

December 2015

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

- Dec 4- [Managing Escrow Accounts for Land Development Applications Webinar , Your Computer](#)
- Dec 10- [A Review of the Open Public Records Act Webinar, Your Computer](#)
- Jan 9 -[Orientation for Newly Elected, Re-elected, or Experienced Officials, Renaissance Meadowlands Hotel](#)
- Jan 23 -[Orientation for Newly Elected, Re-elected, or Experienced Officials, Hotel ML, Mount Laurel](#)
- Feb 3-[24<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayors Legislative Day- Statehouse Annex, Trenton](#)
- Feb 20- [Budgeting for the Elected Official: Everything you Need to Know to Create, Balance, and Approve Your Municipality's Budget:- Conference Center at Mercer, West Windsor](#)

- ✓ Thank You Conference Volunteers
- ✓ Retain Conference Information Digitally
- ✓ Seminar for Newly Elected Officials
- ✓ 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Day
- ✓ Budgeting for Elected Officials Seminar
- ✓ Elected Official Hall of Fame

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*By Mayor Joseph Tempesta, President*

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve as President of your League of Municipalities. It is truly an honor and privilege and I promise, with your help, and with the help of the League's new management team, to maintain the high standard of service that has been set by those who have served before me.

I am also proud to be the Mayor of West Caldwell for the past 17 years. A small suburban community of nearly 11,000 residents tucked in the corner of the western part of Essex County; West Caldwell is a great place to live, work and raise a family. I want to personally thank my friends and Council colleagues from West Caldwell and East Hanover including our staff members and friends, and I thank them for all of their support over the years. Thank you for making me look good and for all of your hard work on behalf of our residents and businesses.

As concerned public servants, we all are called to stand up for our neighbors. Local government allows us to work together to protect our neighbors' interests, and also, our neighbors' rights. For one hundred years, the League of Municipalities, with its many and various services, has helped generations of local officials do that. The League is able to help us, thanks to the often invisible efforts of the Officers and Members of the Executive Board.

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**MICHAEL J. DARCY, CAE.**, Executive Director

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## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONT.**

I hope that this year I am able to continue the standard of service set by my predecessor and friend, Mayor Brian Wahler of Piscataway. Mayor Wahler recognized that unity in action, and the active participation of more and more League members, were the main tools that the League can use to build a better New Jersey.

I also wish to thank the League's capable staff under the leadership of our new Executive Director, Michael Darcy, for all of their hard work. Together we will continue the good work and carry out the policies of our Officers and Executive Board on behalf of our members and the citizens and businesses, affiliate groups and any and all interested parties in helping us move the State of New Jersey forward.

The League has been blessed by a series of great leaders and I salute all of our Past Presidents for their leadership, integrity, intelligence and skill. Whether they realized it or not, those that I have been associated with while a member of the League have been real mentors. I especially want to mention my late friend, mentor, and former League President and Mayor of West Caldwell, Bob Reiher. Bob passed away about 15 months ago and Bob was the one who convinced me to get involved with the League. I know Bob is proud and looking down today, no doubt, has a smile on his face.

I also want to thank all the Members of our Executive Board with whom I have served and I will continue to rely on for support and wise counsel. Whenever we get together, I am reminded of how much we have in common. And I greatly appreciate the passion and the intelligence you bring to our deliberations.

Municipal officials are generous people. They give up their evenings and weekends. They give up their time and their talents. They give up the expectation that others will respect their limitations and their privacy. They rarely get the thanks they merit. In fact, they often get blamed for things they can't control. But they keep at it, doing what good they can in what time they have. And I am grateful that the Members of our Executive Board do that, not only for the people of their municipalities, but for the betterment of local governments all around our Garden State.

I am honored to be the first President of the League of Municipalities' second century of service. I thank you, again, for calling me to this office. And I urge all of you to continue to support the League and to get more involved, so that you can help us shape a better future for all the people of the great State of New Jersey.

## **THANK YOU CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS**

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

Many conference delegates wonder how the League is able to conduct the country's largest municipal conference with a full time staff of just 18. The answer is you! In the back of the conference program, you will see a listing of mayors who served on various committees. Although the list is extensive, it cannot possibly include all the mayors who work to make our conference successful every year. Mayors play an integral role by helping to produce sessions, moderating, working on committees, and auditing important sessions. Your dedicated service enables nearly 18,000 attendees to come together for one week of invaluable learning and networking each year. Thank you for making the 100th Annual Conference a great success.

## **RETAIN CONFERENCE INFORMATION DIGITALLY**

View the [interactive online floor plan](#) and a searchable exhibitor directory. Files of speakers' power point presentations can be downloaded after the conference from the League conference web page via the link <http://www.njslom.org/100thconf/delegates.html>

## **SEMINAR FOR NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED OFFICIALS**

-Contact Danielle Holland-Htut ext. 118 or [dholland@njslom.org](mailto:dholland@njslom.org)

Every year the League offers this important program in two locations throughout the state to help serve the needs of municipal officials who are new to their positions or want a timely update on issues. Each seminar includes a special luncheon, open forum discussion, designed to specifically update and answer questions from newly elected officials. Attend these programs and get the information and answers you need about your new responsibilities. See the calendar on the top of the newslines or, the [calendar](#) on our web site for locations.

## **ATTEND THE 24th ANNUAL MAYORS LEGISLATIVE DAY**

-Contact Danielle Holland-Htut ext. 118 or [dholland@njslom.org](mailto:dholland@njslom.org)

Be sure to register for the 24th Annual Mayors Legislative Day to be held February 3, 2016 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/mayors-legislative-day2016.pdf>.

## **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**

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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 understanding the Municipal Budgeting Process. The program will take place on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at the Conference Center at Mercer. Additional program details and registration fees are available at: <http://www.njslom.org/seminar-documents/budgeting-022016.pdf>

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS**

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

In recognition of the many municipal governing body members who have selflessly served for twenty or more years, the League of Municipalities is pleased to once again accept nominations for the Elected Officials Hall of Fame.

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 in February 2016, 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/Hall-of-Fame-Nomination.pdf> . The form may be copied if you want to make several nominations. Please mail the form(s) back to League office by early December so they may be included in the ceremony. Confirmations will be mailed to the nominees in January, 2016.

You may view a full list of all hall of fame inductees at the league website [http://www.njslom.org/hallelec\\_cover.html](http://www.njslom.org/hallelec_cover.html)