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Advocacy Action

Don't Miss Our Legislative Conference June 8-9 in Harrisburg

League staff has worked hard to schedule relevant topics and speakers for this year's Capitol Conference. Every session relates to legislation enacted or moving in the General Assembly. Please view the agenda and register today!



League Capitol Conference

June 8 - 9, 2022

Hilton Harrisburg

League/PSATC Member
Registration Fee: \$25

Non-Member Registration
Fee: \$100

Speakers:

Governor Tom Wolf

Dr. G. Terry Madonna, Senior Fellow, Millersville University

Topics:

- Local Impact of Highly Autonomous Vehicle Testing
- The Prevalence of State Legislation Preempting Local Government
- Local Government's Role in New Efforts to Deploy Broadband
- Remote and Recorded Meetings Post-COVID
- Local Use of Radar Lobbying
- Impact of COVID on PA Downtowns

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[View the Agenda](#)

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Take Action: Contact Your House Member Today and Help Drive Local Use of Radar Over the Finish Line

With just weeks left in the legislative session and with a new momentum within the General Assembly, now is the time to keep the pressure up to pass local use of radar.

Please contact your House Member today and request that they ask House Leadership to move House Bill 606 to the Floor for a final vote. Please emphasize the decline in non-radar speed timing devices, as well as the other talking points below:

- House Bill 606 is a public safety measure
- Pennsylvania is the only state in the country that does not allow for the local use of radar
- In 2020, the total number of fatalities increased in Pennsylvania by 6% and speeding related fatalities increased by 16%
 - Speeding related fatalities make up around 41% of all traffic fatalities in Pennsylvania
- In addition to the increase of speed-related fatalities, the non-radar speed timing devices and technology available to local police are becoming more and more obsolete
 - There are only three PennDOT approved non-radar speed timing devices available as of 2022, one being a stop watch
 - Companies producing these devices are going out of business or ceasing production, as there is very little demand for these products outside of Pennsylvania
 - Additionally, many non-radar speed timing devices are not compatible with the computer systems in new police vehicle models
- With an increase in speed-related fatalities and decline in local law enforcement access to non-radar speed timing devices, it is critical now more than ever to authorize local use of radar

Please find your House Member's contact information [here](#).

Executive Director's Report



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



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THROUGH THIS
TOGETHER**



League's Latest

Registration is Now Open!

Municipal Leadership Summit

PITTSBURGH  OCTOBER 6-9, 2022



Thank you to everyone for participating in our **ENVISION 2032 Regional forums**. We received terrific feedback that we can take with us moving forward and the release of our ENVISION 2032 publication during the Annual Municipal Leadership Summit. If anyone has any input from attending, please direct comments to John Brenner at jbrenner@pml.org.

[Register now for The League Sustainability Web Conference](#) which is coming up on June 21. Stay tuned to our website for more information.

Upcoming PATH (PA Training Hub) Classes – [Fiscal Management Strategies For Local Government Officials](#) (June 22-24) 10:00 a.m. - Noon, each day. This course was developed to provide up to date information and guidance that will assist elected and appointed municipal officials; the seasoned instruction staff will review a recommended structure for municipal officials to follow as they review the fiscal cycle and responsibilities that fall within. **[Bookkeeping and Accounting Basics](#)** (June 27-28) 9:00 a.m. - Noon, each day. This course is designed to provide municipal officials including: auditors, municipal secretaries, treasurers, clerks, administrators and elected officials with relevant information regarding the basic concepts of bookkeeping and accounting principles. During this course, our instructor will provide attendees with an introduction to fund accounting using accounting basics such as assets, liabilities and fund equity. After attending this course, attendees will have increased their knowledge of municipal financial record keeping and be better able to work within their local government on the annual budget and audit processes.

[4 Day In-Person Floodplain Management Course \(G-273\)](#) –Tuesday, June 7- Friday, June 10, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. each day. This is the field deployed version of the FEMA Emergency Management Institute (EMI) MI E273 course. This course is designed to provide an organized training opportunity for local officials responsible for administering their local floodplain management ordinance. Only \$50 for 12 CECs for CFMs and 24 Uniform Construction Code credit hours. **Spaces are limited, register soon!**

Some helpful tips on meeting your Sustainability goals from Constellation Energy – [Setting Sustainability Goals and Meeting Them with Reduction Targets](#) - Government entities and institutional investors are increasingly applying pressure on public companies to address climate change. If you are interested in receiving a no cost quote for your energy needs, please contact Harry Krot, Deputy Executive Director of Member Services at hkrot@pml.org.

We have compiled a list of articles for [League member actions regarding ARPA funding](#). We will continue to update this list as more information becomes available.

For more information, see our [News & Announcements and newsfeed](#) on our homepage.

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



2022 League Sustainability Web Conference

JUNE 21, 2022

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Stay tuned for program details.

Resource Roundup

[An Appreciative Approach to Inspiring Solutions](#) – article from Brian Koehler, Director, Park Maintenance Institute.

[Register Now: Two Supreme Court Webinars](#) – Source: State and Local Legal Center - From guns to abortion to countless First Amendment cases to a potentially big police case this U.S. Supreme Court term will long be remembered.

[FEMA's June Preparedness Toolkit \(Heat & Drought\)](#) – With hot weather, comes the potential for drought. Water is our planet's most vital resource and in times of less precipitation, to conserve it, we need to get inventive, know our limits, and understand how to operate under the potential for local water restrictions.

[Get Ready to Apply for Road Safety Grant \(from NLC\)](#) – Municipal leaders in America's cities, towns and villages are eagerly anticipating the new Safe Street and Roads for All (SS4A) program this May. Why? All the money in the program is going directly to local and tribal governments, and the SS4A grants will be used for a great cause – safer streets in every neighborhood.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) expanded the Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to help families and individuals meet their needs because of the massive disruption of everyday life caused by COVID-19. To better understand how municipalities responded to the expanded tax credits, the **National League of Cities (NLC)** is conducting a [brief survey targeted at local leaders and municipal staff to learn how their city-led or funded efforts to connect more residents to federal tax credits before and after ARPA funds became available](#). Your survey responses will be anonymous and survey findings will only be shared in aggregate. If you have any questions related to this survey, please reach out to Patrick Hain, program manager, economic opportunity, and financial empowerment at eofe@nlc.org.

[Treasury Updated FAQs – State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds](#) – The Department of Treasury recently published a [set of answers to frequently asked questions](#) related to State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act.

[Great Places in PA – 2022 Nominations Now Open](#) – The PA Chapter of the American Planning Association is seeking the **nomination of Great Public Spaces & Great Greenways/Trails** for its **Great Places in PA** program.

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