



League Link

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ADVOCACY ACTION

Act 111 Binding Arbitration Reform

The League continues to be a strong advocate for Act 111 reform. We have diligently worked to get legislation introduced each session proposing needed reforms. We are not looking to remove Act 111 as a tool, just level the playing field with common sense amendments to what is now a 50 year-old law.

Representative Russ Diamond (R-Lebanon) has sent a co-sponsorship memo (HCO 513) to his colleagues in the House asking for their support of his proposal. Co-sponsors are important to this effort and more are needed in order to get the legislation introduced.

Please advocate for this reform by taking the time to ask your House member to sign-on to Representative Diamond's legislation. Click [here](#) for a full explanation of the Diamond proposal to assist in making the request to your House member. Please provide the League's legislative staff with any feedback you receive from your House member after making the request.

Thank you!



THE LEAGUE'S LATEST

- **Executive Director's Report** – [Watch Rick Schuettler's](#) latest video on League events and activities.
- **Governor Tom Wolf will kick off the League's Capitol Conference** on April 1 at the Hilton Harrisburg. Session titles include: *The Local Impact of PA's New Fireworks Law*, *a Panel Discussion with House and Senate Local Government Chairmen*, *Local Government's Role in Preparing for Autonomous Vehicles*, and more. [Click here to register](#). [View all session titles here](#).

THE LEAGUE'S LATEST (CONTINUED)

- **Send us your best community photos.** Three lucky winners will be chosen to grace the cover and have a profile feature in our 2019 editions of the *Municipal Reporter* magazine. The spring issue theme will be infrastructure, distribution is late May, summer/fall issue is early September and the winter issue is December. One of our three cover winners will also receive a **FREE registration to our Annual Summit** in Gettysburg, October 3-5! Please email any questions and your high resolution photos to Debbie Bitting at dbitting@pml.org. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to showcase your municipality!

Check out the section on our new website dedicated to member communities titled, [Meet a Member!](#) This month's focus is on **CARLISLE BOROUGH!**

- Be sure to read your latest issue of the *Municipal Reporter* which includes the **2018 State of the League Report**. This magazine and report are also available digitally on the website in your [Member Dashboard](#).
- Please **welcome the Borough of Bellefonte**, Centre County as the League's newest member! Learn more about the borough [here](#).
- The **2019 district meeting schedule**, dates and locations are posted on [our website](#). Registration is now open for all districts. We hope you will join us!
- **District Resolutions – An Important Part of Advocacy** – Is there an issue in your community that should be addressed at the state level? Chances are, it's an issue elsewhere. Participate in our policy and advocacy efforts by bringing the issue to your spring District Meeting in the form of a drafted resolution. Click [here](#) for more information about the League's policy process.
- **PELRAS SurveyNavigator Data Entry Webinars – March 28 @ 2:00 p.m. and again on April 3 @ 10:00 a.m.** If you haven't already, you will soon receive an email invitation from the folks at Springsted/SurveyNavigator about the upcoming Data Entry Webinars. One of the benefits of PELRAS membership is the ability to share and compare wage and benefits information along with benefits and collective bargaining agreements. Of course, SurveyNavigator is only as good as the number of PELRAS members who participate in adding their data. Consider participating in one of the webinars to learn more about the wage and benefits survey. Click on the email link to secure your spot today! tlcox@springsted.com. For more information about the benefits of PELRAS and the wage and benefits survey, go to the PELRAS section under Programs and Services on the website. All League members are eligible to take advantage of this benefit.
- **Message from PennPRIME** – Protect your community's children from injuries while they play. As we slide into warmer weather and more sunlight, it's also the perfect time to slide a playground check-up onto your schedule. By performing an audit now, your Public Works crew will have enough time to replace surfacing material and worn or broken components so that necessary corrections are completed before prime sliding time begins. [The Public Playground Safety Handbook](#) is a valuable tool to assist you in swinging into spring!

RESOURCE ROUNDUP

- **Congratulations to the City of Farrell for officially emerging from Act 47 economically distressed community status after more than 30 years;** [Click here](#) to read article.
- **[What about The Lifespan of a Pothole?](#)** Provided by our Business Leader, NJM Insurance Group.
- **Our national infrastructure is in dire shape** – nearly ten years ago, the New York Times wrote an article warning of the then 240,000 estimated water main breaks occurring each year, marveling that, in some parts of the country, portions of water systems were made of ancient, and fragile, wooden pipes. [Read more of the blog](#) from our Business Leader, Utility Service Partners.
- Join PA WalkWorks and the University of Pittsburgh for a **series of 1-hour lunchtime Complete Streets webinars**. Invite your colleagues to BYOL and participate together! You will hear from an expert who has worked in Pennsylvania. Register for any one or all three: March 28: [Complete Streets Basics and Benefits](#); April 11: [Best Practices!](#); April 18 : [Complete Streets Planning and Policies](#).