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IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League Web Calendar

Jan 12- Orientation for Officials who are Newly Elected, Re-Elected, or Experienced Sheraton, Eatontown

Jan 23-Hurricane Sandy Aftermath Part 2- A Look at the Utility Response, Tax Assessment, Purchasing Issues and Environmental Impact - Conference Center at Mercer, West Windsor

FROM THE PRESIDENT
By Janice S. Mironov, Mayor, East Windsor

As we enter a New Year in New Jersey, for all of our mayors and municipalities, the League's top priority for 2013 is the Restoration to Municipalities of Funding Diverted by the State from Energy Taxes intended for local use and property tax relief. Taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities. When the state made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to return to towns all proceeds for municipal property tax relief.

For many years, however, state officials of both political parties have diverted funding from Energy Taxes to fund state programs. Thus, instead of being spent on local programs and services and used to



Jan 26-Orientation for Officials who are Newly Elected, Re-Elected, or Experienced Renaissance Meadowlands Hotel, Rutherford

Feb 6- 21st Annual Mayors Legislative Day Statehouse, Trenton

Feb 12 - Ethics and Sexual Harassment-PNC, Holmdel

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offset local property taxes, the money has been spent as successive Legislatures and Administrations have seen fit.

The cumulative impact of years of underfunding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes. Local elected officials are in the best position to decide the best use for these resources. Further, these monies were always intended to fund local programs and services and reduce property taxes.

On December 6, 2012, Assembly Bill A-2753 was released by the Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee with unanimous bipartisan support from the Committee Members. We thank the bill sponsors Assemblymen Daniel Benson and Wayne DeAngelo, as well as the sponsor of the Senate companion Senator Linda Greenstein, for their leadership and efforts on this important municipal and property taxpayer issue.

The bill would require certain energy tax receipts to be paid directly to municipalities. This legislation would assure local property taxpayers compensation for hosting transmission facilities and lines that allow gas and electric energy corporations to serve customers and conduct business

in our State. Under current law, energy tax receipts are all collected by the state. However, over many years now, through the annual appropriations act, the state has retained large portions of the energy tax receipts to fund state programs, monies that are supposed to be distributed to municipalities under statutory law.

On behalf of Mayors all around the state, we thank the sponsors and strongly support Assembly Bill A-2753. We urge all Legislators to support this measure and to restore this funding to its intended purpose.

Let the Governor and NJ Legislators make as a 2013 Resolution to do the right and just thing and Restore Energy Receipts to the Municipalities for whom the money was collected and to whom it belongs. Happy 2013!

Hurricane Sandy Program Educates Officials on the Recovery Effort

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

On November 28, 2012 at the Conference Center at Mercer, the League held its first of two programs on the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. League Immediate Past President Mayor Arthur Ondish presided over this whole day program that featured presentations by the Division of Taxation, FEMA, Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund, NJ Office of Emergency Management, Insurance Adjusters from Danskin

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Insurance Agency and Joe Harvey and Associates, U.S. Small Business Administration, Genova, Burns and Giantomasi, New Jersey Association for Flood Plain Management, Division of Codes and Standards, and the Division of Local Government Services. For more information on this event, please see visit the following link:

<http://www.njslom.org/letters/2012-1129-sandy-update.html>

Also, don't forget to attend the second Hurricane Sandy Aftermath program on January 23, 2013 at the Conference Center at Mercer. Registration and agendas for this program are available at the following link <http://www.njslom.org/seminar-documents/2013-0123-Sandy-part2.html>

SEMINAR FOR NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED OFFICIALS

-Contact Danielle Holland-Htut ext. 118 or www.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 page one of this newsline or, the calendar on our web site for locations.

ATTEND THE 21st ANNUAL MAYORS LEGISLATIVE DAY

-Contact Danielle Holland-Htut ext. 118 or www.njslom.org

Be sure to register for the 21st Annual Mayors Legislative Day to be held February 6, 2013 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. Also, this year we will have a very special taping of "On the Record" with Michael Aron, News Anchor from NJTV filmed during our Legislative Panel. For more information on this event, please visit the following link: <http://www.njslom.org/seminar-documents/Mayors-Legislative-Day2013.html>

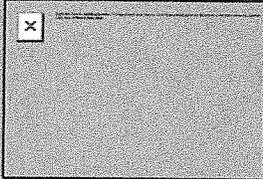
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special training program especially for Mayors and Council Presidents on February 23, 2013 at the Conference Center at Mercer! The Seminar features presentations from the Department of Community Affairs, a panel discussion with MCANJ and NJMMA, an Ethics presentation, and a panel discussion featuring five Mayors with varying levels of experience. For more information on this program visit the program link: <http://www.njslom.org/seminar-documents/2013-Feb-23-Leadership-Training.html>

2013 MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

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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.

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

Police and Fire Labor Data Contract Books Available

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

The League's 2012-13 Police and Fire Labor Data 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

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