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Advocacy Action

Advocacy Olympics – Go for the Gold!

The Olympics are upon us, and as an advocate for your municipality, now is your chance to become an Advocacy Olympian! While the General Assembly is on summer recess, it is important that we continue our advocacy efforts and ensure The League's legislative priorities are on the top of legislators' minds when they return to session in September.

Become a gold medal Advocacy Olympian by completing all three advocacy actions below!

Please view detailed [talking points](#) for each of the issues and use as guidance when you contact your House and Senate members.

Please fill out this [advocacy feedback form](#) once you've contacted your legislator(s). Please provide your feedback regarding your advocacy efforts no later than August 18.

BRONZE Local Use of Radar – Senate Bill 419 and House Bill 606

Local use of radar is a public safety measure that is long overdue. All municipal police officers should be authorized to use this tool. Senate Bill 419 passed the Senate and is in the House Transportation Committee, and House Bill 606 is awaiting final House consideration. House leadership said they will not take up the local radar bills unless it has a majority of support. Please call your House member to express the importance of this bill as a public safety measure. Find out where he or she stands on the issue. Ask if they will support a local radar bill if brought up for a vote - [Take Action](#).

SILVER Stormwater Management Fees – House Bills 1287 and 1288

Municipalities should have the authority to assess reasonable and uniform fees on properties to pay for stormwater management activities in order to comply with stormwater mandates and MS4 requirements. Help to move the stormwater management fee bills out of the House Local Government Committee by contacting your House member in support of this measure - [Take Action](#).

GOLD Repeal of the Consumer Fireworks Law – Act 43 of 2017

Act 43 of 2017 expanded the sale and use of fireworks in Pennsylvania to "consumer fireworks." Since

enactment, public safety personnel have reported a significant increase in fireworks-related incidents and injuries, as well as significant constituent complaints. Furthermore, Act 43 preempts stricter local regulations. The League is now advocating for a full repeal of Act 43 and asks that you please contact both your House and Senate members to support its repeal - [Take Action](#).

Click [here](#) to access your General Assembly member's contact information and provide your advocacy feedback by August 18 [here](#).

Executive Director's Report



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

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TOGETHER



League's Latest

The 2021 Municipal Leadership Summit will be held on October 7 – 9 at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square. [Click Here to View the Save the Date!](#) The room block is now open; check out our [Summit webpage](#) for more information.

Are you a newly elected official, a newly hired manager or just need a refresher on the benefits The League has to offer to its members? If you fit in any of these categories, please feel free to reach out to

Harry Krot, The League's director of marketing and member services to have a discussion. Harry would be happy to provide an overview on League business programs and services, share training opportunities or discuss ways in which you can be more engaged in The League. You can do this over the phone, via virtual call or in an in-person visit to your municipality. Contact Harry today to schedule a time! He can be reached via email at hkrot@pml.org or by phone at 717.525.3851.

Message from PennPRIME Insurance Trusts – PennPRIME is pleased to present the first in our series of webinars. The work of law enforcement professionals is essential to a functional society, and yet it takes a toll on those who serve in these roles. Learn about officer wellness, resilience and trauma-informed leadership. What can law enforcement leaders and risk managers do to help improve the mental and physical wellbeing of officers? What solutions are available? These are just some of the questions to be discussed in this presentation, featuring Dr. David Black from Lexipol. Visit www.pennprime.com to register. This is open to everyone and is being offered at no charge.

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.

Also be sure to check out our [COVID-19 Resources for Local Leaders](#) webpage.



COVID-19

RESOURCES FOR LOCAL LEADERS

Resource Roundup

News You Can Use – Lead Pipe Programs and Repairs from League Business Leader, HomeServe USA – [When Sewer Line Repair Arises, Homeowner Relies on HomeServe](#) and [Lead and Copper Rule Revisions for Lead and Water Line Replacements](#).

[United States Government Launches First One-Stop Ransomware Resource at StopRansomware.gov](#) – Agencies across the U.S. government announced new resources and initiatives to protect American businesses and communities from ransomware attacks.

[Pew Report on local tax limits](#) – Local Tax Limitations Can Hamper Fiscal Stability of Cities and Counties, Three ways states can help localities improve budget flexibility and resiliency.

[Benefits of Local & Regional Online Marketplaces](#) – Learn how your downtown or neighborhood district businesses can develop a competitive online presence through a local or regional online marketplace.

[NLC's Federal Advocacy Newsletter](#) – Resources for COVID-19 Response and Economic Recovery.

[CDBG-CV HUD Resources, Marketing Automation, Show me the Funding, and more!](#) – Recently, HUD has made available two very useful guides to assist grantees in administering Community Development Block Grant-CARES (CDBG-CV) funds. Please take time to review the information provided in these guides.

[Senate Bill No. 544 Amends Pennsylvania Sunshine Act to Require Agencies to Provide, in Addition to Any Public Notice, Notice of Agency Business to be Conducted at the Public Meeting](#)

[First Lady Wolf, DCNR Secretary Dunn Highlight Outdoor Opportunities for All During Pittsburgh Visit](#) – First Lady Frances Wolf and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn highlighted outdoor opportunities in Pennsylvania during a visit with outdoor recreation and conservation professionals in Pittsburgh.

[State & Local Legal Center Latest News](#) — Register for SLLC SCOTUS police cases webinar, July 29.

[Pandemic Funding Reporting and Compliance Guidance for Municipalities](#) — [U.S. Treasury Releases Handbook to Ease Municipalities Through Pandemic Funding Process](#)

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