

# League Link

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## Executive Director's Report



## Advocacy Action

### Take Action to Push Local Use of Radar Forward

Senate Bill 459 authorizing the local use of radar bill has been stalled in the Senate Appropriations Committee for over seven months. Now is the time to put pressure on the Senate to pass Senate Bill 459

before the end of the year.

With both the increase of speed-related fatalities in Pennsylvania and the dwindling number of non-radar speed timing devices, a public safety crisis looms over the commonwealth. It is time to trust municipal police with radar.

Please call or email your Senator today and ask that they encourage Senate Leadership to move Senate Bill 459 out of the Appropriations Committee and to the Floor for a final vote.

Here are the talking points to use.

- Local use of radar is a public safety measure.
- Pennsylvania is the only state that does not allow for the local use of radar.
- According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's 2021 crash data:
  - the total number of fatalities increased in Pennsylvania by 9% from 2020 to 2021;
  - of the 1,230 total fatalities, 500 are speed-related fatalities, making up around 41% of all traffic fatalities in Pennsylvania; and
  - Pennsylvania ranks third, behind California and Texas, for the most speed-related deaths and third for the highest percentage of speed related fatalities in 2021.
- 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.
  - Companies producing these devices are going out of business or ceasing production, as there is very little demand for these products outside of Pennsylvania.
- With an increase in speed-related fatalities and a 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 Senator's contact information [here](#).

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## Newly Elected Official Affidavits of Residency

Prior to taking the Oath of Office, each newly elected official in a third class city, borough, or first class township must present a signed affidavit to the city clerk, secretary or manager attesting to continuous residency for one year preceding the individual's election. This affidavit is a qualification for office.

Please see the following sections of the codes:

- [Section 11001](#) of the Third Class City Code
- [Section 501](#) of the First Class Township Code
- [Section 801](#) and [Section 901](#) of the Borough Code

Each municipality should reach out to its newly elected officials and provide notice of this requirement well in advance of January's swearing-in ceremonies. [Click here](#) for a sample residency affidavit. Your solicitor should approve the affidavit prior to its use.

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## League's Latest

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**Please welcome our newest members to The League** — [Richland Borough](#), Bucks County, [Upper Uwchlan Township](#), Chester County and [Hamburg Borough](#), Berks County. Welcome aboard!

**League Dues Reminder** — The 2024 League dues have been sent out. If anyone has questions relating to their dues for 2024, please direct them to Amanda Lane, Deputy Executive Director - Membership at [alane@pml.org](mailto:alane@pml.org).

**GrantFinder FREE Webinar** — **December 14 from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. No registration required.** More than \$700 billion in grants is available to local government each year. But it can be difficult to navigate through the grant process. Few municipalities have grants experts on staff, or the time to research opportunities and develop grant applications. GrantFinder powered by Lexipol is a real-time,



online searchable database of more than 16,000 federal, state, foundation, and corporate grants available to municipalities and local non-profits. Your membership in The League gives you access to this information for FREE. Learn how to utilize this service by attending this FREE training.

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.

## Upcoming PCCA Schedule:

To see full class descriptions and prices, [CLICK HERE!!](#) 

### **November 17th**

#### **Commercial Use and Occupancy (1 CEU)**

12pm-1pm, Virtual

### **November 20th - 21st**

#### **Understanding Building Department Basics/Basic Code Enforcement (6 CEUs)**

8:30am-4pm, Virtual

### **November 28th**

#### **International Property Maintenance Code (3 CEUs)**

8:30am - 12pm, Virtual

### **November 29th**

#### **Conducting Virtual Inspections (2 CEUs)**

9am - 11am, Virtual

### **December 4th - 7th**

#### **IFC 101: International Fire Code Essentials (24 CEUs)**

8:30am - 4pm, Virtual

### **December 14th**

#### **Foundation Insulation from Slabs to Walls (2 CEUs)**

9am-11am, Virtual

### **December 15th**

#### **BCO 121 Dangerous and Unsafe Structures (2 CEUs)**

9am-11am, Virtual

### **December 18th - 20th**

#### **ACC 101: Accessibility Essentials (18 CEUs)**

8:30am-3pm, Virtual

### **January 5th**

#### **New BCO Lunch and Learn (1 CEU)**

11am-12pm, THREE Locations: Virtual, Macungie, PA and Carrollton, PA

### **January 8th - 10th**

#### **RA 401: Residential Mechanical Academy (18 CEUs)**

8:30am - 9:30am, Virtual followed by self-instruction via recorded video lessons.

### **January 16th**

#### **ACC 104 Accessibility for Type A and Type B Residential Units Plus Accessible Playgrounds and Pools (6 CEUs)**

8:30am-3:30pm, Virtual

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**December 4th and 5th**

**Comprehensive Training for Elected Auditors**

9am - 12pm, both days, Virtual.

**December 11th and 12th**

**Fiscal Management Strategies for Local Government Officials**

9am - 12pm, both days, Virtual.

**December 18th and 19th**

**Bookkeeping and Accounting Basics**

9am - 12pm, both days, Virtual.

**January 5th**

**Newly Elected Officials Training Series 1 of 4**

9am - 12pm, Virtual

**January 12th**

**Newly Elected Officers Training Series 2 of 4**

9am - 12pm, Virtual

**January 17th and 18th**

**Basic Training for Municipal Secretaries and Administrators**

9am - 12pm, both days, Virtual.



**January 19th and 22nd**

**Newly Appointed Managers Boot Camp**

9am - 12pm, both days, Virtual.



**January 23rd through 25th**

**Human Resources Basics**

9am - 12pm, both days, Virtual.

**January 26th**

**Newly Elected Officials Training Series 3 of 4**

9am - 12pm, Virtual

*\*\*Newly Elected Officials Training Series 4 of 4 will be offered in June 2024*

**January 29th and 30th**

**Comprehensive Training for Elected Auditors**

9am - 12pm, both days, Virtual.

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Following the **tremendous success of the 2023 Sustainable PA Annual Conference**, we are **thrilled to announce our return in 2024!** Mark your calendars for **November 20-22, 2024**, as we reconvene to explore innovative ideas, share success stories, and fortify our commitment to sustainability.

Stay tuned for more details as we curate another impactful event, empowering communities to adopt sustainable practices and thrive amidst environmental challenges.

**Call for Success Stories!** Do you have a sustainability success story to share? Would you like to showcase your achievements and contribute to our collective learning? We want to hear from you! Your experiences can inspire and guide others on their sustainability journey. Participate in our [SURVEY](#) for a chance to present in our webinar series for Sustainable PA starting in 2024. Additionally, you may express your interest if you wish to host the next Sustainable PA conference in your community.

Your stories and participation are the building blocks of a more sustainable future. Let's continue this journey together!

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## Resource Roundup

**Solar Webinar for Municipalities** – Join us on Friday, November 17 at 12:00 p.m. for an enlightening discussion on Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) and its potential for Pennsylvania boroughs to boost solar initiatives in their communities.

[Community Choice Aggregation: Boroughs are Ready!](#)

**ARPA Obligation Deadline is Around the Corner** – The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provided municipalities with a long runway to obligate the allocated funds under the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program. If a municipality has not obligated its ARPA SLFRF funds by the end of 2024, they will have to return the funds to Treasury.

The National Civic League applications are now open for the 2024 [All-America City Award](#) – This award honors communities that harness the power of civic engagement to effectively tackle local challenges. The deadline for optional letters of intent to apply is December 14, 2023, final applications must be submitted by February 13, 2024. In March 2024, we'll announce the top 20 finalists who will convene in Denver, CO from June 7-9, 2024.

Take a look at [Protect Local Waterways](#) which supports and informs decision-making by local government leaders across the Chesapeake Bay watershed, showing elected officials how their actions to protect and restore the environment can support education, economic development, public health and safety, and infrastructure. It was developed in coordination with the [Local Government Advisory Committee](#) to the Chesapeake Executive Council and the Chesapeake Bay Program's [Local Leadership Workgroup](#).

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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