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Advocacy Action

Take Action: Local Use of Radar Bills Need House Member Support

We need your help to encourage House leadership to bring the local use of radar bills to the House Floor for a vote.

Representative Greg Rothman's House Bill 606 has stalled in the House since undergoing second consideration in March. While the house bill continues to sit in the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate easily passed Senate Bill 419, introduced by Senator Mario Scavello, in a 49-1 vote before the summer recess. It now awaits further consideration after being referred to the House Transportation Committee.

House leadership indicated that they will not take up a local radar bill unless it has a majority of support. Some House Members still believe this bill is a local revenue grab. Please contact your House Members to ask if they will vote "yes" on a local use of radar bill if brought to the House floor. You can find our Take Action and talking points for use when calling your House Member [here](#).

Please fill out this [advocacy feedback form](#) after contacting your Representative(s). Click [here](#) to access your Representative's contact information.

2021 Adopted Resolutions

The League is a member-driven organization relying on member municipalities to help develop policies that meet the present needs of local government. Our annual [resolutions process](#) provides every League member with the opportunity to participate in, and shape, The League's legislative agenda.

During The League's Municipal Leadership Summit, the voting delegates for the Resolutions Committee and Annual Business Meeting met for a final discussion and vote on the proposed 2021 Resolutions. All five resolutions were adopted and will be integrated into the 2022 Policy Statement.

The adopted resolutions listed below were proposed by the Northcentral District, Northwest District and The League's Legislative Committee.

1. Adoption of NLC's 2021 Municipal Policy and 2021 Federal Action Agenda

2. Preservation of Local Government Transportation Funding
3. Liquid Fuels Distribution Formula Reform
4. Vexatious Requests Under the Right to Know Law
5. Local Elected Official Training

Please view and read The League's Adopted 2021 Resolutions [here](#).

Executive Director's Report



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



2021 Fall Sustainability Conference


November 16, 2021
Registration Fee: \$25





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Topics Include:

 **Solar Energy I** Liz Robinson, Executive Director of the Philadelphia Solar Energy Association, will provide an overview of a free permitting application for rooftop solar energy systems launched by the National Renewable Energy Lab.

 **Pesticides I** Learn about the advantages of eliminating pesticides and encouraging low mow or native plants to replace traditional lawns from Drew Toher, Community Engagement and Policy Director of Beyond Pesticides.

 **Sustainable Pittsburgh I** Matt Mahoney, Policy Director of Sustainable Pittsburgh, will lead a conversation about how a municipality can use ARPA funds to improve community sustainability.

 **Sustainable PA Program Update I** Jim Price, Senior Program Manager of Sustainable Pittsburgh, will provide and look at the new Sustainable PA Certification program website and review the new program parameters.

Stay tuned for more
program details.

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League's Latest

Thank you to all for participating in the 2021 Municipal Leadership Summit! Governor Wolf, U.S. Senator Casey, Speaker of the House Bryan Cutler, Auditor General DeFoor, House Majority Leader Benninghoff, DCED Deputy Secretary of Community Affairs and Development Rick Vilello, and DCNR Secretary Dunn

were among the state and national dignitaries who participated. The summit offered municipal leaders a wide range of presenters and topics. We were happy to see all the in-person attendees and very pleased with how smoothly the Whova virtual platform app functioned for the virtual summit participants. Thanks to all [Business Leaders Network members, sponsors](#) and participants for your continued support of The League. [Click here for the Press Release](#), [here to view the Summit video](#) and [here to see our Facebook photo gallery!](#)

You can also share with your community what a great educational and inspirational event the Municipal Leadership Summit is, by downloading the Summit video [here](#) and playing it on your public access/cable channel.

As a participant, we would greatly appreciate a quote via [email](#) or a short audio/video testimonial via [Sharefile](#) regarding your Municipal Leadership Summit experience.

Also during the 122nd Annual Municipal Leadership Summit in Lancaster, The League Board of Directors approved renaming the League's non-profit entity, [the Richard J. Schuettler Center for Municipal Development](#). The purpose of the Center is to assist local elected and appointed officials in obtaining the knowledge and leadership skills necessary to meet the challenges of their office and provide a forum from which urban policy issues can be debated, formulated and communicated through such means as training, research papers and educational publications. [Check out the video here.](#) (see photo below)

In recognition and honor of his service, numerous organizations and individuals have pledged to support The Schuettler Center. Nearly \$60,000 has been pledged thus far. Contributions will be utilized to create an endowment fund to support the work of the Center going forward. The League hopes to reach a goal of \$250,000 by October 2022. To make a contribution, [click here to fill out the donation form](#).

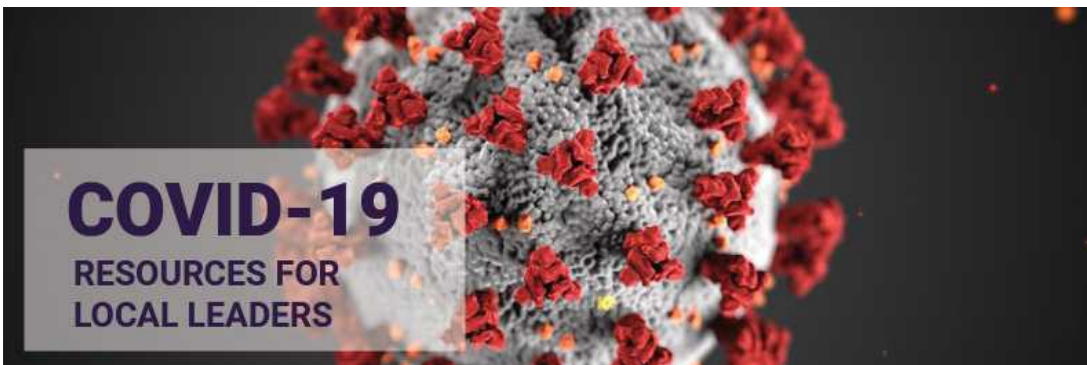
We would like to thank all of our Milburn Park playground sponsors: GIANT, Highmark/Penn State Health, DCNR and the Lancaster County Community Foundation as well as our T-shirt sponsors, U-COMP and PennPRIME. This project was a great success and provides a state-of-the-art new playground for hundreds of neighborhood children in southeast Lancaster city. We are excited to have local children enjoy their new, colorful and super fun playground and we could not have done it without your help and support! [Click here for the Press Release](#), [here for the playground video](#) and [here to see our Facebook photo gallery!](#) (see photo below)

Message from PennPRIME Insurance Trusts – This year's **Fire Prevention Week** campaign, "**Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!**" works to educate everyone about the different sounds the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe. When an alarm makes noises – a beeping sound or a chirping sound – you must take action. [Click here for additional resources](#).

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.





Resource Roundup

[Green Infrastructure Webinar, DCNR Grant Workshops, American Rescue Funding opportunities for Conservation and Recreation Projects](#) – **Date and Time:** Oct 27, 11:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. ET. You can [Register Online Here](#). The two-hour webinar will highlight collaborative, multi-disciplinary approaches to support green and nature-based infrastructure solutions.

[Report: How COVID, DEI Impact Pennsylvanians' Relationships with Parks](#) – A [new report](#) from Penn State professors aims to better understand residents' relationships with parks and lay the groundwork for making parks and recreation services more inclusive and equitable.

[NLC Partnership with YMCA on Vaccine Confidence and Access – Connecting Cities with Y's](#) – On behalf of the National League of Cities, we are sharing news about a new partnership to address COVID-19 vaccine confidence and access, as our country continues to grapple with COVID-19 spread.

The PA AV Summit is Tuesday, Oct. 26-Thursday, Oct. 28 1-4:30 p.m. each day. [Click here to register](#) and [here to view the speakers](#).

[Earn chances to win a FREE annual subscription to the Park Maintenance Institute](#) – The Institute will be launching a social media campaign titled “**5 Days of Giveaways.**” For five days in December, the Institute will give away prizes to our followers. One of the prizes include a complimentary annual subscription to the Institute – the prize winner will be **chosen by raffle**.

[FEMA/PEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Periods Opens October 18](#) – The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency’s **FEMA Disaster Mitigation Grants**, called the **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program** will open on **October 18, 2021**.

[Comcast Expands Internet Essentials to Federal Pell Grant Recipients and Pledges \\$15 Million - in Free Internet Service and 25,000 Laptops - to Help Get Even More Americans Connected](#) –