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**MEMBER APPRECIATION TOUR FOR PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S
125th ANNIVERSARY**
Celebrating Strengthening Communities

HARRISBURG: The Pennsylvania Municipal League is visiting **Carlisle on Tuesday, March 18th at 11:30 am** in the Banquet Room at the Comfort Suites, 10 South Hanover Street, Carlisle, PA 17013. In honor of its 125 years of service to local governments, The League will present special recognition gifts to its member municipalities in south central Pennsylvania, including the cities of Lancaster, York, Harrisburg, and Lebanon.

Officials from The League, as well as local municipal officials, will be in attendance and available to the media to discuss several issues of concern that they feel should be legislative priorities and how The League can provide resources, advocacy, and education on those issues. This visit is part of a statewide tour, visiting each of The League's 6 regional districts and its municipal members.

The League has a long history of advocacy, education, and support for local municipalities and the issues of greatest concern for local government. **This year's most pressing legislative priorities include finding ways for local government to improve their funding, address homelessness and create and maintain affordable housing, and allow local police departments to use radar technology to reduce speeding on local roadways.**

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John S. Brenner, executive director for The League, describes its rich history, past presidents, and how membership has benefited its member communities over the years.

“The League has grown tremendously since our original 15 members met in the City of York for the first time in 1900,” said Brenner who also served as York’s mayor from 2002-2010. “While communities have changed dramatically over the years, the need to serve our members through innovative and creative ways remains the same.”

Wells Fargo is a Presenting Sponsor for The League’s anniversary celebration. Williamsport Mayor and President of The League, Derek Slaughter, announced that Wells Fargo’s partnership will allow the nonprofit, non-partisan organization to not only celebrate the milestone anniversary but also continue amplifying its core message of strengthening and empowering effective local government through advocacy, education, and support for its members.

“As The League continues to grow, we not only celebrate the past but also look to the future with the promise of greater opportunities,” Slaughter said. “Key partnerships with well-respected organizations such as Wells Fargo allow The League to continue strengthening local communities by providing services that will eventually assist with greater revitalization efforts.”

Mike Hughes, senior vice president of state government relations for Wells Fargo, stressed the importance of strong banking relations with member municipalities throughout Pennsylvania.

“As communities throughout Pennsylvania continue to experience significant changes in population, demographics and their respective tax bases, having close ties to financial institutions that understand their needs become even greater,” Hughes said. “Wells Fargo’s commitment to strengthening local communities through solid financial and community development opportunities allows them to create constructive solutions to local challenges.”

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