

League Link

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Executive Director's Report



Advocacy Action

To get the most out of your membership benefits, involvement in our advocacy program is essential.

The League values local participation in our advocacy efforts and believes local officials are an asset for communicating the impact of legislation to their Representatives and Senators in the General Assembly.

With this in mind, we recently introduced a [new grassroots lobbying tool](#) to make it as easy as possible to be a local advocate. And, as a part of our strategic planning goal, we are asking each member municipality to appoint a Legislative Liaison. This volunteer would support our lobbying efforts and facilitate any requested local action.

A Legislative Liaison should be interested in the legislative process and willing to stay informed of legislation moving in the General Assembly. Ideally, when we send an action call, the Liaison is familiar with the issue and can respond quickly through the grassroots tool. Liaisons should regularly stay up to date with our monthly *Legislative Locator* and discuss priority legislative issues with their boards in advance. Often action calls are time sensitive and any preparation ahead of time will allow for quick action when needed.

Please bring this request to your board's attention and assist us by identifying a Legislative Liaison.

League Form

League's Latest

Please welcome our newest member to The League – [Upper Gwynedd Township in Montgomery County](#). Welcome aboard!

Register Now for the PELRAS Fall Workshops! – [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 with be in person only on November 7](#) at the RLA Learning and Conference Center in Cranberry Township.

Check out these upcoming PCCA classes! [ACC 101 Accessibility Essentials](#) - September 23-25, Virtual; [BCO Virtual or In Person Exam](#) - September 26. Don't miss out! Register today!

Upcoming PATH Classes:

[Municipal Bookkeeping and Accounting Basics](#) - September 30 and October 1, Virtual
[Local Government Best Practices: Human Resources](#) - October 15-16 and November 5-6, Virtual
[Foundations of Municipal Purchasing and Bidding](#) - September 19-20 and October 24-25, Virtual
Comprehensive Training for Elected Auditors - [November 13 \(Cranberry Township\)](#) and [November 20 \(Scranton\)](#), In Person.

Municipal Leadership Summit – Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Summit next month! **Online registration closes on September 23** so if you haven't already done so, make sure you register now by clicking the below graphic.

Donations for the 2024 Schuettler Center Silent Auction - We are asking for your support on the final evening of the [Municipal Leadership Summit's evening reception](#) in the form of baskets for the Silent Auction. This is a terrific opportunity to showcase your community and promote tourism in your area. Bidders' favorites always include the unique baskets containing locally produced and manufactured items and services. **It is easy to donate a basket.** Just complete the information under Donate Auction Items - [Click Here](#). Donors will be recognized on The League's website, social postings, and at the evening reception.

Municipal Reporter Article Topics – We would love to feature your municipality in one of our last two remaining editions for 2024! Hopefully one of the upcoming themes would make a great fit for your municipality.

1. October – **Civility**; copy due date **September 10** (*reach out for deadline extension opportunities*)
2. 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


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!

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

[Information on sponsorship and exclusive exhibiting is available.](#) 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.



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2024 SUSTAINABLE PA CONFERENCE

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Join us in State College, Pennsylvania for our upcoming 2024 Sustainable PA Conference that is running from November 20-22! This year's theme, "**Assessing and Addressing Resiliency**," will guide our discussions as we explore innovative solutions and share best practices for building more resilient communities.



Hear from expert speakers representing diverse sectors, including government agencies, higher education, industry leaders, and municipal peers. Engage in interactive workshops and sessions designed to enhance your community's sustainability efforts. Take advantage of networking opportunities with like-minded professionals and advocates, visit exhibitors showcasing sustainable products, and connect with our sponsors. Plus, enjoy two complimentary tours that will provide additional insights into sustainable practices. Don't miss this chance to be part of the conversation and drive meaningful change!



From now until September 30th, we will be offering **early bird registration (\$225)**! Secure your spot now and benefit from reduced rates, while connecting with experts, innovators, and fellow sustainability enthusiasts. After that, the price of admission will go up to \$325.



Prior to the conference, we will also be hosting a webinar to prepare attendees for our Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Bootcamp. You do not want to miss this!

Thank you to all who sponsored, volunteered and helped make the Hoberman Park Playground come to life! [Click here to see the Facebook Album for the playground](#), and [here for the playground build video](#).



Hoberman Park 2024 Playground Build - City of Lock Haven

Resource Roundup

[U.S. Senator Bob Casey's Office: Disaster Preparedness Webinar for Local Governments with NWS, PEMA, and FEMA](#) – On **September 23 (12-1 p.m.)** join U.S. Senator Bob Casey's office, the National Weather Service (NWS), the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a webinar with critical information on how your community can prepare for and recover from natural disaster events, including flooding.

[2024 Commonwealth Sustainability Week, October 7-11 – Register Now!](#) – Join-in to learn of the strategies needed & actions underway as we work together to achieve emission reduction goals within the Commonwealth by 2035 and beyond.

[PennDOT NEVI Survey and Updates](#) – Updates regarding PennDOT's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program.

[USDA Accepting Funding Applications](#) – Are you considering any infrastructure or equipment projects in the next 1 or 2 years? If so, Rural Development is accepting applications for FY 2025 funding.

[Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society Updates its Park Finder App to Include Accessible Playgrounds](#) – In August, in honor of the 34th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), PRPS updated its innovative [Park Finder app](#) to help parents locate the closest accessible playground to their home or vacation spot.

[Stories of Investing in America funds at work in Pennsylvania](#) – see how federal dollars are helping your communities and neighbors.

[Moravian Church Settlements - Bethlehem Inscribed as a World Heritage Site](#) – With its intact core of original buildings, Moravian Church Settlements – Bethlehem preserves some of the most important structures and sites relating to the Moravians in the New World and is significant as an outstanding example of Moravian architecture and town planning. The settlement played a key role in both the international and American Moravian communities.

[NTIA Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program - NOFO is Available and the Application is Open](#) – The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) held a press conference in Pittsburgh regarding the launch of the [Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program](#). You can find a number of resources on their website to include the [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#). **Applications are now being accepted through September 23.**

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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