

Mayor's Newsline



February 2014

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

- Feb 5- [22nd Annual Mayors Legislative Day, Statehouse Annex, Trenton](#)
- Feb 12-Lincolns Birthday
- Feb 17- Presidents Day
- Feb 22-Washingtons Birthday
- Feb 28- [A Quick Review of Budget Updates Webinar- Your Computer](#)
- Mar 4- [Budget, Ethics, and Procurement Updates- Conference Center at Mercer, West Windsor](#)
- Mar 7- [Municipal Websites, Social Media, and Internet Security for Municipalities Webinar- Your Computer](#)
- Mar 18- [Implications of Social Media-Robert Meyner Reception Center, Holmdel](#)

- ✓ Mayors Legislative Day
- ✓ 2014 Municipal Directory
- ✓ Police and Labor Publications
- ✓ Women in Municipal Government Day
- ✓ Louis Bay Scholarship Competition
- ✓ 2014 Elected Officials Hall of Fame Inductees
- ✓ School- Municipal Cooperation
- ✓ NJ Office of Homeland Security

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Suzanne Walters, 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 22nd Annual Mayors Legislative Day on February 5th. This event will feature speakers from the Governors 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/letters/2013-1121-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 all lead our state through these difficult times.

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**ATTEND THE 22ND ANNUAL
MAYORS LEGISLATIVE DAY**

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

Be sure to register for the 22nd Annual Mayors Legislative Day to be held February 5, 2014 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: <http://www.njslom.org/letters/2013-1121-Legislative-Day.html>

2014 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 print copies are \$25 each and PDF copies are \$49. Use it to keep in touch with your colleagues around the state.

POLICE AND FIRE CONTRACT BOOKS AVAILABLE

-Contact Becky Wright at ext. 110 or bwright@njslom.org

The League's 2013 Police and Fire Labor Contract Books are available. This series can be bought as a yearly package subscription or individual subscriptions and includes selected police and fire contract provisions, salary scales, and arbitration award summaries. Contact Becky Wright at bwright@njslom.org to make purchase arrangements.

**SAVE THE DATE!!-
WOMEN IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT "WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT DAY"
- MARCH 19, 2014**

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

The Women in Municipal Government Committee will be holding their 5th annual "Women in Government Day" on Friday, March 19, 2014 at the Princeton Marriott. More information on this event will be available soon.

2014 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

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

In January, the League mailed information to all mayors concerning the Annual Louis Bay II Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition. League Past President and 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 2, so we can announce the three statewide winners by May 7.

ELECTED OFFICIALS INDUCTED IN LEAGUE HALL OF FAME

-Contact Michael Darcy ext. 116 [or mdarcy@njslom.com](mailto:mdarcy@njslom.com)

The League will induct new members into the Elected Officials Hall of Fame during the 22nd Annual Mayors Legislative Day February 5, 2014 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 2014 Hall of Fame page for more information at http://www.njslom.org/hallelec_cover.html

The 2014 Elected Officials Hall of Fame inductees are as follows:

Council President Michael Schumacher, Allentown Borough
Councilman George M. Kozub, Burlington Township
Mayor Vincent Bellucci, Jr., Fairview Borough
Councilwoman Carol J. Morton, Glen Gardner Borough
Councilman Steven P. Yaros, Glen Gardner Borough
Council President Richard W. Yocum, Jefferson Township
Councilman Clifford L. Still, Sr., Lawnside Borough
Committeewoman Patricia Schriver, Lebanon Township
Mayor Angelo Corradino, Manville Borough
Councilwoman Emeritus Cecilia Laureys, Netcong Borough
Mayor Emeritus William J. Henfey, North Wildwood City
Mayor Lawrence W. Cuneo, Pine Beach Borough
Mayor Emeritus John "Jack" Pasola, Point Pleasant Beach Borough
Mayor Fred V. MacDonald, Sandyston Township
Mayor Leonard C. Desiderio, Sea Isle City
Councilman Emeritus John Bueckner, Secaucus Town
Mayor Frank Gambatese, South Brunswick Township
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Mayor Joseph Tempesta, Jr., West Caldwell Borough
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SCHOOL-MUNICIPAL COOPERATION IMPROVES SERVICES, BENEFITS TAXPAYERS

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Sound public policy demands ongoing communication between public schools and municipalities. Both the New Jersey School Boards Association and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities have long advised their members to work cooperatively in areas of common concern, and there are many. For decades, our organizations have set an example.

- In 1981, the League and the NJSBA issued one of the first state-level reports on shared services. Titled "The Art of the Possible," the document outlined the financial benefits and improved services that could result from school district and municipal cooperation.

- In 1995, our organizations spearheaded a coalition that brought about the State Mandate-State Pay Constitutional Amendment, designed to avert the imposition of new state-required expenditures on municipalities and school districts.

- In 2011, following enactment of the 2 percent cap on tax levy increases, the NJSBA and the League co-sponsored a training program, "Collaborating on Real Solutions to the 2 Percent Cap," which featured experts on the economy, education and government services and featured sessions on budgeting, labor negotiations and shared services. This was not an isolated example of sharing knowledge and perspective. Over the years, NJSBA and League officials have frequently presented at each other's conferences on topics such as property tax reform and the prevention of gang violence.

- Last summer, the League and NJSBA joined forces to successfully oppose legislation that would have severely restricted school districts' and municipalities' ability to save taxpayer funds through the subcontracting of services. Gov. Chris Christie vetoed the legislation. In the current economic climate, preserving the subcontracting option is vital for local government.

Today, the mutual concerns of schools and surrounding communities, ranging from school safety and security, to energy costs and preserving critical programs in the face of limited resources, will necessitate even more cooperation.

As our two organizations approach their respective centennials—2014 for the NJSBA and 2015 for the League—we are exploring new ways to move forward for the benefit of our members and the taxpayers they serve.

New Jersey State League of Municipalities and The New Jersey School Boards Association have worked steadfastly to improve public education and local government. Our members serve many of the same constituents and face similar challenges in terms of limited resources. For their benefit, we will continue to explore ways that our organizations can cooperate to promote creativity, cooperation and efficiency.

NJ OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND PREPAREDNESS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

-For More Information Contact Jeffrey.gold@ohsp.state.nj.us

The NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (OHSP) is looking for help as it compiles a list of special events that take place around the State. Officials in any town can assist in keeping New Jersey prepared by completing an online "Special Events Submission Form." The form can be found by visiting <http://njhomelandsecurity.gov/> and clicking on the box on the upper left side.

The special events list is compiled by OHSP and distributed to law enforcement agencies throughout the State so they can be aware of events that could impact them. This list includes outdoor holiday gatherings, parades, craft fairs, and sporting events.

A comprehensive and current list of special events adds to the overall resilience of every community and helps police and OHSP better protect the people of New Jersey.

Further information is available by contacting Jeffrey Gold at Jeffrey.gold@ohsp.state.nj.us.