

January 2022

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

January 22

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

Feb 5

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

March 12

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

- ✓ 2022 Municipal Directory
- ✓ NJLM Helps Mayors Access Leaders
- ✓ Webinar- for Newly Elected Officials
- ✓ Local Government Leadership Program
- ✓ NJ Municipalities Magazine
- ✓ Salary Survey Available

FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Mayor William Pikolycky
Mayor, Borough of Woodbine*

Happy New Year! 2022 is an opportunity to work together and act as a strong liaison between the citizens and their elected state officials and the administrative bureaucracy.

As we begin the New Year, we mayors face complex issues in daily operations and long-term planning alike. Elected officials need up-to-date information for better planning and administration that can help build skills for identifying and solving problems. Your League provides targeted educational programming geared specifically to the needs of local elected officials and staff that will help you maximize your operations.

On Saturday January 22 and Saturday, February 5, orientation seminars for newly and re-elected Municipal Officials will be held. The seminars will provide newly elected officials with a thorough overview of their major areas of responsibility and key state level contacts, while re-elected officials will get up-to-date reference materials that provide answers to often asked questions.

We also offer a program exclusively for Elected Officials on the topic of "Budgeting for Elected Officials: Everything You Need to Know to Create, Balance, and Approve Your Municipality's Budget" The informative session will be on Saturday, March 12 and offers insights on budgeting through a uniquely challenging year.

Please take advantage of this year-round valuable service the League provides to help answer your questions and provide solutions to local issues. Sign up for the above-mentioned seminars, and help get your administration off to a running start.

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2022 Municipal Directory

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

The annual Municipal Directory will be 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.

NJLM Helps Mayors Access State Leaders

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

If you need help accessing state leaders and agencies, contact the League. Your staff in Trenton interacts daily with all State leaders and agencies and regularly facilitates mayors' communication in our capital.

Orientation 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. You can attend sessions on January 22 at the Westin Hotel in Mount Laurel or February 5 at the Hilton Meadowlands Hotel in East Rutherford. The attendees will have the opportunity to gain valuable information from presentations by mayors, as well as State, League, and other local officials.

These seminars are designed to specifically update and answer questions for newly elected and reelected officials looking for a refresher or to build shared knowledge with fellow local officials. Attend these programs and get the information and answers you need about your new responsibilities. For more information, see the calendar on page one of this newsletter or visit the [Seminar Calendar](#).

Don't Miss "Budgeting for the Elected Official: Everything You Need to Know to Create, Balance, and Approve Your Municipality's Budget" Webinar

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

Creating and approving a feasible budget is one of the most important tasks on an elected official's long list of responsibilities. 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 12 2022, 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.

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 number of points, they complete an online application form and receive a Local Government Leader certificate in the mail.

At the Orientation session 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](#).

Articles, Advertisements Sought 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 2022 issues for winter and spring. 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 vendors' mailing address and we will send them a sample issue.

New 2021 Edition! Salary Report of Municipal Positions Available Now

Contact Suzanne Allen at sallen@njlm.org or 609-695-3481 x129.

The latest edition of the New Jersey Municipal Salary Report is now available, including salaries for over 40 municipal positions. This is a digital report that includes self-reported data for 192 municipalities in a Microsoft Excel Spreadsheet, as well as statewide comparisons based on the responses received. The data was gathered from a recent survey conducted by the League, and includes salary data for 2021 and 2020. [View the full list of positions and municipalities](#) included in this report on the League's website.

The cost to purchase is \$90 for members and \$180 for non-members. Those that completed the survey receive a \$15 discount off the purchase of one report. After ordering, the report will be emailed to the address provided on the [order form \(PDF\)](#).