

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

- Sept 11-Patriot Day
- Sept 17- Constitution and Citizenship Day
- Sept 19- [State and Federal Regulation of Sandy Aid- PNC, Holmdel](#)
- Oct 2- [Taking the Mystery Out of Applying For Grants-Crowne Plaza Monroe, Monroe Twp](#)
- Oct 21- [Understanding the Affordable Health Care Act-PNC, Holmdel](#)
- Oct 30- [Labor Negotiations Primer-Understanding Collective Negotiations, PNC, Holmdel](#)
- Nov 19-21-[98th Annual NJLM Conference-Atlantic City Convention Center, Atlantic City](#)

- ✓ 98th Conference Preregistration
- ✓ Conference Resolutions
- ✓ Constitution Day
- ✓ Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Credits
- ✓ Voluntary Attendance Scanning
- ✓ Michael A. Pane Award Nominations
- ✓ Innovation in Government Awards
- ✓ Mayors Hall of Fame Nominations
- ✓ Elected Officials Hall of Fame
- ✓ New CEU Tracking System

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Janice S. Mironov, President

As summer draws to a close, elections on all levels heat up, drawing legislators and attention away from state lawmaking. Sometime, less is better and sighs of relief can often be heard when Trenton officials are not in legislative session.

Having so observed, as mayors, we have a number of issues and concerns which remain on our radar, requiring attention by State administration and legislators in the coming months.

As we observe constantly, **local property taxes** remain the number one public enemy of our constituents. The State needs to step up and make fundamental changes and decisions regarding education funding and other components of this critical issue, to provide much needed relief for our residents and businesses.

Providing much needed and warranted property tax relief and funding support to our towns through **restoration of energy tax receipts** remains a matter of high importance. The state has long diverted these municipal funds for its own spending uses.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONTINUED

Formulating rationale and reasonable affordable housing requirements as needed to satisfy any state or court mandates remains elusive, but would certainly go far to create stability and spur use of existing housing trust funds. Meanwhile, however, State officials have instituted a process to unjustly take back municipal trust funds, and we again hope and request that such efforts will be reconsidered.

Preserving open space and farmland is an important program for municipal officials, and it is disappointing that agreement was not reached for a November ballot referendum to replenish funding for our Garden State. However, it is expected that there will be a balanced agreeable funding plan forwarded and agreed upon for the November 2014 ballot.

Enhancing processes and infrastructure to reduce power disruptions during storm events, and provide better communications and collaboration with municipal officials and local customers is another important focus. Some notable steps and proposals have been forwarded, and we look forward to tangible changes to better serve our towns and residents.

And of course **continued storm recovery** for all of our towns remains a vital concern. The expeditious processing and reimbursement by the state and federal governments of **FEMA funding** is an area requiring on-going monitoring and button pushing.

As we head into September, certainly we will continue our collaborative efforts to make progress on our mutual goals and concerns as mayors. And again ask for you communications, assistance and support so that we can best serve our towns.

98TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

*-Contact Gayle Krygier at gkrygier@njslom.org or ext 119
Check for more updates on twitter [@NJ_League](https://twitter.com/NJ_League)*

Pre-Registration for the 98th Annual League Conference has begun! Costs for Pre-Registration are \$55.00 for Government Officials and \$ 105.00 for Non Government Officials. Pre-Registration runs through October 1, 2013. After this Pre-Registration period has ended, attendees must register on-site at the Atlantic City Convention Center. On-site registration rates are \$65.00 for Government Officials and \$125.00 for Non Government Officials.

For more information on Pre-Registration please visit the Conference website
<http://www.njslom.org/98thconf/index.html>

SUBMIT LEAGUE CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS BY OCT. 5

-Contact: [Mike Cerra](mailto:mcerra@njslom.com) 609-695-3481 ext.120 or mcerra@njslom.com

The Conference Resolutions Committee will consider resolutions from officials who are currently in municipal office. **A summary of the proposed resolution should be sent to the League office by Friday, October 4, 2013.** All resolutions must be general and relate to municipal government interests. **The final version of the Resolutions must be received in the League office by Friday, October 18, 2013.** Contact the League for more information.

CONSTITUTION DAY SEPTEMBER 17

Sept 17, 2013 is Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. Mayors can find activities for community leaders at: ConstitutionCenter.org, click on "Programs and Events".

PENNSYLVANIA CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (PA CLE) ANNOUNCEMENT

*-Contact Danielle Holland-Htut or dholland@njslom.org
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As part of an ongoing effort to enhance the value of our educational programs the New Jersey State League of Municipalities is proud to announce that we are now an approved sponsor for Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Credits (PACLE).

To confirm if the conference session you are attending has PA CLE credit, click the following link:
<http://www.njslom.org/98thconf/2013-ConferenceSessions.pdf>

*Please note, PACLE courses require the attendee to pay a **separate** fee (not including registration fees) to obtain credits. PACLE credit forms can also be downloaded by clicking the following link:
<http://www.njslom.org/98thconf/PA-CE-Application-Form.pdf>

**NEW THIS YEAR!
VOLUNTARILY VERIFY YOUR ATTENDANCE AT LEAGUE CONFERENCE SESSIONS**

-Contact Danielle Holland-Htut or dholland@njslom.org
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- For those attendees who aren't receiving CEU's but wish to track their attendance, they have the option to self scan in and out of every session utilizing the badge scanners in each classroom.
- Following the Conference, attendees can access their attendance verification by logging-on to the League Tracking System from a link on the League website and, utilizing their badge number, print out their attendance verification.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 11TH ANNUAL MICHAEL A. PANE AWARD

-Contact Gayle Krygier at 119 or gtkrygier@njslom.com

In honor of the Memory of Michael A. Pane, the eleventh 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.

The award ceremony will be held during the League's annual conference in Atlantic City, on Thursday, November 21st during a session of the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys. Nominations for this award will be accepted through September 30, 2013.

Please fax or mail your nomination to:

Gayle A. Krygier
N.J. State League of Municipalities
222 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608
Fax#: 609-695-5156

"The League is honored to participate in the Memorial Fund, and the Award promotion, of Michael A. Pane." said League Executive Director William G. Dressel Jr. "Mr. Pane significantly inspired the image of enhancing integrity in local government, and it is the purpose of this award to recognize that person who has through the same likeness, exemplified, and perhaps is the role model for the local government community."

We appreciate the generosity of those who have contributed to the Michael A. Pane Memorial Fund, which supports this award.

INNOVATION IN GOVERNMENT AWARDS

-For more information visit <http://www.nj.gov/dca/>

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the New Jersey League of Municipalities continue to recognize *Innovation in Governance* through an annual recognition program.

This year, the *Innovation in Governance Awards* has been restructured to include any innovation undertaken by New Jersey municipal government in the past 24 months. We invite you to submit any recent innovative municipal initiatives for recognition. Any innovation in any department or program can be submitted for recognition.

This award program was established to highlight exemplary local government programs that provide innovative and practical approaches to solving municipal problems and concerns. At the same time, we will share these innovative approaches with municipal leaders throughout the state at the 98th Annual League of Municipalities Conference Mayors' Luncheon on November 20, 2013 at the Sheraton Hotel, Atlantic City.

This year's judges include: League Past Presidents Paul Maticera and Plainsboro Mayor Peter Cantu; Tom Neff, Director, Division of Local Government Services, DCA, and League Executive Director Bill Dressel.

The nomination deadline for this award is October 1, 2013. For more information visit the following link <http://www.njslom.org/letters/2013-0606-innovations-in-govt.html>

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR MAYORS HALL OF FAME

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

The League is accepting nominations for the [2013 Mayors Hall of Fame](#). To qualify, a mayor must be serving in at least their tenth cumulative year for the silver level or twentieth year for the gold level. Mayors who rotate into office can qualify after holding the office of mayor for ten 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 20 in Atlantic City. For nomination forms and more information about the Mayors' Hall of Fame, visit the [Mayors Corner](#) or contact the League at 609-695-3481 extn 116.

ELECTED OFFICIALS HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

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

In recognition of the many municipal governing body members who are selflessly serving for twenty or more years, the League of Municipalities is pleased to once again accept nominations for the Elected Officials Hall of Fame. www.njslom.org/hallelec_cover.html.

This special honor is reserved for those governing body members, active and retired, who have served twenty years in elected municipal office. As you know, these special elected officials have governed their municipalities for lengthy tenures, guiding their communities through the good times and troubled times, with little recognition.

The Elected Officials Hall of Fame will shine a light on these pillars in our communities and hold them up as an example of civic pride for all citizens to emulate.

In a special ceremony on February 5, 2014, during the Mayors Legislative Day at the State House, there will be a presentation to these special elected municipal officials. They will be inducted into the Elected Officials Hall of Fame and their picture will appear in the League magazine, *New Jersey Municipalities*.

If you know of any elected municipal officials, not currently in the Elected Officials Hall of Fame, who have served at least twenty years in elected municipal office, please click on the link to download the form <http://www.njslom.org/letters/2013-MHoF-Nomination-Form.pdf>. The form may be copied if you want to make several nominations. Please mail the form(s) back to League office by December 1, 2013 so they may be included in the ceremony. Confirmations will be mailed to the nominees in January, 2014.

You may view a full list of all Hall of Fame inductees at the League Website www.njslom.org.

NEW TRACKING SYSTEM FOR CEUS AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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In order to provide more opportunities for Attendees to earn their Continuing Education Units (CEU's) and increase the educational value of the Annual Conference, the League will now have badge scanning in every classroom at the Atlantic City Convention Center. Because of this, the procedures for the Conference Tracking System have changed.

For Sessions with CEU's

- There will be no CEU Volunteers present at the doors. Instead attendees will self scan-in and out. Desktop Scanners will be present at the entrance of each room.
- Following the conference, the attendees will log on to the Tracking System website and download their CEU's the same way they have done in previous years.

All ATTENDEES scanning for credit MUST self scan in and out. This is a requirement of all accrediting bodies to receive CEU's.