



League Link

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ADVOCACY ACTION

Watch It, Post It, Tweet It....

Courtesy of the City of Lancaster, [here is a fantastic and timely video supporting the local use of radar](#) and Senate Bill 607. Please share this with your constituents by posting it on your municipal website and by pushing it out on other social media platforms your municipality uses. This video is perfect for helping constituents understand that radar must be authorized by the PA General Assembly before municipal police can use it on neighborhood roads to control speeding. Thank you Lancaster!

2019 Policy Resolutions Adopted at Annual Summit

The League's Resolution Committee considered 12 policy resolutions this month at the Annual Summit. Some of the topics include: preserving local ability to regulate e-scooters; supporting repeal of the PA Separations Act; supporting the adoption of a PA Health Care Plan; supporting options for local tax collection; supporting the adoption of universal background checks prior to the purchase of firearms; and support for an extreme risk protection order law. The adopted policy will be incorporated into our 2020 Policy Statement. [Click here to read the resolutions.](#)

Please remember that any municipal member can propose policy resolutions at our spring district meetings for consideration by the district and eventually the full membership.



THE LEAGUE'S LATEST

• **Executive Director's Report** – [Watch Rick Schuettler's](#) latest video from the streets of historic downtown Gettysburg host of our very successful 120th Annual Summit!

THE LEAGUE'S LATEST (CONTINUED)

- It was great to see everyone at our Annual Summit in Gettysburg! In case you missed it, [here is a comprehensive video of our time in Gettysburg](#). Be sure to share this on your website and through social media! Plan to join us next year in Pittsburgh (October 1-4) where we will hold a joint summit with Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners (PSATC).
- **Gettysburg Rec Park Playground Project is complete!** Thank you to all our members, sponsors, partners and volunteers for making the Rec Park playground come to life! [Check out the awesome playground video here](#).
- **Thank you for your membership – 2020 League Membership dues** invoices will be sent out in the next few weeks via email. Payment is not due until February 1, 2020.

Check out the section on our website dedicated to member communities titled, **Meet a Member!** This month's focus is on the **MUNICIPALITY OF MURRYSVILLE!**

- **Municipal Utility Alliance (MUA)** – Does your municipality have a roadmap to sustainability in place? Are you aiming for carbon neutrality by a certain year? When it comes to setting goals for energy sustainability activities, it is critical to find the right pace for your municipality. It's equally important to have the right energy supplier to help you navigate what can sometimes be an overwhelming and seemingly complicated process – one that can help ensure your municipality is on the right path and receiving the greatest benefit based on your overall strategy. Learn more about purchasing renewable and carbon free energy (RECs and EFECs) by contacting Matthew Shortall, Senior Business Development Manager at Constellation Energy, at matthew.shortall@constellation.com or (443) 602-5755. Constellation Energy is The League's endorsed energy supplier for the MUA.
- **Message from PennPRIME** – Complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is an important civil rights issue as well as a proactive risk management practice for all public entities who must meet the 2010 Standards. Design standards and technical assistance materials are available from the [US Dept. of Justice, Civil Rights Division](#). Additional resources can be found at the [U.S. Access Board](#), a federal agency that promotes equality for people with disabilities through leadership in accessible design and the development of accessibility guidelines and standards.
- **Register now for the League Fall Sustainability Conference** – View the [conference agenda](#) and [session descriptions](#).

RESOURCE ROUNDUP

- **2020 Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence** – Each year, the Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence are presented to local government leaders who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to improving public services through innovative projects or initiatives. [Submit your nominations](#) for the 2020 Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence through December 13.

- **[PA WalkWorks is Expanding!](#)** Entering its sixth year, WalkWorks is excited to expand its network of 93 routes in 23 counties by adding a limited number of new communities! WalkWorks is seeking organizations with interests in improving the health status of their communities.
- **[A must-read for anyone looking to solve the housing crisis:](#)** the **National League of Cities** found that every medium and large American city belongs to one of six housing markets. They've also tailored recommendations for each. Which market does your municipality belong to?
- **In recognition of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, NLC just released their newest guide, "[Protecting Our Data: What Cities Should Know About Cybersecurity.](#)"** NLC wrote this report for local elected and appointed officials, especially for those who may not have a background in cybersecurity or network management. It was completed in collaboration with the Public Technology Institute. Please feel free to share with anyone who may be interested.
- **USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Loan & Grant Program** is a federal government agency with a mission to improve the quality of life in rural America through financing various projects serving populations under 20,000. Grant funding is awarded based on financial need, availability of funds, and are a maximum of \$50,000. For additional resources on applying for any of USDA Rural Development programs, please visit www.rd.usda.gov/pa.