

## February 2022

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

Feb 5

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

Feb 18

[Municipal Cannabis Law Webinar-Your Computer](#)

March 12

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

- ✓ 2022 Municipal Directory
- ✓ NJ Local Government Week
- ✓ Budgeting for Elected Officials
- ✓ Local Government Leadership Program
- ✓ NJ Municipalities Magazine
- ✓ Salary Survey Available

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Mayor William Pikolycky  
Mayor, Borough of Woodbine*

Moving into another budget season, we as elected officials have a responsibility to help tune up our communities' economic engines. This is true whether it's ensuring that municipalities get their fair share of COVID relief funds or state funds are brought back to the taxpayers as they should be. As elected officials, we can count on the League to help us achieve this goal through legislative advocacy and a steady stream of information.

The League has many resources available providing needed and valuable information. Visit our [website](#), where you can catch up on the legislative blog, The Town Crier, find links and subscription information for important Issue Alerts, review a full listing of League Committees, and discover grant application information. You can also sample the League's magazine, *NJ Municipalities* and order publications on a wide range of topics, including the Municipal Salary Report and Newly Elected Officials Handbook.

This information is only a start. The League needs your active involvement to make headway on today's issues. In this new legislative session, you have an opportunity to make your voice heard on the topics impacting your community. Please reach out to our staff—the legislative team, the education planners, and the publications managers with your priorities and interests today.

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## **2022 Municipal Directory**

Contact Dee Kotch at ext. 115 or [dkotch@njlm.org](mailto:dkotch@njlm.org)

The annual Municipal Directory will be mailed to all mayors in 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!**

Contact Taran Samhammer, ext. 124 or [tsamhammer@njlm.org](mailto:tsamhammer@njlm.org)

Have you started planning events for NJ Local Government week, April 3-9, 2022? Need tips on how to celebrate? Visit the League's website for a "how to" packet with ideas ranging from basic, no cost activities to some that are more complex.

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.

Visit the [League website](#) for tips, suggestions and a logo created to help promote your events.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:aspiezio@njlm.org) or Tasneem Kapadia at [tkapadia@njlm.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 \(PDF\)](#).