

December 2019

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

December 5

[The Americans with Disabilities Act-DoubleTree Hotel, Tinton Falls](#)

January 11

[Orientation for Newly Elected, Reelected, and Experienced Municipal Officials-Hilton Hotel, East Rutherford](#)

January 25

[Orientation for Newly Elected, Reelected, and Experienced Municipal Officials-Westin Hotel, Mount Laurel](#)

February 22

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

April 3

[28th Annual Mayors Legislative Day, Statehouse Annex, Trenton](#)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Committeeman James Perry, Hardwick Township

I am extremely honored to be sworn in as the 105th President of the New Jersey League of Municipalities. I follow a long line of great leaders from around this state who have served in this capacity before me. Over many years, we have worked to make this association more responsive to local problems, and more respected by those who shape public policy in New Jersey. I want to thank all of the Mayors and local governing body members who continue to serve their friends and neighbors ethically, energetically, and effectively. For putting the needs of others ahead of your own, you deserve the respect and the gratitude not only of the people who live in and work in and visit your towns today, but of those who do so in the better future that you are helping to build.

Today, especially, I want to thank the League's Past Presidents—and most especially, the League's new Immediate Past President, Mayor Colleen Mahr of Fanwood. You have left your mark there, and I am grateful for your stewardship of the League and for your advocacy on behalf of us all. The League is what it is today because of your principled dedication, and because of the guidance given by those who came before you. Having seen you in action, I am inspired to do all that I can to make the very best of this new opportunity to serve.

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Presidents Message Continued

I want to build on the work of my predecessors to make our collective voices a stronger force for better policies in the State Capital. And I encourage more of you to get more involved by regularly letting your legislators and the Governor know about our priorities.

I plan on listening to your thoughts, your visions, and your concerns about the state of local affairs today, and about how we, together, can build a better future for our State and for our League of Municipalities. And I hope you know that I am open to your suggestions.

I intend to use the strong foundation that has been left by my predecessors to raise this League of Municipalities to greater heights. And I want you all to join me in that, so that, along with the untiring efforts of our League staff, we can more ably represent and serve your interests by giving you the tools you need to make your hometowns the best that they can possibly be.

I also want to express my continuing gratitude to my home team in my hometown of Hardwick, the Township Committee members, Mayor Kevin Duffy and Deputy Mayor Al Carrazzone, who at 93 years young is still going strong serving our community and also the professional staff that do so much to faithfully serve the people of Hardwick.

I'm humbled by your trust. I'm grateful for this opportunity. And I'm eager to get started. Thank you, and have a safe and Happy Holidays

Thank You Conference Volunteers!

Many conference delegates wonder how the League is able to conduct the country's largest municipal conference with a full-time staff of just 18. The answer is you!

In the back of the conference session program, you will see a listing of mayors who serve on various committees. Although the list is extensive, it cannot possibly include all the mayors who work to make our conference successful every year. Mayors play an integral role by helping to produce sessions, moderating, working on committees, and auditing important sessions. Your dedicated service enables nearly 17,000 attendees to come together for one week of invaluable learning and networking each year.

Thank you for making the 104th Annual Conference a great success!

Conference Information Still Available Online and on the App

It's not too late to review the highlights of the League Conference. View the interactive online floor plan and a searchable exhibitor directory and download files of speakers' presentations from the League [Conference web page](#) or app.

Seminar for Newly Elected Officials

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

Every year the League offers this important program in two locations around the state to help serve the needs of municipal officials who are new to their positions or who want a timely issue update. Each seminar includes presentations by thought leaders as well as open forum discussion and luncheon, designed to specifically update and answer questions from newly elected officials. Attend these programs and get the information and answers you need about your new responsibilities. For more information, see the calendar on the top of the newslines or visit the [Seminar Calendar](#).

Don't Miss Out On "Budgeting For The Elected Official: Everything You Need To Know To Create, Balance, And Approve Your Municipality's Budget" Seminar
Contact Danielle Holland-Htut, Ext. 118, or dholland@njlm.org

Creating and approving a feasible budget is one of the most important tasks of an Elected Official. It is also one of the most complex and time consuming tasks. To aid in this endeavor, the League has created a special half-day program geared toward Elected Officials to help them in the municipal budgeting process. The program will take place on Saturday, March 2, 2019, at the Conference Center at Mercer. Additional program details and registration fees are available on the [Budgeting for Elected Officials Calendar Announcement](#).

Become a Municipal Pioneer! Be a Part of the Local Government Leadership Program

The League is proud to offer a voluntary recognition program that recognizes Elected Governing Body Members who complete additional training and advocacy. The program has three tiers: Municipal Leader, Municipal Innovator, and Municipal Pioneer. Each tier has an assigned number of points. Once an Elected Governing Body Member has earned the required points, they are awarded one of these tiers. The award is a certificate of completion mailed to them and recognition at the Orientation Session at the Annual Conference in Atlantic City.

Elected Governing Body Members can achieve each level by attending trainings, seminars, writing articles for the magazine, and advocating for municipal interests. When an Elected Governing Body Member has completed an eligible activity, they will receive confirmation indicating the points earned. Once an Elected Governing Body Member has acquired the necessary amount of points, they complete an online application form and receive a Local Government Leader certificate in the mail. Then at the Orientation session on Tuesday at the Annual League Conference in November, they will be recognized (Officials who submit application forms after September 1 will be recognized at the next year's Conference).

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

Elected Officials Hall of Fame Nominations
Contact Michael Darcy, Ext. 116, or mdarcy@njlm.org

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

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

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

In a special ceremony during the Mayors' Legislative Day at the State House in April 2020, there will be a presentation to these special elected municipal officials. They will be inducted into the Elected Officials Hall of Fame and their picture will appear in the League magazine, *New Jersey Municipalities*.

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

The form may be copied if you want to make several nominations. Please mail the form(s) back to League office by January 1, 2020, so they may be included in the ceremony. Confirmations will be mailed to the nominees in February, 2020.

You may view a full list of all Hall of Fame inductees at the [League's Award programs webpage](#).

New Edition of Police and Fire Labor Data Service

Contact Suzanne Allen, Ext. 127, or sallen@njlm.org

A new edition of the Police and Fire Labor Data Service is now available. This service provides resources for tracking the trends in police and fire contract settlements. The service includes data in Microsoft Excel files. Included are selected contract provisions, such as agreement years, college provisions, travel reimbursement, vacation and longevity schedules, health benefits, and more. Visit the League's website for the [full list of provisions included](#). Also included are department salary scales, which include a calculation of horizontal and vertical increases for each year.

The League's goal is to provide its membership with the most current data for the most departments across the State. We began collecting this data in January 2019 and will continue collecting through 2020. However, because we know how important and time sensitive this information is, we are releasing the data in two editions. The first edition with all data that has been collected thus far is now available; the second edition is expected to be available as early as March 2020. Once the additional data for the second edition is available, it will be emailed automatically to those who purchased the first edition.

The Police and Fire Labor Data Service is part of the League's Bureau of Municipal Information.

To order, visit the League's website and [complete the order form](#).

Show Off Your City Contest Deadline Feb. 3

Contact Amy Spiezio, Ext. 123, or aspiezio@njlm.org

The Third Annual Show Off Your City Contest is accepting entries through February 3. Municipalities are invited to send us photos of their tourist attractions, downtown areas, economic development initiatives, parks, city halls, community groups and new projects. Entries will be posted on the [League's Facebook](#) page, website and some featured in the April issue of *NJ Municipalities*, and possibly other issues.

A winner will be chosen and receives a free League publication of their choice! Photos can be submitted via [email to aspiezio@njlm.org](mailto:aspiezio@njlm.org), or mailed on CD or flash drive to 222 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608.

For full details, visit the [Show Off Your City Contest webpage](#).