

# League Link

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



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## Advocacy Action

### 2022 Adopted Resolutions

The League is a member-driven organization relying on member municipalities to help develop policies that meet the present needs of local government. Our annual [resolutions process](#) provides every League member with the opportunity to participate in, and shape, The League's legislative agenda.

During The League's Municipal Leadership Summit, the voting delegates for the Resolutions Committee and Annual Business Meeting met for a final discussion and vote on the proposed 2022 Resolutions. All 12 resolutions were adopted and will be integrated into the 2023 Policy Statement.

The adopted resolutions listed below were proposed by The League's Legislative Committee.

1. 2018 Policy Review
2. Adoption of NLC's 2022 Municipal Policy and 2022 Federal Action Agenda
3. Permanent Funding for Whole Home Repairs Program
4. Recognizing the Affordable Housing Crisis in Pennsylvania
5. Reaffirming The League's Policy on Reforming the Local Taxing Structure
6. Signatures and Filing Fees for Nomination Petitions in Third Class Cities
7. Local Share of Recreational Marijuana Tax
8. Limitations on Liability Under Pennsylvania's Sovereign and Governmental Immunity Law
9. Consumer Fireworks Data
10. Opposing a Gas Tax Holiday
11. Municipal Police Recruitment, Retention and Funding
12. Public Safety Authorities

Please view and read The League's Adopted 2022 Resolutions [here](#).

## Blight Survey Reminder

Earlier this month, we sent a request to The League's top elected and appointed officials to complete our blight survey. The survey results will help to develop a blight toolkit, gain information on successful blight prevention and remediation efforts and gather suggestions on future legislative initiatives that could provide additional or improved blight tools.

If you have not done so, [please click here to complete the survey](#) by Monday, October 24.

## Executive Director's Report



## League's Latest

Tune in tonight, live from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. to watch the PCN Call In: Local Government Issues and the Election – with League Executive Director John Brenner, [see program here](#).

Please welcome our newest members to The League – [City of Beaver Falls](#), Beaver County and [Taylor Borough](#), Lackawanna County. Welcome aboard!

On behalf of everyone at the Pennsylvania Municipal League, we'd like to thank all of those who attended, participated or presented at the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Municipal Leadership Summit in Pittsburgh. Nearly 250 participants took full advantage of the time to meet and share best practices with others from cities, townships, boroughs and towns throughout the Commonwealth. Elected and appointed officials were able to learn from each other during general and breakout sessions including a virtual reality police de-escalation presentation – which was outstanding – and a most inspirational message from two-time Super Bowl champion Charlie Batch, whose success story in creating a legacy for children in his community was nothing short of sensational. It's not too early to look forward to next year's Summit which will be held in Bethlehem from October 5-8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and we hope to see you there! **Please take a moment to fill out the survey for the Municipal Leadership Summit by [clicking here](#).** A **Post-Summit News Release Template for Delegate Use** can be found on our [Municipal Leadership Summit page under Resources](#). And, we are pleased to present a [video](#) of this year's Summit for everyone to enjoy and share with others!

We would like to thank all of our West Penn Park playground sponsors: the [City of Pittsburgh](#), the [Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources \(DCNR\)](#), [The Grable Foundation](#), [Duquesne Light](#), [Highmark Health](#) and [Allegheny Health Network](#) and [KABOOM!](#) as well as our T-shirt

sponsors, [U-COMP](#) and [PennPRIME](#). This kid-designed and adult-approved project was a great success and provides a state-of-the-art new playground for hundreds of neighborhood children in the Polish Hill Neighborhood of Pittsburgh. We are excited to have local children enjoy their new, colorful, super fun playground and we could not have done it without your help and support! [Click here for the Press Release, here for the playground video](#) and [here to see our Facebook photo gallery!](#) (see photo below)

**In October 2021, The League launched ENVISION 2032**, an initiative to engage members and stakeholders in a 10-year visioning process. During our recent Municipal Leadership Summit, we were pleased to present the resulting ENVISION 2032 publication. If your municipality has an interesting approach or project to share as part of this ongoing [ENVISION 2032 initiative](#), we want to hear about it! Please contact Debbie Bitting at [dbitting@pml.org](mailto:dbitting@pml.org).

Also announced during our Annual Municipal Leadership Summit, **The League and Pennsylvania Economy League (PEL) have published a new study** that demonstrates how the current local taxation structure developed in 1965 does not meet today's municipal revenue needs. This partnership and publication are in response to The League's Strategic Plan that called for an updated report on Pennsylvania's local taxation structure. [Click Here to read/download the report.](#)

**Register now for the remaining [PELRAS Leadership Primer Workshop](#).** The [East Region](#) will be held on November 1 at the Delaware Valley Trusts Headquarters in Horsham.

[Register now for the upcoming League Fall Sustainability Conference](#) – which will be held on November 15 at the Inn at Villanova University. Topics for this year's conference include Renewable Energy, Recycling, Blight and Diversity Equity Inclusion.

**Upcoming PATH Class:** [Developing and Managing Your Municipal Budget](#) – This in-classroom training course is designed to help municipal officials understand key concepts of financing, including capital budgeting, cash flow, and capitalization so that they can apply them to their community and municipal operations. The presenter will demonstrate the differences between capital expenditures and operating expenses and explain the concept of present value. Case studies will illustrate the process municipalities went through to complete projects.

**Upcoming PCCA Classes:** [ACC 101: Accessibility Essentials](#): *Virtual*, October 19-21; [BCO 101: Building Code Official Certification Academy](#): *Virtual*, October 31 - November 3; [G-273 Floodplain Management Course](#): *Live and in-person Erie County*, October 31 - November 4; [ACC 104 Accessibility for Type A and Type B Residential Units plus Accessible Playgrounds and Pools](#): *Virtual*, November 16; and [Floodplain Ordinance Training](#): *Virtual*, November 17.

Please fill out our [ARPA Investment Tracker Form](#) so we can share the great ways you are using your ARPA dollars with all members. Thank you!

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.

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# LEAGUE FALL SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 15  
2022

THE INN AT VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY  
601 COUNTY LINE ROAD  
RADNOR, PA 19087

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$100**

**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM**  
**(Lunch Provided)**

**Topics for this year's conference may include but are subject to change:**  
Renewable Energy, Recycling, Blight,  
Diversity Equity Inclusion

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Resource Roundup

[Check out the new Altoona Proud newsletter](#) – each month they will feature upcoming City events, share important updates from the Mayor, and highlight local businesses and organizations. Be sure to share your newsletters with us!

[NLC Federal Advocacy Newsletter – Treasury Help Center for SLFRF Recipients Shutting Down](#) – Last week, the Department of Treasury announced their assistance to local governments with questions about the complex rules and requirements of the American Rescue Plan Act's State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program would be dramatically scaled back starting Monday, October 17.

[South Central Assembly: Community Webinar Series – Preparing For The New Federal Infrastructure Program, October 26, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.](#) The South Central Assembly is offering the next session in its *Community Webinar Series*, virtual meetings to help local government and community agencies respond to urgent regional needs. This session is offered in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania.

**The National Civic League is now accepting applications for the 2023 All-America City Award.** Since 1949, the All-America City Award has recognized communities that leverage civic engagement, collaboration, inclusiveness, and innovation to address local challenges successfully – Optional letters of intent to apply are due on December 15, 2022, and applications are due February 15, 2023. Twenty finalists will be named in March of 2023 and invited to assemble a community team to present their work at the All-America City award event in Denver, CO from June 9-11, 2023. For additional information, watch this [informational webinar](#) and [download the 2023 application](#).

[Register Now for the Recreation, Parks and Resource Conservation Workshop](#) – Join the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS) for this interactive and informative workshop for municipal managers, boards, local officials, and volunteers who are seeking help, information, and assistance with park and recreation planning, programming, and maintenance on October 26 at 4:00 p.m.

[Statewide Active Transportation Summit: Bikes & Beyond](#) – Brought to you by [Pennsylvania Downtown Center](#), [Bicycle South Central PA](#), and 2022 Summit Sponsor [Lancaster Bicycle Club](#), the Statewide Active Transportation Summit: Bikes & Beyond will be hosted on Saturday, November 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on the campus of Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster (with optional walking or biking tour to follow). It will be familiar to people who have attended past Regional Bike Summits, but the scope will expand to welcome people from around the commonwealth and to include all active modes in the discussion.

Remember, you can access all archived editions of The League Link as well as other member publications, forms and resources in your [Member Dashboard](#).

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