

# League Link

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July 2024



## Executive Director's Report



### 2024 Playground Build

Hoberman Park Playground | August 3, 2024  
Prospect Street, Lock Haven, PA 17745



### Municipal Leadership Summit

SCRANTON OCTOBER 10-13, 2024

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## Advocacy Action



## New Grassroots Tool Makes Local Advocacy Effortless

The League and PSATC are introducing a new advocacy tool to make it easier for our municipal officials to participate in local advocacy.

When you receive a Legislative Take Action email, simply click on the Take Action button, fill in your information and hit send!



## League's Latest

Please welcome our newest members to The League — **Salem Township in Luzerne County** and [Harrison Township in Allegheny County](#). Welcome aboard!

We are excited to announce the launch of a new **Lunch and Learn series focused on the programs and benefits that come with your League membership!** Each session will be 30-45 minutes long and will highlight one or two of our key programs. Depending on the topic, we may include insights from our Business Leaders or municipal officials who have directly benefited from these programs. We encourage you to register for these webinars to stay informed about the many offerings available to you through your partnership with The League. As the Director of Member Engagement, I, along with our entire organization, am dedicated to involving all of you in ways that support Municipal Leadership, whether it's through cost-saving measures, advocacy, or education. As such, please feel free to contact me (Chris Lucco) at [clucco@pml.org](mailto:clucco@pml.org) with any questions. These elements are essential for running effective and efficient municipalities. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!

**PELRAS Fall Workshops – Save the date!** [The Eastern Session will be hybrid \(virtual and in person\) on October 24](#) at the Delaware Valley Trusts Headquarters in Horsham PA. [The Western Session will be in person only on November 7](#) at the RLA Learning and Conference Center in Cranberry Township. **Registration will be open in early August!**

**Upcoming PCCA Classes!** We have our new calendar year starting in July of 2024! [Watch our PCCA website](#) for more information. Exciting news; our popular FREE class: [Thinking of Becoming a Building Code Official](#) is back on July 19, 2024 from 9 -11 a.m. We also have our [1<sup>st</sup> Building Code Official Academy of the Academic Year](#): August 5-9 (BCO Manual & Exam included). Don't miss out! Register today!

**Meet our new PATH program administrator, Melinda Schmitz!** Melinda brings 28 years of training experience with the Commonwealth as well as nearly a decade of entrepreneurship to the program. She has been with The League for more than a year assisting with our training programs and is excited about further developing the PATH program. Look for the FY 2024-25 schedule to be published by the end of July. We will be bringing new courses and ideas to the program and are always looking for dedicated professionals who want to share their expertise as instructors to support effective local government operations statewide. Look for recruitment and instructor development information within the next month as well. Courses offered through PATH are designed to keep municipal officials current on new laws and

legislative requirements and enhance their ability to govern more effectively. **For more information visit** [www.PATrainingHub.org](http://www.PATrainingHub.org)

**Municipal Reporter Article Topics** — We would love to feature your municipality in one of our upcoming editions! Below is our 2024 Publication Schedule for the remainder of the year and themes for each issue:

1. August – **Leadership**; copy due date **July 22** (extended deadline)
2. October – **Civility**; copy due date **September 10**
3. December – **Emergency Management**; copy due date **November 10**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Debbie Bitting, Director of Communications, at [dbitting@pml.org](mailto:dbitting@pml.org)

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# 2024 Annual Sustainable Conference

**SAVE THE DATE!**

REGISTRATION OPENS SOON

Join us for the Sustainable PA Annual Conference as we explore the critical theme of 'Assessing and Addressing Resiliency.' Discover innovative solutions, connect with industry leaders, and drive actionable strategies towards a sustainable future. Don't miss this opportunity to shape resilience in Pennsylvania and beyond!

**NOVEMBER 20-22, 2024**

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## CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Expert speakers from diverse sectors such as government agencies, higher education, industry leaders and municipal peers
- Interactive workshops and sessions focused on resiliency
- Networking opportunities with professionals and advocates in the municipal sector
- Exhibits featuring sustainable products and services
- AM and PM breaks, two lunches, and two receptions included
- Tours of sustainable facilities in State College and Ferguson Township



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The League is looking forward to your company's participation! The Schuettler Center **[donation portal for the silent auction is also available](#)** for any cash or gift certificate donations.



# Municipal Leadership Summit

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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



## Keynote Speaker

**Charlie Dent**, Former U.S. Congressman

Charlie Dent leads bipartisan, bicameral policy education programs for sitting members of Congress. In addition to his role at the Aspen Institute, he is a regular Political Commentator for CNN, MSNBC, and other media outlets. He is also a Senior Policy Advisor to the global law firm, DLA Piper and serves on the boards of nonprofit organizations including CARE USA and The National Archives Foundation.

**[PML.org/municipal-leadership-summit](https://pml.org/municipal-leadership-summit)**

Looking forward to seeing everyone in a few weeks at the Hoberman Park Playground build in Lock Haven!

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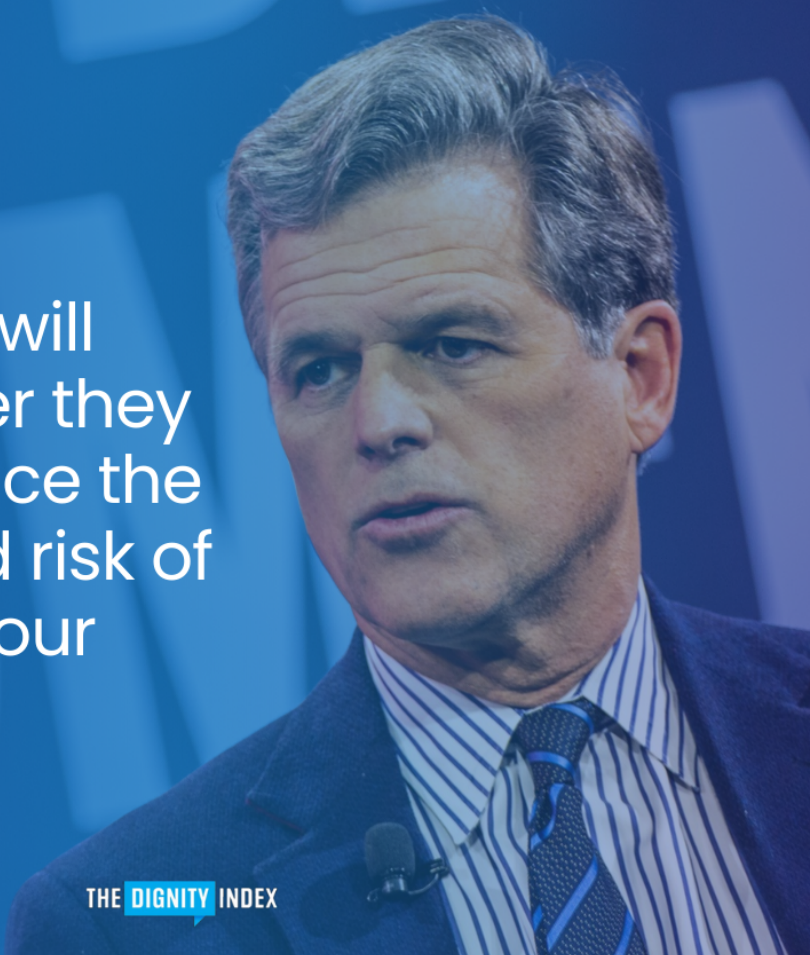


Once again, the Pennsylvania Municipal League has teamed up with the national non-profit group, KABOOM!, to coordinate volunteers, design, and build a new playground, designed with the help of neighborhood children.

**[PML.org/playground-build](https://pml.org/playground-build)**

## Resource Roundup

From NLC: [How Inflation Reduction Act \(IRA\) Elective Pay is Helping Cities Meet Climate Action Plans](#) — IRA of 2022 continues existing and creating numerous new tax incentives for clean energy today. The most notable change for municipal governments has been the option for [elective pay](#), in which local governments can take advantage of rebates as a non-taxable entity. Through elective pay, cities large and [small](#) can receive rebates for projects in clean energy and electric vehicles.



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Tim Shriver

THE DIGNITY INDEX

I'm with our team at UNITE and with people around the world who are shocked and shaken by the attempted shooting of Donald Trump and the loss of life and injuries that followed. Thankfully, former President Trump appears to be okay. Thank God.

Sudden and violent attacks shake my sense of safety and remind me of some of the most terrifying experiences of my life. I grieve for the lost and grieve, too, for those who survive. A bullet can pierce a body but also pierce the peace in our hearts. I am sorry.

I hope all Americans will do whatever they can to reduce the tension and risk of violence in our country. Our team has chosen to promote a dignity movement. Our Dignity movement has a simple message: when we disagree, try to treat others with dignity. Treating others with dignity is a way of easing tensions and solving problems. And it's also a way of signaling to everyone that violence is a failure. It's a failure of our relationships, a failure of our culture, and a failure of the human spirit.

I hope it's a message that resonates today. I will pray for Donald Trump and for those who love him today. And I will pray for those who protect him. And I will pray for those who died and are wounded.

And equally, I will commit to doing my best to treat everyone with dignity. It's a lesson I learned from Special Olympics athletes, my own family, from losses in my life, and from my faith.

I think it's the most important message for our shaken and wounded country today.

In peace and unity,

*Tim*

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