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IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

- Feb 4 [Interest Arbitration Reform: The 2% Cap, Rocket Docket and More-Robert Meyner Reception Center, Holmdel](#)
- Feb 16 [19th Annual Mayors Legislative Day – New Jersey League of Municipalities](#)
- Feb 26 [Executive Leadership Training For Mayor's and Council Presidents, Conference Center at Mercer](#)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

*By Chuck Chiarello,
Mayor, Buena Vista*

On January 1, 2011 Bill A-3393 or “The Arbitration Reform Bill” took effect. This bill has a major impact on the way that labor contracts are negotiated in this state. The bill has 7 major parts;

1. **2.0% Cap**-which sets limits for pay increases
2. **A 45 Day Fast Track**-which sets limits for arbitration
3. **An Appeal of Awards**-that allows for 7 days period of appeal to an award
4. **A Selection of Arbitrator**-which sets guidelines for selected and arbiter
5. **An Unfair Practice Charge**-for Failure to Negotiate
6. **A Police and Fire Interest Arbitration Impact Task Force**-to analyze the effects of the bill
7. **Effective Date**-Bill became law on January 1, 2011

With the new mandates listed above, you may certainly have some questions. Here at league we are committed to helping you understand these new guidelines. See our Mayor's Issue Alerts for more information related to this bill and our seminar on February 4 for a full explanation and discussion of the bill.

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**NEW TRAINING PROGRAM DESIGNED
EXCLUSIVELY FOR MAYOR'S AND
COUNCIL PRESIDENTS**

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Due to overwhelming demand, the League has created a special training program especially for Mayor's and Council Presidents. It features presentations from the Department of Community Affairs, a panel discussion with MCANJ and NJMMA, an Ethics presentation, and a panel discussion featuring five Mayors with varying levels of experience. For more information on this program see page one of this newslines or, the [calendar](#) on our website.

**ATTEND THE 19TH ANNUAL
MAYORS LEGISLATIVE DAY**

-Contact Danielle Holland ext. 118 or
dholland@njslom.com

Be sure to register for the [19th Annual Mayors Legislative Day](#) to be held February 16 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. There will also be the notable Elected Officials Hall of Fame induction.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

-Contact 122 or bdressel@njslom.com

The League Executive Board recently appointed League Past President, Mayor Tim McDonough, Hope to Chair our Municipal Emergency Management Preparedness Committee. This Committee will interface with The State Police, Office of Homeland Security, County OEM's and other state and federal agencies in developing policies and educational materials to assist Mayors and Governing body officials on how best to cope with local and regional emergencies. Mayor McDonough wishes to begin early in the New Year in scheduling meetings and action plan on how best to move this committee forward and if you are interested in getting involved or would like to recommend someone from your leadership team to participate on this committee please contact Bill Dressel at bdressel@njslom.com.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS INDUCTED IN
LEAGUE HALL OF FAME**

-Contact Michael Darcy extn 116 or
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The League will induct new members into the Elected Officials Hall of Fame during the Eighteenth Annual Mayors Legislative Day February 16, 2011 at the State House Annex in Trenton. This

honor is reserved for those governing body members, active and retired, who have served 20 years in elected municipal office. There are currently 429 inductees in the Elected Officials Hall of Fame. Congratulations to our most recent members! See the list below and the 2011 Hall of Fame page for more information at www.njslom.org.

Council-at-Large Emeritus Charles Norris, Absecon City

Mayor Stuart A. Fierstein, Allentown Borough

Councilman Charles P. Covington, Avalon Borough

Councilman Vincent Lo Re Jr., Bayonne City

Councilman John J. Halecky, Bayonne City

Mayor Susan H. Gartland, Caldwell Borough

Mayor George W. Garrison, Commercial Township

Committeeman David Hansen, Hampton Township

Deputy Mayor Elmer "Skip" Bowman, Lawrence Township

Committeeman Thomas L. Sheppard, Lawrence Township

Mayor Jay D. Weeks, Lebanon Township

Committeeman Emeritus Ralph Lomerson, Lebanon Township

Councilman Michael DeStefano, Long Branch City

Mayor Adam Schneider, Long Branch City

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Mayor Joe Barbagallo, Montague Township

Councilwoman Maureen Flynn, Moonachie Borough

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Mayor Emeritus Jose "Joey" Torres, Paterson City

Council President Michael Seboria, Peapack & Gladstone Borough

Mayor Ronald S. Dancer, Plumsted Township

Councilman David A. Goldfarb, Princeton Borough

Mayor James J. Kennedy, Rahway City

Councilman Emeritus Patrick A. Mancuso, Ridgewood Village

Mayor Margaret Falahee Watkins, River Edge Borough

Councilman Joseph Falkoski Councilman, Riverdale Borough

Committeeman Joseph J. Scarpa, Rochelle Park Township

Councilman Douglas Johnsen, Rockleigh Borough

Councilman John Mender, Rockleigh Borough

Mayor George B. Harper, Jr., Sandyston Borough

Mayor Gary J. Passanante, Somerdale Borough

Mayor Harry W. Elton, Jr., Woodbury Heights Borough

2011 MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

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

The annual Municipal Directory will be mailed to all mayors the first week of March. There is no cost for this first copy. Additional copies are \$25 each. Use it to keep in touch with your colleagues around the state.

2011 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

-Contact Michael Darcy ext.116 or mdarcy@njslom.com

In December, the League mailed information to all mayors concerning the Annual Louis Bay II Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition. Mayor Chuck Chiarello of Buena Vista Township chairs the Scholarship Competition and Deputy Mayor Dan Coranoto of Hampton Township 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 1, so we can announce the three statewide winners by May 7.

MAYORS RESPOND TO 12th ANNUAL LEAGUE SURVEY

-Contact Bill Dressel BDressel@njslom.org

For the 12th consecutive year, over two hundred mayors offered their views on several major policy areas in response to the League's Annual Legislative Priority Survey. Their responses to specific issues provide a source of direction and will assist League

Executive Board and staff during what could prove to be a critical year for municipalities and property taxes. Property taxes, the 2% cap, sharing services, and the costs that affect taxes are foremost on Mayors' minds as they begin to prepare for the New Year. The number one local budget stressor is state mandates closely followed by the State underfunding of revenue replacement programs such as CMPTRA and Energy Receipt tax.

For more survey results and to view the full press release, visit the [League website](#).

WOMEN IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT "WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT DAY"

- MARCH 11, 2011

-Contact Lori Buckelew ext 112 or lbuckelew@njslom.com

The Women in Municipal Government committee will be holding their 3rd annual "Women in Government Day" on Friday, March 11, 2011 at the Princeton Marriott. More details to follow.

PLEASE SEND US YOUR SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENTS

Contact Taran Samhammer at ext 124 or tsamhammer@njslom.com

Our "Interlocal Advisory Center", which is an online ready reference informational center for interlocal and shared service agreements and joint consolidation, also provides a library of sample shared service agreements and related resolutions.

As part of this service we are asking you to assist us in making available copies of any interlocal or shared service agreements that you have initiated. The agreements sent to us will be posted online in our Interlocal Advisory Center to be used as a reference for other municipalities in creating agreements in their municipalities

If you are willing to share your interlocal service agreements, please email them to tsamhammer@njslom.com, mail to the attention of Taran Samhammer at 222 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608 or fax to (609) 695-0151.

LET THE LEAGUE BE YOUR SECOND OFFICE!

If you or your staff have business in our capital city stop by and visit your league staff. While here, you are welcome to use our conference rooms for meetings, meet with state contacts, get directions to a state office, or make a phone call. All we need is some advance notice by calling Becky Wright 609-695-3481 ext 110.



Reserve your 2011 Municipal Directory now

This handy guide contains the names, mailing addresses, email addresses (clerks only) and phone numbers of all 566 New Jersey municipalities. Included are the names of each municipality's mayor, clerk, engineer, attorney, manager and administrator. This directory is updated every year and is a must for all municipal officials and employees.

Preorders will be mailed at the beginning of March.

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