May 4, 2020

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Municipal Clerks: Please forward to your Mayor, Governing Body and Department Heads.

To assist in providing guidance and information we have created a COVID-19 resource page. We will continue to update the page as we get pertinent information and include announcements in our Daily Updates.

I. Mayors Wellness Campaign Webinar

The Community Response to COVID-19 from 2 NJ Mayors
Thursday, May 7th, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. EST

Featured Speakers: Mayor Sara Todisco of Garwood and Mayor Andre Sayegh of Paterson

You Will Learn:

- What New Jersey municipalities are doing to respond to their residents’ needs
- How mayors are staying connected with their residents while social distancing
- How Mayors Wellness Campaigns are continuing to connect with residents to improve health and wellness in their communities

To register for this free event visit their events page.
II. Upcoming Legislative Briefings

Mayors Keith Kazmark of Woodland Park, Colleen Mahr of Fanwood and Matt Moench of Bridgewater invite you, your business administrators and your chief financial officers to a panel discussion on prospective legislation (A-3971) that would permit counties and municipalities to issue Coronavirus Relief Bonds and Notes. This bill will be considered by the Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee on Thursday, May 7.

As proposed, counties and municipalities would be permitted, at their discretion, to bond for short- and/or long-term finance both the lost revenues and the increased expenses resulting from the Coronavirus pandemic. Recovery from this crisis will take long-term planning and vision. The Coronavirus Relief Bonds and Notes will generate the revenue needed by local units while providing flexibility to create a repayment schedule that works for each local unit.

Counties and municipalities cannot afford to wait and see whether local government relief is coming from the Federal or State government and need additional flexibility and tools now to manage their own unique financial situation. It is time for Mayors to lead the way to craft local solutions to local problems. The same presentation will be made at two separate times to accommodate your schedule. To register, see the links below. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

- May 6th – 12:00 PM - 1 PM, Registration
- May 7th – 5:00 PM - 6 PM, Registration

Likewise, the League will be hosting a webinar later this week to provide an overview of current legislation introduced in response to COVID-19 pandemic. We will follow with registration information in the next day or so.

III. Nominations Sought For Mayors’ Hall of Fame

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.

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