

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

Jan 10-[Orientation for Newly Elected, Re-Elected, or Experienced Officials, Sheraton, Eatontown](#)

Feb 4- [23rd Mayors Legislative Day-Statehouse, Trenton](#)

Feb 7- [Orientation for Newly Elected, Re-Elected, or Experienced Officials, Renaissance Meadowlands Hotel, Rutherford](#)

Feb 25- [The Heroin Addiction Epidemic: What It Is and How To Address It-Doubletree Hotel, Tinton Falls](#)

Feb 28- [Budgeting For Elected Officials – Conference Center at Mercer, West Windsor](#)

- ✓ League Celebrates 100 years
- ✓ 2015 Municipal Directory
- ✓ Police and Fire Labor Data
- ✓ Access Your Legislative Leaders
- ✓ Women in Government Day
- ✓ Newly Elected Officials Orientation
- ✓ Mayors Legislative Day
- ✓ Budgeting for Elected Officials Seminar
- ✓ League President Honored
- ✓ Mayor of Woodbridge named “Environmentalist of the Year”

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By, Mayor Brian Wahler, President

As we begin the New Year, we mayors face increasingly complex issues in local government. Elected officials need up-to-date information for better planning and administration that can help meet and solve problems. Your League provides key educational seminars geared specifically to local, elected officials.

Two regional seminars will be held on Saturdays for newly and re-elected officials in January and February. The seminars will provide newly-elected officials with a thorough overview of their major areas of responsibility and key state level contacts, while re-elected officials will get up-to-date reference materials that provide answers to often asked questions.

The Annual Mayors Legislative Day is held in the beginning of every February. This important policy session provides officials with a budgetary and legislative update from leaders of the state Legislature, the Governor and Cabinet.

Also this year we are offering a new program exclusively for Elected Officials on the topic of “Budgeting for Elected Officials: Everything You Need to Know to Create, Balance, and Approve Your Municipalities Budget” The session will be on Saturday, February 28.

Please take advantage of this year-round valuable service the League provides to help answer your questions and provide solutions to local issues. Sign up for the above-mentioned seminars, and help get your administration off to a running start.

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**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COOPERATION: 2015 MARKS NJLM'S
100TH ANNIVERSARY**

-For More Information visit: www.njslom.org/100years

On June 16, 1915, the League's constitution was adopted and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities formally created. Created to act as a permanent centralized organization for New Jersey's municipalities, 2015 marks the League's 100th anniversary.

Throughout 2015 the League will be continuously highlighting 100 years of memories, achievements, people and municipal government. Information relating to the centennial will be posted online at www.njslom.org/100years. We will also share highlights via social media. Follow the celebration on Facebook and Twitter using #njlm100.

2015 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 LABOR DATA CONTRACT BOOKS AVAILABLE

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

The League's 2014 Police and Fire Labor Data Contract Books are available. This series can be bought as a **complete package or a single package for just police and/or fire**. It includes selected police and fire contract provisions, salary scales, and arbitration award summaries. Contact Becky Wright at bwright@njslom.org to make purchase arrangements or fill out a publication form at <http://www.njslom.org/publications/Publications.pdf>

**NJLM HELPS MAYORS
ACCESS THE LEADERS**

-Contact Bill Dressel ext. 122 or BDressel@njslom.com

If you need help accessing state leaders and agencies contact the League. Your staff in Trenton interacts daily with all State leaders and agencies and regularly facilitates mayors' communication in our Capitol.

**SAVE THE DATE!!-
WOMEN IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT "WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT DAY"
- MARCH 20, 2015**

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

The Women in Municipal Government committee will be holding their 7th annual "Women in Government Day" on Wednesday, March 20, 2015 at the Princeton Marriott. More details to follow.

SEMINAR FOR NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED OFFICIALS

-Contact Danielle Holland-Htut ext. 118 or 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 23rd ANNUAL
MAYORS LEGISLATIVE DAY**

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

Be sure to register for the 23rd Annual Mayors Legislative Day to be held February 4, 2015 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/seminar-documents/Mayors-Legislative-Day.html>

**NEW PROGRAM "BUDGETING FOR THE ELECTED OFFICIAL: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO
KNOW TO CREATE, BALANCE, AND APPROVE YOUR MUNICIPALITIES' BUDGET"**

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

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 understand the Municipal Budgeting Process. The program will take place on Saturday, February 28, 2015, at the Conference Center at Mercer. Additional program details and registration fees are available at: <http://www.njslom.org/seminar-documents/ElectedOfficial022815.html>

LEAGUE PRESIDENT BRIAN WAHLER HONORED BY NATOA

-For more information contact Rich Desimone, (732) 603-9750

The Jane E. Lawton Award is presented annually to an elected official to recognize his/her years of extraordinary service on behalf of local governments and communities throughout the United States. It was created in memory of the Honorable Jane E. Lawton, who served as Mayor of Chevy Chase, MD; Delegate to the Maryland State House; and President of the National Association of Telecommunication Officers and Advisors (NATOA).

Steve Traylor, Executive Director, NATOA, said, "Mayor Wahler was nominated because of his strong support for Jersey Access Group (JAG) – for attending your conference, speaking on panels, etc. Additionally he helped JAG become an affiliate of the NJ League of Municipalities. For recognizing the importance of PEG operations and the role they play in local communities. For being involved in telecom issues and understanding the vital role that advanced communications play in economic development, civic engagement, etc. And we like that he has taken his interest in communications to the national level by being actively involved with the US Conference of Mayors. Unlike a lot of elected officials, when it comes to telecom issues, he can talk the talk.

Previous recipients: 2008 Marilyn Praisner (posthumously); 2009 Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, 2010 Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin; 2011 Andy Huckaba, City Council Member, Lenexa, KS, 2012 Senator Jay Rockefeller; and 2013 Senator Barbara Mikulski.

**WOODBRIIDGE TOWNSHIP MAYOR JOHN E. McCORMAC NAMED
"ENVIRONMENTALIST OF THE YEAR"**

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Mayor John E. McCormac was named "Environmentalist of the Year" for 2014 by the Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards, which recognize environmental, academic, business, government, civic and citizen leaders from across New Jersey for their commitment to protect and enhance the state's environment.

In announcing the prestigious award at a ceremony at the State Museum in Trenton, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Bob Martin said that Woodbridge Mayor John E. McCormac had been selected “Environmentalist of the Year” for 2014.

The Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award noted that since becoming mayor in 2006, John E. McCormac implemented environmental and sustainable programs to protect and restore the environment, while taking into account Woodbridge’s economic and financial factors. His accomplishments support his belief that “if you go green, you will save green.”

Under Mayor McCormac’s leadership, Woodbridge Township received \$2.4 million in rebates from the State Board of Public Utilities to install solar panels at six town-owned buildings, secured \$5 million in open space funds from the county for preservation, and implemented single stream recycling that reduced municipal disposal costs by \$135,000 while increasing recycling by 44 percent (to 65 percent in 2013, far above any larger town in New Jersey).

Mayor McCormac also:

- Worked with the school board to conduct energy audits of school buildings that led to building upgrades and energy conservation measures.
- Backed remediation of 29 acres at a former manufacturing site, part of the Keasbey Redevelopment Zone, to clear a path to locate a future energy complex as part of the redevelopment of this brownfield site.
- Fostered, through the municipal Redevelopment Agency, restoration of more than 100 acres of wetlands along the Raritan River and construction of the future Woodbridge Waterfront Park.
- Helped forge a partnership between the township and CIEL Power to offer a Township-wide Home Energy Assessment program.

In addition, Woodridge Township has been named the New Jersey “Sustainable Champion” having achieved Silver-Level Certification for five consecutive years – 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009 (Woodbridge did not participate in the Sustainable Jersey program in 2014) and has been selected as a pilot community in the national program of STAR (Sustainability Tools for Assessing and Rating Communities), in conjunction with Sustainable Jersey and Rutgers University.

“I am proud to receive the Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award as Environmentalist of the Year,” said Mayor McCormac. “The Award serves as a benchmark for our sustainable initiatives and provides the Township with additional resources needed to plan for our green future. As a result, Woodbridge will continue to implement sustainable initiatives and programs that serve to better manage the way we use energy and other natural resources at work and home. We will continue to move into the future as a sustainable and environmentally-conscious community.’

The 15th annual Governor’s Environmental Excellence Awards program is co-sponsored by DEP and the New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology (NJCAT), in partnership with the State League of Municipalities. NJCAT Technical Director Dr. Richard Magee, an avid supporter of GEEA for the past 15 years, was recognized by Commissioner Martin for dedication to the environment and this awards program.