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Advocacy Action

The League's 2021 Legislative Priorities

The League has updated its Legislative Priorities to address the most pressing issues for our members as the 2021/2022 legislative session begins. The [2021 Legislative Priorities](#) will serve as the top issues for our advocacy efforts in the next year.

While several priorities, such as public safety pensions, the tax-exempt burden and local control issues remain the same, we have updated others and added one new priority – the repeal of consumer fireworks. As you are well aware, consumer fireworks legalization has resulted in a very expensive unfunded mandate. It has been detrimental to the quality of life of Pennsylvanians and very difficult to enforce. For this reason, The League is prioritizing the repeal of the consumer fireworks law, Act 43 of 2017.

Updates include an addition to the collective bargaining priority highlighting the need for neutral arbitrator accountability; and the need to amend Act 111 in order to ensure lasting police reform. And last, but not least, the need for direct and targeted investment in our communities is a top priority in order for localities to recover, and for them to help their residents and small businesses recover, from the unforeseen economic devastation caused by the pandemic.

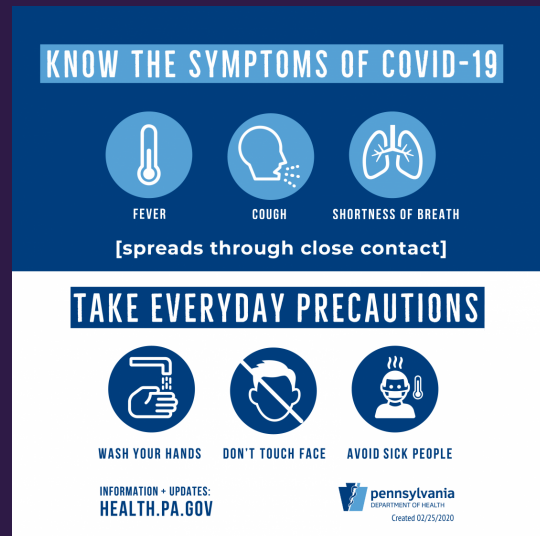
Join The League's Legislative Committee

Become engaged and become a stronger advocate for your community by joining The League's Legislative Committee! The Legislative Committee helps to set a plan of action and implement the goals of The League's legislative agenda. If you would like to be a

2021 Governor's Awards For Local Government Excellence

The call for project submissions for the 2021 Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence is open. 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 2021 Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence through January 31, 2021.

Check out the section on our website dedicated to member [Community Response During Coronavirus](#).



League's Latest

[TUNE IN to Rick's latest Executive Director video report as he gives some League and legislative updates.](#)

Please welcome our newest member to The League – [The Town of McCandless](#), Allegheny County. Welcome aboard!

Executive Director Rick Schuettler discusses first joint Municipal Leadership Summit with PSATC, the pandemic and issues important to PA Local Government on [Comcast Newsmakers](#).

APMM Webinar: BLM Moves Out of the City and Into Our Backyard – January 14, 2021 from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. [Click here to view session descriptions](#) and [here to register](#).

2021 PELRAS Virtual Conference will be held March 17–19, 2021 – [Click here to save the date](#) and stay tuned to the website for more program details.

[Saul Ewing Amstein & Lehr LLP Named 2020 Community Partnership Award Recipient by the Pennsylvania Municipal League](#)

Message from PennPRIME Insurance Trusts – Winter presents specific challenges to municipal workers who are responsible for minimizing safety risks to the residents they serve. Snow removal, clearing damaged power lines and removing downed trees are but a few of the many hazardous operations that local government employees will perform during the next few months. [Winter Hazards: Plan, Equip, Train](#) is an online resource featuring many different cold weather safety topics to assist in protecting your workers from seasonal exposures.

For more information, see our [News & Announcements and newsfeed](#) on our homepage as well as our League COVID-19 Weekly Update email blasts every Friday.



COVID-19

RESOURCES FOR LOCAL LEADERS

If you participated in our Municipal Leadership Virtual Summit, we would greatly appreciate a quote via [email](#) or a short audio/video testimonial via [Sharefile](#) regarding your experience.

Resource Roundup

[DCNR Community Parks and Recreation Grants](#) – DCNR's Bureau of Recreation and Conservation builds connections between citizens and the outdoors by providing funding and technical assistance support for local recreation and park improvement projects through its Community Conservation Partnerships Program grants.

League Business Leader, **NLC Service Line Warranty Program by HomeServe** recently became a contributor to the [EPA's Water Finance Clearing House](#), and are providing content that helps address today's challenges. The goal is to provide valuable insight to using alternate funding for city initiatives, water conservation, and green infrastructure. Here are a few examples: [Baltimore, Maryland Case Study](#); [How to Conserve Water When You're Losing It](#) and [Green Infrastructure: Three Ways to Partner with Residents](#).

[Tips for the safest way to celebrate winter holidays from the CDC](#)

Virtual 2021 ICMA Northeast Regional Conference – At this regional conference, local government professionals will come together for discussions that focus on tools, processes, and leading practices in the long-term, equitable recovery and transformation of local government management and communities.

[Virtual registration is now open](#) for the **NLC Congressional City Conference** on March 7-10 – Take part in an immersive and unparalleled program that helps local leaders learn best practices, discover tools and gather resources to best fit the diverse set of your community's needs.

[December 10 - Governor and Secretary Levine Announce Protective Mitigation Efforts](#)

[USDA Community Facilities Loan & Grant Program for PA Rural Communities](#) – Funds are available for a variety of projects, including infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas.



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