together to discuss common problems and to explore uncommon solutions.

It all begins with a new time for a reliable standard. Our 2014 Conference Consulting Period has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2014, from 12:30 pm until 2:30 pm. For years, local officials have been taking advantage of the League’s Consulting Period to deal with issues—big and small—that they face daily in the public’s service. We have rescheduled this session in the hopes that more of you can take advantage of this truly unique opportunity.

And our Conference Week will end, as always, at our all-important Thursday afternoon business meeting. We hope you all will participate in this annual event.

On behalf of President Walters, her fellow officers, the members of our Executive Board and the League Staff, I look forward to seeing you at the Conference! ❧

*Bill Dressel*

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## NJLM Annual Conference Consulting Period

### Experienced Mayors Tout ‘Valuable Networking Opportunity’

The Consulting Period, held during the League’s Annual Conference is an excellent opportunity to network with individuals from both the state departments and non-profit groups. We’ve moved it to a new time, 12:30 to 2:30 pm on Tuesday, November 18, so that elected officials can make the most of it.

Representatives from over 50 government agencies and programs will await your questions and share their programs. Go beyond the websites and grants offerings to meet the state’s leading experts. Like the mayors quoted below, you will be glad you did.

**“I’d highly recommend it.”** ~Mayor Chuck Chiarello,  
*Buena Vista Township, Past League President*

According to Buena Vista Township Mayor Chuck Chiarello, a Past League President, “The Consulting Period allows municipal officials to sometimes get an instant answer to a question or a quick follow up right after the Conference, cutting through the red tape. If you don’t visit the Consulting Period, you’re missing a great opportunity in addition to the normal exhibits on the Convention Center floor. I’d highly recommend it.”



You can meet with department personnel one on one and in private without all of the distractions that can happen out on the exhibit floor at the Convention Center."

~Joseph DeLorio Mayor Emeritus, Borough of Roselle Park and Administrator/CFO, Borough of Manasquan.

Manasquan Administrator/CFO Joseph DeLorio, a former mayor in Roselle Park, concurs: “With the amount of activity occurring throughout the three days of the League’s Conference week, it’s good to know that you can meet with department personnel one on one and in private without all of the distractions that can happen out on the exhibit floor at the Convention Center.”

The information that I’ve gained from attending has been helpful, including learning of a grant proposal to fund a safe streets project in our Borough.” ~Sophie Heymann, Mayor, Closter Borough

Sophie Heymann, the Mayor of Closter Borough, credits attending the session with ultimately securing a grant to promote safe streets: “The concept is excellent because I am able to get face to face advice with officials and counsels that I would not normally be able to meet. The information that I’ve gained from attending has been helpful, including learning of a grant proposal to fund a safe streets project in our Borough.”



## Middletown Celebrates

Throughout 2014, Middletown held a series of events celebrating New Jersey's 350th birthday. The events, highlighted on their website at [middletownnj.org/middletown350](http://middletownnj.org/middletown350), included a parade, Daddy Daughter Sock Hop, flashlight egg hunt, gala, poster contest and the sale of collectible memorabilia. Events celebrated the founding of New Jersey and the state's history. The township also held several contests that were open to local students.

One contest had high school students write letters to the future. The winning letter will be included in the town's time capsule, to be sealed until 2064; 50 years after its burial. Other contests include a mural project and poster contest (which featured information and artwork based on the life of a Middletown resident who lived before 1900). 📌

## Trenton Joins 311 Pilot

Trenton was selected as one of four New Jersey cities to participate in the National Resource Network's pilot program, a program designed as a "311" for cities by the Obama Administration. The program provides cities with an opportunity to connect to a network of experts from both the public and private sectors. These experts can provide strategic assistance on key economic issues, with the intent of helping participating cities turnaround their local economies.

This nationwide network was created to provide technical advice and assistance to cities that are seeking to address inequality, unemployment, aging infrastructure, vacant properties and underperforming schools. The three-year program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Participating cities can submit questions to a member of the Network, who will respond with resources and referrals within three business days. 📌

@ For more information on this program visit [www.nationalresourcenetwork.org](http://www.nationalresourcenetwork.org).

## NJLM Annual Conference Information

### CEU How To's

The League is happy to announce that we have updated our CEU Tracking System to include easier-to-use scanners. Instead of inserting the badge into the slot on top of the scanner, attendees now only need to place their badge bar code under the scanner. Once the bar code is scanned, the machine will "beep" and the attendee can enter the session.

Please note that there will be no sign-in CEU volunteers present at the doors. Instead, attendees will once again be asked to self scan—in and out. Scanning in and out is required to earn credit.

Following the conference, attendees may log on to the Tracking System website and download their CEUs, as they may have done in previous years.

#### The New CEU Procedure, Step by Step

*(for sessions held in the convention center)*

1. As you enter an educational session you will scan your badge face side up at the badge scanner at the entrance.
2. Once you have scanned your badge, the scanner will make a "beep" sound. You may now enter the session. If the scanner does not work, please report the problem immediately by going to one of the Room Monitor Stations, located on the third and fourth floors of the convention center.
3. When the session has finished, sign-out the same way that you signed in. All attendees must scan-in and out to receive credit. Every certificate will display the attendees sign-in and sign-out times.
4. You will not receive a paper certificate on the way out of the session. Instead you will be able to log on to the CEU tracking system at [www.njslom.org/confceu](http://www.njslom.org/confceu) and print it out on your home or office computer.

#### Printing CEU Certificates

Starting November 24, 2014 log on to the CEU website and follow the prompts. A link to the site will be available on the League website, [njslom.org/confceu](http://njslom.org/confceu). You will be able to access and print conference certificates until May 2015.

1. Log on to the CEU website ([www.njslom.org/confceu](http://www.njslom.org/confceu)).
2. Enter either your badge number (found on your name badge) or your name and zip code.
3. Select the session for which you wish to print a certificate.
4. When prompted, fill out the standard evaluation form for that session.
5. Once the evaluation form is submitted online, you will have the option to print the certificate.
6. After the certificate has printed, you may then return to the main screen to print out another certificate, or log out. 📌

**Free Public Transportation**

# All Aboard the Long Beach Trolleys

**S**uper-Storm Sandy tested Long Beach Island and many municipalities along the Jersey Shore. One challenge was the serious need for adequate public transportation during declared emergencies.

In working through this issue, Long Beach considered its geographic and demographic make-up. The year-round population of Long Beach Township presently exceeds 3,000 and the year-round population on Long Beach Island combined presently exceeds 10,000. The seasonal population of Long Beach Island is estimated to annually exceed 100,000, any given time.

Each Trolley travels the entire length of Long Beach Island in a continual loop from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm every day during the summer season.

A key consideration was the potential of public transportation to alleviate traffic and parking problems, and enhance and support economic activities during the busy summer months. A municipal transportation system, comprised of shuttle buses, would address the present and future needs of the township, its residents, its businesses, and its visitors by providing island-wide transportation for recreational purposes or in times of emergency.

In March of 2014, bids were received for the purchase of six, 14-passenger buses, to serve as the Municipal Transportation System. In June, our new Trolley Service was implemented. Each Trolley travels the entire length of Long Beach Island in a continual loop from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm every day during the summer season. The Transportation System is free to all; patrons need only to “wave-down” the Trolley as it passes in order to “hitch a ride.” All information is posted on our municipal website, [www.longbeachtownship.com](http://www.longbeachtownship.com).

We have created a Shared Service with three of the other five municipalities on Long Beach Island to help defray the cost of our very successful trolley service. We remain optimistic that the remaining two municipalities will begin participating. Since June, approximately 31,000 riders have used the Trolleys! Please come to visit beautiful Long Beach Island and take a free trolley ride. 📍



## Margate Hosts Stormwater Workshop

**M**argate’s “Stormwater Management Workshop” brought together a panel of experts to educate local communities about stormwater management challenges. The event, sponsored by Margate’s Green Team, was free and open to the public.

Speakers discussed topics such as sea level rise, flooding, climate change and innovative techniques for stormwater management. The workshop’s target audience was municipal managers, engineers, planners, planning board members, zoning officers, green teams and interested members of the public. Speakers from Rutgers University, Richard Stockton College and Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve participated. 📍



Pictured at the Borough of Keansburg new tennis courts ribbon cutting ceremony on September 17 are the Keansburg Titans Ladies Tennis Team along with (standing L-R): BOE Member Chris Hoff, Monmouth County Freeholder Serena DiMaso, BOE President Judy Ferraro, Superintendent Gerald North, Monmouth County Freeholder Gary Rich Sr., Tennis Coach Dan Iorio, Keansburg Mayor Thomas Foley and Keansburg High School Booster Club members Steve Rogan, Ginger Rogan, (BOE member) Dolores Bartram and Sally Foster.

## Keansburg Unveils New Tennis Courts

The Borough of Keansburg hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 17 to unveil three new tennis courts. These are the new ‘home’ courts for the Keansburg Titans high school tennis teams – who had formerly been using out-of-town courts to practice and hold matches.

The ribbon cutting was immediately followed by the first match to be played on the new courts between Henry Hudson and the Keansburg Titans varsity women’s tennis teams.

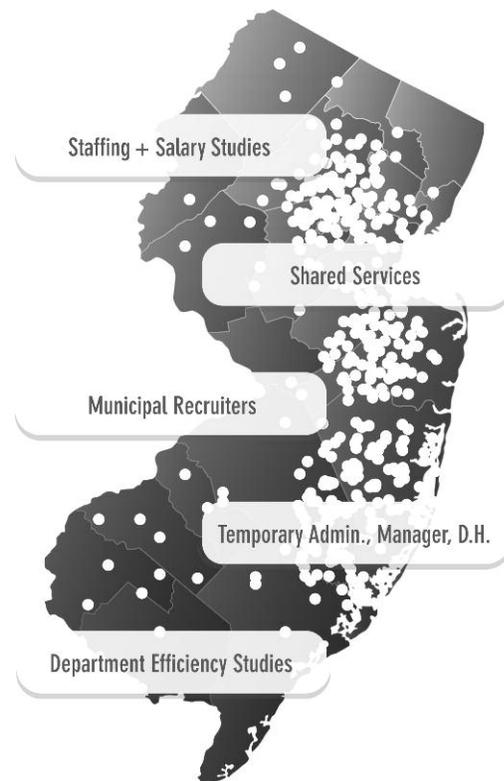
“We are very excited and proud to unveil these new tennis courts, which promise to serve our town and schools well,” said Keansburg Mayor Thomas Foley.

Construction of the tennis courts, as well as site drainage, parking and pedestrian access improvements began in the fall of 2013. The three new asphalt courts are fully fenced in and color-coded to U.S. Open regulation colors of blue and green. The project was funded through a Monmouth County Open Space Grant in the amount of \$80,000. ♣

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## Union Township Bond Rating

Union Township (Union) recently received an AA+ bond rating from Standard and Poor. Standard and Poor based their rating on the township’s “strong budgetary flexibility” and “stable” financial outlook. Cited in the report was the township’s ability to cover their debt service and expenditures, as they currently have approximately \$8.2 million in reserves. Standard and Poor also felt that strong management conditions and good financial management policies existed in the township. The township’s current debt also has low carrying charges. Receiving a high bond rating will allow Union to buy future bonds at a lower cost, saving taxpayer dollars. 📌



Hope Township Mayor and Chairman of League Transportation Trust Fund Review Committee Tim McDonough, Chairman Assembly Transportation Committee Assemblyman John Wisniewski, and Montclair Mayor Robert Jackson pose before the September 24 hearing on the renewal of the Transportation Trust Fund, held in Montclair.

### NJLM Transportation Trust Fund Review Committee

## Urging State Lawmakers to Fund Transportation

On September 24, Mayors Robert Jackson of Montclair and Timothy McDonough of Hope urged the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee to prioritize New Jersey’s transportation funding, and to put our state’s economic future on a solid footing. With the Transportation Trust Fund facing insolvency early next year, the Mayors, representing the New Jersey League of Municipalities, called for bold, bipartisan action.

Mayor Jackson welcomed the Committee to Montclair and thanked them for their efforts. The Local Aid component of the Trust Fund, he noted “... provides state and federal funds for special local projects to improve safety, for safe pedestrian and bike routes, for town centers, transit villages and other non-traditional transportation enhancements.”

Noting the need for investments in local roads and bridges as well as the need for strong and steady investment in that infrastructure, Mayor McDonough, who chairs NJLM’s Transportation Trust Fund Review Committee, said the League would press for assurances that Local Aid will represent, at a minimum, 25 percent of annual Transportation Capital spending. “And we will call for adjustments in funding, to account for the effects of inflation,” stated the Mayor of Hope, who was the League’s President in 2009. “But first, we need to focus on the initial challenge. The Transportation Trust Fund needs to be replenished, so that it can provide adequate and reliable capital to meet state and local needs, now and in the future.” 📌

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## League Seminar to Support New Jersey's Military Bases

The League of Municipalities, in conjunction with the New Jersey Military Installation Growth and Development Task Force, will host a seminar, "Joining Forces: Municipal Strategies for Supporting Military Installations," at the Trenton War Memorial in Trenton on December 18, 2014. The meeting will be your opportunity to share information and best practices on improving relations between local governments and New Jersey's military installations.

The Task Force has been working to forge a blueprint for the long-term vitality and economic stability of New Jersey's military bases to help protect the state's bases against any potential federal base realignment and closure (BRAC). Through visits to the state's installations and roundtables with businesses and stakeholders in the communities surrounding the bases, the Task Force is building support for the bases and assisting in their economic fortification while ensuring the alignment of base missions with larger Department of Defense priorities.

**Through initiatives like sharing services, both bases and municipalities can find ways to reduce costs and increase efficiency, making bases less of a target for a BRAC.**

Beyond ensuring America's safety, New Jersey's bases make an incredible contribution to our state's economy and the quality of life of the communities they call home. Through initiatives like sharing services, both bases and municipalities can find ways to reduce costs and increase efficiency, making bases less of a target for a BRAC.

The event's keynote speaker will be Task Force Chair Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno. Additional speakers will include former Congressman Jim Saxton, Morris County Chamber of Commerce President Paul Boudreau, Rockaway Township Business Administrator Greg Poff, and Rutgers Professor Michael Lahr. 📍



## Police Cameras Support Investigations

Neptune and Asbury Park are teaming up with the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office to install wireless cameras throughout their municipalities in attempt to deter crime and assist police with investigations. Repairs will be made to older existing cameras and new cameras installed. The goal is to ensure that all cameras are compatible and can be viewed on one viewing screen and on one network.

Camera locations will be determined based on an analysis of crime maps, recent trends in the area and problem areas identified by local law enforcement. The video feed will be monitored by the Neptune and Asbury Park police departments, as well as the Sheriff's office. Police officers will also be able to pull up the feed on mobile devices when necessary. 📍



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## New Jersey Law Enforcement Officials Leverage a Federal Program

# Meeting Homeland Security Responsibilities

By Christian Schultz, Lieutenant Colonel,  
New Jersey State Police

Today's law enforcement leaders work in a more demanding and complex environment than ever before—with a post 911 homeland security mission and the complex issues associated with violent behavior and illicit drug use, public safety executives have made great strides to develop capabilities to prevent and respond to potential threats to our homeland. Complicating matters, are the fiscal constraints on local, county, and state governments—a result of today's fiscally austere times. Where many agencies have developed memorandums of understanding with other jurisdictions to create efficiencies, share equipment, and human resources, some are leveraging the federal Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) Program to support their needs.

The LESO program has transferred more than four billion dollars in equipment to law enforcement agencies around the country.

The LESO 1033 Program, as its often referred, was created in 1997 with Congress' passing of the National Defense Authorization Act. Section 1033 of the act allows law enforcement agencies to acquire property, free of charge for law enforcement purposes, where preference is given to agencies with a counter-terrorism or a counter-drug mission. The LESO program comes under the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) within the Department of Defense and since its inception; it has transferred more than four billion dollars in equipment to law enforcement agencies around the country.

To participate, a state must first set up a memorandum of understanding with the DLA. The governor then assigns a state-coordinating officer to oversee the program, maintain records and conduct audits to ensure agencies are in compliance with the LESO requirements. In New Jersey, the state coordinator and program responsibilities fall within the Division of State Police's Office of Emergency Management. Today, over 130 agencies in New Jersey participate in the

program. Recently, the program has gained tremendous interest from local and county communities as they attempt to both balance budgets while also meeting the ever increasing need for sophisticated and often-expensive equipment necessary to meet their homeland security missions.

In New Jersey, agencies have taken advantage of free equipment available to them including, vehicles, watercraft, radios, cots, generators, water pumps, office equipment, and other supplies. Over the course of the past 10 years, the program has brought into the state over 31 million dollars in property to local and county government agencies through the LESO program, all at no cost to the receiving agency. Where the property obtained through the LESO program is transferred directly to law enforcement agencies it can also be used to support other public safety missions. Success stories from public officials demonstrate the value of the program and its far-reaching support within the state's communities.

The many experiences from the impact of Hurricane Sandy forced consequence managers and law enforcement executives to re-examine their emergency operations plans and develop strategies to enhance their preparedness and response capabilities. The Plainfield Police Department acquired generators, water pumps, and high-wheeled vehicles in preparation for the next major storm, flood, or power outage.

In Belmar, the Police Department received two bulldozers, a Hummer, and four, five ton, high-wheeled trucks. The bulldozers will save the town the costs associated with the renting equipment to build sand dunes to protect the boardwalk and other critical infrastructure. The high-wheeled vehicles can be used to move people away from flood prone areas or move public safety officials into flooded areas to conduct life saving missions. Belmar Police Department recently used its Hummer vehicle to transport officials to a beachfront area not otherwise accessible by typical police vehicles. The quick response from police assisted in the rescue of a swimmer who was in distress after being pulled out to sea by a strong rip current.

New Jersey, with their office of Emergency Management in the lead, has promoted and supported the LESO program since its inception. ♣

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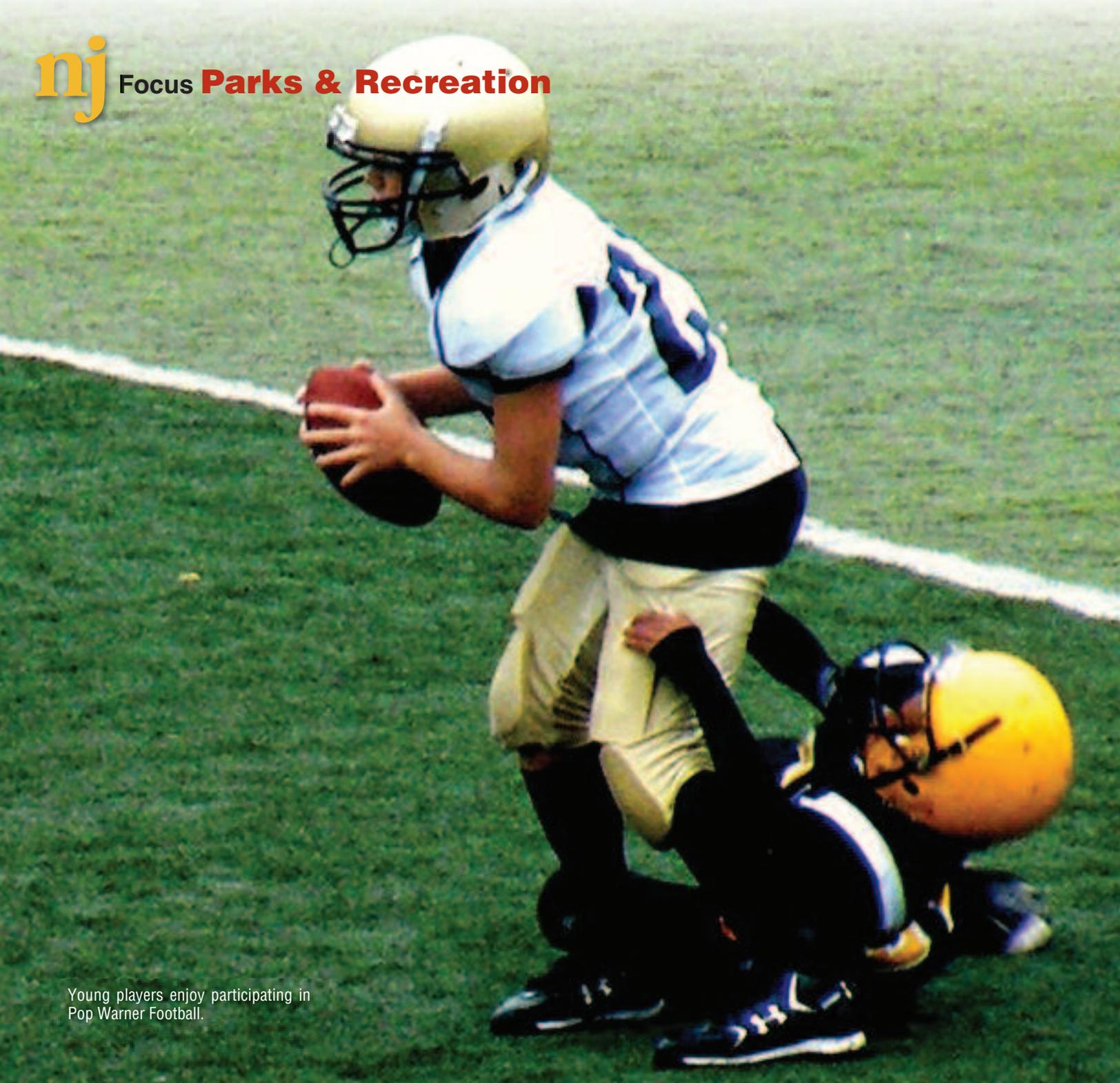
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# Creating a Level Playing Field in Piscataway

Very few municipalities in New Jersey offer such a wide range of sports and recreational activities—and do it free of charge

By Brian C. Wahler,  
Mayor, Piscataway

Even though we won that award 11 years ago, our philosophy and commitment to our residents, especially our youth, has not wavered the slightest bit. We still sponsor and administer a very comprehensive recreation and sports program for residents of all ages and gender. And youth programs are still offered free of charge.

**All Income and Skill Levels Welcome** Our youth programs are designed to introduce children to sports at a young age and to make their experience fun so that they will continue to participate as they grow and then, if they wish, move on to more advanced and competitive programs. All of our children are permitted to participate in our leagues, programs and activities; regardless of skill level and special needs. The free youth programming is what makes our community unique in the State of New Jersey. It also helps make our programming totally diversified and inclusive. No child is left out due to family financial difficulties or low income levels. And no child is ever cut from any program due to a lack of skill.

Our youth programs are still offered free of charge.

To meet the needs of more highly competitive youth athletes, ages 13 and up, we sponsor traveling baseball teams where the skill level and quality of play is very high. We strive to meet the needs of both types of youth athletes; the highly skilled and gifted athlete and the average or below average athlete who is looking to have a fun-filled youth sports experience through recreational participation rather than competition.

**T-Ball-Baseball** In a joint effort with the Piscataway Little League, one of our newest programs, T-Ball-Baseball, was added to our current Recreation Department list. It turned out to be a booming, instant success as over 90 five and six-year-old boys and girls got to experience the joy of playing baseball for the very first time. All the games were played at our state-of-the-art Piscataway Little League complex and the kids even had a chance to play once under the lights, which was very exciting for them. At the end of this first season each child, grinning from ear to ear, was presented with a participation trophy.

Many years ago we instituted a program whereby all of our Recreation Department volunteers needed to be fingerprinted for the purpose of conducting a state and federal criminal record background check. We have also adopted a 'zero tolerance' policy for unsportsman-like, confrontational and violent behavior by coaches, parents, participants and spectators. No exceptions!

**Over 35 Sports Leagues** Not to be overlooked are the programs we offer to residents involved in our 'over 35' sports leagues and the programs geared toward older adults, including



**O**n a humid, steamy night in August 2003, Piscataway Township was selected as Sports Illustrated 50th Anniversary Sportstown for the State of New Jersey by Sports Illustrated (SI) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). In announcing Piscataway as the only community in New Jersey to win this award the panel of judges noted, "Still a place where youth play sports for free, Piscataway has gone out of its way to guarantee quality facilities, well-trained volunteer coaches and inclusion strategies that make sports accessible to everyone."

## Municipal Sports Programs



Piscataway T-Ball Baseball Coach Joe Bellamy; Mayor Brian Wahler; Coach Phil Zmuda; and Coach Paul Cuttic pose with T-Ball player Sarah Zmuda, who is proudly holding her participation

a Bocce Ball court for our seniors. The programs are designed to keep our adult residents active and healthy. The Piscataway Office on Aging is involved with the development and implementation of a wide assortment of programs and activities specifically designed for our

senior citizens.

The Recreation Department also has a Citizen Advisory Commission. They meet monthly in order to solicit community input and suggestions. This commission provides an open avenue of communication and dialogue between

the department and the general public.

We are fortunate to have an outstanding and comprehensive municipal sports program in our community with quality facilities, well-trained coaches and inclusive strategies that make sports accessible to everyone. Very few municipalities in New Jersey sponsor and offer the wide range of sports and recreational activities that we do, and few do it free of charge as we do.

The Recreation Department also has a Citizen Advisory Commission.

We strongly believe that our parks, recreation facilities, programs and community events are key factors in strengthening community image and creating a sense of place for our residents. We will continue to search for creative and resourceful ways to enhance our recreation programming because we firmly believe that these type programs contribute to life satisfaction among youth, adults and families. ♣

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# Calling All Gardeners

Bergen volunteers come together to restore native plants

By Raymond J. Cywinski, Mayor, Demarest  
& Angelo Caruso, District Manager,  
Bergen County Soil Conservation District



One hundred years ago, when a farmer needed a new barn, folks from neighboring farms would come together for a barn-raising. Volunteers would bring their skills, their tools, and their energy to build that farmer a barn in the shortest time possible and then share in a community meal.

Since 2000, the Bergen County Environmental Council (BCEC) has used that same philosophy to organize 20 volunteer conservation plantings on public land. We have planted over 5,000 native trees and shrubs in both municipal and county parks in Bergen County, protected stream banks from erosion and created or enhanced wildlife habitat.

The BCEC is comprised of volunteer representatives from state, county, and municipal organizations, corporations and private citizens. The Bergen County Soil Conservation District works closely with the BCEC through its membership and provides administrative and technical support. Everyone brings

their expertise and resources to the table to get things done in the most cost-effective and efficient manner.

**Overpeck County Park** Our most recent projects have been concentrated at the newly completed Overpeck County Park in the Borough of Ridgefield Park. An area that was once used as a landfill has been capped and transformed into several hundred acres of beautiful open space serving as a multi-use recreational venue. Since 2012, it has also served as the perfect canvas for BCEC planting projects, which have helped transform the area from a brownfields site.

**Planning** The BCEC meets monthly at the Bergen County Soil Conservation District office to plan for both spring and fall planting projects. Mayor John Dean DeRienzo of Haworth serves as chairman and keeps the members focused. The County of Bergen provides the BCEC with a modest budget which pays for the



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plants, seed, and refreshments for the volunteers. Mayor George D. Fosdick of Ridgefield Park has the Village's Department of Public Works prepare the planting bed with a roto-tiller or backhoe to break up the soil for planting.

**Volunteers** Among the planting volunteers are Rutgers Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners. Joel Flagler, Bergen

County Agricultural Agent, rallies his Master Gardeners to help with every planting. They make the perfect volunteers since they are knowledgeable and passionate about gardening. The Bergen County Soil Conservation District staff and BCEC members also help with the planting which is accomplished in a morning.



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Volunteers meet at the park and help unload the plants from the delivery truck. Without much fanfare, aside from a photo-op for some publicity (which is always helpful in getting volunteers and support), the volunteers accomplish the task of planting and then relax for a well-deserved lunch of sandwiches and snacks.

We usually have between 30 and 40 volunteers and plant about 250 to 400 plants per project. The key is to prepare the planting bed ahead of time and to balance the number of plants with the number of volunteers. Then we can get a good number of plants in the ground in a short amount of time with a minimal amount of effort. We want our volunteers to have a pleasant experience. No one wants to leave with a sore back and a handfull of blisters.

When all is completed, you would never know anyone was there except for the newly added vegetation. BCEC members are assigned past planting project areas to periodically check on their progress and to see that the plants are watered.

**Protecting the Plantings** We have had an excellent success rate with the plants. However, to ensure that our newly planted areas are not accidentally mowed, we post signs. Many of the native species we plant look like overgrowth. The signs also serve to educate the public that this is a conservation area.

When the plants mature, their seeds, berries, and nuts will attract birds and other wildlife. There will also be cover and shade for nesting, and the flowers and fall colors will enhance the beauty of the park. It's very satisfying to visit areas that were once devoid of vegetation and see native trees and shrubs that songbirds and other wildlife use.

**Partners** All this is made possible through the success of partnerships; with government, organizations, companies and individuals coming together. No single agency or organization could achieve this with so little time, effort and expense. As the Bergen County Soil Conservation District, if we learned anything in the 14 years of conservation planting projects, it's keep it small, simple, prepare and have plenty of partners. Oh, and hope it doesn't rain on planting day. ♻️

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# Battling the Emerald Ash Borer

Bridgewater makes plans to eradicate an insect that could decimate its trees

By Daniel Hayes, Mayor,  
Bridgewater Township  
& David Johnson, Asplundh  
Tree Expert Company



The Emerald Ash Borer, like its cousin the leaf tree borer (pictured), is a destructive insect that may require ongoing active management to protect park trees.

**O**n May 21, 2014 the New Jersey Department of Agriculture announced that the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), an invasive insect that has killed millions of ash trees in the Midwest, was found in Bridgewater Township, Somerset County. This pest has the potential to kill thousands of ash trees, posing a safety and environmental threat that the state has never before seen. How should New Jersey municipalities prepare for this infestation?

**The Pest** The adult emerald ash borer is a small, dark metallic green beetle that emerges in late spring and begins to lay eggs in June. The eggs hatch and the larvae bore through the bark of the tree and into the layer underneath. Here they feed by tunneling through woody tissue and grow in size until autumn. The larvae pupate in spring and adults emerge soon after to begin the life cycle again. Most of the damage done to ash trees is by the larval stage.

Even though the Michigan Department of Agriculture imposed a state quarantine to regulate the movement of ash wood, between 5 and 7 million ash trees were dead or dying within 12 months. A federal quarantine was adopted in 2003 and federal monies were allocated in an effort to eradicate the pest. However, these efforts failed to slow the pest and they were terminated that same year when it became clear the funding and technology was insufficient. Female beetles can fly

several miles per day and the pest has already spread to 23 states and two Canadian provinces.

**Impacts on Municipalities** Many municipalities are feeling the fiscal effects of having to deal with EAB. The impact to municipal budgets and tree canopy can be overwhelming in areas where ash comprises a large percentage of public trees.

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Ash trees at Prince Rogers field in Bridgewater show the effects of the Emerald Ash Borer.

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## Pest Management

Syracuse, New York, with 2,000 ash trees on public property, is planning to remove half of the trees and replace them with other species, at an estimated cost of \$900,000. Treating the remaining trees with insecticide will cost \$90,000 initially, with re-injections costing the same amount

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Removing mature Ash trees, like this one in a Bridgewater park, may be necessary if the infestation spreads.

every three years. The plan will allow them to spread out their removal and replacement costs over a number of years.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin has approximately 33,000 public ash trees and 28,000 of them are being injected by city tree workers. The cost of the insecticide every two to three years is \$1.6 million. Milwaukee is also removing 5,000 trees measuring 8" in diameter or smaller.

**Bridgewater** Originally a farming community, Bridgewater Township is a mix of rural and suburban development, with 45,000 people within 33 square miles. We are home to Bridgewater Commons, a well-known shopping mall and TD Bank Ballpark, home of the Somerset Patriots. There are 3,600 acres of public and private parks and recreation opportunities in our township, including four historic sites.

The township is also home to Middlebrook Trail, a historic trail used by George Washington's colonial army that's a mixture of natural areas, developed locations and interpretive sites. Bridgewater citizens value their tree

canopy and the township has the honor of being designated a Tree City USA for 18 straight years.

**Battling the Beetle** EAB was found in a commercial area of our town. Many of the ash tree's canopies were dying back and something was obviously affecting their health. The insect had probably been at that location for several years. If no measures are taken, we anticipate that insect populations will build up rapidly, similar to what other communities and states are experiencing. If this happens, there will be an enormous burden on our local budget and staff. The township plans to take proactive measures to slow the infestation in order to minimize the impact, reduce liability, spread out costs and lessen the overall cost of the infestation.

Because we are the first municipality to have an identified EAB infestation, we are researching the best steps to take to slow the progression of this pest and spread out the mitigation costs.

Our 215 miles of tree-lined township roads are one of our biggest concerns,

because of the number of ash trees that flank them. We must also place a high priority on trees in our most popular recreational areas and in public places. All our ash trees will need to be identified and evaluated in order to minimize possible damage should a dead tree or one of its branches fall.

The Bridgewater Shade Tree Board will act as the EAB readiness team with assistance from other township departments. It has begun the process of determining the best way to survey ash trees on public lands and identify those that are most valuable. The team is working with several community volunteer groups, including the scout troops. The survey results will help the board make recommendations on whether to remove a particular tree or invest in insecticide applications. The survey results will also help us develop a Community Forestry Management Plan. The township has also reached out to the New Jersey

Department of Agriculture and New Jersey Forestry Services for resources and partnerships to support its plan.

Bridgewater has initiated discussions with the Somerset County Park Commission in order to coordinate efforts to help control the pest. The park commission has already formed a task force and contacted Rutgers Cooperative Extension for technical assistance. They are developing an EAB management plan and intend to survey their tree population and prioritize their trees. The county is also looking at locations where ash wood could be stored or processed (chipped) after trees are removed.

**Environmental Impacts** The environmental impacts of the tree loss in our natural areas may be even more alarming than the monetary impacts. The effect of large quantities of ash trees being killed will undoubtedly alter the understory of ash forested areas, possibly increasing the spread of invasive

plants and negatively affecting insect, bird and mammal populations.

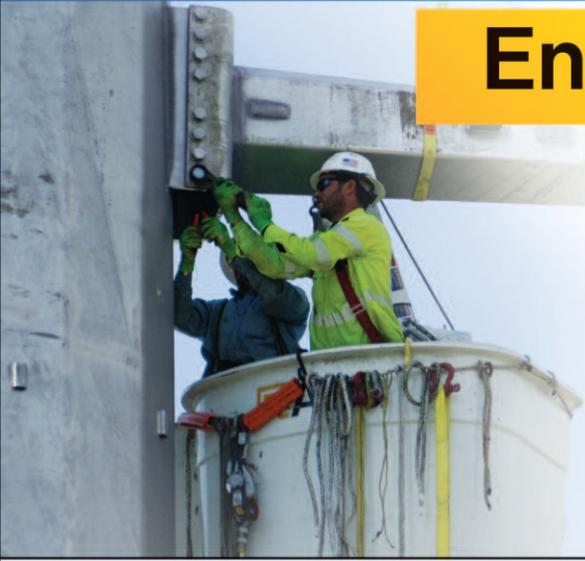
We expect that many of the state's municipalities will be watching us over the next several years. We hope to pass on any lessons learned in dealing with EAB and be a resource to other municipalities as it spreads. ♣

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# Concerts, Playgrounds and Summer Fun

At a time when taxpayers rightly scrutinize municipal budgets, two new parks in Wildwood Crest are examples of money well spent

By Carl Groom, Mayor; Don Cabrera, Commissioner; & Joyce Gould, Commissioner; Borough of Wildwood Crest



The construction of the park and stage has allowed the borough to create what has become its most popular recurring special event of the summer season—the Wildwood Crest Summer Music Series.

**L**ess than seven years ago, two large lots—one encompassing two beachfront blocks and the other three—sat mostly unused, frequently unkempt and, by some, very unwanted. There were cries to sell off the land, the lure of the money the valuable property could bring tempted many.

The Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, however, had a vision. And rather than selling off or, perhaps worse, allowing the lots to continue to decay, we decided to act.

The results were two sparkling parks and recreational areas that have quickly become jewels in a beach community already full of alluring beauty.

**Centennial Park** The first project created Centennial Park, called such because it was named during Wildwood Crest's centennial year in 2010. A passive park with an oval bike and walking path, benches, large grassy areas and flower and tree beds tucked in its four corners, the site also includes what has quickly become one of the great icons of Wildwood Crest—a raised entertainment stage featuring a unique design.

The stage's back perimeter, which overlooks the beach and ocean, features five raised pillars with mounted letters that spell C-R-E-S-T and is covered by a multi-colored mesh tarp. The construction of the park and stage has allowed the borough to create what has become its most popular recurring special event of the summer season—the Wildwood Crest Summer Music Series. Each Wednesday and Saturday evening from late June through Labor Day weekend, the stage hosts musical acts—that include rock tribute bands, dance and party bands and more. The concerts attract thousands, ranging in age from babies to great grandparents.

In addition, the stage itself has become one of the biggest attractions in Wildwood Crest, with residents and visitors alike



Today Sunrise Park at Rambler Road features three beachfront blocks of beautiful landscaping; a larger, more modern playground; a new, larger gazebo; and a larger, more visible bicycle rental facility.

## The parks have joined Wildwood Crest's beautiful, free and safe beach as popular destinations for weddings.

often taking advantage of its location for family pictures. And it also hosts popular thrice-per-week summer outdoor Zumba classes that draw as many as 100 participants on a given morning.

**Sunrise Park** The second project was dubbed Sunrise Park at Rambler Road. Previously, a beachfront gazebo, small grassy area, dilapidated bicycle rental facility and outdated playground were the only attractions to what was otherwise a barren wasteland.

Today Sunrise Park at Rambler Road features three beachfront blocks of beautiful landscaping; a larger, more modern playground; a new, larger gazebo; and a larger, more visible bicycle rental facility. The construction also allowed for an extension and widening of the beachfront portion of the busy Wildwood Crest bike path and created a safe turnaround area at the southeastern edge of the park.

Instead of the occasional person walking

through the rock- and dirt-strewn area while headed to the beach, the refurbished park now sees people of all ages playing soccer, Wiffle ball, Frisbee and other family-friendly games. The larger playground and beautiful gazebo have also experienced significantly increased traffic.

Both Centennial Park and Sunrise Park at Rambler Road have joined Wildwood Crest's beautiful, free and safe beach as popular destinations for weddings.

Not only has the construction of these facilities created outstanding, multi-purpose recreational areas, it has also increased the values of many properties in the vicinity.

In a day and age when taxpayers and elected officials are keen to scrutinize municipal budgets down to the penny, we feel Centennial Park and Sunrise Park at Rambler Road are fine examples

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# Overdose Crisis Requires a Local Response

By Owen Henry, Mayor, Old Bridge Township

**H**eroin destroys lives, devastates families and damages communities. The heroin and prescription drug abuse epidemic in New Jersey is real; and no city or town in the state is immune from the horrible tragedies that occur when heroin, opiate and related addictions spiral out of control.

Old Bridge Township, like a number of other towns in Middlesex County and across New Jersey, has seen an increase in the number of heroin-related incidents over the last several years. So far this year our police department has made 57 arrests for controlled dangerous substances, 24 of which have been for the distribution of heroin. The Old Bridge Police Department has also seized over 3,800 bags of heroin in 2014. Sadly, despite these efforts, the township has also experienced 28 confirmed overdoses and 8 confirmed deaths from heroin during the same period.

The impact of heroin on a city or town is especially significant because it leads to other related crimes, incidents and violations. "As if the individual lives destroyed by this drug are not enough, there are secondary effects that menace a community. Heroin users burglarize, shoplift and steal to fund their habit," explained Old Bridge Police Captain Robert V. Weiss Jr.

So what can a local government do to address the heroin epidemic? Old Bridge Township has several recommendations.

**Acknowledge that a problem exists.** Local government leaders on all levels need to come to terms with and publicly acknowledge that heroin and prescription drug abuse are problems in their communities. The Township of Old Bridge, in conjunction with its Municipal Alliance, has identified heroin, opiates and related prescription drug abuse as its main focus in the coming year and will be launching an aggressive public outreach campaign over the next three months.

**Discuss the problem throughout the community.** In addition to the Mayor, Township Council, Municipal Alliance, Police Department and Recreation Department, the township is reaching out to and engaging a wide variety of community leaders, including but not limited to: the Old Bridge Board of Education, parents, students, teachers, local religious organizations and community-based not for profits. The entire Old Bridge community will need to work together to create an integrated support system for our residents and their families who are dealing with heroin and opiates addiction(s).

According to Old Bridge Municipal Alliance Program Coordinator Karen Tortorici, "The road to addiction can be simple or very complicated, with everything in between." Education and prevention programming targeted to specific groups of residents including students, parents and families is of paramount importance. The Old Bridge Police Department continues to provide education and resources to the Old Bridge School District through the DARE and School Resource Officer Programs. Earlier this year, representatives from the Old Bridge Police Department discussed the signs, symptoms and effects of heroin with the parents of elementary, middle and high school students.

*No city or town in the state is immune from the horrible tragedies that occur when heroin, opiate and related addictions spiral out of control.*

**Enforce drug laws.** Active police enforcement of drug laws is essential. Local government leaders need to be up to date on all of the latest laws that impact first responders including the Overdose Protection Act (PL2013,c.46). The Old Bridge Police Department is also training police officers in the administration of Narcan, a drug that counteracts the effects of opiates.

**Advocate for national, state and county initiatives.** The Old Bridge Township Police Department has participated in the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration's National Take-Back Initiative and is currently seeking approval to become a permanent collection site for the year round drop off of unused prescription medications.

The township is also monitoring the progress of 21 bills recently introduced by State Senator Joseph Vitale and a bipartisan group of legislators to address heroin and opiate addiction in New Jersey and will discuss and/or pass any NJLM recommended resolutions. And finally, Old Bridge plans to participate in additional public information forums on the heroin epidemic sponsored by the Middlesex County Board of Freeholders, other county or not for profit agencies and neighboring jurisdictions.

As Captain Weiss points out, "The best response to the heroin epidemic is education and prevention. All other options are grim." Local government leaders in Old Bridge recognize this and are working with our community partners to raise awareness and hopefully save lives. 🍀

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# Turning Community Attitudes Around

Building a relationship of trust with immigrant communities

By Liz Lempert, Mayor & Heather Howard, Councilwoman, Princeton



**T**he relationship between immigrant communities and local law enforcement agencies has been strained in recent years, exacerbated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids and confusion over whether local police are acting in concert with federal immigration officers.

When fear and distrust exist between groups of residents and local police, the entire community can suffer. Crime victims or witnesses may be afraid to come forward, hampering the ability of local law enforcement to most effectively protect public safety. On a broader level, in a place that values diversity and civic engagement, it is distressing to have pockets of residents who feel disconnected and discouraged from fully participating in the community.

In Princeton, we have found that by implementing several new policies over the past two years, we have vastly improved relationships with our immigrant communities, with tangible results. For example, we have redoubled our community policing efforts, issued a clarifying police directive on immigration enforcement, and responded directly to civil rights violations with a local ordinance addressing wage theft.

**Building Trust** Building trust can take time, even with good intentions. The historic consolidation of Princeton Borough and Princeton Township in January 2013 resulted in a newly consolidated police department, and the formation of a Safe Neighborhoods Unit dedicated exclusively to community policing.

One of their first initiatives was to conduct a community survey. The survey was intended to solicit input from the public on their expectations of the department. We heard from approximately 500 residents, but despite significant outreach efforts, including going door to door with surveys translated into Spanish, the police received no responses from the Latino community.

When fear and distrust exist between groups of residents and local police, the entire community can suffer.

**Silence as a Wake-up Call** This wake-up call prompted a more concerted outreach effort, including six community meetings led by Spanish-speaking officers. Continuing conversations in collaboration with the Princeton Human Services Commission and the Latin America Legal Defense and Education Fund (LALDEF), a local nonprofit that promotes the civil rights of the immigrant community, revealed two major issues: the first was a climate of distrust of local law enforcement, due in large part to fear over deportation; the second was wage theft.

**Responding to Wage Theft** Wage theft is the pernicious practice of employers denying workers' wages through a variety of methods, including not paying overtime, paying less than the agreed amount, paying less than the minimum wage, or simply not paying at all. Wage theft is prohibited by state and federal law, regardless of a worker's immigration status. However, we were hearing that it



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## Building Trust

was occurring in Princeton with some frequency, especially for day laborers who work in landscaping, restaurants and other low wage industries.

According to a 2011 survey by Seton Hall Law School, 50 percent of day laborers said that they had not been paid properly at least once in the last year. Moreover, wage theft was underreported because workers often do not report wage theft for fear of losing their jobs, or out of concern for their immigration status.

### Building trust can take time, even with good intentions.

In the fall of 2013, Captain (now Chief) Nick Sutter clarified the role of Princeton police officers with respect to federal immigration laws. The directive made it clear that our local police do not enforce federal immigration laws, and can assist immigrant members of the community without needing to be concerned about whether they are legal residents.

**Training** Following the directive, Chief Sutter set up a two-day training session for officers. The training involved explaining the order, educating police on federal and state immigration laws and wage theft laws. In addition, the department unveiled a new wage theft complaint intake form developed with help from the Human Services Commission. The intake form identifies requirements for making a wage theft case and details the evidence that is needed for taking action.

Outside experts were brought in to assist in the training. Ryan Lilienthal, a local immigration attorney, explained federal and state laws, a representative from the state's Department of Labor offered resources on how local officers can assist victims, and Craig Garcia from New Labor explained best practices in tackling wage theft.

**Landscaper Regulation** This summer, the Princeton Council strengthened our stance against wage theft by passing an ordinance regulating landscaper registration. Modeled on an ordinance in New Brunswick, landscapers registering with the municipality must now sign a document acknowledging state and federal wage theft laws. Violation of those laws

is grounds for suspension or revocation of their license.

At the July 14th Council meeting, more than 20 Latino residents attended and five spoke in favor of the ordinance. The fact that they felt empowered to testify at a public hearing when no one from the community was willing to fill out an anonymous police survey just 18 months before, was a sign of progress. One of the speakers that night recounted how earlier that month a victim of wage theft knocked on the window of a patrol car to report the crime. He noted that in the past, this would have never happened. Now, thanks to the outreach of the police department, the work of the Human Services Commission, and the actions of the governing body we've begun to mend a previous rift.

These efforts are already paying off in addressing wage theft. Our police and Human Services Director Elisa Neira recently resolved two cases with wage restitution of more than \$1,000, and we have begun educating both the employer and worker communities on wage theft prevention and penalties.

Ms. Neira, along with Mr. Garcia and Patrol Officer Jorge Narvaez, routinely talk with day laborers outside of a popular bodega. These informal conversations build trust and let workers know where to go for help. Several of the wage theft cases resolved by the municipality this year came from this outreach effort.

The Princeton Council plans to expand anti-wage theft provisions by adding similar language to our restaurant health inspection ordinance, which would require restaurant owners to acknowledge the law. Meanwhile, elected officials, the Human Services Commission, and our police will continue the productive dialog to ensure all residents have their rights respected and feel that their voices will be heard. Building bridges with all members of our community will not only make our law enforcement efforts more effective and our town safer, but also forge a more just and humane community. ♡

Mayor Lempert serves on Princeton's Public Safety Committee and Councilwoman Howard serves as Police Commissioner.

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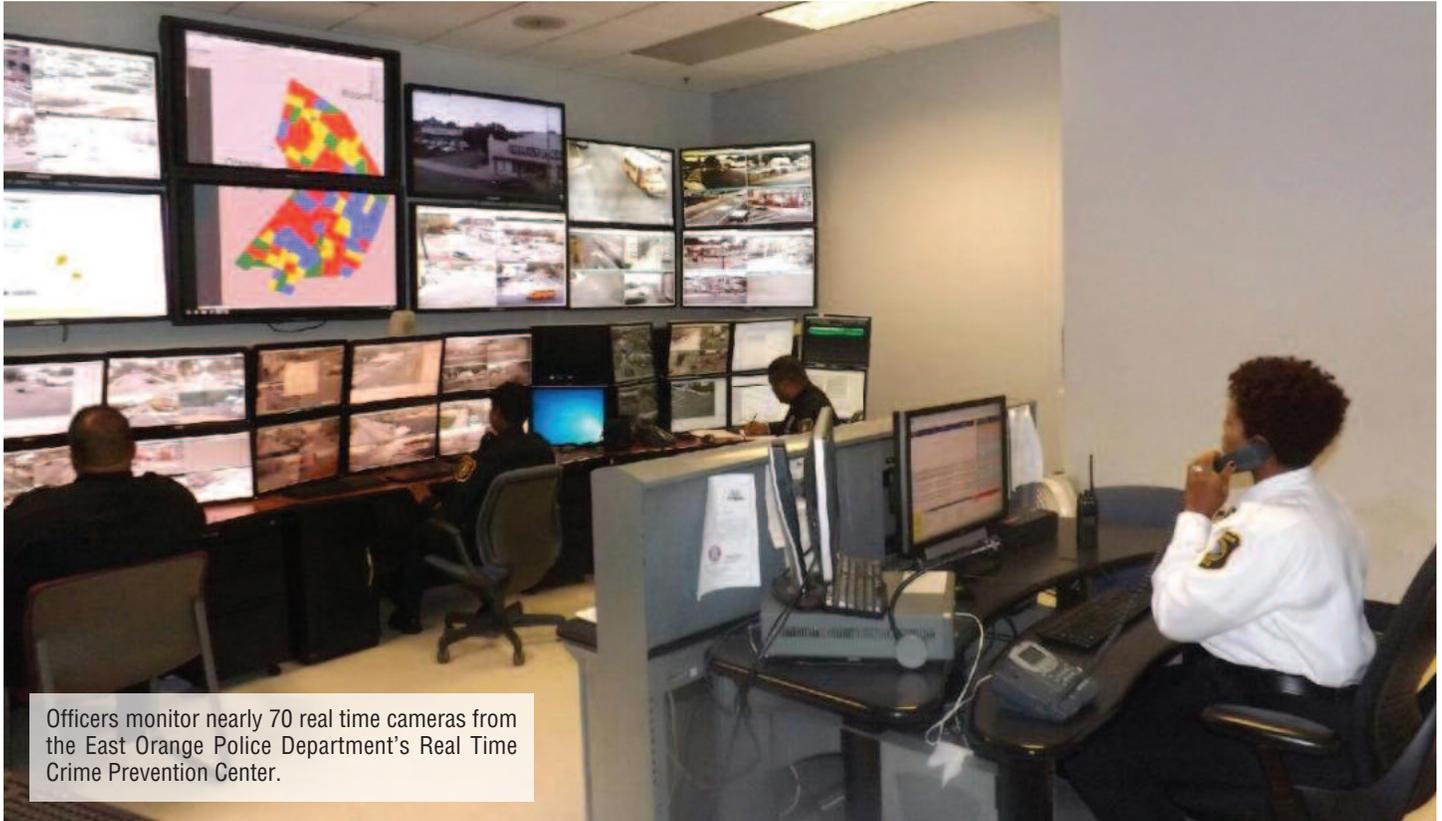
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# Driving Down Crime

Addressing quality of life issues is the key to maintaining public safety

By Lester Taylor, Mayor, East Orange



Officers monitor nearly 70 real time cameras from the East Orange Police Department's Real Time Crime Prevention Center.

**A**s Mayor of the City of East Orange, I am proud to say that over the past 10 years, the East Orange Police Department (EOPD) reduced crime by an astonishing 78 percent. Although at the end of 2013 there was a 5 percent increase in overall serious crime, the first half of 2014 saw a 5 percent reduction in all serious crime.

Even more impressive is that the city experienced a 25 percent reduction in shooting incidents from 2012-2013, which contributed to an 88 percent drop since 2003. This achievement was accomplished by aligning resources with the problems and ensuring crime fighting strategies were specific enough to have an effect on crime levels.

In addition, today the residents of East Orange feel safer and want to help make their communities more secure by sharing information with police. Although challenges remain, the department's success has drawn attention from throughout the state and even internationally.

Innovative ways of fighting crime—some via technology, others by altering traditional crime-fighting techniques—have helped East Orange to reduce crime dramatically.

**Community Policing** In East Orange our officers are putting community policing into practice.

Our officers keep busy while between official calls. They talk to citizens about their concerns, and stopping in to greet local store owners.

In addition, the EOPD has taken some of these traditional community policing tactics a step further by implementing a police-grid system. We've divided the city geographically into 110 police grids, adding to the primary police patrol zones. Each zone officer is required to visit every street in their zone at least twice during their tour of duty. This yields a total of six visits on each and every street within the City of East Orange, every single day—twice on each of the three patrol tours.

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Networked digital and virtual devices provide the department with real-time crime prevention information.



The RT-CPC proactively collects, fuses, assesses and converts raw information from multiple sources into actionable intelligence in real-time.

**Quality of Life Task Force** I have made the safety of our residents a priority by creating the Quality of Life Task Force, comprised of, but not limited to our Public Safety team of Police, Fire and Emergency Management, in addition to the Departments of Health and Human Services, Property Maintenance, and Public Works. These agencies will work together to address quality of life issues throughout the city, prior to citizens informing any of these entities of their concerns.

For example, the task force will be securing abandoned buildings, vacant

lots (used as illegal dumping sites), overgrown trees that affect sidewalks, litter, graffiti and vandalism among other issues. In a small, densely populated city like East Orange, priorities shift from day to day. At times, these basic concerns were overlooked. I made a promise to the citizens of East Orange that these types of problems will not be ignored...they will be a priority.

**Real Time Crime Prevention** The most effective way for the EOPD to be an integral part of the Taylor Administration's Quality of Life Task Force, is by using the technologies available in

the Real Time Crime Prevention Center. The RT-CPC is a 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week operations center. The primary mission of the RT-CPC is to prevent crime and to mitigate threats to public safety. In addition, nearly 70 real-time surveillance cameras, placed city-wide, serve as force multipliers. They can help our officers keep a better watch on our streets than our "boots on the ground" officers physically can.

Personnel operate and monitor a chain of interconnected and networked digital and virtual devices, which provide the department with real-time crime prevention information. The RT-CPC proactively collects, fuses, assesses and converts raw information from multiple sources into actionable intelligence in real-time.

For example, officers in the CPC can identify code enforcement violations that the road officer may not be aware of while responding to calls. Once the CPC officer identifies the problem, the road officer or member of the Department of Property Maintenance who responds can also address issues such as garbage on sidewalks, abandoned vehicles, or even parking violations. Addressing quality of life issues is key to maintaining public safety and collaboration between our various departments will maximize our Administration's ability to deliver even more positive outcomes for the residents of East Orange. 🚔

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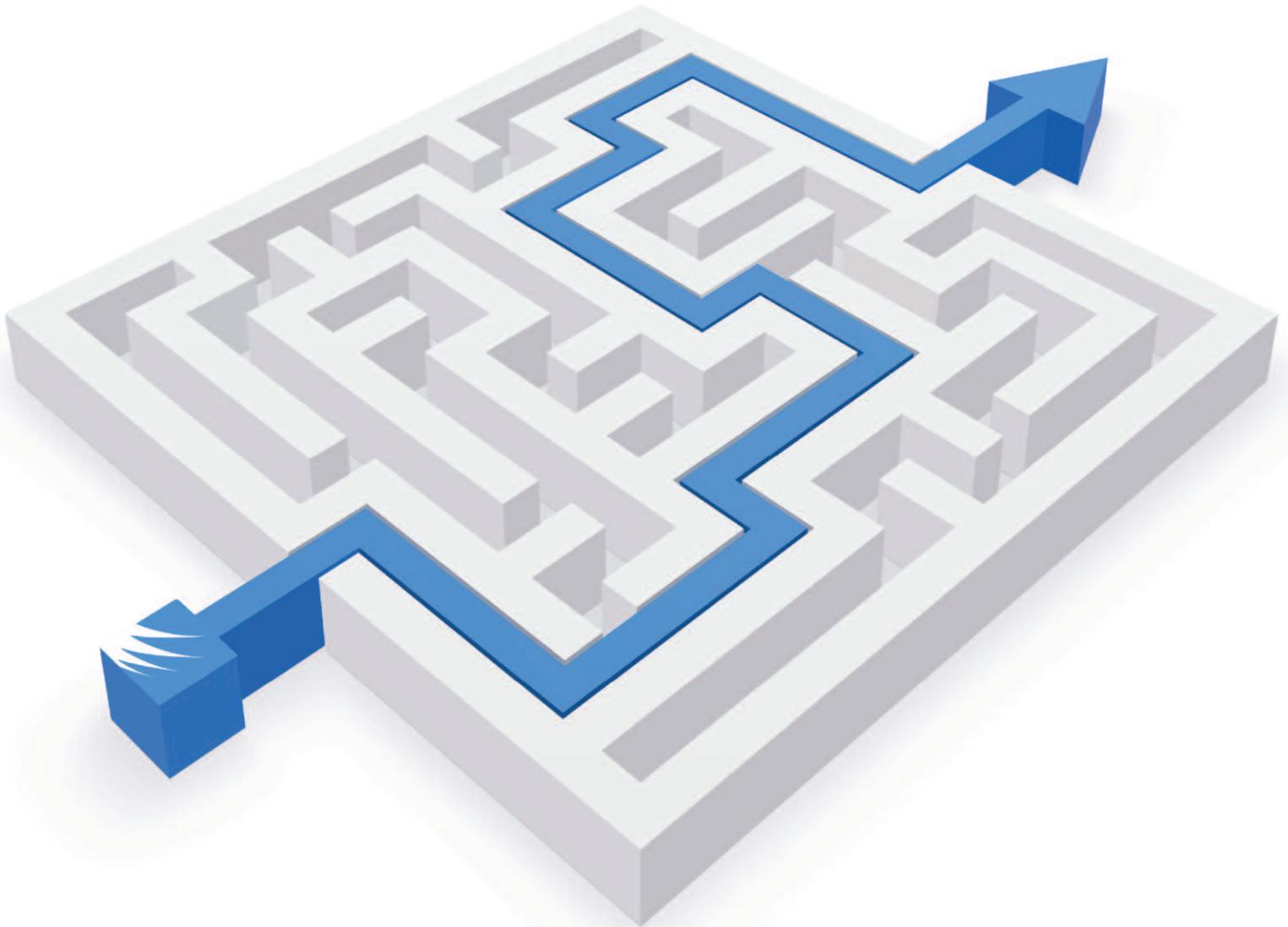
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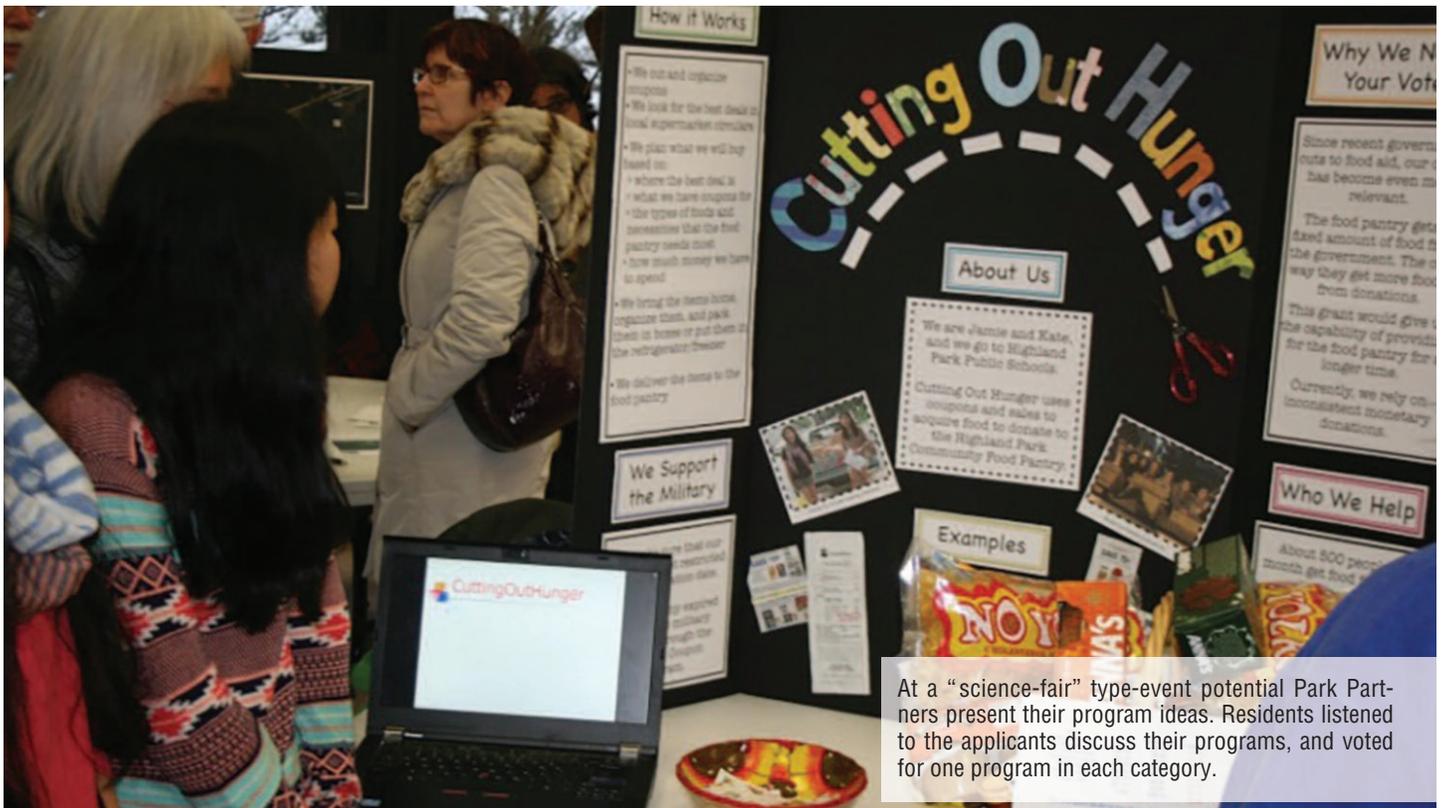
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# Town Grant Program Promotes Volunteerism

Local volunteers vie for \$2,000 grants to improve the community

By Gayle Brill Mittler, Mayor, Highland Park



Highland Park has always prided itself on having an active volunteer spirit. We feel a strong sense of civic responsibility. Our borough-sponsored commissions and committees are involved in many aspects of life in Highland Park. They share important messages and plan programs and activities for the benefit of our residents.

It is because of our dynamic residents that the borough launched a special grant program to encourage volunteerism. Park Partners, created in 2013, provides for an annual Community Development Grant program. This program empowers our civic-minded residents to participate in the continual development of the community.

**Grants** Park Partners awards up to five grants to individuals or organizations within Highland Park to create and execute a program to benefit the community. The grants are divided into five categories: Environment, Arts, Culture & Diversity, Safety, and Universal Access or Health & Wellness. Each recipient can

receive up to \$2,000 and the projects must be completed within one year.

The grant money is a line item in the borough's annual budget. When I was a Council Member, I developed the idea based on programs in other communities.

Our Park Partners grant program is a way of giving back to our residents. We have a very involved and committed base here in Highland Park. This program is a “grass roots” way of impacting local government. It not only provides a vehicle for involving our residents in the future of their town, but it allows all our residents to vote on the projects most important to them.



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## Town Grant Program

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This program empowers our civic-minded residents to participate in the continual development of the community.

In 2013 the borough received 16 applications in the five categories. The voting event, held last November, attracted more than 250 people.

## A Look at the Projects

**Emergency Radios** After experiencing several natural disasters in the past several years, resident and Commission for Universal Access member Tara Canavera saw a need to communicate with the elderly and disabled who may not have easy access to information. She used a Park Partners grant to purchase almost 60 Emergency Radios for these individuals so they could receive up-to-date information in the event of an emergency.

**Outdoor Movies** Resident Brian Onsen received a Park Partners grant to improve the variety and quality of movies for the Summer Series Outdoor Movies. The movies, shown on Saturday afternoons from May through September in our Municipal parking lot, have been a big hit with residents.

**Coupons Against Hunger** Highland Park students Jamie and Kate Atschinow brought the idea of using coupons to a new level. They began an organization called CuttingOutHunger, which collects coupons and uses them to purchase food and supplies for the Highland Park Food Pantry. From June 2013 to July 2014 the girls donated more than \$1,300 worth of items to the Food Pantry. This grant enabled them to purchase additional and

more expensive items that are needed at the Food Pantry.

**Exploring Race and Culture** Oscar Lee, a 2014 Highland Park High School graduate, created Re:ThinkHP, an exploration of race and culture to encourage people to understand and accept each other. In April 2014 Re:Think HP hosted three panel discussions about diversity, criminal justice and educational inequality, and pop culture and housing discrimination. The successful panels were held at the Highland Park High School and featured journalists, professors and activists.

**Walking Trail** Many residents of Highland Park appreciate and enjoy the environment, and resident Allan Williams, in conjunction with Sustainable Highland Park and the Environmental Commission, is developing a new River Road walking trail to do just that. The trail leads from the Environmental Center to the Raritan River, and is a beautiful path for walking, bird watching, and more. The Park Partners grant provided the funds to build the path, and Sustainable HP will maintain it in the future.

—G.B.M.

**Diverse Projects** The borough presented the winning grants for the following pro-

grams: Emergency Radios for Elderly and Disabled in the Community (Safety), the Summer Series Outdoor Movies (Arts & Culture), CuttingOutHunger Food Pantry Program (Universal Access or Health & Wellness), Re:ThinkHP Diversity Project (Culture & Diversity), and a River Road Walking Trail (Environment).

Not only were these programs worthy of the grant, but the borough was proud that two of the winning programs were sponsored by students at our local high school and middle school, pointing to the fact that our current and future leaders are concerned about our community and assuring a future of active residents as well.

The Park Partners program is continuing in 2014, with the voting scheduled for December 2014. The program has been a welcome addition to our ongoing goal to advance and develop Highland Park. 🍌

Gayle Brill Mittler is currently Mayor of Highland Park. She served on the Highland Park Borough Council since 2009 and was Council President in 2012.

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# WASHINGTON



## Progress Requires Cooperation

By Leonard Lance  
U.S. Congressman, Seventh District

Whether you serve on a town council, in the Legislature in Trenton or in the Congress in Washington, constituents care about the same issues: the competent management of high quality services, elected officials engaged and attentive to their concerns and the belief that their tax funds are being used wisely. These tenets are the consensus from the over 60 in-person and telephone town hall meetings I've held where some of the best insight and most effective solutions have come from involved residents with good ideas.

Moving any legislation through Congress is not easy and it is understandable that many are disappointed with Washington. But on several urgent public policy matters the House of Representatives has passed bipartisan legislation that will make a difference in the lives of Americans. Bipartisan accomplishments may not always grab newspaper headlines, garner top ratings on cable news shows or make the most interesting click on the Internet, but constituents want to know what has been accomplished at each level of government.

The agenda for the House has been simple: advance common-sense jobs bills to help put as many Americans back to work as possible. These measures include passage of legislation to keep Internet access tax-free, to keep highway projects moving forward and 700,000 construction workers on the job, to let students and their families have greater opportunity for post-secondary education and to empower innovators to have increased access to capital to create the jobs America so desperately needs.

In our budget blueprint for the nation, the House voted to give businesses and individuals a tax code that is simpler, fairer and more conducive to economic growth. The plan would lower corporate rates to compete globally and individual rates to protect the middle class. And in our national "all-of-the-above" energy strategy the House has advanced measures to harness our abundant natural resources and increase American-made energy to bring down fuel prices, lower utility costs and household expenses, and create more jobs. Lower taxes, cheaper energy costs and fewer expenses passed through to the consumer mean more take-home pay for middle-class families.

These bills are only some of the over 350 bipartisan measures

currently awaiting action in the United States Senate. The middle class and job creators want the Senate to act on measures that give businessmen and women across our nation a way to plan for the future and expand their workforce.

While many of these jobs proposals await consideration, we have had greater bicameral success in producing legislation signed by the President that originated in the House Energy and Commerce Committee focusing on a wide array of public health challenges. I have the honor of serving on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and its Health Subcommittee. These positions have allowed me to educate my colleagues on the fine work done here in New Jersey in the medical and biopharmaceutical research and development fields. I've also had a chance to promote legislation that will strengthen the industry, protect New Jersey's vital economic engine and keep patient care at the forefront of every debate.

**The agenda for the House has been simple: advance common-sense jobs bills to help put as many Americans back to work as possible.**

There remains great disagreement over the President's health-care legislation, but on many other issues we have seen promising collaboration. Legislation I authored that was recently signed into law includes a dramatic expansion in cancer research tools, funds to focus federal research on preterm labor and the treatment of infants, steps to modernize the drug approval process and bring life-saving solutions to the market and the first of several serious steps to improve our nation's mental health care system in the wake of significant tragedies across the United States. Here we have seen both bipartisan and bicameral success on issues that truly touch the lives of the American people.

To local officials, my advice is get out there and listen. One patient-centered piece of legislation was inspired by a constituent advocate from Cranford who wrote me a letter. A second resulted from a good idea shared at a meeting in my Westfield office. My legislation to reduce the backlog at the Veterans Administration came from a suggestion made at the "Rolling Thunder" Booth at the Somerville Street Fair. No challenge at the local, state or federal level is too great so long as good people who care are willing to work for a solution. ♣

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# Bring Business Executives on Board

Madison's Chief Executive Council pays dividends for Drew University students and hurricane victims alike

By Robert H Conley, Mayor, Borough of Madison



CECM Leaders meet in Meade Hall at Drew University. Pictured, from left to right, are Steve Rusckowski, President and CEO of Quest Diagnostics; Martin Heller, President of The Heller Group; Chris Daggett, President and CEO of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation; Dennis Bone, Director of Entrepreneurship at Montclair State University and past President and CEO of Verizon New Jersey; Bob Conley, Mayor of the Borough of Madison; and Kevin Smith, Senior Managing Director of Prudential Real Estate Investors.

One summer afternoon in 2012, at a charity softball game, I met with Steve Rusckowski, President and CEO of Quest Diagnostics. We talked for a few minutes about how to better connect the local corporations, such as Quest, which is headquartered here, to the community.

The result was the Chief Executive Council for Madison (CECM), an association of Madison's local business, government, and educational leaders. The group's mission is to promote collaboration, corporate assistance, and education leadership.

In addition to Steve and myself, Drew University President Dr. Vivian Bull serves as a co-chair on the Council.

**Results** With support from the CECM the American Cancer Society's Cancer Prevention Study was able to exceed its local enrollment goals. The Council also raised funds for the town of Union Beach, New Jersey which was devastated by Hurricane Sandy. Madison provided over \$300,000 in support.

Members of the CECM, along with their employees and other volunteers pitched in to clean up Union Beach. Local corporations like Investors Bank donated building materials. The

group also raised the money to send 48 Union Beach children to summer camp in 2013. This year, over 60 Union Beach children benefitted from the Campership Program.

**Reaching Out to Young People** The Chief Executive Council for Madison also launched a speaker series at Madison High School and Drew University called the "Emerging Leaders" program. The executives volunteer their time to speak with young people of Madison about their organizations and industry trends. To date, there have been four programs with over 400 students participating and more are scheduled. Students have had the opportunity to meet with Steve, Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation President Chris Daggett, Pfizer Consumer Health USA President TJ Higgins, and other local CEOs and community leaders.

Recently, the council created the “CECM Emerging Leaders Fellows” position, for one Drew University student. After a highly competitive application and interview process, Shannon Rennie was

Members of the CECM, along with their employees and other volunteers pitched in to clean up Union Beach.

chosen to spend the coming year working to further the aims of CECM. The executives were so interested in making the CECM work that they funded the salary and expenses of this internship position for the next three years.



Steve Rusckowski, President & CEO of Quest Diagnostics (left) and Dr. Vivian Bull, President of Drew University look on, as Borough of Madison Mayor Conley (center) addresses executives at the inaugural meeting of the Chief Executive Council for Madison.

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## New Connections

**What I've Learned** Most corporations want to engage with their local communities. My advice to other elected officials is to keep it simple. The Executives of the CECM meet twice a year for about 90 minutes to network, set goals and discuss progress. The day to day coordination of the CECM is managed by municipal and corporate staff members and volunteers. This group creates, plans and organizes the events, making it easy for the senior level executives to participate, engage and have a meaningful impact in the community.

As a result of our collective efforts, the CECM received the 2013 Innovation in Governance Award from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

According to Steve Rusckowski, co-chair of the CECM, "Making a difference in people's lives extends far beyond our primary job of providing diagnostic insights. We're happy that the collaborative work of the Chief Executive Council for Madison has been recognized, but we're more happy about the results we've achieved.

According to CECM Co-chair Vivian

Bull, "Nurturing the next generation of leaders is important. Young people have the power to do big things and to make big changes in our world. If we, as adults, can help shape tomorrow's leaders, then we can make the future world even better than the one we live in today."

What more can we ask for as locally elected officials? 🍷



More information about the CECM can be found at [www.rosenet.org/nonprofits/chief-executive-council](http://www.rosenet.org/nonprofits/chief-executive-council)

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**PLAN YOUR DAYS!** For this year's 99th Annual League Conference, November 18-20, we have more sessions and distinguished speakers than ever before! Review this special section for the names of the programs and presenters. For the session descriptions, visit [NJSLOM.org](http://NJSLOM.org) or consult the program book you will receive at the Conference.

Since many sessions run concurrently, take a few minutes now to map out your own daily agenda in conjunction with your fellow officials.

**SHUTTLE SERVICE** Transportation to and from official hotels and the Convention Center will be provided on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (every 10-15 minutes on average). Detailed shuttle schedules are available at [njslom.org](http://njslom.org) and will be posted at the conference center and hotels.

**REGISTRATION** If you have not pre-registered, you can register on the second floor of the Convention Center.

**NJLM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING** At 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18 the committee will consider resolutions that were submitted on or before October 17. Any interested delegate may attend, but only members of the Resolutions Committee may vote. The committee's recommendations will be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting. For a synopsis of all resolutions submitted, visit the League Information Booth.

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING** The Annual Business Meeting (3:30 p.m., Thursday, November 20) is open to all delegates; however, only the Mayor or his or her designee may vote. Credentials will be checked at the door and voting cards will be distributed.

**EXEMPTION FROM OCCUPANCY TAX** Municipal officials paying hotel room bills by cash or personal check are not entitled to an exemption from the luxury tax. For the exemptions, you must pay with a voucher from the municipality.

**GOALS** Meet a new person every day. Pick up at least one new idea or fact every day. Have at least one substantive discussion that will benefit your town with a vendor. Consider writing a report or press release about your experience. And have fun, every day!

## PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

### Tuesday, November 18

- 8:00 a.m. Affiliates' Meeting (see listing of all Affiliates' Meetings on page 10)
- 9:00 a.m. Registration and Exhibits open
- 12:00 p.m. Annual Sustainable Jersey Luncheon (Sheraton)
- 12:30 p.m. NJLM CONSULTING PERIOD (NEW TIME: 12:30-2:30 p.m., Hall A)
- 1:00 p.m. Vendor Solutions sessions (see page 9 for complete listing)
- 2:00 p.m. Select from concurrent sessions and meetings
- 3:00 p.m. NJLM Resolutions Committee Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Registration and Exhibits close

### Wednesday, November 19

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and Exhibits open
- 9:00 a.m. Select from concurrent sessions and meetings
- 10:45 a.m. Select from concurrent sessions and meetings
- 12:00 p.m. Affiliate Luncheons and Vendor Solutions sessions
- 12:15 p.m. Mayors Box Luncheon (Sheraton)
- 1:00 p.m. Vendor Solutions sessions
- 2:00 p.m. Select from concurrent sessions and meetings
- 3:45 p.m. Select from concurrent sessions and meetings
- 5:00 p.m. Registration and Exhibits close

### Thursday, November 20

- 8:00 a.m. Women in Municipal Government Breakfast (Sheraton)
- 8:30 a.m. Registration and Exhibits open
- 9:00 a.m. Select from concurrent sessions and meetings
- 10:45 a.m. Select from concurrent sessions and meetings
- 12:00 p.m. Vendor Solutions session
- 12:15 p.m. NJLM Luncheon for all Delegates (Sheraton)
- 1:00 p.m. Exhibits close
- 2:00 p.m. Select from concurrent sessions and meetings
- 3:00 p.m. Registration closes
- 3:30 p.m. NJLM Business Meeting (Sheraton)



# 99<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NEW JERSEY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

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# NJLM PROGRAMS, SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are in the Atlantic City Convention Center.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:00 a.m. Registration and Exhibits Open

12:00 p.m.  **SIXTH ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE JERSEY AWARDS LUNCHEON** 

Crown Ballroom – Sheraton Convention Center Hotel (For tickets: [sustainablejersey.com](http://sustainablejersey.com))

### Welcome

PAM MOUNT *Chair, Sustainable Jersey Board of Trustees*

HON. SUZANNE WALTERS *Mayor, Stone Harbor Borough and NJLM President*

### Sustainable Jersey Accomplishments

DONNA DREWES *Co-Director, Sustainable Jersey*

RANDALL SOLOMON *Co-Director, Sustainable Jersey*

Presentation of Award for Outstanding Corporate Citizen to Bayshore Recycling

RICK DOVEY *Vice Chair, Sustainable Jersey Board of Trustees*

HON. ARTHUR ONDISH *President, New Jersey League of Municipalities Educational Foundation and Mayor, Mount Arlington*

### Accepted by:

VALERIE MONTEVALCO *President, Bayshore Recycling*

Presentation of Sustainable Jersey Champion Awards for Small, Medium and Large Municipalities

DIANNE SOLOMAN *Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*

Presentation of Sustainable Jersey Awards for Leadership, Creativity & Innovation and Collaboration

*Sponsored by Atlantic City Electric*

ROBERT MARSHALL *Assistant Commissioner, Sustainability and Green Energy, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection*

Conveyance of Sustainable Jersey Certifications

CAROLINE EHRLICH *Chief of Staff, Woodbridge Township, Sustainable Jersey Board*

ANNE-MARIE PERACCHIO *Director, Conservation and Clean Energy Policy, New Jersey Natural Gas and Trustee, Sustainable Jersey Board*

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. CONSULTING PERIOD ON GENERAL MUNICIPAL TOPICS

Exhibit/Hall A (See [NJSLOM.org](http://NJSLOM.org) or the Conference Program for a list of over 70 topics.)

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. NJLM Workshops

**ORIENTATION – GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE**

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 319

### Presiding:

JANICE S. MIRONOV *Mayor, East Windsor; League Immediate Past President*

### Speakers:

SUZANNE M. WALTERS *Mayor, Stone Harbor; League President*

“Welcome to the 99th Annual League Conference”

WILLIAM G. DRESSEL, JR. *Executive Director, New Jersey State League of Municipalities*

“Highlights of the 99th Annual Conference”

GERALD J. TARANTOLO *Mayor, Eatontown; League First Vice President*

“Function and Importance of the Annual Business Meeting”

JOSEPH TEMPESTA, JR. *Mayor, West Caldwell; League Second Vice President*

“The Importance of Resolutions and How They are Passed”

**BUDGET AND AUDIT UPDATES – UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS**

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 302 (League Joint Session with the Government

Finance Officers Association and the Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association)

CMFO/CCFO - 2.0 BUD; CTC - 2.0 GEN/SEC; RMC - 2.0 FIN; CLE - 2.0; CRP - 1.5;

RPPO/RPPS - 2.0 M/S; CPA - 2.0 FIN; PACLE - 1.5

### Presiding:

DOUGLAS STEINHARDT *Mayor, Lopatcong; League Associate Counsel*

### Speakers:

CHRISTINE ZAPICCHI *Assistant Director, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*

LEON COSTELLO *Certified Public Accountant/Registered Municipal Accountant, Ford Scott & Associates*

THOMAS H. NEFF *Director, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*

PATRICIA MCNAMARA *Executive Secretary, Local Finance Board, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*

**THE POWER OF LOL: USING HUMOR TO SOLVE MUNICIPAL ISSUES**

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 411

CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 OFF MGMT; CTC – 2.0 GEN/SEC; CPWM – 2.0 MGMT; RMC – 2.0 PROF

DEVEL; QPA – 2.0 OFF/ADMIN; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 M/S

### Presiding:

CHUCK CHIARELLO *Mayor, Buena Vista; League Past President*

### Speakers:

JOEY NOVICK *Comedian and Actor, Comedy Works Entertainment; Councilman, Flemington*

JON M. BRAMNICK *Assembly Republican Leader; Assemblyman, District 21*

**HOW CLEAN COMMUNITIES FUNDING CAN HELP STRAINED MUNICIPAL BUDGETS**

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 401

CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 BUD; RMC – 2.0 FIN; CRP – 1.5; CPA – 2.0 FIN

### Presiding:

PAUL MATACERA *Former Mayor, North Brunswick; League Past President*

**NEW JERSEY SAFETY INSTITUTE – MITIGATING CYBER AND DIGITAL RISKS**

Room 311 Tuesday, November 18, 2:00 – 3:40 p.m.; Wednesday, November 19, 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 and again at 2:00 – 3:40 p.m.; Thursday, November 20, 9:00 -10:40 a.m.

Moderating: DAVID GRUBB *Executive Director, Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund*

### Speaker:

MARC PFEIFFER *Assistant Director, Bloustein Local Government Research Center, Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers, The State University*

**3:00 P.M. – 5:15 P.M. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Room 320

### Presiding:

GERALD J. TARANTOLO *Mayor, Eatontown; League First Vice President*

### Parliamentarian:

WILLIAM J. KEARNS, JR., ESQ. *League General Counsel; Kearns, Reale and Kearns*

**3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. NJLM Workshops**

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN YOUR DOWNTOWN – FROM MOM AND POP TO MAJOR RETAILERS**

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 313 (Co-Sponsored with Downtown New Jersey)

CLE – 1.8; PACLE – 1.5

### Presiding:

JAMES ANZALDI *Mayor, Clifton; League Past President*

### Speakers:

PAUL CAMELLA *Managing Member, Camella Realty, LLC*

MARK SEMERARO *Attorney, Kaufman, Semeraro and Liebman*

VICTOR DELUCA *Mayor, Maplewood*

RICHARD BRUNELLI *R.J. Brunelli & Co., Inc.*

**PENSIONS AND BENEFITS UPDATE ON RETIREMENT, BENEFITS AND SERVICES**

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 303 (League Joint Session with the Government

Finance Officers Association and the Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association)

CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 FIN/DEBT; RMC – 1.5 FIN; CLE – 1.8; CPA – 1.5 FIN; PACLE – 1.5

### Presiding:

JAMEL C. HOLLEY *Mayor, Roselle*

### Speakers:

ROSEANN WHYPP *Pension Benefits Specialist, Division of Pensions and Benefits, State Department of the Treasury*

DOUGLAS MARTUCCI *NJWell Program, Division of Pensions and Benefits, State Department of the Treasury*

**THE BENEFITS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CHILD CARE SERVICES FOR TOWNS**

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 408 (In cooperation with Rutgers Center for

Government Services)

### Presiding:

ALBERT B. KELLY *Mayor, Bridgeton; Member, League Executive Board*

### Speakers:

BEVERLY LYNN *Chief Executive Officer, Programs for Parents*

WAYNE T. MEYER *President, New Jersey Community Capital*

MICHAEL FARLEY *Executive Director, Unified Vailsburg Services Organization*  
ALAN ZALKIND *Director, Center for Government Services, Rutgers, The State University*

**MANAGING YOUR TECHNOLOGY – HOW STRATEGIC PLANNING CAN HELP**

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 404  
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 INFO TECH; CTC – 1.5 INFO TECH; CPWM – 1.5 INFO TECH; RMC – 1.5 INFO TECH; QPA – 1.5 INFO TECH; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 M/S; CPA – 1.5 CS

**Presiding:**  
LIZ LEMPERT *Mayor, Princeton*

**Speakers:**  
ROBERT MCQUEEN *Certified Government Chief Information Officer, Princeton; President, NJ-GMIS, New Jersey Chapter*  
JUSTIN HEYMAN *Information Technology Director, Franklin Township (Somerset)*  
WALTER HANSEN *Certified Government Chief Information Officer; Founder, Aton Computing*

**CONFLICT RESOLUTION - PROBLEM SOLVING IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT**

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 412  
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 OFF MGMT; CPWM – 1.5 MGMT; RMC – 1.5 PROF DEVEL; CLE – 1.8; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 M/S; CPA – 1.5 PD; REGISTRAR – 1.0; PACLE – 1.5

**Presiding:**  
TIMOTHY P. DOUGHERTY *Mayor, Morristown*

**Speakers:**  
SANFORD M. JAFFE *Co-Director, Center for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, Rutgers, The State University*  
LINDA STAMATO *Co-Director, Center for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, Rutgers, The State University*

**IDENTIFYING NEW TRAFFIC SAFETY TOOLS**

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 415  
CPWM – 1.5 TECH

**Presiding:**  
CATHLEEN LEWIS *Mayor, Lawrence Township (Mercer)*

**Speakers:**  
TRACY NOBLE *Manager, Public Affairs, AAA Mid-Atlantic Region*  
ANDY ANDERSON *Detective (Retired), Coordinator, Curriculum Development, Essex County College Police Academy*  
CHRISTOPHER CHEW *Chief of Police, Evesham*

**MODEL INNOVATIONS IN SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 318  
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; RMC – 1.5 FIN; QPA – 1.5 GREEN PUR-CHASING; CRP – 1.5; CPA – 1.5 FIN;

**Presiding:**  
KATHLEEN LEVENTHAL *Deputy Mayor, Maplewood*

**Speakers:**  
DANIEL T. BACHALIS *Councilman, Hammonton*  
ANTHONY CANCRO *Administrator, Springfield Township (Union)*  
BARBARA FIELDER *Chief Sustainability Officer, Galloway Township*  
JESSE CONNOR *Advisory Member, Galloway Green Team*

**DOLLARS FOR DOWNTOWNS: ARTS/HERITAGE TOURISM**

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. - Room 309 (League Joint Session with the New Jersey Planning Officials, Inc.)  
CM (APA) -1.5

**Presiding:**  
ALEX TORPEY *Mayor, South Orange*

**Speakers:**  
ADAM PERLE *Vice President, Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce*  
NICHOLAS PALEOLOGOS *Executive Director, New Jersey State Council on the Arts*  
DOROTHY GUZZO *Executive Director, New Jersey Historic Trust*  
SARA CURETON *Executive Director, NJ Historical Commission, State Department of State*

**THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS**

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 315

**Presiding:**  
TOM SARLO *Councilman, Little Ferry*

**Speakers:**  
GREGORY C. FEHRENBACH *League Interlocal Cooperation and Management Advisory Coordinator*  
PHYLLIS HOLLY-WARD *Councilwoman-at-Large, Trenton*  
LINDA DUBOIS *Committeewoman, Pittsgrove*  
BRIAN WILTON *Council President, Lake Como*  
ZIAD ANDREW SHEHADI *Committeeman, Springfield Township (Union)*  
MICHAEL W. HERBERT *Municipal Attorney, Plainsboro and West Windsor; Herbert, VanNess, Cayci & Goodell, PC*

**RESILIENCY PART 1 – THE ENERGY BANK**

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 416  
CPWM – 1.5 TECH; CLE – 1.8; CRP – 1.5; PACLE – 1.5

**Presiding:**  
ERIC JACKSON *Mayor, Trenton*

**Speaker:**  
MIKE WINKA *Senior Policy Advisor to the President, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*

**SCHOOL/MUNICIPAL COOPERATION – PATHWAY TO SAVINGS**

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 409  
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 OFF MGMT; RMC – 1.5 PROF DEVEL; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 M/S; CPA – 1.5 MAS

**Presiding:**  
SUZANNE M. WALTERS *Mayor, Stone Harbor; League President*  
**Moderator:**  
RAY WISS *Former Mayor, Old Tappan; Past President, New Jersey School Boards Association*  
**Speakers:**  
COLLEEN MAHR *Mayor, Fanwood; Member, League Executive Board*  
TRIP WHITEHOUSE *President, Board of Education, Scotch Plains-Fanwood*  
GERALD J. TARANTOLO *Mayor, Eatontown; League First Vice President*  
PETER SIINO *Member, Eatontown Board of Education*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

8:30 a.m. Registration and Exhibits Open

**9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. NJLM Sessions**

**COMMISSIONER'S ROUNDTABLE: PLANNING FOR SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCY (League Joint Session with the New Jersey Planning Officials, Inc.)**

9:00 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. – Room 401  
CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 OFF/MGMT; CPWM – 2.0 MGMT; RMC – 2.0 PROF DEVEL

**Presiding:**  
SUZANNE M. WALTERS *Mayor, Stone Harbor; League President*

**Speakers:**  
RICHARD CONSTABLE *Commissioner, State Department of Community Affairs*  
JOSEPH FIORDALISO *Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*  
BOB MARTIN *Commissioner, State Department of Environmental Protection*  
ANDREW TUNNARD *Assistant Commissioner, Operations, State Department of Transportation*

**MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT COLLABORATION: BUILDING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 322  
CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 OFF MGMT; CPWM – 2.0 GOVT; RMC – 2.0 PROF DEVEL

**Presiding:**  
EDWARD J. MAHANEY, JR. *Mayor, Cape May City; Trustee, Sustainable Jersey Task Force*

**Speakers:**  
ROSEMARY GOLDBERG *School Liaison, Sustainable Galloway, Go Green Team*  
LORI BRAUNSTEIN *Director for Green Schools, Delaware Valley Green Building Council, Founder/President, Sustainable Cherry Hill*

**SUBURBAN OFFICE SPACES: DINOSAURS OR DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH?**

9:00 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. – Room 310 (League Joint Session with the New Jersey Planning Officials, Inc.)  
CPWM – 2.0 GOVT; CM(APA) 1.5

**Presiding:**  
DANIEL J. HAYES, JR. *Mayor, Bridgewater*

**Speakers:**  
JAMES HUGHES *Dean, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers, The State University*  
MICHAEL KERWIN *Chief Executive Officer, Somerset County Business Partnership*  
JEFFREY OTTEAU *Otteau Valuation Group*  
THOMAS MICHNEWICZ *Vice President of Development, Somerset Development*  
SAM MORREALE *Vision Equities*

**FACEBOOK AND TWITTER – SETTING UP YOUR MUNICIPAL SOCIAL MEDIA STEP BY STEP AND SOCIAL MEDIA ETIQUETTE**

9:00 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. – Room 412  
CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 INFO TECH; CTC – 2.0 INFO TECH; CPWM – 2.0 INFO TECH; RMC – 2.0 INFO TECH; QPA – 2.0 INFO TECH; CRP – 1.5; CPA – 2.0 CS

**Presiding:**  
JANICE KOVACH *Mayor, Clinton Town*

**Speakers:**  
MORRIS A. ENYEART *NJLM Web & Internet Advisory Service; Owner, City Connections LLC*  
BRIDGET PALMER *Director of Communications, Office of the Mayor, Cherry Hill*  
M. PATRICIA WARD *Director of Community Development, West Windsor*  
CURT RITTER *Deputy Mayor, Chatham Township*

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION UPDATE**

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 304  
RMC – 2.0 PROF DEVEL; CLE – 2.0; PACLE – 1.5

**Presiding:**  
WILLIAM PIKOLYCKY *Mayor, Woodbine*

**Speakers:**  
GRACE M. KELLY *Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Civil Service Commission*  
PARTHENOPY "PATTI" BARDIS *Chief of Staff, Civil Service Commission*  
KIMBERLY ROGERS-MCLEAN *Executive Director of Administration and Training, Civil Service Commission*  
KENNETH CONNOLLY *Director of Classification and Personnel Management, Civil Service Commission*  
DAN HILL *Director of Selection Services and Recruitment, Civil Service Commission*

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - BEST PRACTICES TO PROTECT YOUR INFRASTRUCTURE**

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 405/406  
CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 INFO TECH; CTC – 2.0 INFO TECH; CPWM – 2.0 INFO TECH; CPWM – 2.0 INFO TECH; RMC – 2.0 INFO TECH; QPA – 2.0 INFO TECH; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 M/S; CPA – 2.0 CS

**Presiding:**  
JAMES PERRY *Mayor, Hardwick; Member, League Executive Board*

# NJLM PROGRAMS, SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

## Speakers:

CHRIS WADE *Network Administrator, West Windsor*  
MARC PFEIFFER *Assistant Director, Bloustein Local Government Research Center, Rutgers, The State University*  
MICHAEL ESOLDA *Chief Information Officer, Woodbridge*

## ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – WHEN DOES REGULATION BECOME INTERFERENCE?

9:00 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. – Room 404  
CLE – 2.0; PACLE – 1.5

### Presiding:

DAVID DELVECCHIO *Mayor, Lambertville; League Past President*

### Speakers:

RAY HAYDUCKA *Police Chief, South Brunswick; Past President, New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police*  
KEN MCCORMICK *Public Safety Director, North Brunswick*  
BRIAN KRONICK *League Labor Relations Counsel; Genova, Burns, Giantomasi, Webster*

## BUILDING A RELATIONSHIP OF TRUST WITH IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 314  
CLE – 2.0; PACLE – 1.5

### Presiding:

LIZ LEMPERT *Mayor, Princeton*

### Speakers:

JOHN ANDERSON *Councilman, New Brunswick*  
HEATHER HOWARD *Councilwoman, Princeton*  
NICHOLAS SUTTER *Police Chief, Princeton*  
ELISA NEIRA *Director, Human Services, Princeton*  
CRAIG GARCIA *Political Coordinator, Working Families Alliance*

## 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. NJLM Sessions

### FORMER GOVERNORS DISCUSS THE BEGINNING OF CHRIS CHRISTIE'S SECOND FOUR YEARS

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 201/202

#### Presiding:

JANICE S. MIRONOV *Mayor, East Windsor; League Immediate Past President*

#### Moderator:

LUKE MARGOLIS *News 12 New Jersey's Political Reporter; Host, News 12's Power and Politics*

#### Invited Speakers:

BRENDAN BYRNE *Former New Jersey Governor*  
JAMES J. FLORIO *Former New Jersey Governor*  
DONALD DIFRANCESCO *Former New Jersey Governor*  
DICK CODEY *Former New Jersey Governor*  
JOHN O. BENNETT *Former New Jersey Governor*

### VEHICLE ROUTING AND TRACKING CUTS COSTS AND IMPROVES EFFICIENCIES

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 321  
CPWM – 1.5 TECHNICAL; CRP – 1.0

#### Presiding:

JOHN MCCORMAC *Mayor, Woodbridge*

#### Speakers:

DENNIS HENRY *Director, Woodbridge Department of Public Works*  
MITCHELL A. LITTLE *Chief of Police, Toms River*  
PAUL SHIVES *Administrator, Toms River*

### AN ADDRESS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 312 (League Joint Session with New Jersey Health Officials – NJACCHO)

#### Presiding:

CHUCK CAHN *Mayor, Cherry Hill*

#### Speaker:

MARY O'DOWD *Commissioner, State Department of Health*

### ETHICS, REPORTERS & I THOUGHT THAT WAS OFF THE RECORD

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 303 (This session is part of the Arthur J. Holland Program on Ethics in Government at the Eagleton Institute of Politics)  
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 ETH; CTC – 1.5 ETH; CPWM – 1.5 ETH; RMC – 1.5 ETH; QPA – 1.5 ETH; CLE – 1.5 ETH; CRP – 1.0; RPP0/RPPS – 1.5 M/S; CPA – 1.5 ETH; CTA – 1.5 PTA; PACLE – 1.0 ETH

#### Presiding:

DANA L. REDD *Mayor, Camden*

#### Moderator:

JOHN WEINGART *Associate Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University*

#### Speaker:

PETER MCDONOUGH *Senior VP for External Affairs, Rutgers University*

#### Respondents:

TOM MORAN *Editorial Page Editor, The Star-Ledger*  
WILLIAM J. KEARNS, JR. *League General Counsel; Kearns, Reale and Kearns*

### ARE YOU PROPERLY PAYING YOUR EMPLOYEES?

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon - Room 415  
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 BUD; RMC – 1.5 FIN; CLE – 1.5; CPA – 1.5 BL; PACLE – 1.0

#### Presiding:

JOHN COIRO *Mayor, Totowa*

#### Speakers:

JASON MARTUCCI *Manager, Local Government Research, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*

J. ADAM HUGHES *Assistant Director of Investigations Department, Office of the State Comptroller*  
CHRISTOPHER VAZ *Borough Administrator, Seaside Heights*

### ELECTRICITY 101 - UNDERSTANDING THE POWER GRID

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 301  
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; RMC – 1.5 FIN; QPA – 1.5 P/P; CLE – 1.5; RPP0/RPPS – 1.5 P/P; CPA – 1.5 SPECIALIZED AREA OF IND; PACLE – 1.0

#### Presiding:

DAVID FRIED *Mayor, Robbinsville*

#### Speakers:

JAMES GIULIANO *Director, Division of Reliability & Security, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*  
B. SCOTT HUNTER *Renewable Energy Program Administrator, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*

### YOUR ROLE IN OVERSEEING OF AUTHORITIES

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 411  
CLE – 1.5; PACLE – 1.0

#### Presiding:

JOSE "JOEY" TORRES *Mayor, Paterson*

#### Speakers:

THOMAS H. NEFF *Director, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*  
ANN ZAWARTKAY *Chief, Bureau of Authorities and Auditing, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*

### SUSTAINABLE JERSEY – 2015 NEW ACTIONS AND INITIATIVES

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 308/309  
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; RMC – 1.5 FIN; QPA – 1.5 GREEN PURCHASING; CRP – 1.0

#### Presiding:

PAMELA H. MOUNT *Chair; Sustainable Jersey Board*

#### Speakers:

RANDALL SOLOMON *Co-Director, Sustainable Jersey, Sustainability Institute at the College of New Jersey*  
DONNA DREWES *Co-Director, Sustainable Jersey, Sustainability Institute at the College of New Jersey*  
JENNIFER COFFEY *Executive Director, Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions*  
BECKY HAMMER *Project Attorney, Water Program, Natural Resources Defense Council*  
TERI JOVER *Managing Director, New Jersey Future*  
MARK WARNER *Energy Director, Sustainable Jersey, Sustainability Institute at the College of New Jersey*

### GRANT RESOURCES: COMMUNITY HOUSING AND REVITALIZATION

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 421  
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; RMC – 1.5 FIN; QPA – 1.5 OFF ADMIN; CPA – 1.5 MAS

#### Presiding:

JAMES A. FAZZONE *Mayor, Burlington City*

#### Speakers:

MICHAEL ZUMPINO *League Grants Consultant; President, Triad Associates*  
PETER KASABACH *Executive Director, New Jersey Future*  
GARY PASSANANTE *Mayor, Somerdale; Member, League Executive Board*  
DAVID J. HANRAHAN, SR. *President & Chief Executive Officer, Capital Bank, Vineland*

### URBAN MAYORS: ATTRACTING ECONOMIC TALENT TO CITIES

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 419 (This Session is in Partnership with the Urban Mayors Association)

#### Presiding:

WILDA DIAZ *Mayor, Perth Amboy; President, Urban Mayors Association*

#### Speakers:

JANEE D. FRANKLIN *ABCS Coordinator, Netter Center for Community Partnerships, University of Pennsylvania*  
MARTIN J. LAIRD *Manager, IBM Corporate Citizenship & Corporate Affairs*  
RUBEN GOMEZ *Director, Economic Development, Paterson*  
PETER ROERHIG *Account Executive, Energy and Environmental Solutions, Honeywell*  
DARIEL CURREN *Senior Vice President, Development Counsellors International*

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### NEW JERSEY SAFETY INSTITUTE – MITIGATING CYBER AND DIGITAL RISKS

Room 311 Tuesday, November 18, 2:00 – 3:40 p.m.; Wednesday, November 19, 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 and again at 2:00 – 3:40 p.m.; Thursday, November 20, 9:00 -10:40 a.m.

#### Moderating:

DAVID GRÜBB *Executive Director, Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund*

#### Speaker:

MARC PFEIFFER *Assistant Director, Bloustein Local Government Research Center, Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers, The State University*

### 12:00 p.m. MAYORS BOX LUNCHEON

#### "AN OPEN DIALOGUE WITH KEY CABINET OFFICIALS"

12:00 Noon – 1:45 p.m. – Crown Ballroom, Sheraton Convention Center Hotel  
Reservations Only – Tickets \$20.00

#### Welcome:

SUZANNE M. WALTERS *Mayor, Stone Harbor; League President*

#### Mayors Hall of Fame Presentation

#### Innovation in Governance Awards Presentation

#### "An Open Dialogue with Key Cabinet Officials"

TICKET

RICHARD CONSTABLE *Commissioner, State Department of Community Affairs*  
ANDREW SIDAMON-ERISTOFF *Treasurer, State Department of the Treasury*  
BOB MARTIN *Commissioner, State Department of Environmental Protection*  
JAMIE FOX *Commissioner, State Department of Transportation*  
JOSEPH FIORDALISO *Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*

**2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. NJLM Sessions**

**THE FOUR TOPS: THEY ARE NOT STANDING IN THE SHADOW OF THE GOVERNOR**

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 201/202

**Welcome:**

GERALD J. TARANTOLO *Mayor, Eatontown; League First Vice President*

**Moderator:**

MICHAEL ARON *NJTV Chief Political Correspondent*

**Speakers:**

STEPHEN M. SWEENEY *Senate President; Senator, District 3*  
THOMAS H. KEAN, JR. *Senate Republican Leader; Senator, District 21*  
VINCENT PRIETO *Assembly Speaker; Assemblyman, District 32*  
JON M. BRAMNICK *Assembly Republican Leader; Assemblyman, District 21*

**TRAFFIC SAFETY – ENGINEERING, EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 408/409

CPWM – 2.0 TECH

**Presiding:**

BRIAN C. WAHLER *Mayor, Piscataway; League Third Vice President*

**Speakers:**

CAROLINE TRUEMAN *Safety Engineer, Federal Highway Administration*  
MARY K. MURPHY *Executive Director, North Jersey Transportation Authority*  
DAVID KUHN *Assistant Commissioner, Capital Investment Strategies, State Department of Transportation*  
GARY POEDUBICKY *Acting Director, Division of Highway Traffic Safety*  
JACK NATA *Manager, Division of Traffic and Signals, Newark*  
TODD KUTCHER *Lieutenant, Woodbridge Police Department*

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRIMER: BUDGET, PROCUREMENT, & PURCHASING ISSUES**

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 419

RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 P/P

**Budget, Procurement, and Finance in Purchasing Issues**

**Presiding:**

JOHN DEAN DERIENZO *Mayor, Haworth; Member League Executive Board*

**Speakers:**

GORDON BALL *Procurement Specialist, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*  
NANCY MALOOL *Assistant Director, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*  
CHRISTINE ZAPICCHI *Assistant Director, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*  
JON RHEINHARDT *Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, Wharton*

**MUNICIPALITIES & PUBLIC OPINION: TOOLS FOR EFFECTIVE USE AND INTERPRETATION**

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 322

**Presiding:**

SAMUEL RAIJA *Mayor, Saddle River*

**Speakers:**

PETER WOOLLEY *Co-founder and former Executive Director, Farleigh Dickinson University PublicMind*  
BOB SOMMER *Senior Advisor to Mayor Fulop, Jersey City*  
J. BROOKE HERN *Mayor, New Providence*  
KRISTA JENKINS *Executive Director, Farleigh Dickinson University PublicMind*  
DALE FLORIO *Principal, Princeton Public Affairs Group*

**NEW TOOLS FOR REDEVELOPMENT AND REHABILITATION**

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 412

CPWM – 2.0 GOVT; CLE – 2.0; PACLE – 1.5

**Presiding:**

M. JAMES MALEY *Mayor, Collingswood; Chair, League Economic Development Task Force*

**Speakers:**

JOSEPH MARIZITI, JR. *Maraziti, Falcon & Healey*  
STAN SLACHETKA *T&M Associates*  
JOSEPH BRIGANDI, JR. *Administrator, Glassboro*  
BAYE ADOFO-WILSON *Director of Economic and Housing Development, Newark*

**CASH-FLOW FOR CONSTRUCTION – NJEIT'S SAIL PROGRAM**

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 304

CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 2.0 GOVT; RMC 2.0 FIN; CPA – 2.0 FIN

**Presiding:**

WILLIAM W. CURTIS *Mayor, Bay Head*

**Speakers:**

DAVID ZIMMER *Executive Director, New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Program*  
MICHAEL RUPPEL *Executive Director, South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority*  
BERNARD J. BUJAK *Chief Financial Officer, South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority*

**CRISIS MANAGEMENT – WILL YOU BE READY?**

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 308

CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 OFF MGMT; CPWM – 2.0 MGMT; RMC – 2.0 PROF DEVEL; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 M/S

**Presiding:**

TIMOTHY C. MCDONOUGH *Mayor, Hope; League Past President; Chair, League Emergency Management Preparedness Task Force*

**Speakers:**

SEAN DALTON *Gloucester County Prosecutor*  
CHRISTIAN SCHULZ *Lieutenant Colonel; Deputy Superintendent of Homeland Security, New Jersey State Police*  
JEROME HATFIELD *Regional Administrator, FEMA, Region II*  
CHRIS RODRIGUEZ *Director, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness*  
TOM J. VITULLO *Division Disaster Executive – Northeast Division, American Red Cross*

**COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITIES: SHARED SERVICES, REDEVELOPMENT AND MORE**

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 411

CCFO – 2.0 COUNTY FISCAL OPERATIONS; CLE – 2.0; PACLE – 1.5

**Presiding:**

GARY PASSANANTE *Mayor, Somerdale; Member, League Executive Board*

**Speakers:**

JAMES P. BLANDA *Executive Director, Camden County Improvement Authority*  
GEORGE STRACHAN *Acting Executive Director, Gloucester County Improvement Authority*  
NORMAN GUERRA *Executive Director, Hudson County Improvement Authority*  
ANN ZAWARTKAY *Chief, Bureau of Authorities and Auditing, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*  
GARY FINGER *Ombudsman, Division of Economic Development & Energy Policy, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*

**RECENT DECISIONS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICS COMPLAINTS**

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room - 303

CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 ETH; CTC – 2.0 ETH; CPWM – 2.0 ETH; RMC – 2.0 ETH; QPA – 2.0 ETH; CLE – 2.0 ETH; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 M/S; CPA – 2.0 ETH; CTA – 1.5 PTA; REGISTRAR – 1.0; PACLE – 1.5

**Presiding:**

SOPHIE HEYMANN *Mayor, Closter*

**Speakers:**

THOMAS H. NEFF *Director, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*  
PATRICIA MCNAMARA *Executive Secretary, Local Finance Board, State Department of Community Affairs*  
SUSAN JACOBUCCI *Manager, Galloway*

**PAPERWORK – THE NECESSARY EVIL OF PURCHASING**

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 403 (League Joint Session with the Governmental Purchasing Association of New Jersey)

CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 2.0 GOVT; RMC – 2.0 FIN; QPA – 2.0 P/P; CLE – 2.0; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 P/P; CPA – 2.0 FIN; PACLE – 1.5

**Presiding:**

J. NOLAN HIGGINS *Mayor, Freehold Borough*

**Speakers:**

JOSEPH VALENTI *Chief, Bureau of Local Management Services, Division of Local Government Services (Retired), State Department of Community Affairs*  
LYNDA WELLS *Township Clerk, Long Beach*  
NICOLA REID *Purchasing Agent, Stafford*

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS IN A DIGITAL WORLD**

2:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. – Room 415 (League Joint Session with Jersey Access Group)

CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 INFO TECH; CTC – 1.5 INFO TECH; CPWM – 1.5 INFO TECH; RMC – 1.5 INFO TECH; QPA – 1.5 INFO TECH; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 M/S

**Presiding:**

THOMAS VALHALLA *Mayor, Metuchen*

**Speakers:**

MICHAEL VENEZIA *Mayor, Bloomfield*  
KENNETH S. FELLMAN *Partner, Kissinger & Fellman PC; Member, FCC Intergovernmental Advisory Committee*

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**3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. NJLM Sessions**

**TRAFFIC SIGN VISIBILITY – FUNDING AND COMPLYING WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS**

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 421 (League Joint Session with the American Public Works Association – New Jersey Chapter)

CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; CLE – 1.8; PACLE – 1.5

**Presiding:**

SAMUEL MACCARONE, JR. *Mayor, Woolwich*

**Speaker:**

TED GREEN *Program Engineer, New Jersey Local Technical Assistance Program, Center for Advanced Infrastructure & Transportation, Rutgers, The State University*

**MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN – YOUR PARTNER FOR A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY**

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 312

**Presiding:**

PETER S. RUSTIN *Mayor, Tenafly*

# NJLM PROGRAMS, SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

## Speakers:

MELISSA KOSTINAS *Executive Director, Mayors Wellness Campaign, New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute*  
BILL LOVETT *Executive Director, New Jersey Alliance of YMCA's*  
PETER RUSTIN *Mayor, Tenally*  
J. NOLAN HIGGINS *Mayor, Freehold Borough*  
ABBEY COFSKY *Senior Program Officer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*

## STORM WATER: WHAT'S COMING DOWN THE PIPE IN YOUR TOWN?

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 414  
CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; CRP – 1.5

### Presiding:

PAUL J. KENNEDY *Mayor, Ocean Gate*

### Speakers:

JAMES FLORIO *Former Governor, State of New Jersey*  
BOB SMITH *Senator, District 17; Chairperson, Senate Environmental and Energy Committee*  
DANIEL KENNEDY *Assistant Commissioner, Water Resource Management, State Department of Environmental Protection*  
UPENDRA J. CHIVUKULA *Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*

## ELECTED OFFICIALS PRIMER: ETHICS, OPMA, OPRA & CIVILITY

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 417  
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 ETH; CTC – 1.5 ETH; CPWM – 1.5 ETH; RMC – 1.5 ETH; QPA – 1.5 ETH; CLE – 1.8 ETH; RPP0/RPPS – 2.0 ETH; CPA – 1.5 ETH; PACLE – 1.5 ETH

### Legal Update

### Presiding:

LESTER E. TAYLOR, III *Mayor, East Orange*

### Speaker:

WILLIAM J. KEARNS, JR. *League General Counsel; Kearns, Reale & Kearns*

## REVIEW OF BEST PRACTICES CHECKLIST

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 404  
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 BUD; RMC – 1.5 FIN; CLE – 1.8; RPP0/RPPS – 2.0 M/S; PACLE – 1.5

### Presiding:

PAUL TOMASKO *Mayor, Alpine*

### Speaker:

THOMAS H. NEFF *Director, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*

## SHARED SERVICES: REPORTING ON THE TAX ASSESSMENT PILOT PROGRAMS

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 313  
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 BUD; CTC – 1.5 GEN/SEC; RMC – 1.5 FIN; CLE – 1.8; CTA – 1.5 PTA; PACLE – 1.5

### Presiding:

JOHN DUCEY *Mayor, Brick*

### Speakers:

GREGORY C. FEHRENBACH *League Interlocal Cooperation and Management Advisory Coordinator*  
MATTHEW CLARK *Tax Board Administrator, Monmouth County Tax Board*  
CRAIG BLACK *Deputy Assessor, Gloucester County Assessor's Office*  
GERARD MEAD *Deputy Assessor, Gloucester County Assessor's Office*

## EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMICS: COLLABORATIVELY STRENGTHENING THE WORKFORCE

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 401

### Presiding:

STEVEN FULOP *Mayor, Jersey City; Member, League Executive Board*

### Speakers:

DR. ALI HOUSHMAND *President, Rowan University*  
DANA L. REDD *Mayor, Camden*  
ANDREW CAMPBELL *President/Owner, Eastern Millwork, Inc.*  
BERNARD M. FLYNN *President and CEO, New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company*  
RAS BARAKA *Mayor, Newark; Member, League Executive Board*  
LEO MCCABE *Mayor, Glassboro; Member, League Executive Board*

## GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION: SAVING YOUR RESIDENTS MONEY

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 309  
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; RMC – 1.5 FIN; QPA – 1.5 P/P; CLE – 1.8; CRP – 1.5; RPP0/RPPS – 2.0 M/S; CPA – 1.5 MAS; PACLE – 1.5

### Presiding:

RICHARD SMITH *Mayor, Montgomery*

### Speakers:

JOEL SHAIN *League Public Utility Counsel; Shain, Schaffer & Rafanello, P.C.*  
GARY FINGER *Ombudsman, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*  
GORDON BALL *Procurement Specialist, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*  
MARK WARNER *Director of Energy, The Sustainable Institute, College of New Jersey*  
TODD SEGMOND *Chief Executive Officer, Energy Market Exchange*

## FEMA'S COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM:

### A FLOOD INSURANCE DISCOUNT PROGRAM

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 301  
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; RMC – 1.5 FIN; CPA – 1.5 MAS

### Presiding:

SUZANNE M. WALTERS *Mayor, Stone Harbor; League President*

### Speakers:

JOHN MILLER *Planning Board Member, Lambertville*  
JOSEPH BARRIS *Assistant Director, Monmouth County Planning Department*  
EILEEN SWAN *New Jersey Conservation Foundation; Former Mayor, Lebanon Township*  
CHRISTOPHER TESTA *Hazard Mitigation Unit Manager, New Jersey Office of Emergency Management – Recovery Bureau, New Jersey State Police*

## ANNUAL RISK MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 302  
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 FIN/DEBT; RMC – 1.5 FIN; CLE – 1.8; CPA – 1.5 FIN; PACLE – 1.5

### Presiding:

CHRISTOPHER BOTTA *Mayor, Ramsey*

### Speakers:

DAVID GRUBB *Executive Director, Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund*  
FRED SEMRAU *Fund Attorney, Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund*  
JOANNE HALL *Safety Director, Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund*

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

### 8:00 a.m. WOMEN IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT BREAKFAST: FEMALE OFFICIALS: TRANSITIONING FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICE TO THE NEXT STEP



Pearl Ballroom – Sheraton Convention Center Hotel (Ticket Required: \$30)

### Presiding/Welcome:

MILDRED CRUMP *Co-Chair of Women in Municipal Government Committee; Council President, City of Newark*

### Flag Salute and Invocation:

### Host City Welcome:

DONALD GUARDIAN *Mayor, Atlantic City*

### President's Welcome:

SUZANNE M. WALTERS *Mayor, Stone Harbor; League President; Co-Chair, Women in Municipal Government Committee*

### Guest Speakers and Presentation of Outstanding Women in Government Award:

NANCY PINKIN *Assemblywoman, District 18*  
HOLLY SCHEPISI *Assemblywoman, District 39*

### 8:30 a.m. Registration and Exhibits Open

## 9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. NJLM Sessions

### INTEREST ARBITRATION REFORM

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 302  
CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 FIN/DEBT; RMC – 2.0 FIN; CLE – 2.0; CPA – 2.0 FIN; PACLE – 1.5

### Presiding:

ROBERT NEFF *Mayor, Little Silver*

### Speakers:

JOSEPH M. HANNON *League Labor Relations Counsel; Attorney At Law, Genova, Burns, Giantomasi and Webster*  
JAMES M. METS *Founding Partner, Mets Schiro & McGovern, LLP*  
DAISY BARRETO *Director, Conciliation and Arbitration, Public Employment Relations Commission*

### A NEW ROUND FOR COAH

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 402 (League Joint Session with New Jersey Planning Officials)  
RMC – 2.0 PROF DEVEL; CLE – 2.0; CTA – 1.5 PTA; PACLE – 1.5; CM (APA) -1.5

### Presiding:

JANICE S. MIRONOV *Mayor, East Windsor; League Immediate Past President*

### Speakers:

JEFFREY LEHRER *Attorney, DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis & Lehrer, P.C.*  
PHILIP B. CATON *Professional Planner, Clarke, Caton & Hintz*  
CHRISTIANA FOGLIO *President, Community Investment Strategies*

### ESSENTIALS OF APPRAISAL EXPERTS IN TAX APPEALS – THE DOS AND DON'TS

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 301 (League Joint Session with the Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey and the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys)  
CTC – 3.0 GEN/SEC; CLE – 3.6; CTA – 3.0 APP; PACLE – 3.0

### Presiding:

THOMAS LANKEY *Mayor, Edison*

### Speakers:

WILLIAM H. STEINHART *Appraisal Consultants Corporation*  
ARTHUR A. LINFANTE, III *Principal Partner, Value Research Group, LLC*  
ROBERT A. GIANCATERINO *Attorney, Skoloff & Wolfe*  
PAUL TANNENBAUM *Attorney, Zipp & Tannenbaum*  
JAMES J. RENWICK *Tax Assessor, Burlington Township*

### RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 419  
CPWM – 2.0 MGMT; CRP – 1.5

### Presiding:

EDWARD J. MAHANEY, JR. *Mayor, Cape May*

### Speakers:

LINDA B. WEBER *Resiliency Program Director, Sustainable Jersey*  
CHRISTOPHER BADUREK *Resiliency Manager, Sustainable Jersey*  
MARNEY KIMMEL *Resiliency Manager, Sustainable Jersey*  
NATHALY AGOSTO FILION *Resiliency Manager, Sustainable Jersey*

### OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS AND TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 – Room 201  
RMC – 2.0 PROF DEVEL; CLE – 2.0; CRP – 1.5; RPP0/RPPS – 2.0 ETH; PACLE – 1.5

### Presiding:

STEPHEN BENOWITZ *Mayor, Bordentown Township*

### Speaker:

WILLIAM J. KEARNS, JR. *League General Counsel; Kearns, Reale & Kearns*

**DESTINATION MARKETING – CONNECTING THE DOTS FOR TOURISM**

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 409

**Presiding:**

SUZANNE M. WALTERS *Mayor, Stone Harbor; League President*

**Speakers:**

ADAM PERLE *Princeton Regional Chamber, Destination Marketing Organization*

**“Art + History + Tourism = Economic Impact”**

JIM KIRKOS *Meadowlands Regional Chamber, Destination Marketing Organization*

**“Employment and Development Due to Tourism”**

LORI PEPENELLA *Southern Ocean County Chamber, Long Beach Island Region Destination Marketing Organization*

**“Finding the Niche to Expand Tourism Profile”**

JOSEPH SIMONETTA *Executive Director, New Jersey Travel Industry Association*

**“Tourism Legislation and How it Affects Tourism”**

ANTHONY MINICK *Director, Marketing, Division of Travel and Tourism, State Department of State*

**PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW AND REGULATION UPDATE**

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 412 (League Joint Session with Tax Collectors and Treasurer’s Association; Governmental Purchasing Association and Government Finance Officers Association)

CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 2.0 GOVT; RMC – 2.0 FIN; QPA – 2.0 P/P; CLE – 2.0; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 P/P; CPA – 2.0 FIN; PACLE – 1.5

**Presiding:**

JONATHAN DUNLEAVY *Mayor, Bloomingdale; Member, League Executive Board*

**Speakers:**

JOSEPH VALENTI *Chief, Bureau of Local Management Services, Division of Local Government Services (Retired), State Department of Community Affairs*

GORDON BALL *Procurement Specialist, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*

GERALD SENESKI *Chief Financial Officer, Cumberland County*

**THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT:**

**RESPONSIBILITIES, PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 403 (League Joint Session with the New Jersey Municipal Management Association)

CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 BUD; RMC – 2.0 FIN; CLE – 2.0; CPA – 1.5 MAS; PACLE – 1.5

**Presiding:**

GARY PASSANANTE *Mayor, Somerdale; Member, League Executive Board*

**Speakers:**

ROBERT E. ANDREWS *Former Congressman, District 1; On Counsel, Dilworth Paxson LLP*

DAVID KNOWLTON *President and CEO, New Jersey HealthCare Quality Institute*

MATTHEW U. WATKINS *Administrator, West New York*

ROBERT M. LANDOLFI *Business Administrator, Woodbridge*

**WATER SYSTEM ASSET MANAGEMENT – PUTTING OUR MONEY WHERE OUR INFRASTRUCTURE IS**

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 401

CPWM – 2.0 TECHNICAL

**Presiding:**

BRIAN C. WAHLER *Mayor, Piscataway; League Third Vice President*

**Speakers:**

DAN KENNEDY *Assistant Commissioner, Water Resource Management, State Department of Environmental Protection*

BRADLEY CAMPBELL *Former Commissioner, State Department of Environmental Protection*

**This session will repeat multiple times during the Conference. All sessions are the same.**

**NEW JERSEY SAFETY INSTITUTE – MITIGATING CYBER AND DIGITAL RISKS**

Room 311 Tuesday, November 18, 2:00 – 3:40 p.m.; Wednesday, November 19, 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 and again at 2:00 – 3:40 p.m.; Thursday, November 20, 9:00 -10:40 a.m.

**Moderating:**

DAVID GRUBB *Executive Director, Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund*

**Speaker:**

MARC PFEIFFER *Assistant Director, Bloustein Local Government Research Center, Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers, The State University*

**ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE HEARING**

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Room Hall A

**Chairman:**

JOHN S. WISNIEWSKI *Assemblyman, District 19*

**10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. NJLM Sessions**

**BENEFITS OF WELL PREPARED PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 309 (League Joint Session with New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers, Inc. and Governmental Purchasing Association of New Jersey)

CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; RMC – 1.5 FIN; QPA – 1.5 P/P; CPA – 1.5 FIN

**Presiding:**

ADRIAN O. MAPP *Mayor, Plainfield*

**Speakers:**

MARY LOUISE STANTON *Qualified Purchasing Agent (Retired), Somerset County*

TODD M. HAY *Municipal Engineer, Nutley; Pennoni Associates, Inc.; Treasurer, New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers, Inc.*

GLENN KIENZ *Attorney, Weiner Lesniak; Counsel, New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers, Inc.; Member, New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys*

**PREVENTING OUTAGES THROUGH TREE TRIMMING**

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 411

CPWM – 1.5 TECH

**Presiding:**

JANICE S. MIRONOV *Mayor, East Windsor; League Immediate Past President*

**Speakers:**

DIANNE SOLOMON *Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*

MARK BEAMISH *Manager, Vegetation Management, Rockland Electric Company*

MATTHEW SIMONS *Senior Staff Forester, Atlantic City Electric Company*

PATRICIA MULLIN *Director of Operations Support, Jersey City Power and Light (JCP&L)*  
BRIAN K. HARTEL *Vegetation Management Manager, Public Service Electric & Gas (PSE&G)*

**WHAT LOCAL OFFICIALS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EMS**

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon – Room 321

**Presiding:**

CHUCK CHIARELLO *Mayor, Buena Vista; League Past President; Chairman, League Emergency Medical Services Subcommittee*

**Speakers:**

TIM SEPLAKI *Data Manager, Office of Emergency Medical Services, State Department of Health*

NANCY KELLY-GOODSTEIN *Office of Emergency Medical Services, State Department of Health*

**OPRA AND PRIVACY – IMPERFECT TOGETHER?**

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 303

CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 OFF MGMT; CTC – 1.5 GEN/SEC; CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; RMC – 1.5 REC; QPA – 1.5 OFF ADMIN; CLE – 1.5; CRP – 1.0; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 M/S; CPA – 1.5 PERSONNEL DEVEL; PACLE – 1.0

**Presiding:**

KEITH KAZMARK *Mayor, Woodland Park*

**Speaker:**

WILLIAM J. KEARNS, JR. *League General Counsel; Kearns, Reale & Kearns*

**PARTNERSHIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL REENTRY MODEL: HUDSON COUNTY/JERSEY CITY COLLABORATION**

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 202

**Presiding:**

JAMES E. MCGREEVEY *Former Governor, State of New Jersey; Executive Director, Jersey City Employment and Training Program*

**Speakers:**

RAS BARAKA *Mayor, Newark; Member, League Executive Board*

JOSEPH A. HAYDEN *Walder, Hayden & Brogan, P.A.*

FRANK MAZZA *Director of Reentry, Jersey City Employment and Training Program/Hudson County*

OSCAR AVILES *Warden, Hudson County Correction Center*

EUGENE MCKNIGHT *Life Coach, Jersey City Employment and Training Program*

RAY LESNIAK *Senator, District 20*

**ESSENTIALS OF APPRAISAL EXPERTS IN TAX APPEALS – THE DOS AND DON'TS**

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ROBERT A. GIANCATERINO *Attorney, Skoloff & Wolfe*

PAUL TANNENBAUM *Attorney, Zipp & Tannenbaum*

JAMES J. RENWICK *Tax Assessor, Burlington Township*

**IMPORTANT COURT DECISIONS OF 2014**

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 313 (League Joint Session with New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys)

CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 OFF MGMT; CTC – 1.5 GEN/SEC; CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; RMC – 1.5 PROF DEVEL; QPA – 1.5 OFF ADMIN; CLE – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 M/S; PACLE – 1.0

**Presiding:**

ERICA EDWARDS *Mayor, Flemington; Member, League Executive Board*

**Speakers:**

EDWARD PURCELL *League Associate Counsel; League Staff Attorney*

TRISHKA WATERBURY *Cecil League Associate Counsel; President, New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys*

**A SPIRITED DISCUSSION: MUNICIPALITIES AND STATE ABC LAWS**

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 315

RMC – 1.5 LIC; CLE – 1.5; PACLE – 1.0

**Presiding:**

MATTHEW ANESH *Mayor, South Plainfield*

**Speakers:**

JOHN BURZICHELLI *Assemblyman, District 3; Chairman, Assembly Appropriations Committee*

DALE FLORIO *Principal, Princeton Public Affairs Group, Inc.*

JAMEL C. HOLLEY *Mayor, Roselle Borough*

SAMUEL “SKIP” REALE *Kearns, Reale and Kearns*

# NJLM PROGRAMS, SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

## SHARED SERVICES CONSOLIDATION: THE TRUE COST

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 320 (League Joint Session with New Jersey Municipal Management Association)  
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 OFF MGMT; CPWM – 1.5 MGMT; RMC – 1.5 PROF DEVEL; CLE – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 M/S; CPA – 1.5 FIN; CTA – 1.0 PTA; REGISTRAR – 1.0; PACLE – 1.0

### Presiding:

SUSAN HOWARD Mayor, Monmouth Beach

### Speakers:

RAPHAEL J. CAPRIO, PH.D. Director, Bloustein Local Government Research Center, Rutgers, The State University  
MARC PFEIFFER Assistant Director and Research Fellow, Bloustein Local Government Research Center, Rutgers, The State University  
MARIANNE SMITH Administrator, Hardyston  
EUGENE MCCARTHY Consolidation Commission Representative, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs

## CURBING THE FORECLOSURE CRISIS

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 305/306

### Presiding:

LESTER E. TAYLOR, III Mayor, East Orange

### Speakers:

STACI BERGER Executive Director, Housing and Community Development Network  
PILAR HOGAN-CLOSKEY Executive Director, St. Joseph's Carpenter Society  
STUART MINDES Housing Program Specialist, Office of Housing Counseling, U.S. Department of HUD

## LEGAL ISSUES SURROUNDING SOCIAL MEDIA

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 312

CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 INFO TECH; CTC – 1.5 INFO TECH; CPWM – 1.5 INFO TECH; RMC – 1.5 INFO TECH; QPA – 1.5 INFO TECH; CLE – 1.5; CRP – 1.0; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 M/S; CPA – 1.5 PERSONNEL DEVEL; CTA – 1.0 PTA; PACLE – 1.0

### Presiding:

BRIAN CARLIN Mayor, Burlington Township

### Speaker:

JENNIFER ROSELLE Attorney at Law, Genova, Burns, Giantomasi and Webster

## TAKING LEADERSHIP ON ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 421

CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; RMC – 1.5 FIN; QPA – 1.5 GREEN PURCHASING; CRP – 1.0; CPA – 1.5 MAS

### Presiding:

ARTHUR R. ONDISH Mayor, Mount Arlington; League Past President

### Speakers:

MARK WARNER Energy Director, Sustainable Institute at the College of New Jersey  
CASSANDRA POWERS Institute Associate/EV Program Coordinator, Georgetown Climate Center  
LYNN ENGLUM Program Officer, Renewable Energy Campaign, World Wildlife Fund  
HEATHER AZOULAY Outreach Manager, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

## 12:15 P.M. LEAGUE LUNCHEON FOR ALL DELEGATES

Crown Ballroom – Sheraton Convention Center Hotel (Ticket Required)

TICKET

### Presiding:

SUZANNE M. WALTERS Mayor, Stone Harbor; League President

### Invocation:

MONSIGNOR PHILIP LOWERY Chaplain, New Jersey State Police; St. James Roman Catholic Church, Red Bank

### Host City Welcome:

HONORABLE DONALD A. GUARDIAN Mayor, Atlantic City

### Guest Speaker:

HONORABLE KIM GUADAGNO Lieutenant Governor, State of New Jersey

### Presentation of Outstanding Corporate Citizen Award:

GARY SONDERMEYER Vice President, Bayshore Recycling

### Presentation of the 2014 Annual Distinguished Public Service Awards:

GEORGE PRUITT President, Thomas Edison State College  
JAMES HUGHES Dean, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers, The State University

### Official Towne Crier for the New Jersey League of Municipalities

RICHARD LALENA

## 2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. NJLM Sessions

### RESILIENCY PART 2 – CHP: FUEL CELLS

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 301  
CPWM – 2.0 TECH; CRP – 1.5

### Presiding:

THOMAS KEHLER Mayor, Toms River

### Speakers:

ED MERCER State Energy Manager, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
EDWARD BORER Energy Plant Manager, Princeton University  
ANDY KRICUN Executive Director, Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority

### ELECTRONIC TAX SALES

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 304  
CTC – 2.0 ENF; CLE – 2.0; PACLE – 1.5

### Presiding:

MICHAEL VENEZIA Mayor, Bloomfield

### Speakers:

PATRICIA TURIN Tax Collection Specialist, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs  
CARL DILEO Acting Tax Collector, Toms River

## RISK MANAGEMENT FOR IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 313

CPWM – 2.0 MGMT

### Presiding:

JOSEPH C. PARISI, JR. Mayor, Englewood Cliffs

### Speakers:

RICK SANTORO Director, Atlantic City Special Improvement Division, State Casino Reinvestment Development Authority  
THOMAS B. AHART President, Ahart, Frinzi & Smith, Phillipsburg  
DON SMARTT District Administrator, Journal Square Special Improvement District

## PREVENTING SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND HOSTILE BEHAVIORS IN THE WORKPLACE

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 401

CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 ETH; CTC – 2.0 ETH; CPWM – 2.0 ETH; RMC – 2.0 ETH; QPA – 2.0 ETH; CLE – 2.0; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 M/S; CPA – 2.0 ETH; CTA – 1.5 PTA; PACLE – 1.5

### Presiding:

JOHN VAN KEUREN Mayor, Glen Rock

### Speaker:

LORI A. DVORAK Dvorak and Associates. LLC

## A REVIEW OF THE OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 418 (League Joint Session with Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey)

CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 OFF MGMT; CTC – 2.0 GEN/SEC; CPWM – 2.0 GOVT; RMC – 2.0 REC; QPA – 2.0 OFF ADMIN; CLE – 2.0; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 M/S; CPA – 2.0 PERSONNEL DEVEL; CTA – 1.5 PTA; REGISTRAR – 1.0; PACLE – 1.5

### Presiding:

JOHN E. MCCORMAC Mayor, Woodbridge

### Speaker:

DAWN R. SANFILIPPO Senior Counsel, New Jersey Government Records Council, State Department of Community Affairs

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY UPDATE

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 419

CPWM – 2.0 GOVT; CLE – 2.0; CRP – 1.5; PACLE – 1.5

### Presiding:

VICTOR DELUCA Mayor, Maplewood

### Speakers:

KEN SHEEHAN Chief of Staff, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
ROBERT MARSHALL Assistant Commissioner, State Department of Environmental Protection  
BILL LOVETT Executive Director, New Jersey YMCA State Alliance  
ROBERT SMITH Senator, District 17  
JENNIFER CRIBBS NY-NJ Regional Sustainability Coordinator, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

## AWAKEN YOUR DOWNTOWN WITH JERSEY FRESH!

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 309

### Presiding:

FRANK DRUETZLER Mayor, Morris Plains; Member, League Executive Board

### Speakers:

DOUGLAS FISHER Agriculture Secretary, State Department of Agriculture  
SUZANNE MCCLUSKEY Councilwoman, Morris Plains; Farmers Market Manager, Morris Plains  
NICOLE ORT Ort Farms

## BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AND LSRP'S – BETTER TOGETHER

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 321

CPWM – 2.0 GOVT; CRP – 1.5

### Presiding:

ADRIAN O. MAPP Mayor, Plainfield

### Speakers:

KEN KLOO Director, Division of Remediation Management, State Department of Environmental Protection  
JUDY SHAW Environmental Analysis & Communications Group, E.J. Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy, Rutgers, The State University  
KAMAL SALEH Supervisor, Union County Bureau of Planning & Economic Development

## 3:30 P.M. – 5:30 p.m. NJLM BUSINESS MEETING

Pearl Ballroom – 2nd Level – Sheraton Convention Center Hotel

### Presiding:

SUZANNE M. WALTERS President of the League; Mayor, Stone Harbor

### Parliamentarian:

WILLIAM J. KEARNS, JR., ESQ.

### Report of the Resolutions Committee:

GERALD J. TARANTOLO League First Vice President; Mayor, Eatontown

### Report of the Nominating Committee:

JANICE S. MIRONOV League Immediate Past President; Mayor, East Windsor

### Election and Installation of Officers and Board Members

### Adjournment

# VENDOR SOLUTIONS SESSIONS

These sessions, which are open to all delegates, are produced by exhibitors to bring you their expertise, best practices and innovation updates.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

### HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND SMALL BUSINESSES

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Room 305 – Atlantic City Convention Center

This session is produced by Health Republic Insurance of New Jersey (HRINJ) and is open to all conference delegates.

**Speakers:**

TOM DANIELS *Director of Broker Relations, Health Republic Insurance of New Jersey*  
ROY FRANK *Manager of Member Engagement and Outreach, Health Republic Insurance of New Jersey*

### INCLUSIVE PLAY – DESIGNING OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTS FOR EVERYONE

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 406 – Atlantic City Convention Center

This session is produced by George Ely Associates and is open to all conference delegates.

**Presiding:**

MICHAEL HERTZLER *Southern New Jersey Sales Manager, George Ely Associates*  
SCOTT FENTON *Northern New Jersey Sales Manager, George Ely Associates*

**Speaker:**

MISSY BENSON *Play Advocate, Playworld Systems*

### DISTRACTED DRIVING – REDUCE RISK AND IMPROVE SAFETY IN NEW JERSEY WORK ZONES

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 306 – Atlantic City Convention Center

This session is produced by Plastic Safety Systems (PSS) and is open to all conference delegates.

**Speaker:**

DAVID L. MCKEE *Roadway Safety Consultant, Plastic Safety Systems*

### IT STRATEGIC PLANNING, RISK MANAGEMENT AND BEST PRACTICES

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 307 – Atlantic City Convention Center

This session is produced by Johnston Communications and is open to all conference delegates.

**Presiding:**

STEVEN S. MULLEN *Executive Vice President, Johnston Communications*

**Speakers:**

ROB GORNY *Account Executive, IT Strategic Planning, Risk Management and Best Practices, Johnston Communications*  
GEORGE SODE *Senior Account Executive, IT Strategic Planning, Risk Management and Best Practices, Johnston Communications*

### A CASE STUDY IN CREATING A NEW MODEL FOR DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 317 – Atlantic City Convention Center

This session is produced by DMR Architects and is open to all conference delegates.

**Speaker:**

FRANCIS REINER, PP-LLA *DMR Architects*

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

### MUNICIPALITIES GONE DIGITAL: A GUIDE ON HOW YOUR MUNICIPALITY SHOULD EMBRACE DIGITAL MEDIA

12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. – Room 318 – Atlantic City Convention Center

This session is produced by SEMGeeks and is open to all conference delegates.

**Speakers:**

CHRIS DELANY *President, SEMGeeks.com*  
PETE SCHAUER *Digital Media Specialist, SEMGeeks.com*

### THE NEW EPA FUEL TANK STORAGE REGULATIONS

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 306 – Atlantic City Convention Center

This session is produced by Yeager Engineered Systems and is open to all conference delegates.

**Presiding:**

WESLEY R. YEAGER *President, Yeager Engineered Systems; Past Executive Member of NJ Petroleum Contractors Association*

**Speakers:**

JEFF KAPPLER *Veeder Root Municipal/Commercial Tank Manager, USA*  
"EPA Compliance with Leak Detection and Reporting"

SCOTT HEIM *Regional Manager, OPW Dover Fueling Components*  
"EPA Compliance with Commercial Industrial Tank Accessories"

### HOW TO EVALUATE AND FINE TUNE YOUR WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 310 – Atlantic City Convention Center

This session is produced by First MCO and is open to all conference delegates.

**Presiding:**

THEA ISABELLE *Director of Business Development, First MCO*

**Speakers:**

THOMAS MOONEY *President, First MCO*  
"The Components of Managed Care"

WAYNE DIETZ *President, D & H Alternative Risk Solutions*  
"Working Relationship Between a TPA & MCO"

THOMAS WALLS *Workers' Compensation Law Attorney, Capehart Scatchard*  
"Employer/Employee Legal Responsibility"

### INCREASING YOUR BOTTOM LINE WITH CHAPTER 78 COMPLIANCE

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Room 316 – Atlantic City Convention Center

This session is produced by Colonial Life and participants can earn 1 CPE credit in Finance and Personnel/HR. This session is open to all conference delegates.

**Presiding:**

MOLLY STANTON *Public Sector Benefits Consultant, Colonial Life*

**Speaker:**

LISA A. PERRI *Public Sector Manager, Colonial Life*

"What are the best cost saving strategies to comply with Chapter 78?"

### AUTOMATE YOUR AP PROCESS WITH PAPERLESS WORKFLOW DOCUMENT IMAGING SOLUTION

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 414 – Atlantic City Convention Center

This session is produced by Document Conversion Associates and is open to all conference delegates.

**Presiding:**

WESTON KNOWLES *President, Document Conversion Associates*

**Speaker:**

RON SMITH *Vice President of Information Technology, Document Conversion Associates*  
"Paperless Workflow"

### GOING PAPERLESS WITH ONLINE FORMS & E-SIGNATURES

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Room 305 – Atlantic City Convention Center

This session is produced by SeamlessDocs and is open to all conference delegates.

**Speaker:**

MARC ENDE *Director of Sales, SeamlessDocs*

# AFFILIATE PROGRAMS, SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

## ASSESSORS (Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey)

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 402

#### WORDS OF WELCOME:

JO ANNE R. LAMBUSTA, CTC *President, TCTANJ*  
JASON GABLOFF, CMFO, *President, GFOANJ*

#### JOINT SESSION WITH THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, THE TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION, THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL ASSESSORS & THE MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION:

##### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

CMFO/CCFO – 1.0 Office Management and Ancillary Subjects; CTC – 1.0 Legislation; RMC – 1.0 Professional Development; QPA – 1.0 Office Administration/General Duties; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0; CPA/RMA – 2.0 Business Law; CTA – 2.0 Property Administration

##### Speakers:

BONNIE A. FLEMING, CTC/CMFO *TCTANJ Legislative Chairperson*,  
KEITH A. BONCHI, ESQ. *TCTANJ Legal Counsel*  
LORI BUCKELEW, *Senior Legislative Analyst, New Jersey State League of Municipalities*  
SHARON BRIENZA, RMC *Municipal Clerk, Branchburg*

### QUARTERLY MARKET UPDATE WEBINAR

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Room 322

#### Speaker:

PETER F. KORPACZ

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

#### NJ CHAPTER OF IAAO ANNUAL MEETING

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Bally's Park Place Hotel, 6th Floor – Dennis Ballroom

#### Speaker:

J. STEPHEN WALTERS, CTA *NJIAAO Chapter President*

#### AMANJ ORGANIZATIONAL, BUSINESS, LEGISLATIVE UPDATE & TAX COURT UPDATE

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Bally's Park Place Hotel, 6th Floor Dennis Ballroom

#### Speakers:

MARIE PROCACCI-BLASKEY *AMANJ President*  
JOHN LLOYD, ESQ. *Nowell, Amoroso, Klein, Bierman, PA.; AMANJ, Counsel*  
DAVE SMITH *Princeton Public Affairs Group, Inc.*

12:00 noon – Bally's Park Place – 6th Floor Blenheim Ballroom

#### AMANJ ANNUAL BUSINESS LUNCHEON

#### Speaker:

MARIE PROCACCI-BLASKEY *AMANJ President*

#### Guest Speaker:

FRANK FORMICA *President, Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders*

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

#### ESSENTIALS OF APPRAISAL EXPERTS IN TAX APPEALS – THE DOS AND DON'TS

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 301 (League Joint Session with the Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey and the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys)

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#### Presiding:

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#### Speakers:

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ARTHUR A. LINFANTE, III *Principal Partner, Value Research Group, LLC*  
ROBERT A. GIANCATERINO *Attorney, Skoloff & Wolfe*  
PAUL TANNENBAUM *Attorney, Zipp & Tannenbaum*  
JAMES J. RENWICK *Tax Assessor, Burlington Township*

#### I.T. – THE LATEST HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE FOR THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Room 402

#### Speakers:

THOMAS C. DAVIS *President, Professional Property Appraisers (PPA)*  
WILLIAM RASKA *Micro Systems of New Jersey*

## MUNICIPAL ATTORNEYS (New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys)

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

#### NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS 2014 LEGAL UPDATES (DAY ONE)

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Room 321

#### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO PROGRAMS AND CLE REQUIREMENTS

1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

#### Speakers:

TRISHKA WATERBURY CECIL *President*  
ROBERT F. RENAUD *First Vice-President and Program Chair*

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICS LAW – PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Co-sponsored with NJLM)

NJCLE: 1.5 Ethics PACLE: 1.0 Ethics

#### Moderator:

A. MICHAEL RUBIN, ESQ. *Law Office of A. Michael Rubin, Wayne*

#### Speakers:

EDWARD J. BUZAK, ESQ. *Buzak Law Group, LLC, Montville*

JOHN C. GILLESPIE, ESQ. *Parker McCay, PA, Mount Laurel*  
BRUCE H. BERGEN, ESQ. *Krevsky, Silber & Bergen, Cranford*  
THOMAS H. NEFF, ESQ. *Chair, Local Finance Board, Department of Community Affairs*

#### MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS AND ATTORNEYS – COOPERATIVELY CONFRONTING THORNY ISSUES

2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (A Joint Presentation of the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys and the New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers)

(Co-sponsored with NJLM) NJCLE: 1.8 PACLE: 1.5

#### Moderator:

RONALD D. CUCCHIARO, ESQ. *Weiner Lesniak, Parsippany*

#### Speakers:

GLENN C. KIENZ, ESQ. *Weiner Lesniak, LLP, Parsippany*  
ROBERT T. REGAN, ESQ. *Law Offices of Robert T. Regan, Westwood*  
TODD M. HAY, PE *Pennoni Associates, Inc., Edison*  
PETER C. TEN KATE, PE *Boswell Engineering, South Hackensack*  
STANLEY SCHREK, PE, AIA, PP, LEED, AP *Van Cleef Engineering Services, Phillipsburg*

#### NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SECTOR LABOR LAW: 2014 DEVELOPMENTS

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Co-sponsored with NJLM)

NJCLE: 1.2 PACLE: 1.0

#### Speaker:

MATTHEW J. GIACOBBE, ESQ. *Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, Florham Park*

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

#### ESSENTIALS OF APPRAISAL EXPERTS IN TAX APPEALS – THE DOS AND DON'TS

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 301 (League Joint Session with the Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey and the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys)

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ARTHUR A. LINFANTE, III *Principal Partner, Value Research Group, LLC*  
ROBERT A. GIANCATERINO *Attorney, Skoloff & Wolfe*  
PAUL TANNENBAUM *Attorney, Zipp & Tannenbaum*  
JAMES J. RENWICK *Tax Assessor, Burlington Township*

#### IMPORTANT COURT DECISIONS OF 2014

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 313 (League Joint Session with New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys)

CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 OFF MGMT; CTC – 1.5 GEN/SEC; CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; RMC – 1.5 PROF DEVEL; QPA – 1.5 OFF ADMIN; CLE – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 M/S; PACLE – 1.0

#### Presiding:

ERICA EDWARDS *Mayor, Flemington; Member, League Executive Board*

#### Speakers:

EDWARD PURCELL *League Associate Counsel; League Staff Attorney*  
TRISHKA WATERBURY CECIL *League Associate Counsel; President, New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys*

#### NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS 2014 LEGAL UPDATES (DAY TWO)

1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Room 416

#### AVOIDING AND DEFENDING CLAIMS AGAINST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. (Co-sponsored with NJLM)

NJCLE: 1.2 PACLE: 1.0

#### Speakers:

ROBERT F. RENAUD, ESQ. *Palumbo & Renaud, Cranford*  
RICHARD P. CUSHING, ESQ. *Gebhardt & Kiefer, Clinton*  
ROBERT F. VARADY, ESQ. *LaCorte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella, Union*

#### OPRA AND RIGHT TO KNOW: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Co-sponsored with NJLM)

NJCLE: 1.5 PACLE: 1.0

#### Speakers:

CARL R. WOODWARD III, ESQ. *Carella Byrne Cecchi Olstein Brody & Agnello, PC, Roseland*  
KRISTINA P. HADINGER, ESQ. *Mason, Griffin & Pierson, Princeton*  
WILLIAM JOHN KEARNS, JR., ESQ. *Kearns, Reale & Kearns, Willingboro*

#### MUNICIPAL LAW UPDATE 2014

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Co-sponsored with NJLM)

NJCLE: 1.2 PACLE: 1.0

#### Speaker:

TRISHKA WATERBURY CECIL, ESQ. *Mason, Griffin & Pierson, PC, Princeton*

#### NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS ANNUAL MEETING

4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Room 416 (Co-sponsored with NJLM)

#### NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS ANNUAL SOCIAL EVENT

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Caesars Atlantic City, Tiberius Room

## BUILDING OFFICIALS (New Jersey Building Officials Association)

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

#### "ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS"

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Garden Room – Bally's Casino Hotel

**Presiding:**  
ROBERT LACOSTA *President, NJBOA*

**"INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND ANNUAL LUNCHEON"**

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Marlborough Room – Bally's Casino Hotel

**Presiding:**  
ROBERT LACOSTA *President NJBOA*

**Oath of Office administered By:**  
GUY TOMBERLIN *ICC President*

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**SUPERSTORM SANDY – MUNICIPAL FAILURES & ADMINISTRATIVE DISCONNECTS**

10:00 a.m. – Room 316

**Speakers:**  
DENNIS PINO *Business Administrator/Construction Official, Hazlet Township; President, Monmouth Ocean County Building Officials Association (M.O.C.B.O.A.)*  
NICK A. FABIANO, JR. *Electrical/Building Official, Rumson, Hazlet and Scotch Plains Township; Vice President, Monmouth Ocean County Building Officials Association (M.O.C.B.O.A.)*

ROBERT LACOSTA *Construction Code Official/Zoning Officer, Scotch Plains Township; President, New Jersey Building Officials Association*

**MUNICIPAL CLERKS (Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey, Inc.)**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Room 402

**WORDS OF WELCOME:**  
JO ANNE R. LAMBUSTA, *CTC President, TCTANJ*  
JASON GABLOFF, *CMFO President, GFOANJ*

**JOINT SESSION WITH THE MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION, GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, THE TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION & THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL ASSESSORS:**

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**  
CMFO/CCFO – 1.0 Office Management and Ancillary Subjects; CTC – 1.0 Legislation; RMC – 1.0 Professional Development; QPA – 1.0 Office Administration/General Duties; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0; CPA/RMA – 2.0 Business Law; CTA – 2.0 Property Administration

**Speakers:**  
BONNIE A. FLEMING, *CTC/CMFO TCTANJ Legislative Chairperson*  
KEITH A. BONCHI, *ESQ. TCTANJ Legal Counsel*  
LORI BUCKELEW *Senior Legislative Analyst, New Jersey State League of Municipalities*  
SHARON BRIENZA, *RMC Municipal Clerk, Branchburg, RMC, Clerk*

**"ABC EXCEPTIONS"**

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 414  
(Contact Hours: RMC 2.0 – Licensing)

**Speaker:**  
LISA ELLISON BARATA *Deputy Attorney General, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014**

**"WHAT'S HOT IN THE WORLD OF NJ ELECTIONS"**

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 418  
(Contact Hours: RMC 2.0 – Elections)

**Speaker:**  
DONNA KELLY *Assistant Attorney General, NJ Department of Law and Public Safety*

**"THE QUEST FOR GOVERNMENT INTEGRITY"**

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 418  
(Contact Hours: CMFO/CCFO, CTC, CPWM, QPA, RMC 2.0 – Ethics)

**Speaker:**  
DAVID NENNO *Local Finance Board – Retired*

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014**

**A REVIEW OF THE OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT**

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 418 (League Joint Session with Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey)  
CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 OFF MGMT; CTC – 2.0 GEN/SEC; CPWM – 2.0 GOVT; RMC – 2.0 REC; QPA – 2.0 OFF ADMIN; CLE – 2.0; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 MS; CPA – 2.0 PERSONNEL DEVEL; CTA – 1.5 PTA; REGISTRAR – 1.0; PACLE – 1.5

**Presiding:**  
JOHN E. MCCORMAC *Mayor, Woodbridge*

**Speaker:**  
DAWN R. SANFILIPPO *Senior Counsel, New Jersey Government Records Council, State Department of Community Affairs*

**COURT ADMINISTRATORS (Municipal Court Administrators Association of New Jersey)**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Room 418 (Badge Required)

**"Welcoming Address":**  
BONNIE DIAMOND, *CMCA President, MCAA of New Jersey*

**"MVC Updates"** (1.0 CEC)  
DENNIS MADDALENA, *Liasion New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission*

**"Expungements"** (1.0 CEC)  
PHYLLIS FERONE *Administrative Office of the Courts*

**"Bankruptcy"** (1.0 CEC)  
ROBERT RAMSEY *Donini & Ramsey*

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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014**

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Tropicana Hotel – Grand Ballroom

**"Installation Brunch"**

BONNIE DIAMOND, *CMCA President MCAA of New Jersey*

**"Keynote Speaker"** (0.5 CEC)  
DEBRA A. JENKINS, *Assistant Director Municipal Court Services Division*

**"AOC Update"** (1.0 CEC)  
DANIEL SMITH, *ATS/IACS Chief, Municipal Court Services Division*

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Room 320 (Badge Required)

**"Ethics and Code of Conduct"** (1.0 CEC)  
CAROL WELSCH, *Chief, Judicial Services Administrative Office of the Courts*

**"Public Records"** (1.0 CEC)  
JULIE HIGGS, *Attorney 1, Judicial Services Administrative Office of the Courts*

**"Media Relations"** (1.0 CEC)  
TAMARA KENDIG *Communications Services Division, Administrative Office of the Courts*

# AFFILIATE PROGRAMS, SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

## JOINT SESSION WITH THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, THE TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION, THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL ASSESSORS & THE MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION:

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

CMFO/CCFO – 1.0 Office Management and Ancillary Subjects; CTC – 1.0 Legislation; RMC – 1.0 Professional Development; QPA – 1.0 Office Administration/General Duties; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0; CPA/RMA – 2.0 Business Law; CTA – 2.0 Property Administration

### Speakers:

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KEITH A. BONCHI, ESQ. *TCTANJ Legal Counsel*  
LORI BUCKELEW *Senior Legislative Analyst, New Jersey State League of Municipalities*  
SHARON BRIENZA, RMC *Municipal Clerk, Branchburg*

## JOINT SESSION WITH GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND THE TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: OBSERVATIONS OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE IN 2014 AND THE CHALLENGES AHEAD

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 402

CMFO/CCFO – 1.0 Office Management & Ancillary Subjects; CTC – 1.0 Gen/Sec; RMC – 1.0 Professional Development; CPA/RMA – 1.0 Personal Development

### Speakers:

JOHN MOONEY, CPA, PSA *Principal, Nisivocia LLP, Certified Public Accountants and Advisors*  
KATRINA L. CAMPBELL *Associate, Courter, Kobert & Cohen, PC*

## BUDGET AND AUDIT UPDATES – UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 302 (League Joint Session with the Government Finance Officers Association and the Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association)

CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 BUD; CTC – 2.0 GEN/SEC; RMC – 2.0 FIN; CLE – 2.0; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 M/S; CPA – 2.0 FIN; PACLE – 1.5

### Presiding:

DOUGLAS STEINHARDT *Mayor, Lopatcong, League Associate Counsel*

### Speakers:

CHRISTINE ZAPICCHI *Assistant Director, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*  
LEON COSTELLO *Certified Public Accountant/Registered Municipal Accountant, Ford Scott & Associates*  
THOMAS H. NEFF *Director, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*

## PENSIONS AND BENEFITS UPDATE ON RETIREMENT, BENEFITS AND SERVICES

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 303 (League Joint Session with the Government Finance Officers Association and the Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association)

CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 FIN/DEBT; RMC – 1.5 FIN; CLE – 1.8; CPA – 1.5 FIN; PACLE – 1.5

### Presiding:

JAMEL C. HOLLEY *Mayor, Roselle*

### Speakers:

ROSEANN WHYPP *Pension Benefits Specialist, Division of Pensions and Benefits, State Department of the Treasury*  
DOUGLAS MARTUCCI *NJWell Program, Division of Pensions and Benefits, State Department of the Treasury*

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

## JOINT SESSION WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: TECHNOLOGY OF ONLINE TAX SALE & ONLINE BILLING

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 417

CMFO/CCFO – 1.0 Info Tech; CTC – 1.0 Info Tech; RMC – 1.0 Info Tech; CPA – 1.0

### Speakers:

JÓSEPH PIESECKI *President, Municipal Software Inc.*  
DAPHNE CRUM *Project Manager, Realauktion.com*

## JOINT SESSION WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICS LAW IN CONTEXT WITH EMPLOYMENT RELATED ISSUES

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 421

1 Contact Hour for: CTC, CMFO/CCFO, RMC – Ethics

### Speaker:

ARMANDO V. RICCIO, ESQ. *Partner*

## JOINT SESSION WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: CURRENT TRENDS IN COUNTERFEIT/NEW DESIGNS OF US CURRENCY

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. – Room 402

1 Contact Hour – CTC – Reporting, Billing & Collections; CMFO/CCFO – Fin/Debt Mgmt.; CPA – Finance; RMC – Finance

### Speaker:

DARRIN CZELLEZ *United States Secret Service*

## JOINT SESSION WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: SEC SCRUTINY OF THE MUNICIPAL BOND MARKET/INITIATIVES & REG.

3:00 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. – Room 402

1.5 Contact Hours – CMFO/CCFO – Fin/Debt Mgmt., RMC – Finance, CPA – Finance

### Speaker:

MATTHEW JESSUP *MS&B*

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

### PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW AND REGULATION UPDATE

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 412 (League Joint Session with Tax Collectors and Treasurer's Association; Governmental Purchasing Association and Government Finance Officers Association)

CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 2.0 GOVT; RMC – 2.0 FIN; QPA – 2.0 P/P; CLE – 2.0; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 P/P; CPA – 2.0 FIN; PACLE – 1.5

### Presiding:

JONATHAN DUNLEAVY *Mayor, Bloomingdale; Member, League Executive Board*

### Speakers:

JOSEPH VALENTI *Chief, Bureau of Local Management Services, Division of Local Government Services (Retired), State Department of Community Affairs*  
GORDON BALL *Procurement Specialist, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*  
GERALD SENESKI *Chief Financial Officer, Cumberland County*

## JOINT SESSION WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: INTERNAL REVENUE REVIEW OF 1099'S & INT/TYPE OF BENEFITS/ EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Room 304

CTC – 1.5 Reporting, Billing, Collection; CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 Accounting; RMC – 1.5 Finance; CPA – 1.5 Acct/Audit

### Speaker:

PATRICIA REGETZ *Internal Revenue Services*

## JOINT SESSION WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL FINANCE NOTICES & STATUTES

10:45 a.m. – 11:35 a.m. – Room 304

1 Contact Hour – CTC – Gen/Sec; CMFO/CCFO – Off Mgmt./Anc.; RMC – Prof Devel; CPA – Finance

### Speaker:

JOSEPH MONZO *Chief Financial Officer, South Brunswick Township*

## FIRE OFFICIALS (New Jersey Fire Prevention and Protection Association)

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

#### "REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW JERSEY FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION"

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room Hall A

### Presiding:

JOHN S. WISNIEWSKI *Assemblyman, District 19; Chairman, NJ Fire Safety Commission*

#### "NEW JERSEY FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION ASSOCIATION REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING"

3:30 p.m. – Room 316

### Presiding:

RICHARD T. SILVIA *President, N.J.S.F.P.P.A.;*

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

#### "FIRE ALARMS – CODE REQUIREMENTS AND METHODS TO REDUCE NUISANCE ALARMS"

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Room 317

### Moderator:

RICHARD T. SILVIA

*President, N.J.S.F.P.P.A.; Chief Fire Marshal/Fire Protection Sub Code Official, Saddle River*

### Instructor:

JOHN J. DRUCKER JR., *CET Fire Protection Sub Code Official, Building/Electrical/Fire Inspector, Red Bank*

#### "FIRE SUPPRESSION KITCHEN SYSTEMS, INSTALLATION AND INSPECTION"

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Room 317

### Moderator:

STANLEY J. SICKELS *Vice President, N.J.S.F.P.P.A., Fire Marshal/Construction Official, Red Bank*

### Speaker:

DAVID T. PHELAN *Fire Official/Fire Sub Code Official, New Jersey State*

## HEALTH OFFICERS (NJACCHO)

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. – Mayors' Morning Walk Hosted by the Mayors Wellness Campaign

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Room 313

### Breakfast

NJACCHO Frank J. Osbourne Award Ceremony  
Business Meeting and Election of Officers

## AN ADDRESS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 312 (League Joint Session with New Jersey Health Officials – NJACCHO)

### Presiding:

CHUCK CAHN *Mayor, Cherry Hill*

Speaker:  
MARY O'DOWD *Commissioner, State Department of Health*

**HOW TO CUT COSTS AND SAVE MONEY THROUGH EMPLOYEE WELLNESS**

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Room 312 (Joint Session between – NJACCHO, New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association, Mayor's Wellness Campaign, New Jersey Municipal Management Association and American Public Works Association NJ Chapter)

Speakers:  
STACEY FLANAGAN *Director of Health and Human Services, City of Jersey City*  
CONNIE POLONSKY *NJPN*  
PAUL WNEK *President, APWA – NJ Chapter*  
JOE DIBELLA *Health Insurance Funds, PERMA*  
MARIANNE SMITH *New Jersey Municipal Management Association*

**MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN – YOUR PARTNER FOR A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY**

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 312

Presiding:  
PETER S. RUSTIN *Mayor, Tenafly*

Speakers:  
MELISSA KOSTINAS *New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute*  
BILL LOVETT *Executive Director, New Jersey Alliance of YMCA's*  
PETER RUSTIN *Mayor, Tenafly*  
J. NOLAN HIGGINS *Mayor, Freehold Borough*  
ABBEY COFSKY *Senior Program Officer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**NJACCHO – HEALTH OFFICIALS ANNUAL BRUNCH**

9:00 a.m. – The Borgata – 28 West Restaurant

**JAG (Jersey Access Group)**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

**"CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWALS IN AN ERA OF CHANGING TECHNOLOGY"**

2:00 p.m. – Room 410  
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5, Office Management and Ancillary Subjects; RMC – 1.5, Finance; QPA – 1.5, Office Admin./General Duties

Presiding:  
BRIAN C. WAHLER *Mayor, Piscataway; League Third Vice President*

Speakers:  
BOB DUTHALER *President, Jersey Access Group*  
KEN FELLMAN, ESQ. *Partner, Kissinger & Fellman, PC; Member, FCC Intergovernmental Advisory Committee*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS IN A DIGITAL WORLD**

2:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. – Room 415 (League Joint Session with Jersey Access Group)  
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 INFO TECH; CTC – 1.5 INFO TECH; CPWM – 1.5 INFO TECH; RMC – 1.5 INFO TECH; QPA – 1.5 INFO TECH; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 M/S

Presiding:  
THOMAS VALHALLA *Mayor, Metuchen*

Speakers:  
MICHAEL VENEZIA *Mayor, Bloomfield*  
KEN FELLMAN *Partner, Kissinger & Fellman PC; Member, FCC Intergovernmental Advisory Committee*

**MANAGERS & ADMINISTRATORS (New Jersey Municipal Management Association)**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

**NJ MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION AWARDS LUNCHEON**

12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. – Room 404

**HIRING & DEVELOPING FOR SUCCESS – IMPROVING MUNICIPAL MANAGER EFFECTIVENESS**

2:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. – Room 413  
CMFO/CCFO: 2.0 – Office Mgmt. & Anc. Subjects; RMC: 2.0 – Professional Development; PWM: 2.0 – Management; QPA: 2.0 – Office Admin./General Duties; RPPO/RPPS: 2.0 – Management/Supervision

Presiding:  
VANESSA SANDOM *Mayor, Hopewell Township (Mercer)*

Speakers:  
M. NAJEEB AHMAD *Principal, Pennington Human Dynamics, LLC*  
VINCENT BUTTIGLIERI *(invited) Municipal Clerk, Ocean Township (Monmouth)*  
DONNA DOMICO, CPWM, CRP *Director of Public Works, Borough of Westville*  
RICHARD KRAWCZUN *Manager, Lawrence Township (Mercer); Chairman, Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund*  
JOSEPH MONZO *Chief Financial Officer, South Brunswick Township*

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Speakers:  
STACEY FLANAGAN *Director of Health and Human Services, City of Jersey City*  
CONNIE POLONSKY *NJPN*  
PAUL WNEK *President, APWA – NJ Chapter*  
JOE DIBELLA *Health Insurance Funds, PERMA*  
MARIANNE SMITH *New Jersey Municipal Management Association*

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT: RESPONSIBILITIES, PROBLEMS & OPPORTUNITIES**

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 am. – Room 403 (League Joint Session with the New Jersey Municipal Management Association)  
CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 BUD; RMC – 2.0 FIN; CLE – 2.0; CPA – 1.5 MAS; PACLE – 1.5

Presiding:  
GARY PASSANANTE *Mayor, Somerdale; Member, League Executive Board*

Speakers:  
ROBERT E. ANDREWS *Former Congressman, District 1; On Counsel, Dilworth Paxson LLP*  
DAVID KNOWLTON *President and CEO, New Jersey HealthCare Quality Institute*  
MATTHEW U. WATKINS *Administrator, West New York*  
ROBERT M. LANDOLFI *Business Administrator, Woodbridge*

**SHARED SERVICES CONSOLIDATION: THE TRUE COST**

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 320 (League Joint Session with New Jersey Municipal Management Association)  
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 OFF MGMT; CPWM – 1.5 MGMT; RMC – 1.5 PROF LEVEL; CLE – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 1.5 M/S; CPA – 1.5 FIN; CTA – 1.0 PTA; REGISTRAR – 1.0; PACLE – 1.0

Presiding:  
SUSAN HOWARD *Mayor, Monmouth Beach*

Speakers:  
RAPHAEL J. CAPRIO, PH.D. *Director, Bloustein Local Government Research Center, Rutgers, The State University*  
MARC PFEIFFER *Assistant Director and Research Fellow, Bloustein Local Government Research Center, Rutgers, The State University*  
MARIANNE SMITH *Administrator, Hardyston*  
EUGENE MCCARTHY *Consolidation Commission Representative, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*

**PLANNING OFFICIALS (New Jersey Planning Officials, Inc.)**

\* AICP CM Credits are free to members, non-member fee is \$50. Courses require registration with NJPO and a League Conference registration.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

**EXPERIENCED BOARD MEMBERS TRAINING\***

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Room 310

Moderator:  
EDWARD GALLAGHER *NJPO Director, Ridgefield*

Panelists:  
MICHAEL BRUNO, ESQ. *Attorney, Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla, PC, Red Bank*  
FRANK WISNIEWSKI, ESQ. *Attorney, Flaster/Greenberg, PC, Cherry Hill*  
DAVID MCKEON *Professional Planner, Ocean County Planning Director, Toms River*  
TIFFANY CUVIELLO *Professional Planner, Director of Planning, Galloway Twp., Galloway*  
STAN OMLAND *Professional Engineer, Omland Engineering Associates, Cedar Knolls*

**NEW JERSEY MANDATORY LAND USE EDUCATION\***

Attendance will be monitored to ensure compliance with the training standards.

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEMBERS CERTIFICATION TRAINING\***

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Room 308  
CM (APA) – 5.0

Moderator:  
BARBARA WOOLLEY-DILLON *Professional Planner, Tuckerton*

Panelists:  
ROBERT REID *NJPO Board of Counselors, Professional Planner, Reid Associates, Absecon*  
BRIAN CALLAGHAN, ESQ. *Attorney, Callaghan, Thompson & Thompson, P.A., Atlantic City*  
TRISHKA CECIL, ESQ. *Attorney, Mason, Griffin & Pierson, P.C., Princeton*  
CHRISTINE MARION *Professional Planner, Morris County Planning Director, Morristown*  
MARK SHOURDS *Professional Engineer, Shourds Consulting, Medford Lakes*

**PLANNING GREMLINS\***

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Room 405  
CM (APA) – 2.0

Moderator:  
EUGENE KOBRYN *NJPO Director, Little Egg Harbor*

Panelists:  
ROBERT BUCKNAM, ESQ. *Attorney, Archer & Greiner, P.C., Haddonfield*  
EDWARD KOLLING *Professional Planner, Dresdner Robin, Asbury Park*  
THOMAS SCANGARELLO *NJPO Board of Counselors, Professional Planner, Scangarello LLC, Medford*

**INHERENTLY BENEFICIAL, INHERENTLY PROBLEMATIC\***

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – Room 314  
CM (APA) – 1.5

Moderator:  
JAMES KILDUFF *NJPO Board of Counselors, Franklin Borough*

Panelists:  
THOMAS SCANGARELLO *NJPO Board of Counselors, Professional Planner, Scangarello LLC, Medford*  
JOSEPH BURGIS *Professional Planner, Burgis Associates, Westwood*  
JAMES GORMAN, ESQ. *Attorney, Shrewsbury*

**STRENGTHENING YOUR COMMERCIAL BASE; CHALLENGES, STRATEGIES & SUCCESSES\***

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. – Room 310  
CM (APA) – 1.5

Moderator:  
FREDERIC F. AZRAK, ESQ. *Azrak & Associates, L.L.C., Pompton Plains*

# AFFILIATE PROGRAMS, SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

## Panelists:

PETER MCARTHUR, ESQ. *Azrak & Associates, L.L.C., Pompton Plains*  
KEITH CAHILL *Professional Engineer, Bohler Engineering, Warren*  
JOHN MCDONOUGH *Professional Planner, John J. McDonough Associates, LLC, Andover*  
CHARLES OLIVO *Professional Engineer, Stonefield Engineering & Design, Rutherford*  
GEORGE AZRAK *Architect, GA Architecture, Glen Ridge Planning Board, Bloomfield*

## ETHICS: DOING WHAT'S RIGHT WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING\*

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Room 314  
CM (APA) – 1.5/1.5 ETH

### Moderator:

GAIL GLASHOFF *NJPO Director, Land Use Administrator, Lebanon Township*

### Panelists:

DENNIS GALVIN, ESQ. *NJPO Assistant Counsel, Galvin Law Firm, Jackson*  
RALPH SALERNO, ESQ. *Attorney, Genova, Burns, Giantomasj & Webster, Newark*  
KENNETH ALBERT *Professional Planner & Engineer, K. Albert Associates, Englewood*

## DOLLARS FOR DOWNTOWNS: ARTS/HERITAGE TOURISM

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. - Room 309 (League Joint Session with the New Jersey Planning Officials, Inc.)  
CM (APA) – 1.5

### Presiding:

ALEX TORPEY *Mayor, South Orange*

### Speakers:

ADAM PERLE *Vice President, Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce*  
NICHOLAS PALEOLOGOS *Executive Director, New Jersey State Council on the Arts*  
DOROTHY GUZZO *Executive Director, New Jersey Historic Trust*  
SARA CURETON *Executive Director, NJ Historical Commission, State Department of State*

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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## NEW JERSEY MANDATORY LAND USE EDUCATION\*

Attendance will be monitored to ensure compliance with the training standards.

## PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEMBERS CERTIFICATION TRAINING\*

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Room 410

### Moderator:

GRAEME ATKINSON *NJPO Director, Long Branch Planning Board, Long Branch*

### Panelists:

JOHN CHADWICK *NJPO Board of Counselors, Professional Planner, Kendall Park*  
ERIC BERNSTEIN, ESQ. *NJPO Assistant Counsel, Eric Martin Bernstein & Associates, LLC, Warren*  
MICHAEL BUTLER, ESQ. *Attorney, Eckert, Seamans, Cherin & Mellott, LLC, Trenton*  
JESSICA CALDWELL *Professional Planner, J. Caldwell & Associates, Newton*  
KEVIN DIXON *Professional Engineer, Dixon Associates Engineering, Galloway*

## COMMISSIONER'S ROUNDTABLE: PLANNING FOR SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCY

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 401 (League Joint Session with the New Jersey Planning Officials)

CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 OFF/MGMT; CPWM – 2.0 MGMT; RMC – 2.0 PROF DEVEL

### Presiding:

SUZANNE M. WALTERS *Mayor, Stone Harbor; League President*

### Speakers:

RICHARD CONSTABLE *Commissioner, State Department of Community Affairs*  
JOSEPH FIORDALISO *Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities*  
BOB MARTIN *Commissioner, State Department of Environmental Protection*  
ANDREW TUNNARD *Assistant Commissioner, Operations, State Department of Transportation*

## SUBURBAN OFFICE SPACES: DINOSAURS OR DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH?

9:00 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. – Room 310 (League Joint Session with the New Jersey Planning Officials, Inc.)

CPWM – 2.0 GOVT; CM (APA) – 1.5

### Presiding:

DANIEL J. HAYES, JR. *Mayor, Bridgewater*

### Speakers:

JAMES HUGHES *Dean, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers, The State University*  
MICHAEL KERWIN *Chief Executive Officer, Somerset County Business Partnership*  
JEFFREY OTTEAU *Otteau Valuation Group*  
THOMAS MICHNEWICZ *Vice President of Development, Somerset Development*  
SAM MORREALE *Vision Equities*

## NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATORS LUNCHEON (NJPO AFFILIATE)

(11:30 a.m. – Registration) 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m. – Palladium Ballroom C – Caesar's on the Boardwalk – Luncheon 12:00 PM (sharp!) followed by an educational program until 3:00 PM

## EXPERIENCED BOARD MEMBERS TRAINING\*

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Room 420  
CM (APA) – 3.0

### Moderator:

BERNARD CEDAR *NJPO Board of Counselors, Cherry Hill*

### Panelists:

F. CLIFFORD GIBBONS, ESQ. *NJPO Assistant Legal Counsel, Dolan and Dolan, Princeton*  
JEFFREY BARON, ESQ. *Baron & Brennan, P.A., Voorhees*  
RICHARD PREISS *Professional Planner, Phillips Preiss Grygiel LLC, Hoboken*  
PETER AVAKIAN *Professional Engineer, Leon S. Avakian, Inc., Neptune*  
GEORGE VERVERIDES *NJPO Board of Counselors, Professional Planner, Middlesex County Director of Planning, New Brunswick*

## STAYING OUT OF TROUBLE – AVOIDING CONFLICTS\*

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Room 406  
CM (APA) – 2.0

### Moderator:

WARREN GOODE *NJPO Past President, Planning Board Chairman, Ocean Township*

### Panelists:

STUART PLATT, ESQ. *NJPO Associate Legal Counsel, Marrazzo & Platt P.C., Stratford*  
ROBERT GACCIONE, ESQ. *NJPO Associate Legal Counsel, Gaccione Pomaco, P.C., Belleville*  
THOMAS SCANGARELLO *NJPO Board of Counselors, Professional Planner, Scangarello LLC, Medford*

## SOCIAL MEDIA & PLANNING\*

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Room 314  
CM (APA) – 1.5

### Moderator:

ROSILAND MCLEAN *Land Use Administrator, Teaneck*

### Presenters:

JONATHAN DRILL, ESQ. *NJPO Associate Legal Counsel, Stickel, Koenig, Sullivan & Drill, Cedar Grove*  
SUSAN RUBRIGHT, ESQ. *NJPO Associate Counsel, Brach Eichler, LLC, Roseland*

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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## THE WILLIAM MARTIN COX SYMPOSIUM ON PLANNING, LAND USE AND THE LAW (FORMERLY THE PLANNING AND ZONING QUESTIONS AND LEGAL OPINIONS)\*

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Room 416  
CM (APA) – 3.0

### Moderator:

MICHELE DONATO, ESQ. *NJPO General Counsel, Michele R. Donato, Esq., Lavallette*

### Panelists:

EDWARD BUZAK, ESQ. *NJPO Assistant Counsel, The Buzak Law Group, LLC, Montville*  
JAMES CLARKIN III, ESQ. *NJPO Assistant Counsel, Clarkin & Vignuolo, P.C., Piscataway*  
DENNIS GALVIN, ESQ. *NJPO Assistant Counsel, Galvin Law Firm, Jackson*  
F. CLIFFORD GIBBONS, ESQ. *NJPO Assistant Counsel, Dolan and Dolan, Princeton*  
GLENN KIENZ, ESQ. *NJPO Assistant Counsel, Attorney, Weiner-Lesniak, Parsippany*  
CHRISTOPHER FALCON, ESQ. *NJPO Associate Legal Counsel, Maraziti, Falcon & Healey, Short Hills*

### Floor Manager:

EUGENE DU'NORTH *NJPO Staff*

## A NEW ROUND FOR COAH

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 402 (League Joint Session with New Jersey Planning Officials)

RMC – 2.0 PROF DEVEL; CLE – 2.0; CTA – 1.5 PTA; PACLE – 1.5; CM (APA) – 1.5

### Presiding:

JANICE S. MIRONOV *Mayor, East Windsor; League Immediate Past President*

### Speakers:

JEFFREY LEHRER *Attorney, DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis & Lehrer, P.C.*  
PHILIP B. CATON *Professional Planner, Clarke, Caton & Hintz*  
CHRISTIANA FOGGIO *President, Community Investment Strategies*

## PLUMBING INSPECTORS (New Jersey State Plumbing Inspectors Association, Inc.)

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

### 2015 CODE UPDATES TO THE NATIONAL STANDARD PLUMBING CODE

3:00 p.m. – Room 317

### Presenter:

THOMAS PITCHERELLO *Code Specialist, Code Assistance Unit, State Department of Community Affairs*

## PROSECUTORS (New Jersey State Municipal Prosecutors Association)

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

### SOVEREIGN CITIZENS – WHO THEY ARE AND HOW TO RESPOND

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 420 (League Joint Session with the New Jersey State Municipal Prosecutors Association)

CLE – 2.0; PACLE – 1.5

### Presiding:

WILLIAM BUDESHEIM *Mayor, Riverdale*

### Speakers:

JON-HENRY BARR *Municipal Prosecutor, Clark; President, New Jersey State Municipal Prosecutors Association*  
CATHERINE PETULA *Special Agent, Newark Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)*  
JOSEPH M. WENZEL *Municipal Public Defender, West Orange*  
ANTHONY HATZLHOFFER *Municipal Counter Terrorism Coordinator, Linden Police Department*

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

### THE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR: LIABILITY UNDER TORT CLAIM ACT, RPC'S & BEYOND

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 Noon – Room 413

(1.5 NJ CLE: includes municipal court certification and Ethics/professionalism component)

### Moderator:

BRIAN M. MASON, ESQ. *Municipal Prosecutor for Mount Olive/Netcong, Chester Twp, Mountain Lakes/Denville*

### Speakers:

MICHAEL MITZNER, ESQ. *Municipal Prosecutor for Summit, Berkeley Heights*  
PETER FICO, ESQ. *Municipal Prosecutor for Mendham Twp, Millburn*  
ANTHONY ARBORE, ESQ. *Municipal Prosecutor for Byram, Hopatcong, Stanhope, Andover*

**NJSMPA ANNUAL LUNCHEON**

12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m. – Room 416

**NJSMPA QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING**

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. – Room 416

**PUBLIC WORKS (American Public Works Association – New Jersey Chapter)**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

**HOW TO CUT COSTS AND SAVE MONEY THROUGH EMPLOYEE WELLNESS**

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. – Room 312 (Joint Session between – NJACCHO, New Jersey Local Boards of Health, Mayor's Wellness Campaign, New Jersey Municipal Management Association and American Public Works Association NJ Chapter)

**Speakers:**

STACEY FLANAGAN *Director of Health and Human Services, City of Jersey City*  
CONNIE POLONSKY *NJPN*  
PAUL WNEK *President, APWA – NJ Chapter*  
JOE DIBELLA *Health Insurance Funds, PERMA*  
MARIANNE SMITH *New Jersey Municipal Management Association*

**TRAFFIC SIGN VISIBILITY – FUNDING & COMPLYING WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS**

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 421 (League Joint Session with the American Public Works Association – New Jersey Chapter)  
CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; CLE – 1.8; PACLE – 1.5

**Presiding:**

SAMUEL MACCARONE, JR. *Mayor, Woolwich*

**Speaker:**

TED GREEN *Program Engineer, New Jersey Local Technical Assistance Program, Center for Advanced Infrastructure & Transportation, Rutgers, The State University*

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION, NJ CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS BREAKFAST**

8:00 a.m. – Room 404

**Presiding:**

WILLIAM RAFFERTY *Chapter Delegate*

**Opening Remarks:**

PAUL D. WNEK *Chapter President*

**Distinguished Guest:**

EDWARD GOTTKO *2013-2014 APWA National President*

Presentation of 2014 Awards

Chapter Business

**PURCHASING AGENTS (Governmental Purchasing Association of New Jersey, Inc.)**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

**"CONTRACT MANAGEMENT"**

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 413

CEU's: QPA – 2.0 Procurement Procedures; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 Public Purchasing; CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 Financial/Debt Management; CPWM – 2.0 Government; RMC – 2.0 Finance. Course #12485

**Moderator:**

LISA L. JACKSON, *QPA Purchasing Agent, East Orange City*

**Speakers:**

GERRI C. POPKIN, *CCPO, QPA Director of Purchasing, Monmouth County*  
GORDON BALL *Procurement Specialist, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

**"THE DIFFERENT METHODS OF PROCUREMENT: WHEN, WHERE, & HOW TO UTILIZE"**

9:00 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. – Room 316

CEU's: QPA – 2.0 Procurement Procedures; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 Public Purchasing; CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 Financial/Debt Management; CPWM – 2.0 Government; RMC – 2.0 Finance. Course #12486

**Moderator:**

LISA L. JACKSON, *QPA Purchasing Agent, East Orange City*

**Speaker:**

MARY LOUISE STANTON, *CCPO, QPA Purchasing Agent (Retired), Somerset County*

**PAPERWORK – THE NECESSARY EVIL OF PURCHASING**

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 403 (League Joint Session with the Governmental Purchasing Association of New Jersey)

CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 2.0 GOVT; RMC – 2.0 FIN; QPA – 2.0 P/P; CLE – 2.0; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 P/P; CPA – 2.0 FIN; PACLE – 1.5

**Presiding:**

J. NOLAN HIGGINS *Mayor, Freehold Borough*

**Speakers:**

JOSEPH VALENTI *Chief, Bureau of Local Management Services, Division of Local Government Services (Retired), State Department of Community Affairs*  
LYNDA WELLS *Township Clerk, Long Beach*  
NICOLA REID *Purchasing Agent, Stafford*

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW AND REGULATION UPDATE**

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 412 (League Joint Session with Tax Collectors and Treasurer's Association; Governmental Purchasing Association and Government Finance Officers Association)

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CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 2.0 GOVT; RMC – 2.0 FIN; QPA – 2.0 P/P; CLE – 2.0; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 P/P; CPA – 2.0 FIN; PACLE – 1.5

**Presiding:**

JONATHAN DUNLEAVY *Mayor, Bloomington; Member, League Executive Board*

**Speakers:**

JOSEPH VALENTI *Chief, Bureau of Local Management Services, Division of Local Government Services (Retired), State Department of Community Affairs*  
GORDON BALL *Procurement Specialist, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*  
GERALD SENESKI *Chief Financial Officer, Cumberland County*

**BENEFITS OF WELL PREPARED PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Room 309 (League Joint Session with New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers, Inc. and Governmental Purchasing Association of New Jersey)  
CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 1.5 GOVT; RMC – 1.5 FIN; QPA – 1.5 P/P; CPA – 1.5 FIN

**Presiding:**

ADRIAN O. MAPP *Mayor, Plainfield*

**Speakers:**

MARY LOUISE STANTON *Qualified Purchasing Agent (Retired), Somerset County*  
TODD M. HAY *Municipal Engineer, Nutley; Pennoni Associates, Inc.; Treasurer, New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers, Inc.*  
GLENN KIENZ *Attorney, Weiner Lesniak; Counsel, New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers, Inc.; Member, New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys*

**RECREATION (Community Recreation Society of New Jersey)**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

**"PROBLEMS FACING MUNICIPAL SPORTS FIELD MANAGERS"**

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Room 316

(.2 CEU's will be awarded)

**Moderator:**

BRAD PARK *Sportsfield Research & Education Coordinator, Rutgers University*

**Speakers:**

PANEL FROM SPORTS FIELD MANAGERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**"AFRAID TO ASK, BUT NEED TO KNOW: INTERESTING CODES AND BEST PRACTICES IN PLANNING RECREATION FACILITIES"**

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Room 315

(.2 CEU's will be awarded)

**Speaker:**

THOMAS MILLER, PE, CME, PP *Premier Product Development*

**"SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS – HOW TO GIVE THEM, HOW TO GET THEM, HOW TO FUND THEM"**

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Room 315

(.2 CEU's will be awarded)

**Moderator:**

JUDITH LEBLEIN-JOSEPHS, CPRP, RA *Director, Summit Community Programs*

Panel: TBD

**REGISTRARS (Registrar's Association of New Jersey)**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

8:00 a.m. – Registration and Breakfast – Ocean Ballroom A – Bally's Park Place

9:00 a.m. – Association Business Meeting – Ocean Ballroom B – Bally's Hotel

(Course number: NJLM14020 – Course credits: 1)

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10:00 a.m. – Ocean Ballroom B – Bally's Park Place

(Course number: NJLM14021 – Course credits: 2)

**Presenter:**

JOHN MINGIONE *Section Chief, U.S. Department of Homeland Security*

12:15 p.m. Buffet Lunch – Ocean Ballroom A – Bally's Hotel

**INTRODUCTION TO V.I.P. SYSTEM**

2:00 p.m. – Room 304

(Course number – NJLM14022 – Course credits 1.5: RMC – 1.5 Info Tech)

**Speakers:**

VINCENT ARRISI *NJ Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health – New Jersey*  
CATHLEEN BENNETT *NJ Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health – New Jersey*  
COLETTE LAMOTHE-GALETTE *NJ Bureau of Vital Statistics, Dept. of Health – New Jersey*  
YAMILETH CONTRERAS *NJ Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health – New Jersey*

**CORRECTION IN VITAL RECORDS**

3:30 p.m. – Room 312

(Course number: NJLM14023 – Course credits: 1.5: RMC – 1.5 Rec)

**Presenter:**

CORRECTIONS UNIT *Department of Health – State of New Jersey*

**TAX COLLECTORS & TREASURERS (Tax Collectors & Treasurers Association of NJ)**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Room 402

**WORDS OF WELCOME:**

JO ANNE R. LAMBUSTA, *CTC President, TCTANJ*  
JASON GABLOFF, *CMFO President, GFOANJ*

# AFFILIATE PROGRAMS, SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

## JOINT SESSION WITH THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, THE TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION, THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL ASSESSORS & THE MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

CMFO/CCFO – 1.0 Office Management and Ancillary Subjects; CTC – 1.0 Legislation; RMC – 1.0 Professional Development; QPA – 1.0 Office Administration/General Duties; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0; CPA/RMA – 2.0 Business Law; CTA – 2.0 Property Administration

### Speakers:

BONNIE A. FLEMING, CTC/CMFO *TCTANJ Legislative Chairperson*  
KEITH A. BONCHI, ESQ. *TCTANJ Legal Counsel*  
LORI BUCKELEW *Senior Legislative Analyst, New Jersey State League of Municipalities*  
SHARON BRIENZA, RMC *Municipal Clerk, Branchburg*

## JOINT SESSION WITH GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND THE TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: OBSERVATIONS OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE IN 2014 AND THE CHALLENGES AHEAD

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 402

CMFO/CCFO – 1.0 Office Management & Ancillary Subjects; CTC – 1.0 Gen/Sec; RMC – 1.0 Professional Development; CPA/RMA – 1.0 Personal Development

### Speakers:

JOHN MOONEY, CPA, PSA *Principal, Nisivoccia LLP, Certified Public Accountants & Advisors*  
KATRINA L. CAMPBELL *Associate, Courter, Kobert & Cohen, PC*

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### TAX FORECLOSURES & TAX SALES AS A REDEVELOPMENT TOOL

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. – Room 419

CMFO/CCFO – 1.0 Office Management and Ancillary Subjects; CTC – 1.0 Enforcement; RMC – 1.0 Professional Development; CPA/RMA – 1.0 Accounting

### Speakers:

JASON HOLT *Solicitor, Atlantic City NJ*  
KEITH A. BONCHI *TCTANJ Legal Counsel*

### BUDGET AND AUDIT UPDATES – UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS

2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. – Room 302 (League Joint Session with the Government Finance Officers Association and the Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association)

CMFO/CCFO - 2.0 BUD; CTC - 2.0 GEN/SEC; RMC - 2.0 FIN; CLE - 2.0; CRP - 1.5; RPPO/RPPS - 2.0 M/S; CPA - 2.0 FIN; PACLE - 1.5

### Presiding:

DOUGLAS STEINHARDT *Mayor, Lopatcong; League Associate Counsel*

### Speakers:

CHRISTINE ZAPICCHI *Assistant Director, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*  
LEON COSTELLO *Certified Public Accountant/Registered Municipal Accountant, Ford Scott & Associates*  
THOMAS H. NEFF *Director, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*

### PENSIONS AND BENEFITS UPDATE ON RETIREMENT, BENEFITS AND SERVICES

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Room 303 (League Joint Session with the Government Finance Officers Association and the Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association)

CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 FIN/DEBT; RMC – 1.5 FIN; CLE – 1.8; CPA – 1.5 FIN; PACLE – 1.5

### Presiding:

JAMEL C. HOLLEY *Mayor, Roselle*

### Speakers:

ROSEANN WHYPP *Pension Benefits Specialist, Division of Pensions and Benefits, State Department of the Treasury*  
DOUGLAS MARTUCCI *NJWell Program, Division of Pensions and Benefits, State Department of the Treasury*

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

### ETHICS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. – TROPICANA HOTEL – HAVANA TOWER, CASTANET ROOM

1 Contact Hour – CTC, CMFO/CCFO, RMC, QPA – Ethics; CPA/RMA – Professional Ethics

### Speaker:

SUSAN JACOBUCCI, ESQ. *Township Manager, Galloway Township*

### BUFFET BREAKFAST: ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING/INSTALLATION OF 2015 OFFICERS

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – TROPICANA HOTEL – HAVANA TOWER, MAMBO ROOM

### Presiding:

JO ANNE R. LAMBUSTA, CTC *President TCTANJ, Township of Brick*

### Flag Salute:

LINDA M. CANAVAN, CTC *Sergeant-At-Arms, TCTANJ, Borough of Saddle River*

### Invocation:

LYNN MACEWAN, CTC *Chaplain, TCTANJ, City of Somers Point*

### Guest Speaker:

JEFFRY BERTRAND *Administrator, Township of Wall*

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### JOINT SESSION WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: TECHNOLOGY OF ONLINE TAX SALE & ONLINE BILLING

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 417

CMFO/CCFO – 1.0 Info Tech; CTC – 1.0 Info Tech; RMC – 1.0 Info Tech; CPA – 1.0

### Speakers:

JOSEPH PIESECKI *President, Municipal Software Inc.*  
DAPHNE CRUM *Project Manager, Realauction.com*

### JOINT SESSION WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICS LAW IN CONTEXT WITH EMPLOYMENT RELATED ISSUES

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Room 421

1 Contact Hour for: CTC, CMFO/CCFO, RMC – Ethics

### Speaker:

ARMANDO V. RICCIO, ESQ. *Partner*

### JOINT SESSION WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: CURRENT TRENDS IN COUNTERFEIT/NEW DESIGNS OF US CURRENCY

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. – Room 402

1 Contact Hour – CTC – Reporting, Billing & Collections; CMFO/CCFO – Fin/Debt Mgmt.; CPA – Finance; RMC – Finance

### Speaker:

DARRIN CZELLECH *United States Secret Service*

### JOINT SESSION WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: SEC SCRUTINY OF THE MUNICIPAL BOND MARKET/INITIATIVES & REG.

3:00 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. – Room 402

1.5 Contact Hours – CMFO/CCFO – Fin/Debt Mgmt., RMC – Finance, CPA – Finance

### Speaker:

MATTHEW JESSUP *MS&B*

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

### PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW AND REGULATION UPDATE

9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Room 412 (League Joint Session with Tax Collectors and Treasurer's Association; Governmental Purchasing Association and Government Finance Officers Association)

CMFO/CCFO – 2.0 FIN/DEBT; CPWM – 2.0 GOVT; RMC – 2.0 FIN; QPA – 2.0 P/P; CLE – 2.0; CRP – 1.5; RPPO/RPPS – 2.0 P/P; CPA – 2.0 FIN; PACLE – 1.5

### Presiding:

JONATHAN DUNLEAVY *Mayor, Bloomingdale; Member, League Executive Board*

### Speakers:

JOSEPH VALENTI *Chief, Bureau of Local Management Services, Division of Local Government Services (Retired), State Department of Community Affairs*  
GORDON BALL *Procurement Specialist, Division of Local Government Services, State Department of Community Affairs*  
GERALD SENESKI *Chief Financial Officer, Cumberland County*

### JOINT SESSION WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: INTERNAL REVENUE REVIEW OF 1099'S & INT/TYPE OF BENEFITS/ EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Room 304

CTC – 1.5 Reporting, Billing, Collection; CMFO/CCFO – 1.5 Accounting; RMC – 1.5 Finance; CPA – 1.5 Acct/Audit

### Speaker:

PATRICIA REGETZ *Internal Revenue Services*

### JOINT SESSION WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY: COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL FINANCE NOTICES & STATUTES

10:45 a.m. – 11:35 a.m. – Room 304

1 Contact Hour – CTC – Gen/Sec; CMFO/CCFO – Off Mgmt./Anc.; RMC – Prof Devel; CPA – Finance

### Speaker:

JOSEPH MONZO *Chief Financial Officer, South Brunswick Township*

## WELFARE ASSOCIATION (Municipal Welfare Association of New Jersey)

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

### DON'T BLAME THE MEMBERS, IT'S THE PENSION SYSTEM

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Room 307

Registration: 9:30 a.m. Sharp

### Welcome:

BARBARA MICELI *President, MWANJ*

### Speaker:

L. MASON NEELY *Chief Financial Officer, East Brunswick*

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

### ANNUAL BRUNCH AND BUSINESS MEETING

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Country Kitchen, Days Inn, Boardwalk & Morris Avenue

### Guest Speaker:

MARYBETH SCHAEDEL *Coordinator NJ Food Stamps Program*

3M TRAFFIC SAFETY AND SECURITY  
A&A TRUCK PARTS/ A&A IRON&METALS  
A&K EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC.  
ABBINGTON ENGINEERING LLC  
ACCIA  
ACCESSREC. LLC  
ACCSES NJ/CNA SERVICES  
ACF ENVIRONMENTAL  
ACIR PRO AUDIO  
ACME/LINGO FLAGPOLES  
ACTION DATA SERVICES INC.  
ACTIVE DISASTER RESPONSE  
ADAMS, REHMANN & HEGGAN ASSOC.  
AETNA  
AFLAC - GINA CANDURA PURAZZO  
AIA NEW JERSEY  
AIR & GAS TECHNOLOGIES INC.  
ALFA-TRONICS  
ALL COVERED  
ALL TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS  
ALLEN ASSOCIATES  
ALLIANCE BUS GROUP  
AMBULANCE NETWORK INC.  
AMERICAN FREEZE DRY OPERATIONS  
AMERICAN HOSE & HYDRAULICS  
AMERICAN INNOTEK  
AMERICAN PIPE CLEANING LLC  
AMERICAN RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES  
AMERICAN RED CROSS - NEW JERSEY  
AMERICAN ROLL OFF  
AMERICAN TENNIS COURTS, INC.  
AMERICAN TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS  
AMERICAN UNIFORM & SUPPLY  
AMERHEALTH CASUALTY SERVICES  
AMERHEALTH NEW JERSEY  
AMERLUX  
AMY S. GREENE ENVIRONMENTAL  
ANNIEMAC HOME MORTGAGE  
AP CERTIFIED TESTING LLC  
APPLIED LANDSCAPE TECHNOLOGIES  
AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC.  
AQUALETE INDUSTRIES, LLC  
AQUATECH-USA.COM  
ARTS & HERITAGE TOURISM  
ASL INTERPRETER REFERRAL SERVICE  
ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERT CO.  
ASTROTURF  
AT&T  
ATLANTIC - TOMORROWS OFFICE  
ATLANTIC AQUATIC ENGINEERING  
ATLANTIC COAST RECYCLING  
ATLANTIC COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
AURORA ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.  
AXA EQUITABLE  
BADGE COMPANY OF NEW JERSEY  
BADGER METER, INC.  
BALADY PROMOTIONS, INC.  
BARBER BEACH CLEANERS  
BARNEGAT BAY COALITION  
BAYSHORE RECYCLING CORP.  
BEACHTECH  
BEAM CLAY/PARTAC PEAT CORP.  
BELFOR USA  
BELL PERFORMANCE, INC.  
BEN SHAFFER & ASSOCIATES, INC.  
BENCARD SERVICES, INC.  
BERGKAMP INC.  
BETHLEHEM PRECAST INC.  
BEYER BROS. CORP.  
BEYER CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM  
BEYER FLEET  
BEYER FORD  
BITU-OK  
BOLLINGER SPECIALTY GROUP  
BORTEK INDUSTRIES, INC.  
BOSCH REXROTH CANADA  
BOYCE ASSOCIATES, INC.  
BRIGHTSTACK  
BRINKERHOFF ENVIRONMENTAL SVCS  
BRITTON INDUSTRIES, INC.  
BROWN & BROWN  
BROWNFIELD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
BRUNO ASSOCIATES, INC.  
BUOYANT FOUNDATION PROJECT  
BURLINGTON CO. BRIDGE COMMISSN.  
BUYERS PRODUCTS  
C.T.M. BULK HANDLERS, INC.  
CABLEVISION SYSTEMS CORPORATION  
CABLEVISION SYSTEMS CORPORATION  
CAIT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER GROUP  
CAMBRIA TRUCK CENTER INC.  
CAMPBELL FREIGHTLINER, LLC.  
CAPE ATLANTIC CONSERVATION  
CAPE MAY CONVENTION HALL  
CAPEHART SCATCHARD  
CAPITAL BENEFITS, LLC.  
CARBTRON CORPORATION  
CARD DATA SYSTEMS  
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES  
CASCADE CART SOLUTIONS  
CDI, LLC  
CEMCO  
CERTIFIED POWER, INC.  
CFG HEALTH NETWORK  
CHAMBERS ARCHITECTURE, INC.  
CHAPMAN FORD SALES  
CHEMUNG SUPPLY CORP  
CHERRY VALLEY TRACTOR SALES  
CINELLI IRON AND METAL CO.  
CIRUS CONTROLS LLC.  
CISCO  
CITY-E-NET  
CITY FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY  
CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY  
CITY OF LONG BRANCH  
CIVIL SOLUTIONS  
CLASSIC TURF COMPANY LLC  
CLEAN ENERGY  
CLIFFSIDE BODY CORP.  
CM3 BUILDING SOLUTIONS, INC.  
CME ASSOCIATES  
CODED SYSTEMS LLC  
COLONIAL LIFE  
COMCAST BUSINESS  
COMCAST NEWSMAKERS  
COMMERCIAL RECREATION SPECIALIST  
COMMERCIAL UTILITY CONSULTANTS  
COMMITTEE FOR ORBOCULTURE  
CONCENTRA URGENT CARE  
CONCEPT PRINTING & PROMOTIONS

CONCRETE PIPE ASSOC OF NJ  
CONNER STRONG & BUCKLEW  
CONSOLIDATED FENCE CO.  
CONSOLIDATED SERVICES GROUP/CNH  
CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION SYSTEMS  
CONTEMPORARY SPRINTER  
CONVAULT, INC.  
COOPER'S OFFICE FURNITURE  
CORE ELEMENT/URBANIX  
COUNTRY OF BERGEN  
COUNTY OF UNION FREEHOLDERS  
COVANTA ENERGY/ECOVANTA  
CRAM-A-LOT/J.V. MFG., INC.  
CRANE MATERIALS INTERNATIONAL  
CREATIVE VISUAL SYSTEMS  
CRESTON HYDRAULICS INC.  
CYCLONE LIGHTING  
D.A.R.E. NEW JERSEY, INC.  
DATA NETWORK SOLUTIONS  
DATAMATICS MANAGEMENT SERVICES  
DCO ENERGY, LLC  
DDS SERVICES, LLC  
DEFENSIVE SOLUTIONS  
DEJANA TRUCK & UTILITY EQUIPMENT  
DELTA DENAL OF NEW JERSEY  
DELUXE INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS  
DESCHAMPS MATS SYSTEMS, INC.  
DETCON AUTOMATED WASTE EQUIPMENT  
DEVO & ASSOCIATES/PARKEON  
DIAMOND TILE & GROUT RESTORATION  
DIESELPURE  
DIRECT FLOORING  
DMR ARCHITECTS  
DOCUMENT CONVERSIONS ASSOCIATES  
DOCSAFC RECORDS MANAGEMENT  
DOME CORP OF NORTH AMERICA  
DONNELLY ENERGY  
DOSSIER SYSTEMS, INC.  
DOWNS FOREST PRODUCTS, LLC  
DOWNTOWN DECORATIONS  
DOWNTOWN NEW JERSEY, INC.  
DPW WORK ORDER SOFTWARE  
DRINKABLE AIR NORTHEAST  
DUCCO  
DUNCAN SYSTEMS, INC.  
DYNAMIC SECURITY  
DTEK SERVICES  
EAGLE WIRELESS/NETWORK FLEET GPS  
EARTHPLANTER  
EAST COAST ASSOCIATES, INC.  
EASTERN ARMORED SERVICES, INC.  
EASTERN DATA/MIH  
EASTERN LIFT TRUCK CO. INC.  
EATON'S COOPER LIGHTING  
EAW SECURITY  
ECIVIS GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.  
ERIC TECHNOLOGY SERVICES  
ELECTRONIC RISK CONSULTANTS  
ELIZABETH DEVELOPMENT COMPANY  
EMERALD EQUIPMENT SYSTEMS INC.  
EMERGENCY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
EMERGI-CLEAN, INC.  
EMEX, LLC  
EMPLOYER SUPPORT GUARD/RES NJ  
ENERGYSMART  
ENERSYS, INC.  
ENFOTECH & CONSULTING INC.  
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS, INC.  
ENVIROINSIGHT  
ENVIROTECHNICS, INC.  
EP HENRY  
EPHY'S TOOL & EQUIPMENT  
EQ INDUSTRIAL SERVICES  
EXCEL ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES  
EXETER SUPPLY CO. INC.  
EZ DOCK MID-ATLANTIC  
EZ STREET COMPANY  
FAIRLITYDUDE  
FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY  
FRO HITCHES  
FEIST ENGINEERING INC.  
FERGUSON WATERWORKS  
FERRIERO ENGINEERING INC.  
FF1 PROFESSIONAL SAFETY SERVICES  
FIELDTURF  
FILEBANK INC.  
FINCREDT INC.  
FIRE AND SAFETY SERVICES LTD  
FIRST MCO  
FIRST PRIORITY EMERGENCY VEHICLE  
FITCHE  
FKA ARCHITECTS  
FLANAGAN PRODUCTIONS VIDEO  
FLORINGHAM DRPT STORE/KEYPORT  
FM GENERATOR, INC.  
FOLY INCORPORATED  
FORCE AMERICA INC.  
FOVEONICS IMAGING TECHNOLOGIES  
FREEAKEZ LLC  
FRESSPAN STRUCTURES INC.  
FRENCH & PARRELLO ASSOCIATES  
FUEL OX  
FUELFORCE MULTIFORCE SYSTEMS  
GALLAGHER ASPHALT CORPORATION  
GAMETIME PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT  
GARDEN STATE BOBCAT GROUP  
GARDEN STATE FIREWORKS, INC.  
GARDEN STATE LABORATORIES, INC.  
GARDEN STATE MUNICIPAL JIF  
GATORDOCK & GATORBRIDGE  
GEESSE CHASSERS, LLC.  
GENERAL CDDI  
GENERAL RECREATION, INC.  
GENERATION PHARMACY GROUP, LLC  
GEOD CORPORATION  
GEORGE ELY ASSOCIATES  
GET BENEFIT RELIEF  
GILLESPIE GROUP INC.  
GLOBAL  
GOLDEN EQUIPMENT CO. INC.  
GOLDSTEIN PARTNERSHIP  
GOOD ENERGY/NJGEA.COM  
GOOSETOWN COMMUNICATIONS  
GOVCONNECTION, INC.  
GOVDEALS, INC.  
GPS NORTH AMERICA  
GRAINGER  
GRAMCO BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS  
GRANTURK EQUIPMENT CO. INC.  
GREATWEST FINANCIAL  
GREYHAWK  
GRIFFITH ELECTRIC

GROTTO ENGINEERING ASSOC LLC  
GZA GEOENVIRONMENTAL, INC.  
H.A. DEHART & SON  
H&M ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS INC.  
HACKENSACK RIVERKEEPER INC.  
HANSON AGGREGATES BMC  
HARBOR CONSULTANTS INC.  
HARTER EQUIPMENT, INC.  
HATCH MOTT MACDONALD  
HEALTH REPUBLIC INSURANCE OF NJ  
HETRONIC US  
HELAC CORPORATION  
HENDERSON TRUCK EQUIPMENT - NJ  
HERTZ EQUIPMENT RENTAL  
HERTZ FURNITURE NEW JERSEY  
HEYER, GRUIEL & ASSOCIATES  
HIGHLINE PRODUCTS  
HILLMANN CONSULTING, LLC.  
HOFFMAN SERVICES, INC.  
HOOPER TRUCK CENTERS  
HORIZON BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD/DFNJ  
HUBBELL LIGHTING  
HUDSON COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTH.  
HUDSON COUNTY MOTORS INC.  
HUNTER JERSEY PETERBLIT  
HUNTER TECHNOLOGIES  
HUTCHINSON MECHANICAL SERVICES  
HYDRA-LAX PRODUCTS  
HYDRO INTERNATIONAL  
IBEW LOCAL 102  
ILA LIGHTING & CONTROLS  
INDUSTRIAL PETROLEUM SUPPLY CO.  
INFO-COP BY GTBM, INC.  
INLINE DISTRIBUTING COMPANY  
INSURANCE FINANCE SERVICES  
INSTANT VERIFICATION - CHILD PROT  
INSURANCE ADMINISTRATOR (IAA)  
INSURANCE DESIGN ADMINISTRATORS  
INTEGRATED TECHNICAL SYSTEMS  
INTEGRITY HEALTH  
INTERNATIONAL FIREWORKS MFG. CO  
INTERPORT  
INVESTORS BANK  
IPS GROUP, INC.  
IRIS COMMUNICATIONS  
ITEM LTD  
J&B BODIES/USM/BRISTOL DONALD  
JACK DOHNEY COMPANIES  
JAG PHYSICAL THERAPY  
JASPER ENGINES & TRANSMISSIONS  
JERSEY ACCESS GROUP/NJ NATOA  
JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT  
JERSEY PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT  
JESCO, INC.  
JEWEL ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.  
JM EAGLE, INC.  
JOHN DEERE COMPANY  
JOHN GARCIA CONSTRUCTION CO. INC  
JOHN W. KENNEDY COMPANY INC.  
JOHNNY ON THE SPOT, INC.  
JOHNSTON COMMUNICATIONS  
JONES & FRANK  
JOSHUA MARCUS GROUP PROMOTIONS  
KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC.  
KELSON PURCHASING NETWORK  
KEYSTONE STRUCTURES INC.  
KIELY EQUIPMENT CO. LLC  
KLEAN FRAME LLC  
KLEIN RECYCLING  
KOMPAN PLAYGROUNDS  
KRAFT & CAPRI  
KTB MANUFACTURING GROUP NJ  
KUBOTA TRACTOR CORPORATION  
KUEPER NORTH AMERICA  
L&W SUPPLY CORP.  
L.R. KIMBALL  
LABOUR SYN  
LAN ASSOCIATES EPAS, INC.  
LAUREL EQUIPMENT  
LEW CORPORATION  
LIBERTY PAPER&JANITORIAL SUPPLY  
LIBERTY PAPER & PLAYGROUNDS  
LIFESAVERS, INC.  
LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP  
LIVE DRIVE PLUS 4X4  
LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES OF NJ  
MACK CAMERA & VIDEO SERVICE INC.  
MACO OFFICE SOURCE  
MAGNARE  
MAJOR POLICE SUPPLY  
MARBELTIE COMPANY INCORPORATED  
MASER CONSULTING  
MASSMUTUAL RETIREMENT SERVICES  
MATEFLEX  
MATRYX NEW WORLD ENGINEERING  
MAX SPANNI REAL ESTATE/AUCTION CO  
MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN  
MAZZA  
MCGRATH MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT  
MCINTOSH RAIN BARRELS  
MCNELLIS TRUCK & MANUFACTURING  
METLIFE  
METLIFE RESOURCES  
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS  
MID ATLANTIC TRUCK CENTRE  
MID-ATLANTIC WASTE SYSTEMS  
MIDWEST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
MIKE'S BETTER SHOES  
MILLENNIUM COMMUNICATIONS GROUP  
MILLENNIUM STRATEGIES, LLC.  
MITCHELL HUMPHREY & CO.  
MOBILE NOW! LLC  
MOBILITYWORKS COMMERCIAL  
MODERN GROUP  
MONMOUTH TRUCK EQUIPMENT  
MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY  
MONTANA CONSTRUCTION CORP INC.  
MORRIS RETIREMENT ADVISORS  
MPH INDUSTRIES  
MTI AMERICA  
MUNICIPAL POWER PRODUCTS  
MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOC OF NJ  
MUNICIPAL EXCESS LIABILITY FUND  
MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE INC.  
MUNICIPAL  
MUNICIPALITY SOFTWARE  
MUNIDEX, INC.  
MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING  
MY DOWNTOWN MOBILE  
NAJARIAN ASSOCIATES  
NATIONAL SERVICES OF NJ  
NATIONAL TIME SYSTEMS  
NATIONAL WATER MAIN CLEANING CO.

NCPA  
NEW HORIZONS TRAINING  
NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER  
NEW JERSEY BEEKEEPERS ASSOC.  
NEW JERSEY BUSINESS SYSTEMS  
NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE OF MAYORS  
NEW JERSEY LAW JOURNAL  
NEW JERSEY MUNICIPALITIES  
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS  
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS (NGV)  
NEW JERSEY ONE CALL  
NEW JERSEY PLANNING OFFICIALS  
NEW JERSEY PREVENTION NETWORK  
NEW JERSEY YMCA STATE ALLIANCE  
NEW JERSEY'S CLEAN ENERGY PROG.  
NJ - BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
NJ - CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS FUND  
NJ - CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
NJ - COOPERATIVE PURCHASING & DSS  
NJ - COUNCIL ON DEVEL. DISAB.  
NJ - DEP LOCAL GOVT ASSISTANCE  
NJ - DEPT HEALTH INDOOR ENVIRON.  
NJ - DEPT OF BANKING & INSURANCE  
NJ - DEPT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES  
NJ - DEPT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
NJ - DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION  
NJ - DIV. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
NJ - DIVISION OF TAXATION LPT  
NJ - HIGHLANDS COUNCIL  
NJ - HOUSING & MORTGAGE FINANCE  
NJ - LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN  
NJ - MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION  
NJ - REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
NJ - UNCLAIMED PROPERTY  
NJ ASSOC. OF CO. LIABILITY COORDS  
NJ CERTIFIED ANIMAL CONTROL  
NJ CLEAN COMMUNITIES  
NJ -DEPTCOR/STATE USE INDUSTRIES  
NJ -DIV OF ALCOHOLIC BEV CONTROL  
NJ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOC.  
NJ GMA  
NJ HALL OF FAME MOBILE MUSEUM  
NJ MECH. ALLIED CRAFT COUNCIL  
NJ POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION  
NJ PROPANE GAS ASSOCIATION  
NJ RECREATION & PARK ASSN.  
NJ SOCIETY OF PROF-LAND SURVEYOR  
NJ SPOTLIGHT  
NJ STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
NJ STATE FIRST AID COUNCIL  
NJ STATE FMBA  
NJ STATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS  
NJ SUSTAINABLE ENERGY JOINT MTG  
NJ WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOC.  
NJ WIRELESS ASSOCIATION  
NJET  
NJM INSURANCE COMPANY  
NJ'S CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM  
NJ SBGA  
NJVOAD  
NORRIS SALES CO. INC.  
NORTH AMERICAN PIPELINE SERVICES  
NORTHEAST COMMUNICATIONS GROUP  
NORTHEAST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
NORTWEST SWEEPERS  
NU-TEL VOICE-DATA VIDEO  
OCEAN COMPUTER GROUP  
OFFICE BUSINESS SYSTEMS  
OLDCASTLE PRECAST EASTEST BLDGS  
OMLAND ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES  
OPTIC AUTOMATIC TIRE CHAINS  
ON-TRUX LTD.  
OPEN SYSTEMS INTEGRATORS INC.  
OPENGOV  
OTTO ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS  
P1. CUSTOM EMERGENCY VEHICLES  
P2 GENERATOR SERVICES  
PABST ENTERPRISES/EQUIPMENT CO.  
PAPER MART INC.  
PARAMOUNT FMS  
PARCOR MATERIALS  
PARTY PERFECT RENTALS  
PAS-CACK DATA SERVICES  
PEACE COUNTRY  
PEACE-EAGLE EQUIPMENT COMPANY  
PENN GLOBE GASLIGHT  
PENN JERSEY MACHINERY  
PENNONI ASSOCIATES INC.  
PHILIP LIGHTING NORTH AMERICA  
PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC  
PIAZZA & ASSOCIATES, INC.  
PIONEER, A NAVIENT COMPANY  
PLAINFIELD M.U.A.  
PLASTIC SAFETY SYSTEMS  
PMA MANAGEMENT CORP  
PMA MANAGEMENT CORP  
PNC BANK NA  
POM PARKING METERS  
POWER PLACE INC.  
PRESRAY CORPORATION  
PRINT & MAIL COMMUNICATIONS  
PRIOR & NAMI BUSINESS SYSTEMS  
PROGRESSIVE WASTE SOLUTIONS  
PROPERTYPILOT  
PROVIDENT BANK  
PRUDENTIAL RETIREMENT  
PSS & CONSULTING ENGINEERS  
PSE&G  
PTR BALER & COMPACTOR COMPANY  
PUBLICSTUFF, INC.  
PUBWORKS  
OC LABORATORIES  
OPB - QUALITY PAVEMENT REPAIR  
OSCEDO TECHNOLOGIES INC.  
O-STAR TECHNOLOGY  
OUALCARE, INC.  
QUALITE SPORTS LIGHTING  
QUESTCDN  
R&H SPRING & TRUCK REPAIR  
R&H PAYROLL  
RADARSIGN, LLC.  
RAIN FOR RENT  
RANSOME  
RAPID RECOVERY SERVICES LLC  
REALTY APPRAISAL COMPANY  
RECLANATION, LLC  
RECOMMUNITY  
REED SYSTEMS LTD  
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS  
REMINGTON, VERNICK & VENA  
REPAIR SERVICES OF NJ  
RFP SOLUTIONS, INC.  
RICHARD GRUBB & ASSOCIATES INC.

RICOH USA INC  
RIGID  
RILEIGHS OUTDOOR DÉCOR  
RIO SUPPLY/NEPTUNE TG  
ROAD RECYCLING COUNCIL - NJ  
ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION  
ROBERTS ENGINEERING GROUP, LLC.  
ROBINSON  
ROHRER BUS SALES  
RONALD SCHMIDT & ASSOCIATES, PA  
ROUTE 23 AUTOMALL  
ROUTE 46 CHEVROLET  
RPM DEVELOPMENT GROUP  
RUDCO PRODUCTS INC.  
RUTGERS CONTINUING EDUCATION  
RUTGERS SPAA  
SADAT ASSOCIATES, INC.  
SAMSUNG WIRELESS ENTERPRISES  
SANITATION EQUIPMENT CORP.  
SANTANDER  
SCHAEFER SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL  
SEA BOX, INC.  
SEAMLESS SCOV BY SEAMLESSDOCS  
SEMGECKS.COM  
SENSUS USA  
SERVPRO GREEN TEAM OF NJ  
SERVPRO OF FREEHOLD  
SETON HALL UNIVERSITY  
SHIFF SPORTS TURF  
SIGNATURE SITES LLC.  
SIGNS AND SAFETY DEVICES LLC.  
SMART TECH-KEYBOARD CONSULTANTS  
SMART VENT PRODUCTS, INC.  
SMITH-MIDLAND CORPORATION  
SNOW DRAGON SNOW MELTERS OF NJ  
SNOW REMOVAL TURTY  
SORA NORTHEAST DEVELOPMENT  
SOUTH JERSEY ELECTRIC VEHICLES  
SOUTH JERSEY FED. CREDIT UNION  
SOUTH JERSEY INDUSTRIES  
SPATIAL DATA LOGIC, INC.  
SPECIALTY PHOTOVIE EQUIPMENT  
SPECTRUM WORKS  
SPORTPROSUSA, INC.  
SSP ARCHITECTURAL GROUP, INC.  
STANDARD SOLAR, INC.  
STARNET SOLUTIONS INC.  
STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND  
STATEWIDE TRAFFIC SAFETY  
STEWART & STEVENSON/ATLANTIC  
STOKES CREATIVE GROUP  
STORMWATER COMPLIANCE SOLUTIONS  
STORR TRACTOR COMPANY  
SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS  
SUNRISE SYSTEMS  
SUSTAINABLE JERSEY  
SWIFTREACH NETWORKS, INC.  
T&M ASSOCIATES  
T. SLACK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
T.M. FITZGERALD & ASSOCIATES  
TD & N.A.  
TEAM LIFE  
TECHNOLOGY CONSULTING SERVICES  
TECTONIC ENGINEERING  
TENNANT COMPANY  
THE HOME DEPOT  
THE LAND TRUCK GROUP  
THE POTHOLE KILLERS  
THE SHAUGHER GROUP, INC.  
THE STESSCRETE GROUP  
THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS  
THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE  
TIMES BY VCS  
TOZOUL ENERGY SYSTEMS  
TRACKLESS VEHICLES LTD.  
TRANSAXLE  
TRANSDYN, INC.  
TRIAD ASSOCIATES  
TRICO EQUIPMENT SERVICES, LLC.  
TRILUX, INC.  
TURF EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY CO.  
U.S. MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC.  
UNIQUE PAVING MATERIALS CORP.  
UNITED CONCRETE PRODUCTS INC.  
UNITED HEALTHCARE/OXFORD  
UNITED RETALS INC.  
UNITED WATER  
US SPORTS INSTITUTE  
US TENNIS INSTITUTE  
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
USDA-APHIS-WILDLIFE SERVICES  
USGOVBD.COM  
V.E. RALPH & SON, INC.  
VALIC  
VALK MANUFACTURING CO  
VALLEY NATIONAL BANK  
VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES  
VAN NOTE-HARVEY ASSOCIATES PC  
VANGUARD ENERGY SERVICES  
VCI EMERGENCY VEHICLE SPECIALIST  
VEHICLE TRACKING SOLUTIONS  
VENDOR REGISTRY  
VERIZON NETWORKFLEET  
VERMOR NORTH ATLANTIC  
VERSALIF EAST, INC.  
VIKING CIVES GROUP  
VITALCLIC - DYNAMIC PROTOCOLS  
W.E. TIMMERMAN CO., INC.  
WARSHAUER ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.  
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NJ, INC.  
WASTETOUP/TOYER  
WATTLIOS LLC  
WE WORK FOR HEALTH NEW JERSEY  
WEATHERWORKS, LLC  
WEBTECH WIRELESS  
WELLS FARGO  
WESTERN TECHNOLOGIES GROUP LLC  
WHITEMARSH CORPORATION  
WHITMAN  
WIDMER TIME RECORDER  
WILFRED MACDONALD, INC.  
WILLIAMS SCOTSMAN  
WILLIS OF NEW JERSEY, INC.  
WILMINGTON TRUST  
WINNER FORD  
WINTER EQUIPMENT COMPANY  
WOLFINGTON BODY COMPANY, INC.  
WORKNET OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE  
WSW GRANT SERVICES  
WYBEX  
XTEL COMMUNICATIONS  
YEAGER ENGINEERED SYSTEMS

# New Jersey's First Accredited Senior Center

The town's center has established a model for others to follow

By Shing-Fu Hsueh, Mayor, West Windsor



Mayor Shing-Fu Hsueh cuts a ribbon to open the refurbished senior center. The expansion added four classrooms, a computer lab and a health suite.

I'm proud to announce that the West Windsor Senior Center is the first municipal Nationally Accredited facility in the State of New Jersey. Our center meets the standards established by the National Council on Aging/National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC) in 2002. The most recent accreditation was issued in September 2013.

As expressed by Mrs. Maureen O'Leary, NISC Program Manager, "(T)he Accreditation Board....unanimously approved the recommendation for accreditation status of the West Windsor Senior Center. Successfully achieving accreditation status takes the work of many people both in the senior center and in the community. When these two groups work together the rewards will be felt for many years to come. Your organization demonstrates outstanding leadership and commitment to quality programs and services." ... "We are pleased to have the West

Windsor Senior Center on the list of more than 120 senior centers (nationwide) who meet the standards as developed by NISC. These are centers that are held up as models for others to follow."

West Windsor is a culturally diverse, affluent and well-educated community of 27,165 people (as of the last census) who reside within 27 square miles. The senior center serves 22 percent of our town's population. Residents age 55 and above are eligible to participate.



West Windsor seniors participate in an exercise class.

Those who register with the center receive a monthly newsletter and calendar of activities. Currently, there are 3,716 active members registered (61.1 percent female, and 38.5 percent male). As of June 2014, the average daily participation rate was 160.2. Approximately 10.3 percent of participants are 65 years and younger, 11.7 percent are 85 or older. The largest percentage of participants is between 70 to 74 years old.

The Center is equipped with a generator that provides more than sufficient energy to sustain the building.

**The Center's History** The West Windsor Senior Center is fully funded by the municipality and staffed by municipal employees. It was established in 1979 and went from a part-time operation to a full-time, multi-purpose senior center in its own freestanding building in 1989. Since 2001, because of the demand in the community, plans to double the size of the building were put into place. With a grant of \$500,000 from the county,

and \$100,000 from the state, a grand "re-opening" of an approximately 100,000 square foot building (approximately \$1.3 million in total cost) was completed in 2009. The expansion added four classrooms, a computer lab and a health suite. Additionally, in 2010 a new transportation program was developed to make it easier for seniors to get to the Center. New programs were added, some were expanded and participation increased.

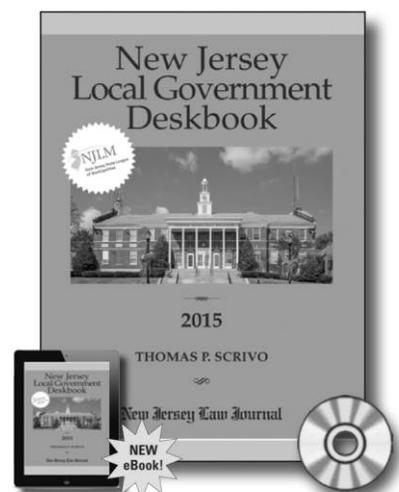
**Services** The Center offers services and activities within the building, outside the Center and links to resources provided by other organizations. The programs and activities at the Center consist of a variety of group and individual activities that include but are not limited to:

- health and wellness;
- educational programs;
- arts and humanities;
- intergenerational programs;
- social services information and referral;
- community action opportunities;
- transportation services;
- volunteer opportunities;
- meal program;
- financial and insurance assistance; and
- medical equipment loans.

The Center also serves as a resource for the entire community for information on aging, support for family members and caregivers, housing options, and for residents and family members to develop creative approaches to addressing aging issues.

Incorporated into the programs and activities offered at the Center are three local hospitals which provide free monthly screenings for seniors including but not limited to cholesterol, glaucoma, blood pressure, glucose, body mass

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## Senior Center



In September 2013, a new senior bus was purchased to support the transportation needs of the senior community. During the first quarter of 2014, two part-time drivers operated the senior bus four days a week.

index, skin cancer, hearing, prostate and pulmonary functions. The Hamilton YMCA provides a line dancing instructor. Mercer County provides transportation through the county system, TRADE (Transportation Resources to Aid the Disadvantaged and Elderly).

In addition, AARP offers a number of Safe Driving classes at the Center throughout the year, and provides income

tax assistance from February to April. A State Health Insurance Program counselor assists residents with health insurance concerns including all aspects of Medicare one day a month.

**Connecting the Generations** An intergenerational program is offered through the West Windsor-Plainsboro School District as a way to engage older adults with community youth. High School

students meet at the Center to help older adults with questions regarding their computers, e-mail, laptops, PC notebooks, iPods, iPads, etc.

**Transportation** In September 2013, a new senior bus was purchased to support the transportation needs of the senior community. During the first quarter of 2014, two part-time drivers operated the senior bus four days a week. One day per week is dedicated to taking seniors to a shopping mall. In addition, the bus is also used as a vehicle for local trips, to Trenton Thunder baseball games, Princeton University Art Museum, Grounds for Sculpture, and other places. A total of 3,577 rides were provided in 2013.

**Emergency Use** During the fall of 2012, Hurricane Sandy drastically affected the tri-state area. West Windsor suffered a great deal of tree damage and power outages. The Center was officially designated as an "Emergency Resource Center." The Center became a shelter for all residents to rest, keep warm and safe, charge electronic devices and receive up to the minute progress reports about storm related issues. All programs and operations of the township contributed to the Center in a coordinated fashion. The Center is equipped with a generator that provides more than sufficient energy to sustain the building for possible future events. ♻

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# The Importance of STEM Education

## Investing in New Jersey's high tech future

By Suzanne Walters, Mayor of Stone Harbor;  
NJLM President

**F**ifth graders from five New Jersey schools recently explored how a pitcher makes a baseball curve and why the body needs miles of blood vessels and muscles to move. In conjunction with Super Bowl XLVIII, the NFL brought professional players to Jersey City's Liberty Science Center to help students investigate science and diversity through sports.

Across New Jersey and the United States, similar programs are engaging America's youth in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). In my school district, Avalon Elementary offers a STEM-based project in each unit of study in the science curriculum. These efforts are critical to bridging the increasing knowledge gap that threatens America's scientific and technological potential.

**Job Growth Potential** Today's knowledge-based economy is driving an unprecedented growth of opportunities in STEM fields. Over the last decade, high-tech occupations expanded by 12 percent, while job growth in other fields was closer to 2 percent. That explosive growth is expected to double in speed by 2018. The biopharmaceutical industry is a particularly significant player in the rise of STEM. The sector hosts five times the concentration of STEM jobs than other portions of the economy. Scientific breakthroughs are allowing biopharmaceutical innovators to make unprecedented discoveries, crafting individualized treatments that target root causes and minimize side effects. And with more than 3,500 new medicines and treatments currently being developed or reviewed, the sector's potential for expansion is enormous.

That's good news, especially in New Jersey. Fourteen of the 20 biggest pharmaceutical companies call the Garden State home. The HealthCare Institute of New Jersey has noted that the state "is home to more biopharmaceutical companies than any other state in the country, or any other country in the world." Nearly 71,000 local residents are working directly for the biopharmaceutical sector in New Jersey alone, holding jobs that pay on average more than \$150,000 a year. These high wages alone have brought the state government an additional \$266 million in tax revenue.

**STEM Graduates Needed** The United States is the world's leader in science and tech innovation. But that impressive status is far from guaranteed. To maintain this distinction, at least a million new American graduates in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields must emerge over the next decade.

By just 2016, the American job market will require 20 to 30 percent more STEM graduates, according to a recent report by the Information Technology & Innovation Foundation.

The pharmaceutical sector has proven uniquely willing to invest in the workers of tomorrow. Since 2005, bioscience companies have invested more than \$100 million nationwide in education programs and awarded 600 individual STEM-related grants. These efforts have impacted more than 1.6 million students.

**Recognizing Local Programs** Earlier this year, the Mayors Committee on Life Sciences launched the STEM Certificate program to honor New Jersey's educators and students who are spearheading this important academic pursuit. Individual schools, academic or extra-curricular programs, teachers and/or students can be recognized for their efforts by meeting one of the following criteria K-12:

- offering a STEM-centered program of study in academic curriculum;
- supporting scholarships for teachers and students to pursue further education in STEM related fields;
- sponsoring or hosting science fairs or technology competitions; or,
- hosting summer academic camps with STEM specific curriculum.

On June 30, the Mayors Committee hosted the 2014 STEM Education Celebration at Bristol-Myers Squibb in Princeton. This event showcased several of the 25 STEM-based programs that have been awarded the Committee's STEM Education Certificate and offered students information on possible careers in STEM fields.

**Spread the Word** I hope you will help us spread the word about this exciting program by promoting it to your local school district, and encouraging them to apply for the Mayors Committee on Life Sciences STEM Certificate for any program they offer that meets the criteria. Please visit [www.njslom.org/Committee-Life-Sciences.html](http://www.njslom.org/Committee-Life-Sciences.html) for details and to download an application.

*The New Jersey State League of Municipalities and We Work for Health's Mayors Committee on Life Sciences was created to promote economic development and innovation, educate legislators, policy makers and the public about the importance of the life sciences industry to New Jersey and its local communities, and benchmark best practices within host communities that help grow and nurture the industry. Joseph Pannullo, Mayor of East Hanover Township, is the Chair of this committee. ♣*



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## **Mayors Committee on Life Sciences STEM Certificate Award**

This award recognizes programs, educators and students who are spearheading this critical academic pursuit. The program was developed in response to a Battelle/PhRMA study that highlighted the importance of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

*Individual schools, academic or extra-curricular programs and teachers can be recognized for their efforts based on meeting one of the following criteria:*

- **Offering a STEM-centered program of study in academic curriculum**
- **Supporting scholarships for teachers and students to pursue further education in STEM related fields**
- **Sponsoring or hosting science fairs or technology competitions**
- **Hosting summer academic camps with STEM specific curriculum**

*Stop by the Mayors Committee on Life Sciences booth (#1502) at the League Conference pick up application form and to receive more information about the program.*

Or visit <http://www.njslom.org/Committee-Life-Sciences.html>



# GOLD DOME

## Presidential, Gubernatorial, and Pension Politics

By Ben Dworkin, Assistant Professor  
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Director of the Rebovich Institute  
for NJ Politics at Rider University

To virtually all Trenton observers, Governor Chris Christie is running for President. He has positioned himself—rather brilliantly—as the “mainstream Republican” in what should be a top-tier field of candidates. He’s done pretty much everything one would want to do before an official announcement. Serving as the chairman of the Republican Governors Association this year is only one part of a larger political strategy.

The Governor’s moves have set the state’s political community abuzz. If the Governor pursues the nomination, would he leave office early? And if so, then when? Theoretically, he could remain Governor and simultaneously pursue the presidency. If successful, he could resign just before his nomination in January 2017—a full year before he would be leaving Trenton officially.

Many think that he will step down in January 2015, sometime after his annual “State of the State” speech, using it to deliver a dramatic farewell address. Leaving then would also allow him to avoid giving the budget address in February, placing it in the hands of Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno, who would serve as Governor until a special election could be held in November 2015.

The FY 2016 budget is going to be a difficult one, especially with the state obligations to contribute more than \$2 billion to the underfunded pension system, in accordance with the 2011 state law. Unless the economy suddenly grows, finding the resources to pay this obligation would require dramatic cuts in spending or new taxes—probably both. If you are Christie, the last thing you want is to launch your presidential bid just after raising broad-based taxes in your state or decimating education, health care and other social services with massive cut-backs. Leaving before the budget gets introduced might be the easiest way to avoid the fight altogether.

Others argue that the Governor will stay at least through Spring 2016, by which time the nomination will be secured by Christie or someone else. During this time, he will steadfastly refuse to add new taxes to make the pension contribution and will use Assembly Speaker Vinny Prieto and state

Senate President Steve Sweeney as his foils on the national campaign trail. It’s not hard to imagine Christie on the stump bashing his opponents back home: “The liberal Democrats in New Jersey want me to agree to new taxes to pay for the cushy retirements of their union pals—and I won’t do it!” Of course, that probably means the pension system will remain woefully underfunded, as it has been for years.

Senate President Sweeney, who helped broker the initial pension agreement, is angling for the Democratic nomination for Governor in the post-Christie New Jersey. Much as the two men have worked together on some high profile issues, neither sees the benefit in compromising now. Sweeney may use the pension fight to brand himself as the Democrat who stood up to the conservative Republican Governor, an antidote to those in his party who will attack him as “Christie Lite.”

**Those seeking a resolution of the pension payment issue, and to the other major challenges facing the state, shouldn’t hold their breath.**

Another possibility is that the New Jersey courts might act to break the log jam. Superior Court Judge Mary C. Jacobson, who ruled in June on the state’s short payment plan, may well revisit the issue in 2015, though any definitive ruling is likely to be considered by the New Jersey Supreme Court before being settled.

So we return to the key elected officials who will be negotiating a deal. It is hard to imagine some sort of grand compromise happening among the current players. However, if Christie leaves office early, Guadagno could conceivably seize the opportunity to enhance her own gubernatorial ambitions by finding a solution where others could not.

Those seeking a resolution of the pension payment issue, and to the other major challenges facing the state, shouldn’t hold their breath. If big things are going to get done in Trenton over the next year, presidential politics will almost surely have to come first. ♣

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# Keeping the Train on Track

Advocates are working to make one-seat rides into New York Penn Station available from the Raritan Valley Rail Line

By Colleen Mahr, Mayor, Borough of Fanwood; Member, NJLM Executive Board Member



Mayor Colleen Mahr, flanked by Scotch Plains Mayor Kevin Glover and former Westfield Mayor Tom Jardim on inaugural One Seat Ride

The Raritan Valley Rail Line serves five counties in northern New Jersey and runs from New York Penn Station to High Bridge and, until earlier this year, all those riding the line to and from New York needed to switch trains in Newark. But now this is starting to change.

Beginning in March of 2014, riders could take advantage of a one-seat ride on midday, weekday trains. This has been made possible through the NJ TRANSIT use of dual mode locomotives. This recently purchased equipment can pull RVL trains by diesel power for most of its route and then change to electric power for travel through the Hudson River tunnels.

This important service enhancement is part of the campaign by the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition (RVRC) which has championed the so called “one-seat” ride and other improvements to the RVL for more than 10 years.

**Dual Power Locomotives** Until recently, the goal of the “one-seat” ride for the RVL would be realized with the construction of the Access to the Region’s Core (ARC) Tunnel project. Preparations to build the ARC Tunnel neared completion in 2009. The tunnel was designed to prepare for an anticipated increase in rail ridership and to decrease travel time for New Jersey commuters on NJ TRANSIT rail lines into New York City. This far-reaching program included the construction of new tunnels under the Hudson River and the purchase of dual-power (diesel/electric) locomotives. The new locomotives would allow New Jersey riders on non-electrified rail lines, such as the Raritan Valley Line, to enjoy a direct commute to New York City without changing trains upon arrival in Newark Penn Station.



Without ARC, these century-old tunnels will remain the only way for NJ Transit commuters to get to Manhattan. Photo: NJ Transit via Second Avenue Sagas

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Without ARC, these century-old tunnels will remain the only way for NJ Transit commuters to get to Manhattan.

**The End of ARC** Although the ARC tunnel project was cancelled by Governor Christie in 2010, we are fortunate that NJ TRANSIT, in preparation for the anticipated ARC project, purchased 36 dual-powered locomotives. These locomotives were tested and put into use in 2013 and were the hope for change that we needed.

Once the locomotives began arriving, the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition (RVRC), led by Somerset Freeholder

Peter Palmer who serves as the chair, began its campaign for rail equity. RVRC members believe the new dual-powered locomotives should be deployed to provide one-seat service to Raritan Valley Rail riders and relieve these commuters of the burden of changing trains in Newark--often a stressful and challenging endeavor.

**The Facts Were with Us** The task before us was to convince New Jersey Transit that the Raritan Valley Line was the best place to use the new equipment. To do so we needed to leverage interests of all the stakeholder, so I went to work

organizing along the Raritan Valley Line. Because there are a large number of transit-oriented development projects along the line we were able to build a solid working group of mayors, real estate professionals, economic development officials, local chambers of commerce and others to work together to lobby NJ TRANSIT and inform the public about the important issues at hand. The facts were with us:

- The Raritan Valley Line is NJ TRANSIT’s only major line with track connectivity to NYC without access to a “One Seat Ride.”

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## One Seat Ride

- The Raritan Valley Line currently represents 10 percent of total NJ TRANSIT rail ridership.
- “One Seat Ride” will decrease travel time and increase both commercial and residential property values. (When the Morris and Essex line got the “One Seat Ride” in 1996 property values along the line rose significantly.)
- Alternative plans to give Raritan Valley access to a “One Seat Ride,” such as new rail tunnels are uncertain, costly and at best, many years in the future.

**An Aggressive Campaign** The RVRC began an aggressive information campaign using every media available; and word of the potential for a “One Seat Ride” spread. Soon, RVRC membership grew, with advocates from Hunterdon, Somerset, Middlesex and Union counties.

To their credit, NJ TRANSIT officials have been very open to this discussion, and we have met at regular quarterly intervals. It is clear that this process is more complicated than it may have first appeared, but RVRC and NJ TRANSIT are committed to working together. The ultimate goal is “One-Seat-Ride” options throughout the day including morning and evening peak hours.

**Tunnel Limitations** A major hurdle to increasing direct service for the Raritan Valley Line is the limited physical capacity of the existing tunnels. The RVRC recognizes that all the peak hour slots to and from Penn Station New York are fully subscribed by other lines at the moment. But because the Raritan Valley Line represents 10 percent of all ridership and is growing, we are working toward an “equitable” allocation of equipment during those periods.

Both the RVRC and NJ TRANSIT officials agree that our objectives are realistic and in March 2014 I was proud to step up from the Fanwood Station platform onto the first direct ride from Fanwood to New York Penn Station! We are currently wrapping up Phase I of the Pilot program, with off-peak weekday one-seat rides available in both directions during midday hours.

**Expanding One-Seat-Ride** With the successful completion of Phase I, NJ TRANSIT is preparing to commit to the November 2014 start of the Phase II expansion of “One-Seat-Ride” service to trains scheduled after 8 pm in both directions. Phase III will be the introduction in 2015 of one-seat ride to all weekend trains. This will only be scheduled once Phase II has proven to be workable and successful for commuters and

construction work in the Penn Station vicinity that reduces track availability is complete. Phase IV will deal with the final issue of “equitably” allocating two (10 percent) peak hour trains for Raritan Valley “One-Seat Ride” service.

The job is not done yet, but I can see the light at the end of the tunnel, and I honestly believe that before too long we will have successfully addressed a pivotal transit issue in this region. Although we will not achieve the flexibility and access that the ARC Tunnel project would have provided to our residents; thoughtful deployment of the dual powered locomotives will be a boon to all commuters, residents and businesses along the Raritan Valley Rail Line. I couldn't be more delighted to be working with this bright, open minded and forward thinking group of professionals. This experience highlights how keeping open lines of communication, empowering stakeholders and setting realistic expectations can result in positive outcomes for everyone. ♣



For further information on the RVRC Project go to: [www.raritanvalleyrail.com/index.php/contact-us](http://www.raritanvalleyrail.com/index.php/contact-us) or email us at [info@raritanvalleyrail.com](mailto:info@raritanvalleyrail.com)

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# Raising Respect for Red Lights

Springfield officials have no doubt that their traffic cameras are preventing collisions

By Anthony Cancro, Township Administrator, Township of Springfield  
& John Cook, Springfield Police Chief



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These figures support what other national and local studies have found—red light automated photo enforcement programs have a positive safety impact in regions where they are installed. According to the New Jersey Department of Transportation’s “Report on Red-Light Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems Third Annual Report” (2014), a total of 83 intersections throughout New Jersey experienced an average 86-percent reduction in right-angle crashes, a 58-percent reduction in rear-end crashes and an 83-percent reduction in red-light running violations.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety conducted the most comprehensive study of its kind in 2011 assessing the safety impact of red light cameras. It found a 24 percent reduction in fatalities across 14 U.S. cities with red light camera programs operating from 2004 to 2008. Had similar programs been operating in all large cities during that period, 815 deaths could have been prevented.

I always remind people, if you don’t like the red light automated photo enforcement program, then you can personally opt out of the program by simply following the law. If you don’t run red lights, you don’t have to worry about it. The cameras serve as a powerful deterrent to careless driving. Their presence helps protect you, your passengers and other road users who leave their home each day with the expectation that they’ll return safely. 🚗



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# Small Town Charm

It's one thing you can't put a price tag on, but you can promote with good government

By William J. Chegwiddden, Mayor  
& Robin Ghebreal, Community Affairs, Wharton



Wharton's major event is "Canal Day" which brings awareness to the last working lock in New Jersey, a piece of the Old Morris Canal. (Photo by John C.

**T**he one word that describes Wharton: that's easy, Mayberry. Do you remember Mayberry? That tiny little town from the Andy Griffith show? That's what we have here. A town of neighborhoods filled with kids playing in the parks. The owners of second and third generation mom and pop businesses still call their patrons by their first name. Our Main Street sports flower baskets and American flags in summer and wreaths and lights in the winter. We still all come together to light the town Christmas tree. We sing carols and spend time together over hot chocolate and cookies. Santa is delivered on the fire truck to visit the kids. We still have a butcher shop, a barber shop with the red and blue pole out front, and a mailman who walks door to door.

This "home town spirit" is encouraged by a variety of town offerings. For example, we hold a Valentine's Day Skate on our canal and spring concerts on Sundays in our gazebo.

**Combining Town Pride and History** Our major event is "Canal Day" which brings awareness to the last working lock in New Jersey, a piece of the Old Morris Canal. There are kayak rides and houseboat rides and a walking history tour. The vendors and activities attract over 5000 people. We have turned our old train trestle base into a beautiful stage that now hosts our

bands. A day of fun culminates with a fireworks display.

**Work and Celebrate Together** For Halloween, we host Hallo; a family-friendly night of trick or treating, costume parades, haunted houses, a pumpkin float and music. All the local businesses get involved. And on "Wharton Pride Day," we roll up our sleeves and grab a rake or container and clean up town. We recycle, clean up the waterways, plant flowers at our parks and schools, or help residents in need. Then we end the day with a town picnic in the park.



Interesting events like this wildlife presentation help attract over 5,000 visitors annually to Wharton's Canal Day. (Photo by John C. Manna)

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# Dealing with Too Many Deer

A look at how Hopewell is addressing the overpopulation crisis

By Vanessa Sandom, Mayor, Hopewell Township (Mercer)



Deer impacts were widespread and beyond acceptable levels for many residents.

**T**he idea was born during a discussion among township advisory volunteers at an ice cream social. “What can we do about the overabundant deer? They are impacting the entire community.”

The negative impact of too many white-tailed deer is evident on a number of fronts: numerous Lyme’s disease cases, deer-vehicle collisions, economic and landscape losses, forest damage and the destruction of native plants.

Their overgrazing, which often goes unnoticed, reduces biodiversity by allowing invasive plants to establish themselves. Once established, invasive species can quickly dominate areas since deer and other animals rarely eat them. This, in turn, adversely impacts other native species, including insects, birds and other mammals which rely solely on native plants for their survival. Ultimately, we too are affected when pollinator species decline since they help produce much of our food.

**Community Involvement and Survey** The only practical way to reduce the number of deer in Hopewell Township is to hunt them. As you can well imagine, deer hunting raises ethical and safety concerns with many citizens. With strong support from the Hopewell Township Committee and former mayor, Jim Burd, a 24-member task force was formed from a cross-section of residents, including ecologists, farmers, hunters and animal advocates. Their conclusion was summarized in a report which outlined five areas where deer regularly impact the lives of residents and their environment. The task force also recommended that we create a permanent advisory committee.

Answers to a public questionnaire provided much needed data to help determine the impact of overpopulation on the community. A majority of respondents indicated that deer “cause many problems and solutions are needed.” Homeowners bemoaned large landscape losses and costs for repellents and fencing; farmers focused on increased expenses for fencing and other protective measures to keep deer at bay; and many hunters reported they needed additional places to hunt.

Data from a 2010 and 2012 deer count showed the estimated deer population in Hopewell Valley was over six times higher than what is recommended.

A more troubling fact was that the township’s deer population was increasing despite annual hunting by residents on private parcels. Data from a 2010 and 2012 deer count showed the estimated deer population in Hopewell Valley was over six times higher than what is recommended by ecologists and those that study Lyme disease. The lack of natural predators and forest fragmentation caused by development, allowed the deer population to become unbalanced. We needed to act.

In June 2011, the Township Committee unanimously adopted an ordinance that established the Deer Management Advisory Committee (DMAC). Comprised of seven regular members and two alternates, the committee’s members include an ecologist, farmer, hunter, and master gardener. Its mission is to try and minimize the negative impacts of deer. In order to meet these goals, the DMAC decided to implement a management program on municipally-owned lands to help reduce the deer population. The committee meets monthly.

### Hunting on Municipally-owned Land

The DMAC management program rules permit only licensed New Jersey hunters, 14 years old or older, who carry \$1 million dollar general liability insurance and who also pass a background check conducted by township police and New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife to participate. Each hunter is required to

attend an orientation and safety class prior to being issued a permit. He or she must also complete an end-of-season questionnaire. Hunting is only permitted from elevated stands to increase safety. Hunters who meet or exceed their individual quota each year may be “grandfathered” and guaranteed a spot in the program the following season.

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## Animal Management

The program is self-supporting. Applicants pay a \$25 non-refundable processing fee, plus \$75 more if and when they receive their hunting permit. Monies collected are used to offset program costs such as signage and parking improvements, and any unused funds are directed towards purchasing additional open space lands. Township parcels are regularly reviewed for inclusion in the program, and together with the number of hunters and hunting dates, are approved annually by the Township Committee.

### Hunting Access and Hunger Relief

The committee seeks to work with private landowners to encourage improved hunting access and efficacy on their lands and to increase coordination and collaboration with other groups who have their own deer management programs. Additionally, the DMAC hopes to finalize a venison donation program available to all program hunters to help supply much needed food to our local food banks.



**Measuring Our Success** In 2014 the DMAC produced its second annual report, and has continued to improve its management program with hunter feedback and its public outreach efforts. The committee held a well-attended Lyme disease seminar in April in conjunction with the township's health department. The two groups also hosted an educational booth at the annual Hopewell Harvest Fair in the fall. 🍂

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# Combating Crime through Analysis

The New Jersey Regional Operations and Intelligence Center is using geospacial mapping to predict and prevent crime

By Kaitlin Callahan, Regional Operations and Intelligence Center



**A**s municipalities throughout the state engage ‘best practices’ to compensate for police attrition, staffing, and reductions in operating budgets due to fiscal austerity, law enforcement and the private sector have come to rely on fusion centers to conduct analysis in order to strategically allocate resources and respond to all hazards, all crimes, and all threats.

The New Jersey Regional Operations and Intelligence Center (NJ ROIC) contributes to the overall public safety of New Jersey by serving as the state’s fusion center. The center, according to the NJ ROIC Mission statement is the “point of contact for collection, evaluation, analysis, and dissemination of intelligence data and criminal background information.” The NJ ROIC uses a wide range of analytical techniques to help New Jersey’s law enforcement agencies combat crime and terrorism.

**Crime Mapping** The NJ ROIC uses a variety of technologies to support and inform law enforcement in New Jersey, including geo-spatial mapping. Mapping is an effective tool for intelligence-led policing because it is a proactive approach to combating crime, and also assists with efficient allocation of resources. Geo-spatial mapping shows locations of events (such as burglaries) in an area of interest (in Trenton, for example). The ultimate goal is to use the visual representation of criminal events on a

map as a resource to assist law enforcement decision makers in determining where they should allocate and focus their resources to be most effective in preventing and responding to crime.

crimes. Using the density of past events in specific locations gives an indication of future areas of criminal activity. Crime mapping also creates environmental awareness for law enforcement and can track how criminal environments have changed over time. Maps can not only be used to combat crime, but also to evaluate policing efforts by comparing and contrasting past maps with current maps of the same area.

Another type of map produced by the NJ ROIC is a predictive analysis map. Predictive analysis mapping uses past events, such as bank robberies, and an area of interest, usually a municipality or county, along with hundreds of additional factors--such as the environment, demographics and geography--to determine the probability of future occurrences of the same event in the same area. Essentially, these maps use all of the factors to produce a visual "statistical likelihood" of that event occurring,

and to show locations in the area of interest that are present the highest and lowest probability of future events.

The predictive software uses algorithms that determine the statistical likelihood of a criminal's conscious and unconscious activities based on the same criminal's previously documented activities. The NJ ROIC Intelligence and Analysis Crime Unit often generates predictive analysis maps to assess and predict specific crimes in the state.

For example, in April 2014, the NJ ROIC Intelligence and Analysis Crime Unit relied on predictive mapping to strategize an approach to gas station robberies. The predictive analysis used multiple factors, including geospatial, socio-political, cultural, economic, demographic, and others to assess gas stations in Union County and the surrounding area. The maps were used as a "preventative crime analysis technique" for law enforcement, in order to deter-

The maps were used as a "preventative crime analysis technique" for law enforcement, in order to determine where the next robbery might occur.

NJ ROIC produces several different types of geo-spatial maps. The first type is a density map, which shows the prevalence and locations of specific

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The Corr-Stat leaders request NJ ROIC density maps of the Corr-Stat region consistently for their monthly meetings. The group includes officials from the Route 21 corridor police departments and their county, state and federal partners.

mine where the next robbery might occur. All the gas stations in the area were ranked to determine which were most likely to be targeted next, based on an algorithm. A Lukoil station in Elizabeth, NJ was ranked #1, and an Exxon station in Elizabeth was ranked #4 on the list. The Lukoil (ranked #1) was robbed within 10 hours of the analysis, and the Exxon (ranked #4) was robbed 48 hours after the Lukoil.

### Mapping Post Storm Vulnerabilities

In late October of 2012, Hurricane Sandy struck the coast of New Jersey. The NJ ROIC worked collaboratively with the Office of Emergency Management to provide mapping for law enforcement personnel and to identify vulnerable areas in the impacted areas for potential criminal activity. The NJ ROIC used geo-spatial maps to alert the private and public sectors of gas stations open during and after the storm which were critical for resource allocation.

During Super Bowl XLVIII, various maps were created to assess risk levels before, during, and after the event, providing not only a visual of past crime activity within a predetermined surrounding radius of MetLife Stadium, but also of the Prudential Center, the Jets' practice facility, and the two team hotels for the AFC and NFC players. This risk assessment, assisted by mapping, was critical to the overall safety and success of Super Bowl XLVIII.

Currently, the NJ ROIC monitors drug and heroin seizures and overdoses in New Jersey, through the Drug Monitoring Initiative, and produces maps to track drug seizures and locations of heroin overdoses in the state. These maps help law enforcement and health officials develop better strategies to contain, control, and prevent the current heroin epidemic.

Since 2012, municipal police departments along the Route 21 corridor have

joined with their county, state, and federal law enforcement partners to combat crime through an initiative of information and resource sharing called Corridor-Statistics (Corr-Stat).

**High Crime Corridor** The Corr-Stat region is only 1.5 percent of New Jersey's 8,729 square miles, but the area accounts for 46 percent of murders, 40 percent of robberies, and 31 percent of aggravated

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assaults in the state (Police Chief Magazine). The Corr-Stat leaders request NJ ROIC density maps of the Corr-Stat region consistently for their monthly meetings. The density maps are an effective information-sharing tool, guiding the participating agencies in directing their resources to solve cases. Corr-Stat has proven that information-sharing is an efficient way to utilize resources.

### Is Your Department Using This Service?

Although every law enforcement agency in New Jersey is eligible to send mapping requests to the NJ ROIC, many agencies are not aware of its availability or the various capabilities. The NJ ROIC aims improve awareness of the benefits of this information-sharing tool, which is available through the NJ ROIC's intelligence support. As intelligence-led policing becomes more vital to solving problems throughout our state, the demand of advanced geospatial intelligence products will continue to increase. 📍

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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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**A-3354**



## Roadside Vegetation Management

Status: Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee

The League has carefully reviewed the provisions of A-3354, which would establish an “Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Program” in the Department of Transportation. While we certainly appreciate the underlying intent of the proposal, the League opposes the bill as introduced for the reasons summarized below.

In addition to the new vegetation program, A-3354 also, among other things:

1. requires creation of an Advisory Committee and authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation to appoint a coordinator of the program;
2. requires coordination with private and government entities, including municipalities;
3. authorizes counties and municipalities to establish local programs, provided they are “consistent” with the state program;

First, the League is concerned whether the department has the existing resources for a new program, particularly when the department already has jurisdiction within its own rights-of-way. Funding would be essential for the success of the program. But any available funding will, and should, be dedicated to upgrading the state’s aging infrastructure.

Second, it is not clear to us what precisely would change at the local level under this proposal. There are numerous local committees and local efforts to address this very same issue. Further, this program could undermine current efforts initiated by the utilities and the Board of Public Utilities. The potential duplicative structures could actually impede local efforts.

While the League supports efforts to implement rational vegetation management programs, particularly in light of a number of significant weather events and their consequences, we do not believe the approach proposed in A-3354 will assist the state’s efforts and could, unintentionally, hinder on-going local programs.—MFC

**A-445/S-601**



## Exempts Disclosure of Identifying Information Provided for Emergency Notification

Status: Second Reading in the Senate; Passed Assembly

The League of Municipalities supports A-445. This bill exempts from disclosure any public record personal identifying information provided to a government agency for emergency notification purposes. There have been a number of cases which have held that information given to municipalities in order to sign up for newsletters or alerts is subject to OPRA. This bill would exempt personal information which was given to a municipality for emergency notification purposes.

We commend the sponsor for her attention to this issue and her efforts. This bill has passed the assembly and is waiting to be taken up in the senate.—EP

**A-2249**



## Permits Property Tax Reward Programs

Status: Assembly State and Local Government Committee

The League supports this bill that would permit municipalities to establish a property tax reward program. A program provides residents with the opportunity to reduce their property tax bill while shopping at local business. Participation in the program is voluntary for both residents and the businesses.

To implement the program a governing body would adopt a resolution authorizing the creation and operation of a property tax reward program to provide annual rebates to participating customers who purchases goods or services from participating businesses located within the municipality.

The municipality would be responsible for designating a private entity to serve as the operator of the property tax reward program. The operator would be responsible for soliciting participation in the program from businesses located within the municipality. Each participating business determines the

amount of the reward to be provided to participating customers and informs the operator.

The operator will be responsible for offering a reward card to participating customers. To qualify for rewards from participating business, the card holders must be municipal residents, municipal employees, employed in the municipality, or residents of another municipality that has registered with the operator of the property tax reward program. Awards are earned through the purchase of goods or services from participating businesses. A fee cannot be charged for the reward card. Participating customers must be notified, in writing, by the operator, of the businesses participating in the program and the percentage of the reward to be provided by each participating business. This information must also be on the operator's website.

The bill includes timelines for reward payment and payment to the municipality by the operator. If a municipality has a property tax reward program, their property tax bills must include the amount of the property tax reward as credit against property taxes due and payable by the property owner who participates in the program. The property tax reward program shall be identified on the tax bill as the source of the property tax credit. The tax collector must also note on each bill the amount of the annual rebate earned and paid to the tax collector. That amount will be subtracted from the total amount of property taxes due and payable on the property for the tax year.

The bill provides an opportunity for municipalities to support both their residents and businesses in a unique and innovative way.—LB

## A-2290



### Mandates Certain Cable Franchisees

Status: Second Reading in the Assembly

The League of Municipalities supports A-2290, which would require all franchised cable access companies that provide internet connection to provide free internet services to public libraries.

As the sponsor has stated, "By requiring CATV companies to offer free internet service to public libraries, many members of the public who are currently unable to access the internet due to difficult economic circumstances will have a convenient, low-cost means of making use of the benefits and opportunities provided by the Internet."

In addition, the internet can allow citizens to contact their elected officials on matters of interest and concern; and it can allow them to access vital public services provided by local, state and federal agencies.

We commend the sponsor for his attention to this issue and for his leadership on this effort.—JRM

## A-3390



### Allows Land Use Documents to be Emailed

Status: Second Reading in the Assembly

This bill is intended to modernize this process by allowing for certified email receipt to take the place of certified mail. As the MLUL is currently written, notice of changes to zoning ordinances may be required to be sent via certified mail to a neighboring municipality and must be sent to the county planning board. Via regular mail, certified mail service of notice is complete upon mailing. The same concept will apply to documents sent through email. We appreciate the sponsor's amendments to the legislation which maintains this uniformity.



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## Legislative Update

This bill is a positive step toward modernizing the MLUL and we thank the sponsor for his attention and his efforts.—EP

### A-1483/S-2364



#### Eliminates DOT Approval of Certain Municipal Traffic Calming Measures

Status: Passed Assembly;  
Second Reading, Senate

The League of Municipalities supports S-2363 and A-1463, which eliminates Department of Transportation (DOT) approval of municipal traffic calming measures in business districts.

Specifically, this legislation authorizes a municipality to implement traffic calming measures (e.g. speed humps) on state and county roadways which go through business districts in the municipality) without approval from the DOT; a municipality would only need to provide notice to DOT of its intention to implement traffic calming measures on a state or county roadway.

This legislation is a common-sense measure, which will eliminate unnecessary red tape and give discretion to communities in managing traffic safety. The League

thanks the sponsors for this initiative and for their careful consideration of comments raised by the League, which are now reflected in the legislation.—MFC

### A-3357



#### Expands Tax Lien Foreclosures Against Abandoned Properties

Status: Assembly Housing  
and Community  
Development Committee

This bill permits a tax lien holder to institute an In Rem Tax Foreclosure action on abandoned property. Currently only a municipality can institute an In Rem Tax Foreclosure action.

A-3357 will amend the In Rem Tax Foreclosure Act to include an “abandoned property certificate holder.” The procedure for the “abandoned property certificate holder” to institute In Rem Tax Foreclosure is the same as demanding the right of redemption on such property be barred. However, the “abandoned property certificate holder” will not have to follow the same time line as a municipality.

A-3357, which would take effect imme-

diately, would return abandoned properties faster to the property tax rolls.—LB

### A-3198



#### Mandates Drug Tests for Candidates and Office Holders

Status: Assembly Judiciary Committee

Our Legislative Committee has voted to support A-3198. This bill will require candidates for state and local office to submit to drug testing, prior to their placement on the ballot. It would also provide for random testing of state, county, school board and local elected officials, once in office.

For officials holding local elective office, the testing would be in accordance with regulations to be developed by the Department of Community Affairs, in consultation with the Department of Health. The testing would be conducted by a certified physician or laboratory selected from a list developed by the Commissioner of the Department of Health, and the cost would be borne by the official. Test results would be made public by the local governing body, but a positive test result would not constitute grounds for removal from office. The local governing body would, however, forward a positive test result to the county prosecutor.

Similar provisions would require testing of all candidates for office, for state Legislators, for the Governor, for the Lieutenant Governor, for elected school board members and for holders of elective county offices.

League members support all efforts to restore and promote greater faith in the integrity of elected officials at all levels of government. Further, elected public servants should be able to set a clean and strong example for appointed office-holders, for other government employees and for the youth in their communities.

We salute the sponsor and fully support A-3198. The bill awaits consideration in the Assembly Judiciary Committee.—JRM

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# Affordable Homes for All

Fair Lawn's fight for senior housing

By John Cosgrove, Mayor, Fair Lawn



**F**air Lawn, a five square mile town in Bergen County with a population of 32,457, offers a wide array of services and opportunities for our diverse community. Many of the members of our community take pride in the fact that they are life-long residents.

However, like many communities we offer few affordable housing options for our seniors. Our aging population is struggling to remain in their homes. There is no senior housing available and few options to “downsize,” many are forced to leave Fair Lawn. They love going to the senior center, the pool, the Community Center and the convenience using the mini bus provides. However, many reach the point in their lives that they no longer wish to mow the lawn, rake leaves or shovel snow. Affordable senior housing in Fair Lawn is desperately needed.

Over the years various Councils have considered the problem but there has been no real solution. Unfortunately, without affordable housing options, seniors are leaving Fair Lawn in ever increasing numbers.

That trend is about to be reversed—but the journey is long and not for the faint of heart.

**The Credit Transfer** In September of 2011 the Council met with Tom Toronto, president of the Bergen County's United Way, that, along with the Madeline Corporation, has been devel-

oping award winning special needs and senior housing in communities throughout the county. Mr. Toronto and Shari DePalma, executive director of Madeline Corporation, a nonprofit affordable housing developer proposed a plan to transfer the affordable housing obligation from Garden Homes, the builder of Fair Lawn Promenade on the former Kodak site to the River Road/Maple Avenue site owned by Hadco; effectively converting an obligation to build 38 family affordable units into 64 units of senior housing. Six units of special needs housing would be included.

The developers of the Fair Lawn Promenade indicated that they were ready to build their project for which they had already received all their approvals. However, they were willing to make a substantial contribution of \$1.5 million to transfer their COAH obligation to Fair Lawn's Housing Trust Fund account, which the borough would have

to create. Since the borough was under an order by COAH, nothing could be done without the approval of the Special Master particularly since our total credits for affordable housing compliance would be altered by this proposal.

A fairness hearing with the COAH Special Master was held and permission was granted for the transfer. The borough then established the Fair Lawn Municipal Housing Trust Fund account. Garden Homes deposited \$1.5 million into the Fair Lawn Municipal Housing Trust Fund and Bergen County's United Way contributed \$200,000 toward the purchase of the property from Hadco for \$1.7 million. Bergen County's United Way made a commitment to cover the additional soft costs; such as architectural, engineering, legal and environmental cleanup needed to move the project forward. On December 4, 2013 the borough purchased the 3.9 acre property on which a 64-unit, two-story building will be built.

The Council and I, along with our partners—Bergen County's United Way and Madeline Corporation—continue to be optimistic and determined.



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**A Funding Setback** It appeared that construction was imminent. Unfortunately that was not to be. Bergen County's United Way has experienced a great deal of difficulty securing the tax credits that are needed in order to build. Their first application for a 9 percent tax credit made available with Superstorm Sandy funds from the federal govern-

ment was denied, even though Bergen County was one of the nine counties targeted due to the storm damage we suffered. As a consequence, the award of \$500,000 Bergen County's United Way had received in Bergen County HOME funds and another grant they received from the Federal Home Loan Bank in the amount of \$300,000 were lost.

Not taking no for an answer and wishing to continue its partnership with the borough, Bergen County's United Way is now seeking 4 percent tax credits. They have prepared an application to the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency. The state's architect and the Director of Technical Services

Without housing affordable options, seniors are leaving Fair Lawn in ever increasing numbers.

recently walked the property. They were impressed that the construction drawings are 100 percent complete. Mr. Toronto advised the Council that the Housing Mortgage Finance Agency is eager to fully expend the money that has come in from the federal government so he is very optimistic about obtaining the 4 percent tax credit. Awards will be announced in November.

However, if they are not successful, the United Way will apply for the 9 percent tax credit. A determination of 9 percent tax funding is expected in the first quarter of 2015. In order to obtain the 9 percent tax credit the borough would need to declare that area in need of redevelopment. There is a process that would have to be followed which would cause an expense to the borough that Bergen County's United Way has indicated they would be willing to fund. This process would, of course, add time to what has for Fair Lawn seniors been too long a wait already.

**We Will Prevail** The Council and I, along with our partners—Bergen County's United Way and Madeline Corporation—continue to be optimistic and determined that this project will be built and the need for senior housing will finally be addressed. We will prevail. ♣

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# Awaken Your Downtown With Jersey Fresh!

How to create a market that supports business and healthy eating

By Sue McCluskey, Councilwoman,  
Borough of Morris Plains Market Manager



If we don't create a vibrant environment in our downtown, the big box stores will put our merchants out of business! By making your downtown a destination for locally grown fresh produce, baked goods, wine, and cheese you'll draw new customers. A downtown farmer's market also supports local farmers and encourages a healthy, farm to table lifestyle.

In Morris Plains we've been experiencing these benefits first hand through our Saturday morning Farmers Markets, held from mid-June through mid-October. Preparations begin during the night. A few barricades and traffic cones are set up in the space the police have designated for our market, a parking lot across from our local shops. On the morning of the market, our shops and restaurants join in the spirit by moving some of their operations outdoors. Plaza Restaurant sets tables and

chairs out in front, the shoe store adds an outside table, and clothing displayed on mannequins blows in the breeze. It will be a busy day in downtown Morris Plains.

These shops are the lifeblood of our downtown—they support our local organizations and we support their families by frequenting their shops. Their children attend school with our children. Their customers cross the street to the Farmers Market; the Farmers Market customers cross the street to the



ipality. Visit other Farmers Markets to see your competition and what products they offer. Determine what hours will be successful. You'll need ample parking, electricity for refrigeration and cooking, garbage cans, a first aid kit, and a Market Manager committed to making the enterprise successful.

Be sure to keep the vendors happy! Offer to get change for them at a local bank—then offer the bank an opportunity for an occasional table at the market to promote their bank. (Most vendors take credit cards with their wireless devices).

Allow the farmers to advertise their agritourism at the farmers market.

Keep a supply of cold bottled water for the vendors. Most markets charge a fee to each vendor for the week or the season. We do not; the benefit to our downtown is the goal!

## Your mix of vendors will reflect your farmers and your downtown's customers.

optician, the nail salon, the beauty salon, the quilt shop, the restaurant, the pharmacy and the jeweler. All the shops display the Farmers Market flyers in their windows, as well as flyers for local events.

**First Steps** Now is the time to get your local merchants on board with the Farmers Market. Introduce the idea and speak to them about their concerns. Be careful not to create competition for their products or locate the market where it would be stand-alone enterprise. Consider asking a local corporation to sponsor the market, by providing seed money each year for advertising. Our Town Bulletin Board announces the Market to the thousands of commuters along Route 202, the central artery of our borough of 5,600. Use local newspapers, your town website, and the best of all advertising—word of mouth!

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Our market has become a destination for neighbors to meet and get information from the Jersey Fresh message board.

The market manager will make sure the vendors meet all the requirements, advertise, empty garbage cans, and address the daily needs of the vendors. Another key responsibility is making sure the vendors clean up at the end of the day.

**Requirements** Keep the requirements simple—a health certificate from their

business establishment and an insurance certificate naming the municipality as an additional insured. Don't create competition among your vendors unless you are very sure you have the customer base to support it. Better to have an occasional line waiting for the fresh produce, breads, cheeses, pickles, than the vendors leaving at the end of the day with unsold product. Our vendors share their leftovers with each other at the end of the market, and some produce is donated to a local shelter.

**Incorporate Special Events** Begin the season with a special event—for Flag Day, or hold a pet adoption. Encourage local participation by inviting the Garden Club, or the Cub Scouts, to set up a table to attract new members. Hold an arts & crafts show; allow a local artist to paint during the Market, or a local author to have a book signing, or a local musician to play for tips.

Promote the health aspects of local food; get one of your restaurants to feature a cooking demonstration using the farm fresh items. Invite a local health organization to provide free blood pressure screening.

Our market has become a destination for neighbors to meet and get information from the Jersey Fresh message board. Our elected officials mingle with the customers, and the residents know they can come to the market and find out what is going on in their community, meet a friend, sample some of the food before the purchase, or perhaps get an answer to a simple local question from an elected official.

**Our Vendors** Our vendors make our market unique and successful.

Your mix will reflect your farmers and your downtown's customers. Whatever you decide, make your market fun, and make it healthy! 🍌



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# No Vet Left Behind

Nutley's Military and Veterans Affairs Bureau has helped over 200 veterans and their families

By Steven Rogers, Commissioner, Nutley



During Veteran's Club meetings veterans interact, share stories, and give firsthand accounts of their service to Nutley students.

Since June 12, 2012, when I created the Nutley Military & Veterans Affairs Bureau, veterans and their family members have been walking through my door every day seeking assistance with issues ranging from health care, completing Veterans Administration claim forms, legal advice, counseling, and a host of other challenges.

To date we have helped over 200 veterans and their family members. And as each day passes, more veterans are finding that we are living up to our motto, "No Nutley Veteran Left Behind." The veterans' initiative in Nutley has been so effective that FOX News visited the bureau in May, 2014, and wanted to see for themselves how it works.

**Media Attention** Anna Kooiman, of FOX News interviewed Army Supply Sargent Dan Fasinell, a Vietnam War veteran who is visually impaired as a result of exposure to Agent Orange. Fasinell told her that he believes he was one of those veterans who "fell through the cracks," and after trying without success to get help from the federal government he was

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ready to give up and do the best he could on his own to overcome the problems he was facing.

However, he further explained to Ms. Kooiman that when he was about to give up, Nutley's Military and Veterans Affairs Bureau stepped in and offered to help him. He said that if his local government had not offered him the help he needed, he would have been "left out in the cold," with no one to turn to.

**How the Program Works** Operating the bureau is very cost effective. I integrated this bureau with the Health Department

and instead of paying several individuals to do one specific job, I have one individual assigned to collateral duties at no extra cost. In addition, a number of local citizens and professionals—including doctors, lawyers, and many other residents—have volunteered their skills and talents at no cost, to help the bureau meet the needs of our veterans. And may I add that we are integrating a number of Veteran Service Officers into this effort. The American spirit of volunteerism is alive and well in Nutley.

**One Stop Center:** Soon after taking office in June, 2012, I began to focus on the needs of military veterans and senior citizens. On June 5, 2012, the Nutley Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution establishing a Military and Veterans Affairs Bureau at the Nutley Department of Public Affairs.

This new bureau offers the veteran and military family, a "one stop service center" that provides them with a number of free services including basic health

If his local government had not offered him the help he needed, he would have been "left out in the cold."

care check-ups, employment assistance, legal guidance, counseling, and services they may be entitled to through the Veterans Administration. These services are available to all Nutley veterans, their spouses, and members of all branches of the U.S. Military and Coast Guard, active and reservists.

Since 2012, I've been personally visiting with every known veteran and military family member in the township (approximately 957) by knocking on doors to personally thank them for their service to our nation. At the same



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time, I provide information about this new bureau.

**Living History Lessons** The department also established a Nutley Military Veterans Club that meets four times a year. During the club meetings veterans interact, share stories, and give firsthand accounts of their service to dozens of

Nutley High School students who come to the club. This arrangement provides students with the opportunity to see and hear living history that no book could ever provide.

We've also established a program to recognize Nutley's deceased military heroes. "When a veteran passes away, we honor them by personally delivering

to their surviving family members a certificate of appreciation for their service to our country, and a folded American flag," says Mr. Dan Jacoby, Assistant Director of the bureau.

Additionally, Nutley residents who served in the military receive the Nutley Military Distinguished Service Medal at a formal ceremony each Veterans Day.

**A New Challenge** The bureau's next challenge is to encourage other New Jersey Municipalities to create their own

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Military & Veterans Affairs Bureaus. They can accomplish this by using our model and also by using the good services of New Jersey's Veterans Service Officers. We can also talk about shared services in this area.

Since our creation, dozens of veterans from all over New Jersey have either called or stopped by to visit us, seeking assistance because, according to them, their local governments do not have the kind of veteran's bureau that Nutley has.

Because I cannot use Nutley tax dollars to service these individuals, we refer them to other agencies. We now have leaders from other municipalities reaching out to us for information about our bureau. When I spoke with NJLM Executive Director Bill Dressel, he fully embraced this idea and told me whatever he could do to help, he would do. He has kept his word. A workshop about this program is planned at the Annual League Conference on November 18, 2014 in Atlantic City. 🇺🇸

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## Releasing Closed Session Minutes

By Edward Purcell, Esq.  
Staff Attorney-NJLM Associate Counsel

The Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), like its cousin the Open Public Records Act (OPRA), can sometimes be confusing. One question that comes up often is when and how must the minutes of executive sessions be made available to the public?

N.J.S.A. 10:4-14 requires that all minutes “be made *promptly* available to the public *to the extent that making such matters public shall not be inconsistent with [the executive session portion] of this act*” [emphasis added]. Two issues immediately present themselves. First, the law doesn’t specifically define what “prompt” means and the courts have struggled to define it. Second, how does one promptly make the minutes of executive sessions public without negating the purpose of going into executive session to begin with?

**Promptness** Minutes should generally be made public as soon as possible because New Jersey courts have declined to specifically define what “prompt” means. Rather, they have adopted a factor test in determining whether a government entity has released the minutes promptly. The factors considered are whether: 1) the government entity has had prior experience in the publication of board minutes; 2) the subject matter of the minutes and its importance to the association and others directly affected by board action; 3) the subject matter of the minutes and its importance to the public, in general; 5) whether meetings complained of were regularly scheduled or were, because of some exigency, held so close together that the board could not reasonably be expected to abide by the act’s requirement. *Matawan Regional Teachers Assoc. v. Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education*, 212 N.J. Super. 328, 334 (N.J. App. Div. 1986).

**Privacy** The issue then arises, how do we make executive session minutes public when the issues they discuss need to remain private? Municipalities should make the minutes of executive sessions available to the public as soon as the exception, which allowed the use of the executive session in the first place, no longer applies. To be clear, OPMA does say that the prompt availability of minutes requirement only applies “to the extent that making such matters public shall not be inconsistent with [the executive session portion] of this act.” Courts have interpreted this to mean that the “extent of disclosure...may be modified provided the public interest is not subverted.” *Payton v. New Jersey Turnpike Authority*, 148 N.J. 524, 556-557 (N.J. 1997). The New Jersey Supreme Court has held that:

If a public body legitimately conducts a meeting in closed session under any of the exceptions enumerated in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b, it nevertheless must make the minutes of that meeting “promptly available to the public” unless full disclosure would subvert the purpose of the particular exception. If disclosure would subvert the purpose of an exception, then the subversion must be balanced against the applicant’s interest in disclosure. We believe that only the unusual case will justify total suppression of the minutes of a closed session; such a case would require great harm to the public interest underlying the exception from even minimal disclosure as well as negligible interest in disclosure. *Id.* at 556-557.

In other words, the State Supreme Court has determined that the disclosure of executive session minutes is the rule, not the exception.

**Municipalities should make the minutes of executive sessions available to the public as soon as the exception, which allowed the use of the executive session in the first place, no longer applies.**

**A Clerk’s Responsibility** The application of these principles is simpler than it might seem. It is the municipal clerk’s job to make minutes promptly available. Executive session meetings touch on many important areas ranging from employment, labor, or litigation issues. The clerk should arrange to speak with the municipal attorney on a regular schedule to go over these issues.

First, they should talk after every meeting to determine which portions of the executive session minutes must be redacted. This should only be done when there is a clear need for privacy. Second, the clerk should look back and review the minutes at the end of every quarter, speak to the attorney, and determine which redacted portions of executive sessions should be made public. Ultimately, as litigation, labor or employment issues are resolved these portions of the executive minutes should be made available in conformance with OPMA’s requirements. ❧

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# Is Your Network Safe?

How state resources can help you in the fight against cyber attack

By Chris Rodriguez, Director, Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness (OHSP)



Like the private sector, the public sector has seen an increase in cyber-attacks in recent years. These attacks are designed to identify and test vulnerable systems and to build capabilities to exploit them. Attacks can target single victims or multiple users through email phishing scams and can exploit flaws in embedded software to gain malicious access. To counter this enduring and evolving threat, the public sector must adopt up-to-date best security practices and work towards establishing a cyber-security program that is dynamic and comprehensive.

**Best Practices** Last year, the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (OHSP) and the Office of Information Technology (OIT) convened cyber-security discussions with the counties, recommending the creation of “Best Practices” that would provide a roadmap for enhanced cyber security. If implemented, these practices would mark an important step forward in our ability to counter cyber threats and

could pave the way for enhanced collaboration between the state and counties. OHSP and OIT assess that four practices are key: awareness, prevention, monitoring, and compliance.

**Awareness** An effective cyber-security strategy must include awareness training for employees and citizens. The program should be designed to improve their understanding of threats and vulnerabilities.

As an example, the state requires that all state employees take the “SANS: Secure the Human” training, a program that coaches employees on how to use security controls and react to cyber threats.

Suspicious activities or incidents associated with computer networks and websites can be reported at any time of the day or night, 365 days a year.

**Prevention** Preventing cyber threats requires establishing administrative, physical, and technical security controls. These include: (1) Ensuring system users do not store or transmit personally identifiable information or login credentials in clear text; (2) building unique login credentials for every user and instituting need-to-know access for sensitive information; (3) performing regular vulnerability scans of all systems and addressing discovered vulnerabilities; (4) implementing intrusion prevention and intrusion detection systems; (5) regularly updating antivirus software to protect against phishing attempts; (6) ensuring software is patched in a timely manner and enabling automatic patching as appropriate.

**Monitoring** Cyber security requires active monitoring of the public sector’s computer systems and infrastructure. This includes methods for notifying

subject matter experts about identified threats, intrusions, and security breaches. Monitoring also would: identify potential intrusions, implement login monitoring, and produce reports of unauthorized access, access at unusual times, or access from unusual locations. Logs should be retained for at least one to three months.

**Compliance** A cyber security strategy will need to ensure adherence to applicable state and federal laws, as well as statutory, regulatory, and contractual obligations. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) recently published a national cyber-security framework that is a useful model for navigating the legal landscape on a case-by-case basis. You can find it at [www.nist.gov/cyberframework/upload/cybersecurity-framework-021214-final.pdf](http://www.nist.gov/cyberframework/upload/cybersecurity-framework-021214-final.pdf). Other resources include MS-ISAC, the Department of Homeland Security, and



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the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, all of which support public sector adoption of cyber security best practices.

**Resources** Local governments represent a vast diversity in terms of geography, population and resources. Yet, no matter what the size or complexity of the local government, we are all con-

nected to one another and face the same threats.

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Cyber security requires active monitoring of the public sector's computer systems and infrastructure.

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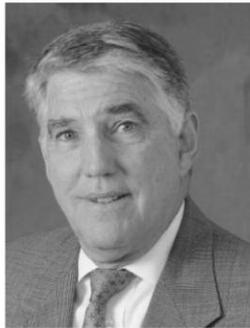
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# Open Government at Your Fingertips

New technology has made Union Township's new website a virtual town hall

By Tammie Kopin, Assistant Administrator, Union Township & David Gross, Director of Operations, PropertyPilot

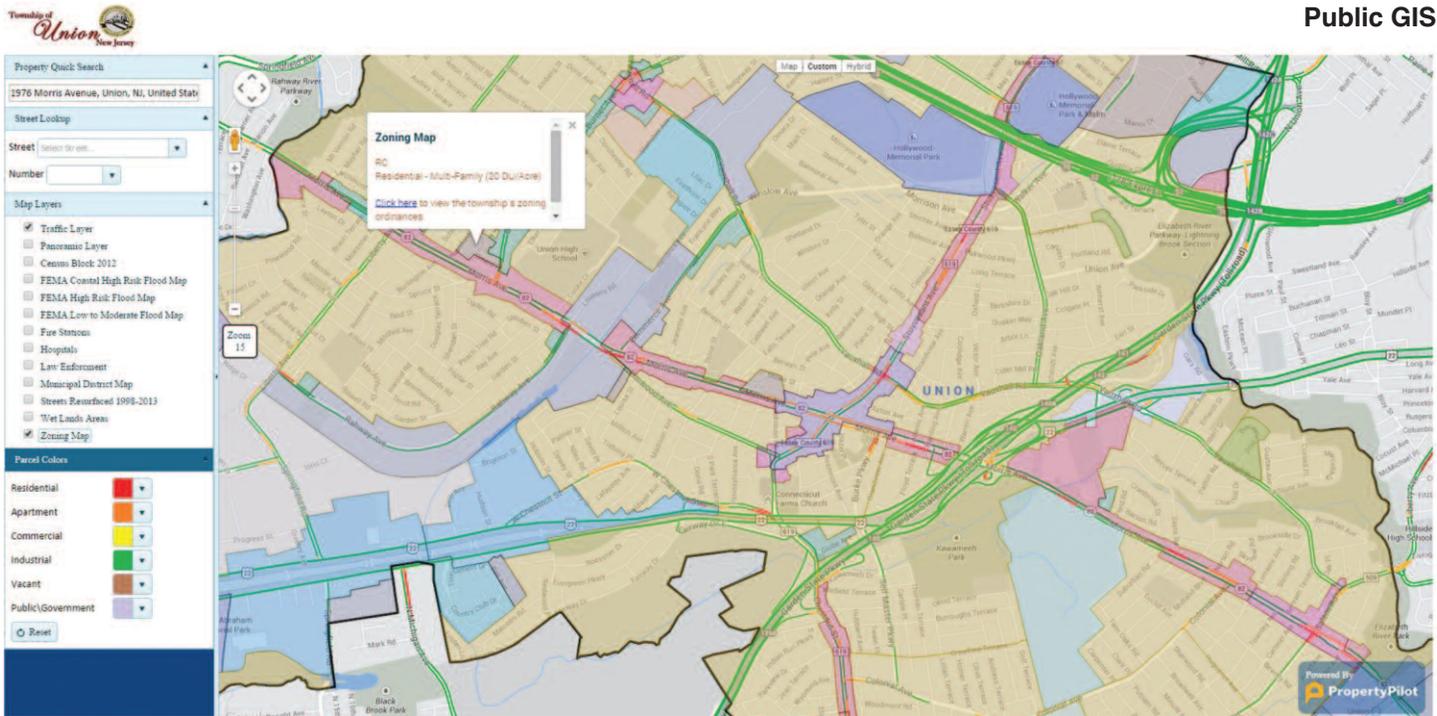


**U**nion Township (Union) launched a redesigned municipal website this past June, which has greatly enhanced the township's ability to deliver high quality service to residents.

This long-planned effort packs volumes of information into an efficient, user-friendly interface. Improving transparency and making government services easily accessible were key priorities for the township's elected officials. Union's objective was to increase constituent engagement and communication with its residents by enabling them to conveniently access

public information from anywhere, at any time of the day. According to Mayor Clifton People, "In today's world, providing a virtual town hall is essential."

Union turned to Hoboken-based software company PropertyPilot to provide a low-cost, high-powered geographic information system (GIS). The new website supports the township's



The site includes useful data such as tax assessment and property ownership records, as well as preloaded and customizable map layers, like zoning districts, garbage collection schedules, voting wards, real-time traffic and more.

Harnessing a public-facing GIS has enabled Union Township to deliver public information to its residents.

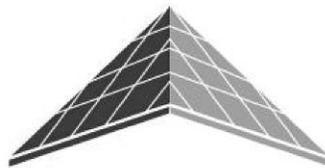
open-government and transparency goals. The site includes useful data such as tax assessment and property ownership records, as well as preloaded and customizable map layers, like zoning districts, garbage collection schedules, voting wards, real-time traffic and more. The public-facing GIS has enabled our residents to access a wide range of useful information in one place. This has effectively reduced incoming call volume, unscheduled walk-ins and OPRA requests.

**What Is a Geographic Information System?** GIS is a computer system or software designed to capture, manage, store, manipulate and analyze spatial (geographical) data and information. It has a wide application across public and

private sectors, enabling governments and companies to understand what's happening and what will happen within a geographic space. Governments rely on GIS to improve efficiency, communication and record-keeping as well as inform planning and emergency management decisions.

New Jersey municipalities have yet to fully embrace the broad benefits of GIS.

According to Monmouth University's 2013 report, "New Jersey E-Government, Best Practices for Municipal Websites," 52 percent of the 540 sites reviewed had a link to either maps or GIS. Historically, for many municipalities, GIS has been considered too expensive because specialized expertise was required to manage and maintain the system. It is often hosted locally, which



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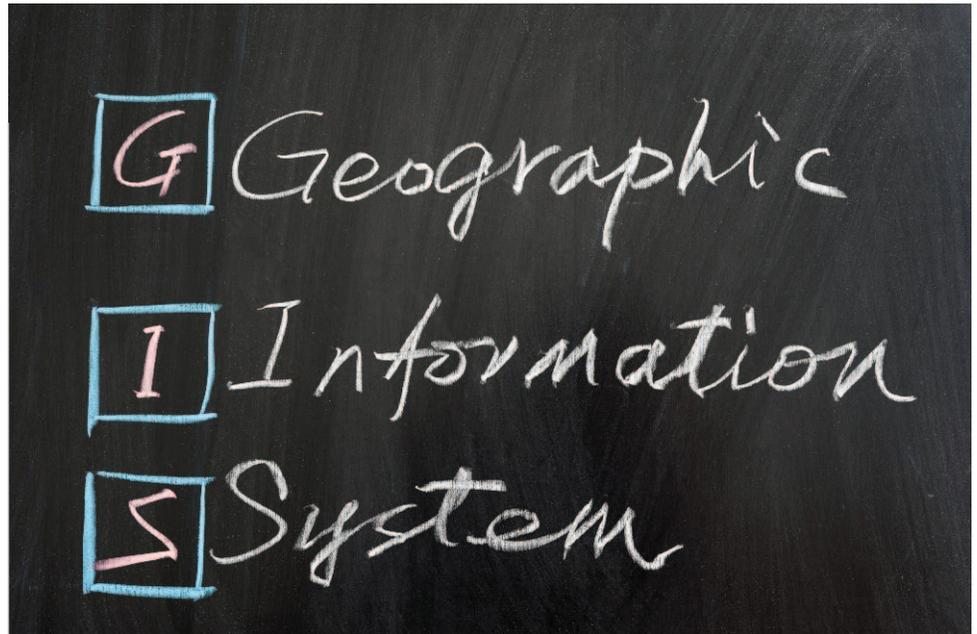
## Public GIS

requires a costly IT investment and employee and constituent usage was low because the user-interface was tedious and clunky.

In recent years, the technology improved, thanks to the widespread adoption of cloud-computing and smartphones.

GPS-enabled devices, like smart phones, coupled with advancements in cloud-based software development, have made GIS services and applications less expensive to develop and a ubiquitous, yet increasingly important part of everyday life. With the mobile web in mind, design has become increasingly intuitive. At long last, constituent-focused GIS can now be used with little or no instruction and with little in the way of set-up or manpower costs to the municipality.

**GIS Helps With Transparency, Accountability and Openness** Union Township deployed a public-facing GIS to give constituents access to publicly available information like property ownership and assessment information. In addition, they have provided their residents with numerous visual map layers, such as municipal and zoning districts and street resurfacing. Union's GIS maps provide a convenient, on-demand way for citizens to access information and



services. The GIS maps also help the municipality be more transparent, accountable and open.

Open Government is a movement that is being widely embraced by governments big and small, from the White House to small municipalities. It is rooted in the belief that citizens have the right to access government information to enable accountability and oversight. While the definition is far-reaching, the movement is governed by a doctrine that consists of a number of principles (available on [opengovdata.org](http://opengovdata.org)). These principles serve as a litmus test for openness.

According to Data.gov, the federal government's open data clearinghouse, 38 states and 46 cities and counties support their own open data sets and web portals. While a number of these cities are large, some are not (such as Weatherford, TX—population 26,385). New York City, long a thought-leader in this movement, has gone to great lengths to make their data programmable. As a result, scores of mobile apps have been developed, largely on top of a GIS interface, benefitting tens of thousands of residents and visitors. The city consistently combines its open data sets with its best-in-class GIS, delivering interactive map-based data to the public. For example, in December of 2013, the City released a Crime Map that displays the location and description of every committed criminal offense throughout New York City.

Harnessing a public-facing GIS has enabled Union Township to deliver public information to its residents in a format that is always accessible and easily consumable. This will reduce the need for township employees to deliver the same information, freeing up precious resources as municipalities are required to do "more with less." Over time, as Union Township adds data and map layers, the public-facing GIS will serve as a beacon of information. This will increase the reach of Union's government services, build goodwill with its residents and support the township's transparency and accountability efforts.

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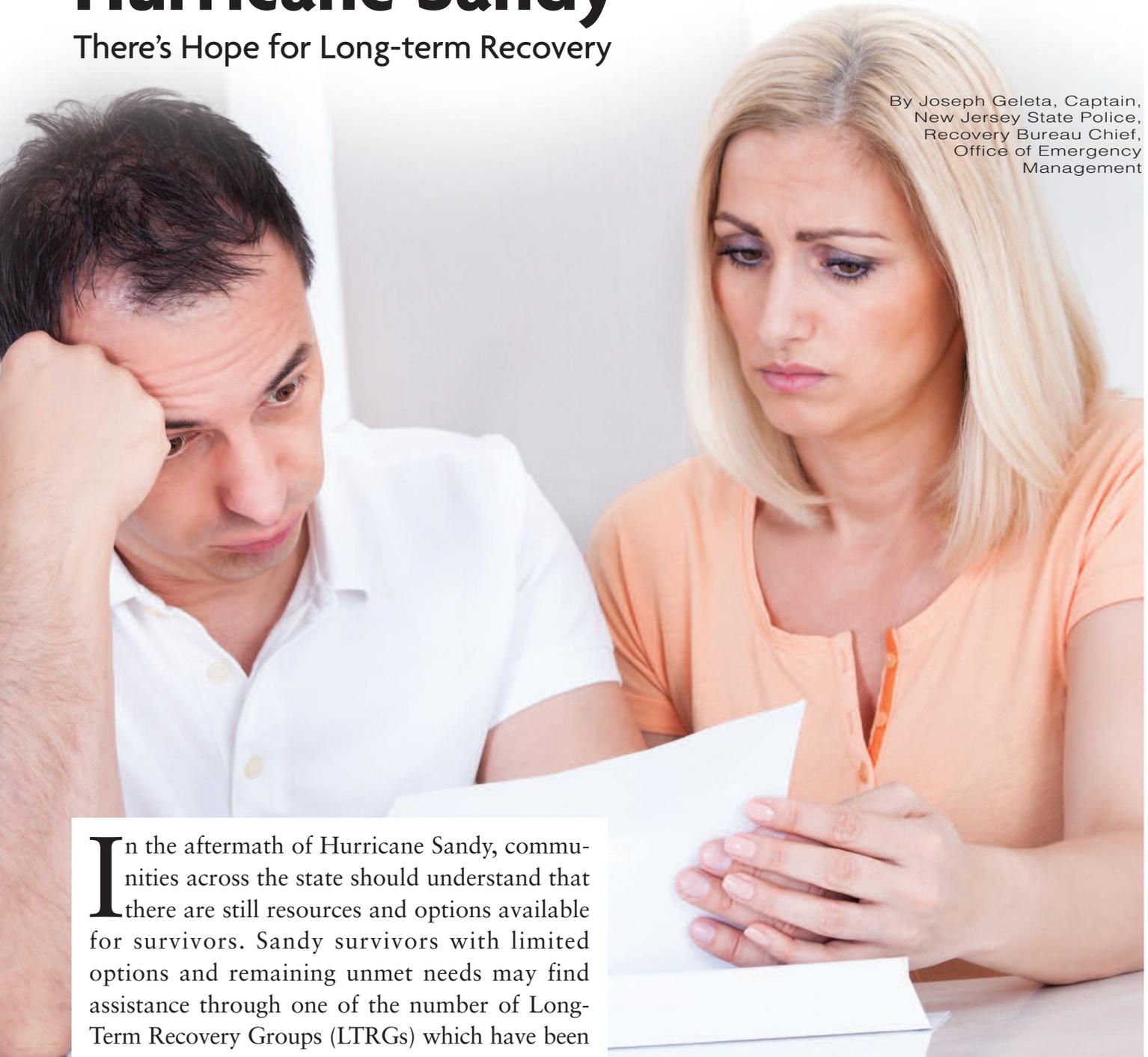


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# Hurricane Sandy

There's Hope for Long-term Recovery

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**I**n the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, communities across the state should understand that there are still resources and options available for survivors. Sandy survivors with limited options and remaining unmet needs may find assistance through one of the number of Long-Term Recovery Groups (LTRGs) which have been established throughout New Jersey. The New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) has been engaged in Hurricane Sandy recovery operations since the storm hit. The LTRGs continue to be on the front-line in helping survivors with unmet recovery needs.

Long-Term Recovery Groups provide assistance or resources after a disaster survivor has reached the limits allowed under government-based disaster recovery programs. The LTRGs consist of representatives from private non-profit agencies, local businesses, faith-based groups, and government agencies who are vested in the community's healing and regaining a sense of normalcy.



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Long-Term Recovery Groups, like this one shown meeting in Ocean County, offer casework management for disaster survivors, provide construction management expertise, assist with volunteer or donations management, conduct counseling or spiritual care, and offer other types of help in removing barriers to long-term recovery.

If you have survivors of Hurricane Sandy within your communities with continued unmet needs, please have them contact an LTRG.

Long-Term Recovery Groups offer casework management for disaster survivors, provide construction management expertise, assist with volunteer or donations management, conduct counseling or spiritual care, and offer other types of help in removing barriers to long-term recovery. The LTRGs are committed to maintaining fiscal controls, reporting on the funds they receive and how they are spent, and communicating with the disaster survivors about services and resources available. New Jersey LTRGs have received funding from Sandy-related philanthropic orga-

nizations such as the Sandy NJ Relief Fund organized under the direction of Governor Chris Christie's wife, Mary Pat at [www.sandyNJrelieffund.org](http://www.sandyNJrelieffund.org), the Robin Hood Foundation, the American Red Cross, the United Way, World Renew, the Community Action Partnership and various other types of assistance from private and non-profit sector organizations.

If you have survivors of Hurricane Sandy within your communities with continued unmet needs, please have them contact an LTRG in their respective area at the following web link ([www.ready.nj.gov/programs/pdf/081613\\_recoverycontacts.pdf](http://www.ready.nj.gov/programs/pdf/081613_recoverycontacts.pdf)) or at the contact information listed below. 📍

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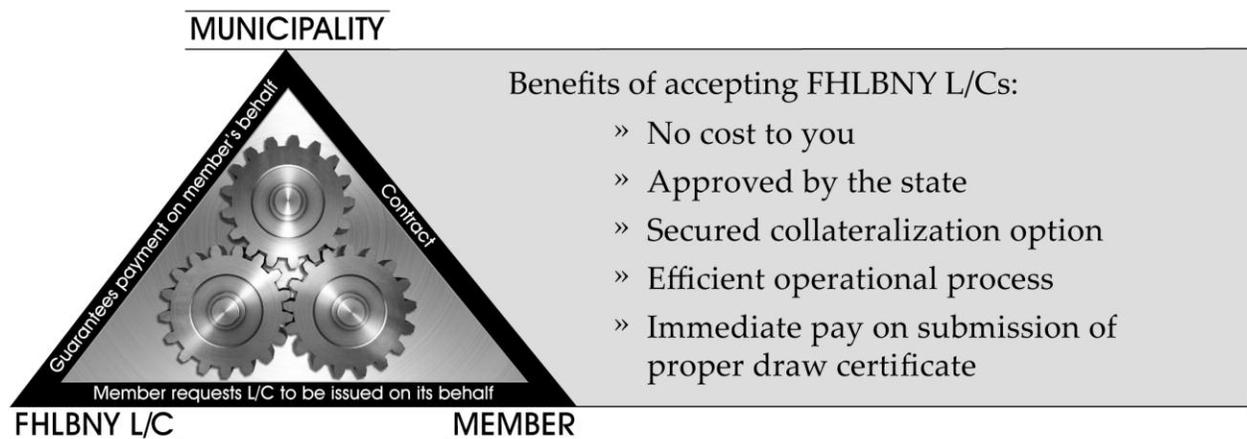
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# Seven Tips to Enhance Employee Safety

A loss prevention expert at a top insurance company explains the keys to preventing workplace injuries

By Jim Clancy, Manager, Loss Prevention,  
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In many ways, running the safety program of a municipality can be similar to that of a large corporation spread across many sites and business units. At NJM, we have developed a high level of loss prevention expertise throughout our many years of providing workers' compensation and commercial auto insurance for thousands of businesses throughout New Jersey. Here are some tips that can be used to help reduce workplace accidents and injuries:

**1. Safety is everyone's responsibility.** Even if you have a dedicated person who administers your municipality's safety program, try to instill a culture of safety among all workers. Everyone should feel personally responsible for their own safety as well as that of their colleagues. Make sure your employees are trained to recognize, and are comfortable reporting, unsafe situations to their superiors.

**2. Perform a "SWOT" analysis of your safety program.** SWOT stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Thoughtfully consider the strongest aspects of your safety culture. Maybe your municipality has the safest drivers or fewest back injuries among your peers. If that's the case, it may be wise to devote your training and energy to other areas in which you may not excel—your weaknesses. Your opportu-

nities present the most realistic chances for improvement, and your threats are the areas that face the largest risk of producing more injuries or very severe injuries to your workers.

**3. Create a safety plan.** Many municipalities have emergency plans, but do you have a systematic and comprehensive

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approach to workplace safety? Do you have periodic safety training across multiple disciplines, such as safe driving, lifting, handling waste, slips and falls?

Ask for input from everyone—the perspective of top management is essential and sets the example, but so are the insights of the “ground troops.”

**4. Monitor and revise your safety plan.** Initial training is indispensable but so is continuing education among your employees. Aim for safety refresher courses for everyone at least annually. In addition, make sure you update your safety plan, as circumstances can easily change. For example, 10 years ago you didn't have to worry about smart phones and how they could distract your employees and ultimately cause injuries. Today, you do.

**5. Communication is key.** A safety plan cannot be fully effective unless management and staff work together. Consider adding a safety section to your municipality's website or develop handbooks that are disseminated to all employees. Routinely meet with employees to reinforce the importance of safety,

and seek their feedback on day-to-day situations.

**6. Don't overlook training for seasonal employees.** Some people who work for your municipality may only be with you for the summer months and may not have ample opportunity to absorb your safety culture. Training needs to occur up-front with the newest employees in a general sense and specifically as it relates to their particular job duties.

**7. Ask for help.** It never hurts to consult with professionals from a wide range of backgrounds, including insurance personnel, industrial hygienists, doctors, and others. You may find that many are willing to give free advice to municipalities looking for assistance with their safety programs. 

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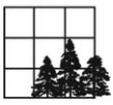
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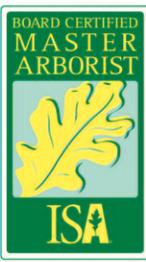


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