

League Link

A Newsletter of [The Pennsylvania Municipal League](#)



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Attention:

In an effort to follow all CDC and PA Department of Health guidelines, recommendations and mandates regarding the COVID-19 Coronavirus crisis, the League's physical office will be closed through March 27. League [Staff](#) is available by phone or email and is working remotely to provide services and assistance to continue our mission to strengthen, empower and advocate for effective local government.

The League has also taken the precautionary step to cancel both the PELRAS and Capitol conferences. League leadership and staff will continue to closely monitor the situation to determine if future events, including the six district meetings scheduled in April, will also be cancelled.

Regular communication will be provided with any and all relevant information. Please continue to check our [website](#) for all the latest. Let us know the actions you are taking in your respective communities and we will share with your colleagues throughout the state. Please reach out to us with any questions regarding municipal responsibilities and we will work to get you answers. Best of luck and be safe.



Advocacy Action

Take Action!
Help Set The League's Policy Agenda

Spring district meetings are fast approaching and so is the deadline to submit your policy resolutions.

Our municipalities are facing challenges every day, and chances are, these challenges are not isolated to just one township, borough or city. Each spring, League members receive the opportunity to submit policy suggestions through resolutions, shaping The League's policy agenda. As a member driven organization, The League needs to hear from you to accurately advocate for and represent our member municipalities in Harrisburg.

Make sure your municipality is heard by participating in The League's [resolution process](#). Simply propose a policy resolution during your spring district meeting, which upon a vote, would go to the Annual Summit for consideration by the full League membership. This is a very important process because it sets the future policy priorities and positions of The League.

View The League's [2019 adopted resolutions](#) as a sample, and please contact Amy Sturges, Director of Governmental Affairs, at asturges@pml.org if you have any questions.

Check out the section on our website dedicated to member communities titled, [Meet a Member!](#) This month's focus is on the **BOROUGH OF LEMOYNE!**



League's Latest

[The League is dedicated to providing important information on our website](#) regarding the **impact of COVID-19** on the workplace (from The League's PELRAS attorneys Campbell Durrant) and the Right to Know Law, as well as guidelines and resources from the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health, among others.

Executive Director's Report – [Check out Rick Schuettler's latest video](#) as he discusses the COVID-19 Coronavirus crisis and its impact on League events.

Please welcome our newest members to The League – [Sayre Borough](#), Bradford County and [Milton Borough](#), Northumberland County. Welcome aboard! Also, don't forget your **League Membership Directory** is available in your member dashboard; if you forgot your password or need assistance accessing your dashboard contact Britton Kosier at bkosier@pml.org.

Message from PennPRIME Insurance Trusts – Body Worn Cameras (BWC) can be an integral part of professional policing in the 21st century by reducing citizen complaints, improving officer behavior, providing clarification in ambiguous circumstances and protecting the department during a liability lawsuit. Potential issues include equipment malfunction, time for additional training and system management, the potential for officer error and expensive cameras and storage equipment. Federal funds have been made available to PA law enforcement agencies to assist with the cost of BWC policy development and equipment needs. Detailed information for applying for a grant can be found on the [PCCD's website](#) by clicking on the link for "Law Enforcement & Corrections BWC PIP." Recommendations for BWC policies can be accessed by typing "BWC" into the PCCD's website search bar.

New Business Leader – We are pleased to welcome a new Business Leader to The League family. [GTY Technology Holdings Inc.](#) is our largest software as a service (SaaS) member to contribute toward our goal of preserving and reinvesting in the Commonwealth's cities, boroughs, townships, home rule communities and town. The primary contact person for GTY is Pamela Muse, pmuse@ecivis.com.

Resource Roundup

COVID-19 Impact on Right to Know Law and the Sunshine Act – The Office of Open Records has received a number of inquiries regarding how the spread of COVID-19 might impact requests under the Right to Know Law and public meetings under the Sunshine Act. The OOR has issued advice on these matters, which can be [found here](#).

National Census day is April 1, 2020! Many Pennsylvanians may wonder why the 2020 Census matters. There are three simple reasons. First, it's in the Constitution that every resident must be counted every ten years. Second, it's important to participate to make sure we have fair representation in Congress. And lastly, our census count will affect the next decade of federal spending, policy, and decision-making. Everyone counts. Be a good neighbor and spread awareness in your community. [Click here for information and outreach resources](#).

Grants and loans for alternative and clean energy projects – The [Alternative and Clean Energy Program](#) provides financial assistance that will be used by eligible applicants for the utilization, development, and construction of alternative and clean energy projects in the Commonwealth. DCED is currently accepting grant and loan applications.

The Pennsylvania Automated Vehicle Summit is October 26-28 in Pittsburgh. They are now accepting abstract proposals for speakers and session topics. [Click here](#) for more information.

Remember, you can access all archived editions of The League Link as well as other

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