



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY: FRANK VUOSO

In the wake of Super storm Sandy the symbolism of spring is very profound.

Our Association members, neighbors, colleagues, family and friends are rebuilding their homes and lives after the damage caused by the storm. With catastrophic events like this there are often changes in the way certain things are done. This has proven to be the case in land use and zoning. Communities are reacting to new rules and regulations and creating their own ordinances to mitigate damage in the future. This is why continuing education and networking with your peers is crucial.

Once again NJAPZA and Rutgers are gearing up for the **13th Annual Current Issues in Planning & Zoning Conference**. By attending this full day event you will earn five contact hours towards the renewal of your Planning/Zoning Board Secretary, Zoning Official, or Land Use Administrator certifications as well as network with other planning & zoning professionals! This event is always a hit and I am certain it will be once again. This year we will be meeting in Somerset, NJ at The Imperia on June 14, 2013. I hope to see you there.

The volunteers of NJAPZA through various committees have been working hard to improve the Association to serve its members well. Again a discount is being offered to help offset costs to our members. We have streamlined processes for distribution of information. Membership certificates will be available for download from the website, details of this are in this newsletter. The Education Committee is working feverishly on the Spring Conference and the Annual Luncheon to be held November 20, 2013 at Trump Plaza.

As always if you are interested in helping on a committee please reach out to me, we can always use new ideas and perspectives.

Looking forward to seeing you in June.



### IMPORTANT: DATES TO REMEMBER

- **2013 Achievement in Planning Award** will be held at the Woodbridge Hilton on Friday, May 3, 2013.
- **Current Issues in Planning and Zoning: Somerset Imperia.** Please save the date! June 14, 2013.
- **NJAPZA Annual Luncheon Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 in the Chelsea Ballroom of Trump Plaza in Atlantic City.

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### Rutgers Update.....Laura Flagg joins staff

As you may know, Jacquelyn Zelinka , our former Rutgers Liaison retired in September of 2012. Jackie has been a long time friend and supporter of NJAPZA. to the field of Land Use and we wish her all the best in her well deserved retirement.

New Jersey Association of Planning & Zoning Administrators (NJAPZA) is pleased to announce that **Laura Flagg** has been named as our new Rutgers Liaison. Laura Flagg joined the Rutgers University Center for Government Services in spring 2011 where she was hired to coordinate a variety of training

and continuing education programs for municipal government employees. Upon Jackie Zelinka's retirement last June, Laura took over the coordination of the Planning and Zoning Program. Before CGS, Laura earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Gannon University in Pennsylvania and her Master of Public Affairs from Indiana University. After graduate school, Laura was a Program Manager for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management where she worked with local officials to reduce the environmental impacts of governmental operations. She and her husband moved back to the east coast

**WELCOME LAURA!**



### ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING ON NOVEMBER 20, 2013 AT TRUMP PLAZA; CHELSEA BALLROOM ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING.....

The NJAPZA Annual Luncheon Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 in the Chelsea Ballroom of Trump Plaza in Atlantic City.

Registration will begin at 11:30 A.M. and the luncheon will begin at 12:00 noon (sharp!). Our league educational session will immediately follow the luncheon.

Certification credits will be issued to all *certified* Board Secretaries, Land Use Administrators and Zoning Officials who attend the entire educational session. You will receive a packet with more details as the date nears.

Co-Chairs Dawn Wolfe and Kali Tsimboukis have begun initial preparation to ensure a delicious luncheon, informative league session, and wonderful (surprise!) gift for all attendees!

We hope you will join us!



EDUCATION/CERTIFICATION UPDATE

By Ilene Cutroneo, Education Chair

Current Issues in Planning and Zoning

NEW LOCATION

Somerset Imperia

Please save the date! June 14, 2013.

NJAPZA members can take advantage of the 2013 membership discount for NJAPZA’s annual event co-sponsored with Rutgers – Center for Government Services. Remember all those who have filed and paid their 2013 membership with NJAPZA are entitled to this \$40 discount off the regular fee of \$199 . Registration will be closed when the maximum number has been reached– Don’t Delay!

All registration for this session will be handled through Rutgers. Look for the mailing and the information on our web-site.

This year’s invited guest is The Honorable Linda Feinberg, followed by the Annual Case Law Update by Louis Rago, Esq.

After lunch, the afternoon breakout sessions being offered are:

- MLUL-the good, the bad and the ugly
- Redevelopment vs. Rehabilitation
- Everything you wanted to know (Q &A)
- Cutting Edge Issues

Please let us know which two sessions you wish to attend. All certificate holders in attendance earn 5 credits towards the renewal of their Rutgers Certificates. The hour-long luncheon buffet will provide attendees the opportunity to network and share information and relevant ideas.

Remember, all 2013 NJAPZA members in good standing are eligible to register and are eligible for the \$40 discount for this session. Please use the registration form found on our website – [www.njapza.org](http://www.njapza.org).

Please contact me if you have any questions at [icutroneo@princeton-township.nj.us](mailto:icutroneo@princeton-township.nj.us).

Please make sure to check the website (<http://cgs.rutgers.edu/programs/planning-and-zoning>) to access information online.

Looking forward to seeing you on



June 14th !

Mentoring Program

The primary mission of the NJAPZA is to educate, enhance and assist members. In 2006, NJAPZA started its Mentoring Program which was made available to all newly certified Board Secretaries, Board Administrators and Zoning Officers offering the support needed to become competent and confident land use professionals. During that time, we have been very fortunate to have within NJAPZA many competent and highly qualified individuals who were available to work within the program. We are once again reaching out to our membership in seeking certified members, willing to work to advance the development of our new group of certificate holders. You, the mentor, will offer guidance and be a valued resource as the new certificate holder faces the challenges of their position.

Please remember that the benefits of mentoring are not limited to the new certificate holders that you would be assisting. As a mentor, you will experience professional growth as you reexamine your own practices to share expertise and perhaps approach your job from a new and improved advantage point.

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## NJAPZA – Half Day Session: Fall 2013



The Education Committee is in the process of discussing the schedule for half day session(s) sometime late September/early October of this year. We will be looking for a locations throughout the state.

If you have any topics that you would like to see made available as a half day session, and/or if you have a location that we can use to accommodate a group of around 30 people, please contact me via email at [icutroneo@princeton-township.nj.us](mailto:icutroneo@princeton-township.nj.us) or by phone

at 609-924-5366.

Remember that half day programs are at no cost to all NJAPZA members in good standing.

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Keep checking our website ~

[www.njapza.org](http://www.njapza.org) for updates!

## League of Municipalities ~ ~ Continuing Education Credit

NJAPZA's Annual Luncheon Program during the League is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at Trump Plaza. Keep checking our website ~ [www.njapza.org](http://www.njapza.org) ~ ~ for updates.

We will again pre-approve additional programs being offered at the League Conference to give our certificate

holders additional opportunities to accrue continuing education hours credit (CE's). Rutgers will be sending a letter to all certificate holders as the conference draws nearer advising of the programs and the NJAPZA representatives who will be attending them. Once the League posts its sessions, if there are any sessions, you may be

interested in attending, please let us know. Remember we are always looking for additional NJAPZA representatives to attend these sessions, please contact me to be included on the list.



**Please remember that YOU are responsible for tracking your CE credits and applying for the renewal of your Certificate**

**As a reminder, the Continuing Education Requirements for:**

### **Planning Board/Zoning Board Secretary Certificate**

- 15 hours of continuing education every 5 years
- Up to 5 hours of credit may be sought for administrative topics\*
- At least 10 hours must be from land-use related classes, seminars or lectures

### **Zoning Official Certificate**

- 20 hours of continuing education every 5 years
- Up to 6 hours of credit may be sought for administrative topics\*
- At least 14 hours must be from land-use related classes, seminars or lectures

### **Land Use Administrator Certificate**

- 30 hours of continuing education every 5 years
- Up to 10 hours of credit may be sought for administrative topics\*
- At least 20 hours must be from land-use related classes, seminars or lectures

*\*If you hold more than one type of certificate, administrative hours from a single continuing education session may be credited toward the renewal of each certificate up to the administrative limit for each type of certificate.*

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| Board Secretary        | 1 hour  |
| Land Use Administrator | 2 hours |
| Zoning Official        | 2 hours |

**As a general note, request for CE credit approval cannot include material that is covered in the certification courses given by Rutgers.**



**NEW 2013 NJAPZA MEMBERS!**

Recognizing the increased benefits and value of a NJAPZA membership, we welcome the following new members.

We invite all our members to become more active in NJAPZA.

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| Ade Afolabi         | Newark            |
| Loretta Agosta      | Holmdel           |
| Susan Brandt        | Burlington County |
| Debra Brooks        | Branchburg        |
| James Campbell      | Morristown        |
| Martin Chiarolanzio | Livingston        |
| N'dela Costley      | Newark            |
| Davis Kois          | Hillsborough      |
| Marlene Rawson      | Florham Park      |
| Cynthia Shaw        | Mountain Lakes    |



**WELCOME!**



NJAPZA is a 501 (c) 6 non-profit organization whose membership consists of Land Use professionals. The Board of Directors and Executive Committee are comprised of volunteers.



NEWSLETTER  
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**WE'RE ON THE WEB:**  
**WWW.NJAPZA.ORG**

**NJAPZA NEWS.....**

REMINDER.....register for June Session!

NJAPZA members in good standing receive discount.

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**Benefits of Membership:**

- **Discount for Annual June full day session held in conjunction with Rutgers**
- **Discounted rate at the NJAPZA Annual League of Municipalities Luncheon**
- **Free "Members Only" classes**
- **Bi-annual Association Newsletter**
- **Opportunity to network with other Land Use Professionals**

**COMING SOON.....**

**Web-Site**

**Updates**

Look for updates and changes to our **web-site** coming soon. Additionally, members will soon be assigned their own password as we strive to make our web-site more interactive and functional.

**Volunteer**

If you have signed up to **volunteer** for a Committee, you will be contacted shortly by the Committee Chair.

Thank you for your interest in NJAPZA! We encourage and welcome assistance on all of our committees.

**CERTIFICATES**

**NEW Procedure**

Membership Certificates will be available for download on the NJAPZA web-site after May 20th. Members can search their names for the link to download their individual certificate.

Please contact Adele Lewis, Membership Chair if you have difficulty finding your certificate.



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