

April 2020

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

April 17

[Preventing Sexual Harassment in your
Municipal Workplace Webinar-Your Computer](#)

May 15

[Recent OPRA Decisions and "Q & A with
GRC" Webinar-Your Computer](#)

June 12-

Save the Date! One Day Mini Conference,
Conference Center at Mercer, West Windsor

- ✓ 2020 Municipal Directory
- ✓ Local Government Week
- ✓ Mayors Hall of Fame
- ✓ Show Off Your City Winner
- ✓ NJ Municipalities Magazine
- ✓ Claim CEU's from Conference

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Committeeman James Perry, Hardwick Township

The novel Coronavirus known as COVID-19 has hit our country very hard in the last month causing illnesses and deaths. In many ways, our national economy and way of life in America has come to a halt. Social distancing and work at home measures have been put in place to stop the spreading of this virus, causing most Municipalities to limit public access to Municipal Buildings and parks.

We want you to know during this difficult time in our country that the League of Municipalities is here for our Municipal members. We are working on outreach via webinars, daily updates, and notices. And we have created a [COVID-19 Resources website page](#) to give you guidance regarding the local response, federal and state resources, non-governmental resources, and guidance for local officials.

Please continue to call or email us with your questions and concerns. We thank you for all that you are doing for the people you have sworn to serve.

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2020 Municipal Directory

Contact Dee Kotch at ext. 115 or dkotch@njlm.org

The annual Municipal Directory was mailed to all mayors the first week of March. There is no cost for the first copy. Additional print and PDF copies are \$35 each for Public Officials and \$45 each for Non-Public Officials. Use it to keep in touch with your colleagues around the state.

Planning for NJ Local Government Week: Showcase your Municipality Online!

Contact Taran Samhammer ext. 124 or tsamhammer@njlm.org

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are offering ideas to celebrate a modified NJ Local Government Week in 2020.

Now more than ever, we admire the hard work of municipal officials, and we understand that the ways of celebrating NJ Local Government week this April 19-25 cannot be the same as last year. But this is a perfect opportunity to engage with residents online and highlight the work of your public health department, introduce your residents to the people working daily to keep the community healthy during the pandemic, and remind them of the beauty of your recreational areas.

We'd like to help you connect with your community online for the week, and have compiled [a list of possible online activities](#). Be sure to tag your social media posts with #njlocalgovt, and utilize the NJ Local Government Week logo that the League has provided by downloading from the League website.

Nominations Sought For Mayors' Hall of Fame

Contact Michael Darcy, ext. 116, or mdarcy@njlm.org

The League is accepting nominations for the 2020 Mayors Hall of Fame. To qualify, a mayor must be serving in at least their 10th cumulative year for the silver level, 20th year for the gold level, or 30th year for the platinum level. Mayors who rotate into office can qualify after holding the office of mayor for 10 years.

Qualifying mayors will be inducted into the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Mayors' Hall of Fame during the Mayors' Luncheon at the Annual Conference Wednesday, November 18, in Atlantic City. For nomination forms and more information about the Mayors' Hall of Fame, visit the [Hall of Fame page](#) on the website or contact the League at 609-695-3481, ext. 116.

Show Off Your City 2020: Township of Hope

We congratulate Hope Township for winning the 2020 Show Off Your City contest. The photo of the town from far above showed off a beautiful village blanketed in snow. The photo was featured on the cover of the [April issue](#) of NJ Municipalities magazine.

Thank you so much to all of the towns that sent in hundreds of photos, including finalists Asbury Park, Chatham, Cranford, Hillsborough, Mt. Olive, Ringwood, Roselle Park, Somerville, and South Orange. We appreciate the excellence of the entries from more than 50 municipalities and look forward to sharing these entries throughout the year.

Let Your Vendors Know About NJ Municipalities Magazine!

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

Contact Taran Samhammer at tsamhammer@njlm.org with your vendor's mailing address and we will send them a sample issue!

Claim Your CEU's from the 104th Annual Conference

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

Please remind your licensed officials that the deadline to claim CEU credits from the 104th Annual Conference is May 1, 2020. To claim credits, licensed officials should visit the [CEU Tracking page](#) on the League website.