

July 2019

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mayor Colleen Mahr, Borough of Fanwood

With economic constraints forcing local government to do less with less, consider using this period to focus creative energy on perfecting those core services we are still able to offer.

As constituents are forced to accept local government offering less or scaled-back service delivery, perhaps we can at least make those scaled back services a good experience for our neighbors. It could come in the way of greater courtesy, creating a more user-friendly process, putting greater emphasis on mitigating public works-related disruptions, or focusing on higher-quality responses to inquiries.

We have an opportunity to concentrate on and perfect our core services, which can ease residents' current stress and offer everyone a new benchmark of quality government going forward.

This summer, take a moment to share your ideas and initiatives with other municipalities across the state by authoring an article for [New Jersey Municipalities magazine](#). We can accelerate our learning and improvement when we network and share new techniques and information.

Now is a great time to perfect our core services and the League is a great resource to help us do it.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

July 4
Independence Day

July 27
National Korean War Veterans
Armistice Day

July 28
Parents Day

Nov 19-21
[104th Annual League Conference-Atlantic City
Convention Center, Atlantic City](#)

- ✓ Beware of Scam Conference
- ✓ Housing Communications
- ✓ Innovation in Governance Awards
- ✓ Michael A. Pane Award
- ✓ Mayors' Hall of Fame
- ✓ *NJ Municipalities Magazine*
- ✓ National Night Out

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Beware of Scam Conference Housing Communications

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

It has come to our attention that there are unauthorized firms soliciting housing and hotel reservations from League conference attendees.

Please Note: The only firm authorized to handle our conference housing reservations is AC Central Reservations. They will not call, email, or contact anyone unsolicited.

You can visit their website via the [League Conference page](#).

Using unauthorized reservation services creates real problems for you and the conference as a whole. You cannot be assured your credit card or financial information is secure, and your room reservation may not actually be made. Also, your room will not be part of the official conference housing block so you won't get emergency housing information, nor will there be adequate shuttle bus services to your hotel.

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.

Call for Nominations for 2019 Innovation in Governance Awards

Contact Ciara Bradley, 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 during the past and forthcoming 15 months—from the beginning of June 2018 to September 30, 2019. 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 104th Annual League of Municipalities Conference Mayors' Luncheon on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at the Sheraton in Atlantic City, and in the January issue of our magazine, *New Jersey Municipalities*.

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

The application can be accessed by visiting the Innovation in Governance Awards page on the [League of Municipalities website](#)

The nomination deadline for this program is October 1, 2019. Accordingly, we encourage you to forward this information to the appropriate people in your municipality today, giving them ample time to meet the deadline.

If you have any questions on the Innovation in Governance Awards, please contact Ciara Bradley at the League of Municipalities 609-695-3481, ext. 128, or cbradley@njlm.org

**17th Annual Michael A. Pane Award Nominations
Are Now Being Accepted**

For additional information, call John Gillespie 732-530-4226

In honor of the memory of Michael A. Pane, the 17th annual award will be presented to a professional (attorney, engineer, or planner) that personifies outstanding ability, integrity, and a high standard of ethics in his or her dealings with local government. This award includes a \$500 honorarium.

Mr. Pane personified and promoted integrity in local government, and it is the purpose of this award to recognize an individual who has over a period of years demonstrated the same professional commitment to service and, who by so doing, has set high standards that all involved in local government should strive to match.

The award ceremony will be held during the League's Annual Conference in Atlantic City, on Thursday, November 21, during a session of the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys. Nominations for this award will be accepted through September 15, 2019. Please mail, fax, or email your nomination to:

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"The League thanks the NJLM Educational Foundation for making this possible and is honored to participate in the promotion of the Michael A. Pane Award." said League Executive Director Michael J. Darcy. A list of past award winners can be found at www.njlm.org/Pane-award

**Nominations Sought
For Mayors' Hall of Fame**

Contact Michael Darcy, ext. 116, or mdarcy@njslom.org

The League is accepting nominations for the 2019 Mayors Hall of Fame. To qualify, mayors 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 white 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 13, 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.

Let Your Vendors Know About *NJ Municipalities Magazine!*

Contact Taran Samhammer, ext. 124, or tsamhammer@njlm.org

Do you work with vendors that you would recommend to other municipalities? Let these vendors know about the League's magazine, New Jersey Municipalities. Placing advertisements in the magazine helps to increase the reach of its marketing message and supports the League as an organization in the process.

Contact Taran Samhammer at tsamhammer@njlm.org with your vendor's mailing address and we will send them a sample issue!

36th Annual National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 6, 2019, the National Association of Town Watch will hold its 36th Annual National Night Out. Last year's National Night Out (NNO) campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations, and local officials from 16,790 communities from all 50 states, US territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide. In all, over 38 million people participated in NNO 2018. This year's 36th NNO is expected to be the largest ever.

National Night Out is designed to: 1. Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; 2. Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; 3. Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and 4. Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, cities, towns, and neighborhoods celebrate NNO with a variety of events and activities such as block parties, cookouts, visits from local police and fire departments, parades, flashlight walks, contests, and youth programs. NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive, and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation. Plus, the benefits your community will derive from NNO will most certainly extend well beyond that one night.

To find out more about NNO and how your municipality can be a part of it, please visit nationalnightout.org