



## League e-Bulletin

**Last August alone, six children drowned in swimming pools across New Jersey. Already this year, four children have drowned.**

Drowning is one of the leading causes of child deaths, and tragedies like these are a sad reminder that accidents can happen in a matter of moments. A child can drown in just a few inches of water within seconds • often without any splashing or screaming.

Please consider downloading the picture and add it with the links to your web site.



Please consider posting the picture above on your web site, along with a link to <http://www.nj.gov/dcf/safety/campaigns/water.html> DCF also stands ready to send campaign materials to every municipality and these materials can be ordered directly at <http://www.nj.gov/dcf/news/publications/safety.html>  
<http://www.njslom.org/pool-safety.html>

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### Media Relations

Last Thursday, at the NJN Studios in Trenton, we co-sponsored a • **Panel Discussion on How Technology Offers New Tools and Opportunities for Mayors and Governing Bodies to Communicate with the Public.**

A video recording of that discussion is now available on our website at <http://www.njslom.org/NJN-open-house-video.html>.

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### A Guide to To The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Of 2009

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law on February 17, 2009. This landmark legislation is intended to create or save more than 3.5 million jobs, including 100,000 in New Jersey. Our state will receive up to \$10 billion in funding for a variety of initiatives within the transportation, infrastructure, health care, housing and neighborhood redevelopment areas. This guide was developed to ensure that New Jersey communities, organizations, businesses and individuals have the opportunity to identify the potential funding opportunities in the bill, whether through the Federal or State government. It contains brief descriptions of programs as well as the relevant website where you may find more detailed information.

<http://lautenberg.senate.gov/assets/recovery.guide.pdf>

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## **League Mandates Update More Action More Info Needed**

Please join our effort for Unfunded Mandates Relief.

As you know, the League of Municipalities has been on record for years seeking the elimination of unnecessary mandates on local governments. The current economic recession in New Jersey specifically and the national recession generally makes this call for relief even more poignant.

Last year, the League provided State level policy makers and their staffs with a comprehensive study conducted by Township Manager Marianne Smith of Hardyston. If the Legislature needed a basis for examining the impact of mandates on the property tax, this report supplied all that was needed. However, there has been a request for more information. We had asked local officials to complete our mandates survey, just as the demands of preparing their own budgets, while attempting to deal with the current crisis, was paramount on their agendas.

We realize that other priorities in this most difficult budget year have forced you to deal with serious pressing issues. But for our effort to secure mandates relief to move forward, **we need you to help.**

<http://www.njslom.org/ml052709-mandates.html>

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## **A-1645/S-770 - Qualified Purchasing Agent**

On May 21, by a vote of 49-25 with 2 abstentions, the General Assembly released the bill which requires you to appoint a qualified purchasing agent, [A-1645/S-770](#). The bill was previously approved by the State Senate and it now sits on the Governor's desk.

[The League wrote Governor Corzine today](#) and requested a veto of this legislation, based on the fact it is an unfunded state mandate and unnecessary.

<http://www.njslom.org/ml052709-purchasing-agent.html>

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