

# League Link

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## Advocacy Action

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### Request a Consumer Fireworks Hearing

As the General Assembly returns to Harrisburg next week, we must keep the pressure on when it comes to consumer fireworks. Your advocacy is needed to keep the dangerous and often illegal use of consumer fireworks at the forefront of legislators' minds as we move into the fall and further away from the peak fireworks season.

Consumer fireworks were authorized for general use and sale under Act 43 of 2017. Unfortunately, since the law's enactment, the use of consumer fireworks has deteriorated the quality of life in communities across the Commonwealth and has disproportionately affected animals, the elderly and veterans. Additionally, despite their best efforts, local governments have struggled to enforce the law. Lastly, the law created an unfunded mandate on local governments. Precious public safety resources should not be spent responding to complaints and cleaning up after irresponsible users.

The General Assembly passed an unenforceable and expensive law that has negatively impacted Pennsylvania's residents. The best step toward changing the law is for the Senate and House Agriculture Committees to hold a hearing to vet the issues.

Please [contact](#) your Senate and House Members to ask them to request the Senate and House Agriculture Committees to hold a joint hearing on the impacts of consumer fireworks. Please use the reasons stated above to make your case for a hearing.

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## 2021 Local Government Symposium:

Improving Effectiveness and Efficiency in PA Local Government  
in a Post-COVID World

Thursday, October 21, 2021  
8:00 am to 3:00 pm

*Join us for the Inaugural Local  
Government Symposium*

Hear from researchers, policy makers, and  
practitioners on issues facing local  
government today:

- ◊ Municipal finance
- ◊ Property Assessment
- ◊ Resiliency in the face of pandemic
- ◊ Technology and innovations
- ◊ Intergovernmental cooperation
- ◊ Strengthening relationships between  
researchers and policymakers

Register now at [lgc.state.pa.us](http://lgc.state.pa.us)  
Attend in person or via Zoom\*

515 Irvis Office Building  
Harrisburg, PA

Featuring Presentations from:

- ◊ Carnegie Mellon University
- ◊ PA Futures
- ◊ University of Pittsburgh's  
Graduate School of Public  
and International Affairs
- ◊ Center for Rural Pennsylvania
- ◊ Temple University
- ◊ Pennsylvania Economy  
League
- ◊ Penn State University
- ◊ International Association of  
Assessing Officers
- ◊ University of Pittsburgh's  
Institute of Politics
- ◊ Berks County Prothonotary
- ◊ Gettysburg College
- ◊ Research-to-Policy  
Collaboration
- ◊ American Planning  
Association
- ◊ Roundtable Discussion with  
Municipal Associations

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION  
*of the* PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY



\*In-person seating limited. In the event of additional COVID related restrictions  
within the Capital Complex, further in-person participation restrictions may apply.

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## Executive Director's Report



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Click Here for Video: Executive Director Rick Schuettler & NLC Executive Director Clarence Anthony discuss strengthening partnership during Cities Are Essential Campaign, municipalities adapting since the pandemic & more  
To access video, use passcode: Mn!AC!6B

Check out the section on our website dedicated to member [Community Response During Coronavirus](#).



## League's Latest

**Municipal Leadership Summit**  
**OCTOBER 7 - 9, 2021**  
Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square

**Click to Register Now**

The 2021 Municipal Leadership Summit will be held on October 7 – 9 at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn

Square. [Click here to Register](#). The program agenda is available [here](#). This is a hybrid-event, if you can't join us in person, join us remotely! Our virtual option allows you to access sessions via the Mobile or Web App.

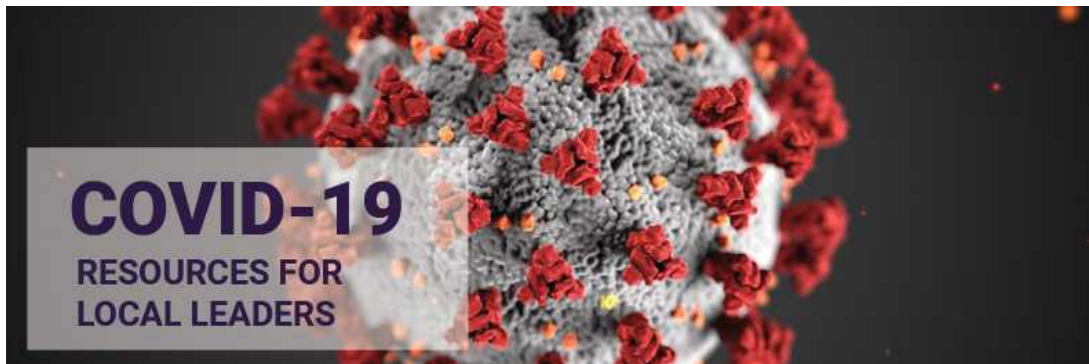
Please welcome our newest member to The League – [North Fayette Township](#), Allegheny County. Welcome aboard!

The League is a proud sponsor of PLGIT – PLGIT has the experience to work with you on the prudent management of Federal funds that your institution has or will be receiving by means of one or several of the following Acts: **CARES Act; CRRSA Act and ARP Act**. PLGIT offers the ability to establish segregated accounts and provide convenient, clear reporting to assist with the tracking and reconciliation processes required for these funds. Contact PLGIT at [800-572-1472](tel:800-572-1472) to discuss how they can assist you or visit [www.plgit.com](http://www.plgit.com).

**Message from PennPRIME Insurance Trusts – PennPRIME Insurance Trusts kicks off their Annual Membership Meeting with a Keynote Speaker.** We would like to welcome our keynote speaker Jan McInnis who will be presenting her keynote "Finding the Funny in Change". Check out her website at [www.TheWorkLady.com](http://www.TheWorkLady.com). Everyone is invited to listen; who doesn't need to Find the Funny in Change? You can register by clicking this [link](#). You don't have to be a member of PennPRIME to sign on for the Keynote Speaker.

For more information, see our [News & Announcements and newsfeed](#) on our homepage as well as our League COVID-19 Weekly Update email blasts every Friday.

Also be sure to check out our [COVID-19 Resources for Local Leaders](#) webpage.



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## Resource Roundup

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[DEP Launches Nation's Second State-Led Climate Leadership Academy, With More Than 150](#)

[Enrolled](#) – The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced that Pennsylvania became the second state in the nation to provide state-sponsored climate training with the recent launch of its Pennsylvania Climate Leadership Academy.

[ICYMI: Recorded Webinar on Implementing CDC Mask Guidance](#) – The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued guidance on mask wearing. Hear from local government legal experts about how city officials can understand the guidance and practical steps and reflections on how localities are implementing this guidance.

[Small Businesses Owned by People of Color in Reading, Harrisburg and Lancaster to Receive a Technology Makeover or Marketing Services from Comcast RISE](#) – Central PA recipients now at nine, part of a national commitment from Comcast RISE to support 13,000 small businesses owned by people of color, including Black, Indigenous, Hispanic, and Asian Americans among others, by 2022.

[Office of Open Records: Report on Right-to-Know Law information on agency websites](#) – An analysis of the Right-to-Know Law request information provided on local and state government websites across Pennsylvania.

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Remember, you can access all archived editions of The League Link as well as other member publications, forms and resources in your [Member Dashboard](#).