



## February 2018

#### IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS Please consult the League Web Calendar

Feb 24-

**Budgeting for Elected Officials-Conference Center at** Mercer, West Windsor

Feb 28-

Sexual Harassment in the Workplace: What You Need to Know-Double Tree Hotel, Tinton Falls

Mar 2-

A Quick Review of Budget and Audit Updates Webinar-Your Computer

Mar 8-

Budget, Ethics, and DLGS Updates on Best Practices and Procurement-Conference Center at Mercer, West Windsor

Mar 14-

26th Annual Mayors Legislative Day-Statehouse Annex, Trenton

Mar 20-

Is South Jersey Getting Its Fair Share of Public Goods?-Hotel ML. Mount Laurel

Mar 28-

Freedom Of Speech and Social Media in the Workplace-DoubleTree Hotel, Tinton Falls

- Louis Bay Scholarship
- ✓ Mayoral Conference Suggestions
- √ 2018 Municipal Directory
- ✓ Attend the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayors Legislative Day
- **Budgeting for Elected Officials**
- Access Your Legislative Leaders
- Conference CEU Tracking System

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mayor James L. Cassella, President

As mayors, we have a serious responsibility to lead our communities and indeed our state during difficult times. Our constituents, citizens, and neighbors look to us as the headlines trumpet fear of foreclosure, and the need for major restructuring of our public finances. And as mayors, we can count on the League to help us respond to these major public policy questions.

The League has many resources available with valuable information that is needed. Visit our website where you can find links to our Mayors Corner, Important Issue Alerts, a full listing of League Committees, and Grant application information. You can also order various publications on several different topics such as Police and Fire Salary Survey and a Newly Elected Officials Handbook.

The League is also hosting the 26th Annual Mayors Legislative Day on March 14. This event will feature speakers from the Governor's Cabinet as well as a Legislative panel with members of the Legislature. To find out more about this event visit the link: http://www.njslom.org/2018mayors-legislative-day.html

All this information and effort is only a start. Your voice and action will make the difference on these issues. So please review the information available and resolve to make your voice heard by your legislators, and by the League. Send your input and concerns so your staff in Trenton can keep them front and center in these discussions as we work together to lead our state.

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#### LOUIS BAY 2ND FUTURE MUNICIPAL LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

-Contact Ciara Bradley at ext. 128 or cbradley@njslom.org

In January, the League mailed information to all mayors concerning the Annual Louis Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition. League Past President and Mayor Chuck Chiarello of Buena Vista Township chairs the Scholarship Competition and Mayor James Anzaldi, Mayor of Clifton and League Past President, also serves as a judge. This popular competition is open to all high school juniors and seniors throughout the state. The top three winners each receive \$1,000 scholarships from the League.

Mayors play an integral role in the success of this program because your office publicizes its availability, judges the local entries, and distributes the checks and certificates supplied by the League. You should publicize the scholarship to your local schools and establish your judging committee. Your local winning entry must be submitted to the League office by April 2, so we can announce the three statewide winners by May 4.

#### SEEKING MAYORAL CONFERENCE SUGGESTIONS

-Contact Michael Darcy ext.116 <u>mdarcy@njslom.com</u> or fax 609-695-0151

Your League staff will shortly begin preparing the schedule of educational sessions for the 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual League Conference. To make sure this schedule accurately reflects your needs, we need your input. Please fax or e-mail your suggested topics and speakers so we may coordinate your ideas into an informative and thought provoking conference. Most conference sessions are based on the input and responses from mayors and elected officials.

#### **2018 MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY**

-Contact Dee Kotch ext.115 or dkotch @njslom.org

The annual Municipal Directory will be mailed to all mayors the first week of March. There is no cost for this first copy. Additional print copies are \$30 each and PDF copies are \$49. Use it to keep in touch with your colleagues around the state.

# ATTEND THE 26th ANNUAL MAYORS LEGISLATIVE DAY

-Contact Danielle Holland-Htut ext. 118 or <a href="mailto:dholland@njslom.org">dholland@njslom.org</a>

Be sure to register for the 26th Annual Mayors Legislative Day to be held March 14, 2018, at the State House Annex in Trenton. This is a great way to kick off your administration by hearing about the State's legislative agenda from the Governor, Administration officials, and key members of the Senate and Assembly. For more information please click on the following link: <a href="http://www.njslom.org/2018-mayors-legislative-day.html">http://www.njslom.org/2018-mayors-legislative-day.html</a>

# DON'T MISS OUT ON THE "BUDGETING FOR THE ELECTED OFFICIAL: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO CREATE, BALANCE, AND APPROVE YOUR MUNICIPALITY'S BUDGET" SEMINAR

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

Creating and approving a feasible budget is one of the most important tasks of an Elected Official. 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 towards Elected Officials to help them in the Municipal Budgeting Process. The program will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2018, at the Conference Center at Mercer. Additional program details and registration fees are available at: <a href="http://www.njslom.org/seminar-documents/2018-feb24-budgeting.html">http://www.njslom.org/seminar-documents/2018-feb24-budgeting.html</a>

#### NJLM HELPS MAYORS ACCESS THE LEADERS

-Contact Michael Cerra at ext 120 or mcerra@njslom.org

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

### DON'T FORGET TO CLAIM CEUS FROM 102ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

Please remind your licensed officials that the deadline to claim CEU credits from the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference is May 1, 2018. To claim credits, licensed officials should click the following link <a href="https://www.njslom.org/confceu">www.njslom.org/confceu</a> and follow the prompts.