

February 2016

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

- Feb 3- [24th Annual Mayors Legislative Day- Statehouse Annex, Trenton](#)
- Feb 12-Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb 13 -[New Date! Orientation for Newly Elected, Re-elected, or Experienced Officials, Hotel ML, Mount Laurel](#)
- Feb 15- Presidents' Day
- Feb 17- [Emerald Ash Borer is in NJ-Now What?-Your Computer](#)
- 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](#)
- Feb 22-Washington's Birthday
- Feb 24- [Personnel Policies: An In-Depth Look at the Policies That Should Be In Your Personnel Manual and What They Mean- Doubletree Hotel, Tinton Falls](#)
- Feb 26- [A Quick Review of Budget and Audit Updates Webinar-Your Computer](#)

- ✓ Elected Officials Hall of Fame
- ✓ 2016 Scholarship Competition
- ✓ Seeking Mayoral Conference Suggestions
- ✓ 2016 Municipal Directory
- ✓ 24th Annual Mayors' Legislative Day
- ✓ New Date for Elected Officials Orientation
- ✓ Budgeting for Elected Officials Seminar

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mayor Joseph Tempesta, 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 24th Annual Mayors Legislative Day on February 3rd. This event will feature speakers from the Governor's 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/mayors_legislative-day2016.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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ELECTED OFFICIALS INDUCTED IN LEAGUE HALL OF FAME

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The League will induct new members into the Elected Officials Hall of Fame during the 24th Annual Mayors Legislative Day February 3, 2016 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 over 400 inductees in the Elected Officials Hall of Fame to date. Congratulations to our most recent members! See the list below and the 2016 Hall of Fame page for more information at http://www.njslom.org/hallelec_cover.html

The 2016 Elected Officials Hall of Fame inductees are as follows:

Councilman John C. Archibald, Jr., Atlantic Highlands Borough
Councilman Peter C. Eagler, Clifton City
Councilman William Holt, East Orange City
Deputy Mayor Daniel Coranoto, Hampton Township
Councilman Michael Dolaghan, Harrison Town
Councilman Raymond Kerwin, Lincoln Park Borough
Mayor Derek Armstead, Linden City
Councilman Elliot C. Beinfest, Linwood City
Council at Large Frank Perri, Jr., Northfield City
Mayor Donald J. Ruschman, Park Ridge Borough
Councilwoman Doris Bugdon, Port Republic
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Councilman Chris F. McIntyre, Wayne Township
Councilmember Peter Grefrath, Westwood Borough
Council President Brian J. Sperling, Wrightstown Borough

2016 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

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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 chair the Scholarship Competition and Mayor Albert B. Kelly, Mayor of Bridgeton City and League 2nd Vice President 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 5.

SEEKING MAYORAL CONFERENCE SUGGESTIONS

-Contact Michael Darcy ext.116 mdarcy@njslom.com or fax 609-695-0151

Your League staff will shortly begin preparing the schedule of educational sessions for the 101st Annual League Conference. To make sure this schedule accurately reflects your needs, we need your input.

Please fax or e-mail your suggested topics and speakers so we may coordinate your ideas into an informative and thought provoking conference. Most conference sessions are based on the input and responses from mayors and elected officials.

2016 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 \$30 each and PDF copies are \$49. Use it to keep in touch with your colleagues around the state.

MAYORS LEGISLATIVE DAY

-Contact Danielle Holland-Htut ext. 118 or 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>.

NEW DATE FOR THE SEMINAR FOR NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

Due to inclement weather, the League has rescheduled the January 23, 2016 Newly Elected, Re-Elected, and Experienced Officials Orientation to Saturday, February 13. The program will take place at the Hotel ML in Mount Laurel. For more information on this event please visit the event webpage at: <http://www.njslom.org/seminar-documents/2016-feb13-newly-elected.html>

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 aide 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>