

October 2015

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

- Oct 8- [Maximize Community Development Block Grants \(CDBG\) to Get the Most for Your Municipality-Doubletree Hotel, Tinton Falls](#)
- Oct16- [Preventing Sexual Harassment, Discrimination, and Defining a Hostile Work Environment-Holiday Inn, Hasbrouck Heights](#)
- Oct 27-[Labor Negotiations: Understanding Collective Negotiations, Chapter 78, and the Cadillac Tax, Doubletree Hotel, Tinton Falls](#)
- Oct 29-[How to Find Grants to Meet Your Municipalities Needs Webinar- Your Computer](#)
- Nov 17-19-[100<sup>th</sup> Annual NJLM Conference, Atlantic City Convention Center, Atlantic City](#)

- ✓ Cyber Security Awareness Month
- ✓ Submit Conference Resolutions
- ✓ Conference Hotel Deadlines
- ✓ Annual Mayors Hall of Fame Inductees
- ✓ Nominations for Fred G. Stickel Award
- ✓ Elected Officials Hall of Fame Nominations
- ✓ CEU Tracking at the Annual Conference
- ✓ New Jersey on a Path to Decreasing the Uninsured

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*By Mayor Brian Wahler, President*

The 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference is just about a month away! Are you planning to attend? If you haven't made arrangements yet, here a list of reasons why you should:

1. The Mayors Luncheon features a cabinet level briefing and will be held Wednesday, November 18. [Click here](#) to see the speaker line up and order tickets.
2. Hundreds of Exhibitors with products and programs that benefit your municipality on our exhibit floor. [Click here](#) to view the interactive floor plan.
3. Over 100 Educational Sessions with the topics of: emergency management, development and revitalization; ethics, environmental issues and sustainability, transportation, housing and foreclosure, telecommunications, taxes, and much, much, more. Check the full list of League sessions at the [conference web page](#).

And more...

I hope to see you at the Conference!

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## OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

With the advancement of technology, communication, and social media, people are more connected than ever. With this increase in the use of technology also comes the increase of cyber related crimes and privacy issues. To help make the public aware of these growing threats, President Obama designated October as **National Cyber Security Awareness Month**. National Cyber Security Awareness Month is designed to engage and educate public and private sector partners through events and initiatives with the goal of raising awareness about cybersecurity and increasing the resiliency of the nation in the event of a cyber incident. Each week the Department of Homeland Security will discuss a different theme revolving around Cyber Security to help bring awareness to these issues and educate the public on what they can do to avoid cyber breaches in their own personal computers and at work. For more information on National Cyber Security Awareness Month including resources guides, programs, and more please visit <http://www.dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month>

### SUBMIT LEAGUE CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS BY OCT. 5

*-Contact Mike Cerra at ext.120 or [mcerra@njslom.com](mailto: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 2, 2015.** 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 16, 2015.**

### CONFERENCE HOTEL DEADLINES

*-Contact Dee Kotch at ext 115 or [dkotch@njslom.com](mailto:dkotch@njslom.com)*

The last date to make reservations (based on availability) is **Friday, October 9**. The last day to cancel reservations without incurring any charges is **November 4** for Caesars, Harrah's, and Bally's, **and November 5** for the rest of the hotels. After those dates, you must pay in full for all rooms reserved.

### ANNUAL MAYORS' HALL OF FAME

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

These mayors will be inducted to the Mayors' Hall of Fame during the Mayors' Box Luncheon on Wednesday, November 18 in the Crown Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel.

#### Gold (20 + Years)

Honorable Jack Cimprich

Upper Pittsgrove Township

#### Silver (10-20 Years)

Honorable Cyril Wekilsky  
Honorable Frank W. Minor  
Honorable Victor DeLuca  
Honorable Susan S. Howard  
Honorable John A. Washington  
Honorable William Budenheim  
Honorable Andrew K. Skibitsky

Boonton Town  
Logan Township  
Maplewood Township  
Monmouth Beach Borough  
Penns Grove Borough  
Riverdale Borough  
Westfield Town

## **FRED G. STICKEL MEMORAL AWARD NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED**

The New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys is seeking nominations for the "Fred G. Stickel Memorial Award." This is an annual award given by the institute to a member of the New Jersey bar who has demonstrated excellence in the field of public sector law and has contributed time and effort to advance the interests of municipal law. Nominations for this award may be made on the application via this link: <http://www.njilga.org/PDF/Stickel-Notice-for-NJILGA-Website.pdf>

Applications should be sent to:

Edward J. Buzak  
Nominating Committee  
Institute of Local Government Attorneys  
150 River Road, Suite N-4  
Montville, NJ 07045

Deadline for the receipt of nominations is October 9, 2015.

## **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 December 1, 2015 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)

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR CEU'S AT THE 2015 LEAGUE CONFERENCE**

*-Contact Danielle Holland-Htut at ext. 118 or [dholland@njslom.org](mailto:dholland@njslom.org)  
Check for more updates on twitter [@NJLeague](https://twitter.com/NJLeague) or <http://www.facebook.com/njleague>*

In order to expedite the CEU Tracking process, the League will have badge scanning in every classroom at the Atlantic City Convention Center. All attendees looking to earn CEU's must follow the process mentioned below.

### **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.**

### **VOLUNTARILY VERIFY YOUR ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE SESSIONS**

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

### **NEW JERSEY ON A STRONG PATH TO DECREASING THE UNINSURED**

*-For More Information contact Jackie Cornell-Bechelli, Regional Director, US Department of Health and Human Services – Region II, at 212-264-4600 or email [HHSORD2@hhs.gov](mailto:HHSORD2@hhs.gov)*

Last month, a newly released US Census report provided the latest official snapshot of where New Jersey and the country stands in the ongoing effort to reduce the uninsured, and the results were striking. In the first year after the Affordable Care Act (ACA) opened the federal insurance marketplace, the uninsured population decreased by nearly 16 percent across the Garden State. In the year since that data was collected, there were even greater gains – over a 30 month period the decrease in the uninsured approaches 50 percent. Five counties have seen their uninsured rates drop by over one quarter. And when looking into the numbers at a county level, it is clear that areas with the strongest local coalitions committed to implementing the ACA are making the greatest gains.

These results could not come at better time, as we continue to look to local government to partner with us at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The third Open Enrollment Period begins on November 1, and lasts until January 31, 2016 and for this period, Secretary Burwell announced four target states nationwide, and New Jersey is one of them. There is still much work to be done.

With nearly 200,000 New Jerseyans enrolled through the ACA Marketplace, and 475,000 gaining insurance through Medicaid expansion, all in the space of just over two years, the numbers speak volumes. There is a strong and consistent demand for accessible, high quality, affordable coverage.

It is not hard to understand why. In 2015, New Jersey consumers could choose from an average of [45 plans per county](#), an increase of 19 plans from 2014. Due in part to this competition, more than [71 percent](#) of consumers who selected a plan with tax credits could have selected a plan with a premium under \$100 per month. And over [51 percent](#) could have selected a plan with a premium of less than \$50 per month.

For the first time, hundreds of thousands across the state are realizing the peace of mind that comes with an insurance card. Hardworking families who are getting coverage know that cancer screenings, hip replacements, and vaccinations are no longer out of reach. A trip to the emergency room can be replaced with a trip to the doctor. And an unexpected injury does not automatically mean financial disaster. At the same time, the law has helped hold the price of health care to its slowest growth in 50 years for all consumers, even those who had coverage previously.

With the second Supreme Court decision behind us, the Affordable Care Act is here to stay. Now is the time to reach those remaining in New Jersey who are eligible for coverage, but are still uninsured. They are unnecessarily living with the same uncertainties and barriers to care that over half a million newly insured residents no longer face. Let's work together to help them get access to coverage before the January 31, 2016 deadline.

There are many ways that local leadership can ensure a robust outreach effort during Open Enrollment – again which runs from November 1, 2015 to January 31, 2016. Some examples of what you could do to inform your communities:

- Host enrollment centers in local offices
- Send automated robo calls and emails to promote local enrollment events
- Including information about healthcare.gov on the post script of all constituent correspondence
- Work with local schools and PTAs to get materials to parents via handouts and digitally
- Place Op-Eds in local papers

It has never been more convenient to get our communities covered. Thanks to New Jersey's strong coalitions, the uninsured population in New Jersey is shrinking rapidly, and in its place, there are stronger middle class families who are finally able to protect their health and their financial stability. Now is the time to be a part of the effort.

Please contact my office at 212-264-4600 or email us at [HHSORD2@hhs.gov](mailto:HHSORD2@hhs.gov) and let us know how we can assist you in your community – our office is here to work with you. We look forward to hearing from you.