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IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

*Also consult the calendar at
www.njslom.com.seminars.html*

For seminar details, contact Karen Venditti ext. 118.

- Apr. 1 "NJ Family Leave Act" at West Windsor
- Apr. 16 Tax Appeals at West Windsor
- Apr. 21 Blight to Revitalization

Last paper issue of the Mayors Newsline will be mailed May 2009. The Newsline will then be e-mailed to your municipal clerk.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Timothy McDonough, Mayor, Hope

At the recent budget hearings I delivered the concerns of our mayors and colleagues across the State. These are extraordinary times and we require extraordinary response from the state. I explained the need to address both revenue and expenses, and detailed several specifics. You can review my full comments at NJSLOM.com.

On the revenue side we are seeking relaxation of the 4% cap levy and full funding for the Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Fund and the Energy Tax Receipts Property Tax Relief Program.

On the expense side we are seeking to repeal or relax local mandates that incur burdensome costs such as:

- Reform the binding arbitration law. Studies and surveys have consistently identified binding arbitration as the biggest driver of municipal costs.
- In keeping with quick start goals of the Federal stimulus package, State permit application not denied for specific reason within 90 days of submission should be deemed

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approved. And a municipal engineer's certification of the subsequent remedy of defects should be sufficient for permit approval.

- Substitute certain training and certification requirements with local risk assessments and plans to meet individual needs.

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From the President (continued)

- We ask the State to postpone enforcement of certain land use and environmental mandates such as the six year master plan review, until such time as the State can meet its statutory responsibility to fully fund CMTRA and the Energy Tax.
- The League seeks relaxation of the inordinate steps and time limits with which municipalities must comply to institute layoffs. If this is the last means of compliance with the tax levy cap and loss of revenues, the State should streamline the process
- We asked that the Public Contracts Law be amended to allow "design and build" projects for municipal buildings.

FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE

*Contact Jon Moran
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Governor Jon S. Corzine announced the launch of a comprehensive Web site outlining the allocation of New Jersey's share of economic stimulus funds under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and the members of a task force to ensure the funds are properly spent. Visit the site at www.recovery.nj.gov

**HIGHLAND PARK MAYOR
LEADS U.N. COMMISSION**

Mayor Meryl Frank led the United States delegation to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. The Commission's work in March examined gender equality issues and policies focused on advancing women's issues worldwide. Mayor Frank is also co-chair of the League's Mayor Committee for a Green Future and serves on the League's Women in Municipal Government Steering Committee.

**EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION TACKLES
STATE'S HOUSING QUESTIONS**

*-Contact Mike Cerra
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The NJLM Educational Foundation held a housing summit March 31 with more than 250 people attending. Mayor Michael Nutter of Philadelphia gave the keynote remarks. Six sessions covered a full range of housing topics including affordable and workforce housing; abandoned properties; foreclosure mitigation; and a roundtable Q&A session with experts.

**SEEKING MAYORAL CONFERENCE
SUGGESTIONS**

*-Contact Bill Dressel ext. 122
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For more updates on the federal stimulus package visit the League's Federal Stimulus Funding Updates page at <http://www.njslom.org/Federal-Stimulus-Funding-Updates.html>

FUTURE MUNICIPAL LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION DEADLINE

-Contact Michael Darcy ext.116 or mdarcy@njslom.com

In January, all mayors received information on the Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship competition.

By April 1, you should submit your local winner to the League office along with a tally of your local entries. The League judging panel includes Mayor Chuck Chiarello of Buena Vista Township, Mayor Janice Mironov of East Windsor and League staff members Michael Darcy, Helen Yeldell, and Deborah Kole. Mayor Chuck Chiarello of Buena Vista Township also serves as Scholarship Chairman.

On May 8, winners are announced and checks are sent to the respective winners' mayors for formal presentations. The top three winners each receives \$1,000 scholarships provided by the League for presentation by the hometown mayors.

Your League staff will shortly begin preparing the schedule of educational sessions for the 94th 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.

NJLM HELPS MAYORS ACCESS THE LEADERS

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