

# League Link

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## Advocacy Action

### **2023 Capitol Conference Webinar Series:**

#### **Presentation of League Legislative Priorities and Discussion of Member Issues January 31, 12:30 p.m.**

Rather than holding an in-person legislative conference this year, The League will host a series of Capitol Conference Webinars on a bimonthly basis throughout 2023. Each webinar will focus on a relevant legislative topic, and when possible, include speakers from the General Assembly, executive branch and other pertinent organizations.

The first webinar will be on January 31 at 12:30 pm. League Governmental Affairs staff will present our 2023 legislative priorities. We will also devote time to allow members to share and discuss issues they are facing in their communities. The purpose of the member discussion portion of the webinar is for League staff to gain greater understanding of current issues facing our members, and if applicable, develop policy resolutions for consideration by the membership at the October Summit. Adopted resolutions are incorporated into our Policy Statement. As you know, our Policy Statement serves as a guide when representing our members before Harrisburg's legislative and executive branches.

Please consider the questions below to help facilitate member discussion:

1. Is there an issue or issues that your community is facing or may face in the future?
  - a. Example: Uniform Construction Code issues, public safety issues (fire, EMS, police), stormwater/water infrastructure issues, transportation issues – i.e. electric charging stations, etc.
  
2. What do you wish you could do within your municipality that you are unable to accomplish because of a lack of resources or any other reason?
  - a. Example: Blight remediation/code enforcement, staffing issues, community development projects, etc.

3. What additional tools do you need to ensure efficient and effective governing of your community? What tools do you need to address your community's issues?

[Register for Webinar](#)

## Executive Director's Report





**Congratulations and a warm welcome to our new Governor, Josh Shapiro. We are looking forward to working together for the betterment of our local governments and the citizens of Pennsylvania.**

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# SAVE THE DATES

## 2023 League District Meetings

### Northcentral District Meeting

**Tuesday, April 18**

Hyatt Place, State College Borough  
219 W. Beaver Ave., State College, PA 16801

### Northwest District Meeting

**Wednesday, April 19**

Maker's Warehouse, City of St. Marys  
315 Bruxelles St., Saint Marys, PA 15857

### Southwest District Meeting

**Thursday, April 20**

Westinghouse Lodge, Forest Hills Borough  
799 Barclay Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15221

### Northeast District Meeting

**Wednesday, April 26**

Pittston Memorial Library, Cosgrove Room, City of Pittston  
47 Broad St., Pittston, PA 18640

### Southeast District Meeting

**Thursday, April 27**

The Loft at Landis Creek Golf Club, Limerick Township  
765 N. Lewis Rd., Limerick, PA 19468

### Southcentral District Meeting

**Tuesday, May 2**

Gettysburg Hotel, Gettysburg Borough  
1 Lincoln Square, Gettysburg, PA 17325

**All events are from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
with lunch provided.**

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## League's Latest

**Just a reminder to our members – please make sure to fill out or update your municipal profiles** including any new municipal profiles or information for newly elected or appointed municipal officials. There is a **League-Municipal Official Contact Form** and a **League-Municipal Profile Form** you can link to from the [Member Dashboard](#) (you will need to sign in with your member dashboard password).

[The annual PELRAS Conference](#) is coming up on March 15-17 at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center in State College. You can [download the agenda here](#) and [registration is available online here](#).

**Upcoming PATH Classes:** [Comprehensive Training for Elected Auditors](#) (Hybrid Event) – January 20 @ 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; [Bookkeeping and Accounting Basics](#) (Virtual Event) February 1 @ 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; [Basic Training for Municipal Secretaries and Administrators](#) (Hybrid Event) February 16.



**Upcoming PCCA Classes:** [IPC 101: INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE ESSENTIALS \(4 DAYS\)](#) (Virtual Event) Mon, Jan 23 - Thu, Jan 26; [BCO 101: BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION ACADEMY](#) (Virtual Event) Mon, Jan 30 - Thu, Feb 02; [RA 501: RESIDENTIAL PLUMBING ACADEMY \(3 DAYS\)](#) (Virtual Event) Mon, Feb 13 - Wed, Feb 15; [NEW BCO'S LUNCH AND LEARN](#) (Virtual Event) Fri, Feb 17; [RA 101: RESIDENTIAL BUILDING ACADEMY](#) (Virtual Event) Tue, Feb 21 - Fri, Feb 24; [IFGC 101: INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE ESSENTIALS](#) (Virtual Event) Tue, Feb 21; [IMC 101: INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE ESSENTIALS \(2 DAYS\)](#) (Virtual Event) Mon, Feb 27 - Tue, Feb 28; [RECENT COURT CASE IMPACT ON ENFORCEMENT ON UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE](#) (Virtual Event) March 2.

Be sure to fill out our [ARPA Investment Tracker](#) 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.

## Resource Roundup

**PennDOT: Drones for Municipal Transportation Use Survey** – To learn more about how local agencies in PA are currently using or could potentially use Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) or “drones” for local transportation, we’ve created a brief survey. UAS is an [FHWA Every Day Counts 5 innovation](#) and we aim to better understand what training and technical support municipalities may need to begin or increase safe and effective use of this rapidly emerging technology. [The survey is live](#) now and will be open until February 1.

[EPA Environmental Justice Grants](#) – U.S. EPA announced the availability of environmental justice funding in two competitive grant categories.

[Federal Resources for Communities Pursuing Community Capacity Building and Other Revitalization Efforts](#) – Federal resources and assistance that may be useful to communities and other organizations pursuing community capacity building and other revitalization efforts.

**From NLC: [How Local Governments Can Use Direct Pay on Clean Energy Projects](#)** – The Inflation Reduction Act provides a variety of incentives for clean energy, including tax credits and rebates. For the first time, local governments are positioned to take advantage of these tax credits directly.

[Important News from the White House](#) – Biden-Harris Administration Kicks Off 2023 Implementing Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

[PA National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure \(NEVI\) Grant Program: Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) – PennDOT will begin accepting applications for Round 1 of the [National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure \(NEVI\) Grant Program](#) on February 24, 2023. The application period is open until 5:00 PM EST on April 6, 2023.

[EITC Awareness Day Guide](#) – On January 27, 2023, the country will celebrate the seventeenth annual EITC Awareness Day. This day is an effort by the IRS to encourage local governments, community organizations, and other stakeholders to bring attention to the EITC and opportunities for free tax filing services through VITA.

[Inflation Reduction Act Provisions](#) – Through the Inflation Reduction Act, President Biden is delivering on his promise to lower prescription drug costs, make health insurance more affordable, and help lower costs for working families.

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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