

**66th NMML Annual Conference**  
**Farmington Civic Center • August 30 - September 1, 2023**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Community Project**

*Sycamore Park Community Center's storage facility and all of the contents inside were damaged in a fire. This service project will assist in building and replacing program games and supplies and recreating decorations. You do not have to be an artist or a builder, this will be a fun project to invigorate a creative side you may not have known you had. All projects will be ready for either cutting, painting, or minor assembly.*

**Golf Outing at Pinon Hills Golf Course: 11:00 am – 6:00 pm**

*Join us Tuesday, August 29th at the nationally ranked and newly renovated Piñon Hills Golf Course. Lunch will be served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on-site at the Grill on the Hill. After lunch, visit our pro shop or warm up on the driving range - then tee off in the shotgun start, four-person scramble tournament at 1:00 pm. Learn more about the course at [pinonhillsqolf.com](http://pinonhillsqolf.com).*

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Subsection Meetings: 9:00 am – 11:00 am**

Mayors/Councilors/Commissioners/Trustees Caucus

NM Municipal Judges Association

NM City Management Association

**THE POWER OF THE MIRROR: KNOWING YOUR WORTH**

*How we view ourselves is vital to establishing a successful career and personal life. If the image of ourselves is off, the output in our lives can also be off. Establishing a positive self-image is one of the most important investments you can make in your future. Often, a shift in perspective may be the solution and breakthrough you've been waiting for. Join this session to learn strategies to limit self-doubt, build confidence, and embrace a refreshed perspective.*

NMCFOA and NMGFOA Joint Meeting

*Overview of new Finance Reporting Module and changes to Capital Outlay Funding.*

*Review of Legislative changes to Inspection of Public Records Act and Next Steps*

NM Association of Chiefs of Police

NM Environmental Quality Association

NM Municipal Librarians Association

**Lunch with Exhibitors: 11:15 am – 12:30 pm**

Welcome: 12:30 – 1:00 pm

Opening General Session: 1:00 – 2:30pm

**Matt Lehrman, From Conflict to Conversation**

*Must disagreement be disagreeable? Amidst unprecedented disruption and uncertainty, there's never been a more necessary time for community leaders to learn how to tackle complex and sensitive issues in ways that leave people feeling heard, respected, and empowered.*

**Concurrent Workshops: 3:00 – 4:15 pm**

**Workshop 1: Green Hydrogen: An Investment in the Energy Transition**

*In 2022, Questa received a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to explore the feasibility of developing a green hydrogen generating facility at the former Chevron mine. In this panel, local leaders and project stakeholders will discuss the project's potential for Questa and the surrounding area, and considerations for other communities interested in large-scale alternative energy projects.*

**Workshop 2: Leadership Essentials with Leadership NM**

*Through its Local Government Leadership Program, Leadership New Mexico has trained local elected officials and staff from across the state, providing a unique educational experience for civic leaders. In this workshop, Leadership NM will share a taste of its top leadership topics for local leaders.*

**Workshop 3: Let's Talk - Civility in your World.**

*Continue the discussion on civility and community engagement. Keynote speaker Matt Lehrman will lead an interactive, pragmatic discussion with attendees. Is civility a challenge in your community? How can you foster productive, courageous community conversations?*

**"Illuminated Pathways" Welcome Reception: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

*Gather with us to walk the path of discovery and possibilities at the Farmington Museum & Visitor Center. From 6-9pm, we will enjoy freshly green chile roasted onsite, homemade tortillas, chicken flautas and more in a beautiful setting along the Animas River. Watch the fire dancers, listen to Joe Villarreal and connect with statewide friends and colleagues, as we make a commitment to build brighter future for our communities!*

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**Fun Run/Walk: 6:45 – 7:45 am**

*Race into the day on Wednesday, August 30th by entering our 5K fun run/walk along the beautiful banks of the Animas River. The race will begin at 6:30 am and will be followed by breakfast onsite from Juniper Cafe. Start and finish line is at the small pavilion (next to the splash pad) in Berg Park near San Juan Blvd and 400 Scott Ave.*

**Concurrent Workshops: 9:00 – 10:00 am**

**Workshop 4: Creating a Healthy Work Environment: Mental Health in Public Service**

*As an Albuquerque-based police and public safety psychologist, Dr. Troy Rodgers regularly deals with high-stress work environments. In this workshop, he'll discuss strategies and tools to create supportive work environments that prioritize and enhance employees' mental wellbeing. Learn about common stressors and challenges that impact mental health and explore strategies to promote wellbeing, work-life balance, and stress management.*

**Workshop 5: You've got to be kidding me! (Human Resources stories – description TBA)**

**Workshop 6: The Farmington Story: Economic Growth & Diversification of a Community**

*Farmington leaders will share their story of how the City of Farmington, Visit Farmington, and other organizations engaged with residents to build a successful community brand that led to identifying new economic diversification opportunities and ultimately defined the Outdoor Recreation Industry Imitative (ORII). Attendees will learn about the establishment of the Community Transformation and Economic Diversification Fund (CTED Fund) and how it supports ORII and related projects; and how Visit Farmington and the City's efforts were the foundation for the creation of the statewide group Endeavor.*

**Concurrent Workshops: 10:30 – 11:30 am**

**Workshop 7: Addressing the Affordable Housing Crisis**

*Many New Mexico communities face a lack of affordable housing, a critical component of local economic development and community well-being. The New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority will discuss the challenges impacting housing affordability in the state and share practical strategies and tools for how local governments can put themselves in a position to address housing affordability.*

**Workshop 8: Community Solutions to Substance Abuse**

*Learn about the City of Farmington's innovative approach to addressing the complex interplay between substance abuse, mental health challenges, and homelessness. The city has launched an alternative response unit and a joint intervention program, with the goal of improving outcomes, reducing the strain on law enforcement, and focusing on preventative interventions through a community-based, holistic model.*

**Workshop 9: Communicating Through a Crisis: A Panel Discussion**

*Three New Mexico mayors will share their own experiences of dealing with unexpected crisis situations. Panelists will discuss lessons learned on crisis messaging, media relations, and public engagement and share tips on how local leaders can be prepared to communicate during times of crisis.*

**Closing General Session 11:45 am – 12:45 pm - TBA**

**Lunch Honoring Past Presidents 12:45 – 2:00 pm**

**"Footloose in Farmington" Dinner/Dance Pop 5:00 – 10:00 pm**

*Get the night started from 5-7pm, as we show you how to be Footloose in Farmington with three unique locations, all within easy walking distance of one another: Locke Street Eats, the Museum of Navajo Art & Culture and the Totah Theater. Enjoy the outdoor vibe at Locke Street Eats with corn hole, life-size Jenga, a mechanical bull and other games, along with a DJ to get the evening going. The Museum of Navajo Art & Culture will allow you to get to know our cultured side, as it features a truly significant collection of Navajo rugs and textiles from the early 1900s to today. The Totah Theater will entertain you with the 3 Redneck Tenors – featuring their musical comedy of classically trained veteran artists who provide you with "down home laughs with big city music!"*

*At 7pm, all will converge at Locke Street Eats for a memorable night under the stars of grilled steaks, freshly roasted corn, enchiladas, live music by After Midnight and an elaborate s'mores bar roasted over a fire pit. The only thing you need to bring is your adventurous spirit, dancing shoes and appetite!*

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**Closing Breakfast 8:00 – 10:00 am**