

October 2021

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

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[Labor Negotiations and Other Issues Update
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[106th Annual League Conference-Atlantic City
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mayor Janice Kovach, Clinton Town

The 106th Annual Conference is just about a month away!
Are you planning to attend?

We want to assure you that we are committed to creating an atmosphere that promotes connections in a healthy and safe environment. Masks will be required for all Conference participants upon entry to the Atlantic City Convention Center and for League-sponsored events held at the Sheraton Hotel. In addition, proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID test will be required for all Conference attendees during Conference hours.

While there are new safety policies to maximize your visit, there are also longtime benefits to attending the Conference, including:

In-person connections:

Hundreds of Exhibitors with products and services that benefit your municipality are ready for discovery on our exhibit floor. Visit the online [Exhibit Interactive Floor Plan](#).

Valuable education:

More than 100 Educational Sessions with the topics including emergency management, development and revitalization, ethics, environmental issues and sustainability, transportation, social media, housing and foreclosures, taxes, telecommunications, and much, much, more. Visit the [Conference page](#) to see the full list of sessions.

I hope to see you at the Conference!

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Go Digital at This Year's Conference! Download Our Conference App!

Visit the [Conference page](#) for more information

Starting October 6, you can download the official Conference mobile app. With this app you will be able to access a fully searchable session schedule, interactive map of the exhibit floor, a thorough listing of exhibitors, and up-to-date event information. Don't miss important sessions, speakers, or exhibits—create a personalized schedule before you arrive onsite to maximize your experience! Download Day is October 6. You can see more information on the Mobile App on the [Conference Mobile App Webpage](#). The League's Mobile app is sponsored by AT&T.

Conference Hotel Deadlines

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

The last date to make reservations (based on availability) is October 8 for the paper form or October 15 for online registration. The last day to cancel reservations without incurring any charges is November 10 for Resorts, Caesars, Bally's, Sheraton, Borgata, Courtyard by Marriott, Hard Rock, Ocean, and the Tropicana, and 48-hour notice before arrival for the Claridge.

Unauthorized Hospitality Functions

Contact Michael Cerra Executive Director, mcerra@njlm.org , 609-695-3481, ext. 120

The 106th Annual League Conference will soon be upon us and we know you are looking forward to a productive and educational week.

Numerous exhibitors and groups have scheduled receptions and hospitality functions during the evening hours in Atlantic City. However, each year there are a few commercial entities that schedule hospitality functions such as brunches and lunches that conflict with the Conference programming.

These unauthorized functions should not be confused with legitimate business luncheons sponsored by our affiliated associations and their members. The League urges you not to attend daytime hospitality functions offered by commercial firms.

Instead, plan your daytime activities so you can derive the greatest educational benefit from attending the League Conference. Education sessions begin at 9:00 a.m., break at noon, resume at 2:00 p.m. and finally adjourn at 5:15 p.m.

As always, the League is available to answer your questions on any aspect of the Annual Conference and we strive to make your participation both enjoyable and highly productive.

Submit League Conference Resolutions by October 15

Contact Mike Cerra at ext. 120 or mcerra@njlm.org

The Conference Resolutions Committee will consider resolutions from officials who are currently in municipal office. A summary of the proposed resolution should be sent to the League office by Friday, October 15, 2021. All resolutions must be general and relate to municipal government interests. For more information, contact Michael Cerra, Executive Director, at 609-695-3481, ext. 120 or mcerra@njlm.org.

Earn Points Towards the Local Government Leadership Program

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

This year the League is offering many sessions of interest to your elected officials, including those on the topics of Ethics, Budgeting, Open Public Meetings, and Public Procurement. Elected officials interested in participating in the Local Government Leadership Program will be able to receive points for attending these classes. You can view the current course listings on the Conference webpage. Search for LGLP in

the “Advanced Search” Tab on the [Conference schedule page](#). For more information on the Local Government Leadership program, please visit the [Local Government Leadership webpage](#).

October Is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month

With the advancement of technology, communication, and social media, people are more connected than ever. With this increase in the use of technology also comes the increase of cybercrimes and privacy issues. To help make the public aware of these growing threats, October has been designated as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

National Cybersecurity Awareness Month is designed to engage and educate public and private sector partners through events and initiatives with the goal of raising awareness about cybersecurity and increasing the resiliency of the nation in the event of a cyber incident. Each week the Department of Homeland Security will discuss a different theme revolving around cybersecurity to help bring awareness to these issues and educate the public on what they can do to avoid cyber breaches on their own personal computers and at work. For more information on National Cybersecurity Awareness Month including resources guides, programs, and more, please visit the [Department of Homeland Security Website](#).

League Conference Information

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

League Code of Conduct

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

Conference Center Preparations

The League has been reevaluating and redesigning aspects of the conference in preparation for a safe and successful in-person conference. The league has implemented measures for the in-person 2021 NJLM Annual Conference including masking and proof of vaccination or negative COVID test. The announcement can be found at the [Conference's news page](#) and [Health and Safety Plan FAQs](#) are being updated as additional information becomes available. The League is taking measures along with our partners at the Atlantic City Convention Center, which is GBAC STAR certified, and all related service providers to follow CDC and NJ Department of Health guidelines and create a safe, healthy, and comfortable conference for all participants.

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

Ticketed Events

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

- Annual Mayor’s Box Luncheon on Wednesday, November 17 from 12:00 noon to 1:45 p.m. This event is limited to the mayor and two guests of the mayor’s choosing. Cost: \$25 per person
- WIMG Networking & Awards Event on Wednesday, November 17 at 5:15 p.m. Cost: \$30 per person.
- Annual League Luncheon on Thursday, November 18 from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. Cost \$40 per person.

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

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

League's Business Meeting

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

Call for Nominations for the Nineteenth Annual Innovation in Governance Awards

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

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the New Jersey League of Municipalities will again acknowledge and promote Innovation in Governance through our annual recognition program. This is a great opportunity to showcase innovative solutions to any problems that have cropped up—either suddenly or over time—in your municipality. It can also be an opportunity to let your peers in on innovations that prevented problems from even arising.

This year, the Innovation in Governance Awards Committee is looking for any original approaches in public administration undertaken by a Garden State municipality from June 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. Any innovation in any department or program will be considered for recognition.

This program was established to highlight exemplary local government activities that exhibit creative and practical approaches to local problems and concerns. We will share the winning entries with municipal leaders at the 106th Annual League of Municipalities Conference Mayors' Luncheon on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at the Sheraton in Atlantic City, and in the January issue of our magazine, *NJ Municipalities*.

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

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

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

Nominations Sought For Mayors' Hall of Fame

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

The League is accepting nominations for the 2021 Mayors' Hall of Fame. To qualify, a mayor must be serving in at least their 10th cumulative year for the silver level, 20th year for the gold level, or 30th year for the platinum level. Mayors who rotate into office can qualify after holding position of mayor for 10 years.

Qualifying mayors will be inducted into the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Mayors' Hall of Fame during the Mayors' Luncheon at the Annual Conference Wednesday, November 17, in Atlantic City. For nomination forms and more information about the Mayors' Hall of Fame, contact the League at 609-695-3481, ext. 120.

Seeking Submissions for NJ Municipalities Magazine

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

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

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

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

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