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A Newsletter of [The Pennsylvania Municipal League](#)



April 2022



Advocacy Action

Register Now for The League's 2022 Capitol Conference

Join us June 8-9 for our annual Capitol Conference in Harrisburg to learn from colleagues, experts and legislators!



League Capitol Conference

June 8 - 9, 2022

Hilton Harrisburg

*League/PSATC Member
Registration Fee: \$25*

*Non-Member Registration
Fee: \$100*

Registration opens on April 8th

Speakers:

Governor Tom Wolf (invited)
Dr. G. Terry Madonna, Senior Fellow, Millersville University

Topics:

- Local Impact of Highly Autonomous Vehicle Testing
- The Prevalence of State Legislation Preempting Local Government
- Local Government's Role in New Efforts to Deploy Broadband
- The Sunshine Act: Remote and Recorded Meetings Post-COVID
- Local Use of Radar Lobbying

Stay tuned for the program agenda!

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Policy Resolutions Shape The League's Legislative Agenda

As a member-driven organization, it is important The League hears from you to accurately represent your municipality's needs with the General Assembly. Each spring, League members receive the opportunity to submit policy suggestions through resolutions, shaping The League's policy agenda. Resolutions adopted at the district level will go to the Annual Municipal Leadership Summit for consideration by the Resolutions Committee and full League membership. This is a very important process because it sets the future policy priorities and positions of The League.

Please submit your policy resolutions to [Kaitlin Errickson](#), Governmental Affairs Representative, by May 10 for consideration by your district during the May 17 virtual district meeting.

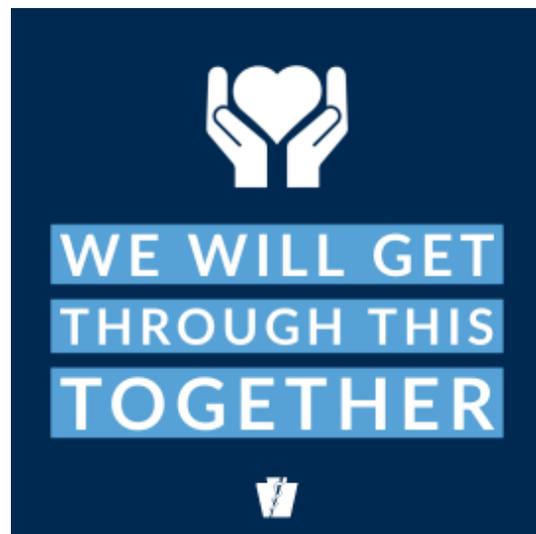
Executive Director's Report

STRENGTH THROUGH ENGAGEMENT



John Brenner

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



League's Latest

Mark Your Calendars and Plan to Join Us!

Municipal Leadership Summit

PITTSBURGH  OCTOBER 6-8, 2022



We held our first ENVISION 2032 regional forums and had terrific feedback! This week we were in Reno for the Northwest forum and are traveling to the Southwest forums in Cranberry and Upper St. Clair Townships. Please plan to join us and [register now](#) for our last two [Envision 2032 Regional Forums](#), our Southcentral in Harrisburg on May 5 and our Southeast in Phonenixville on May 6. Looking forward to seeing you at your district forum!

[Register now](#) for **The League's Virtual District meeting** with breakout sessions. On **May 17**, The League will host a virtual meeting of its six districts to update members on legislation, the Municipal Leadership Summit, and to discuss programs and services. **NLC will also be providing a session on federal funding opportunities related to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (see graphic below).**

[Register Now: Basic Training and Exam for Municipal Tax Collector Qualification May 18 – 19, Instruction Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon each day](#) – This two-day live virtual workshop, which focuses on real estate, per capita taxes, and the duties of the tax collector, will help new and veteran tax collectors achieve the designation of Qualified Tax Collector. Attendees must successfully pass the examination held on the second day to receive their certificate and become a Qualified Tax Collector. Stay tuned! More PATH classes will be scheduled in the near future.

Our last offering for [“Fair and Affordable Housing – How to Identify and Eliminate Barriers to Support Your Community’s Growth”](#) will take place on Wednesday May 18 from 9-11 a.m. Register today!

Stay up to date on the latest buildings codes. The [Pennsylvania Construction Codes Academy is now offering updated courses reflecting the 2018 changes.](#)

[PCCA's 3 day Accessibility Essentials Course](#) premieres virtually on May 10-12. Register now!

[Mark your Calendar for The League Sustainability Web Conference](#) which is coming up on **June 21**, stay tuned to our website for more information.

[The League Would Like to Welcome Katie Reibsane as The League's New Director of Training and Professional Development](#) – “We are pleased that Katie Reibsane has joined The League team as our new Director of Training and Professional Development,” said League Executive Director John Brenner. “She brings a wealth of knowledge and a ‘can-do’ attitude to this important role as we work to help local leaders stay updated on best practices and policies in municipal government.”

[The League Would Like to Welcome Denise Gembusia as The League's New Director of Marketing and Member Services](#) – “The League is pleased that Denise Gembusia has joined our team as Director of Marketing and Member Services,” said League Executive Director John Brenner. “Her extensive experience in municipal government, including roles as both an appointed and elected official, will help strengthen and serve The League members and programs.”

Please check out the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law section](#) on our website which will be kept up to date as more information becomes available.

Please welcome our newest members to The League – [Darby Township](#), Delaware County and [Montgomery Township](#), Montgomery County. Welcome aboard!

Message from PennPRIME – We are very excited to have Elizabeth Henry returning to The League in a new role at a very familiar place! As Trusts Member Services Manager she is off and running due to her familiarity with the PennPRIME Insurance Trust, in addition, we are excited to share that the U-COMP Trust has been added to her portfolio. "Sometimes you realize after a change what you enjoy ... I really do enjoy working with municipal entities. It is great to be back with The League," said Elizabeth.

Message from League Business Leader Network Member: [Government Finance Solutions \(GFS\)](#)- Audit preparation time and new standards add to the workload of fiscal staff already stretched thin, requiring more bandwidth to compile documentation and constantly interact with auditors. GFS supplements fiscal staff and provides municipalities with support to prepare for the audit, instill public confidence in the audit, and demonstrate sound budgetary and finance management by elected officials and appointed staff. With the tools, resources, and personnel to reduce the audit preparation burden, GFS helps municipalities remain compliant, lessen the chance of audit reconciliation findings, and reduce audit fees. Learn more at www.gfsdawood.net.

We have compiled a list of articles for [League member actions regarding ARPA funding](#). We will continue to update this list as more information becomes available.

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

Also be sure to check out our [Advocacy Success: American Rescue Plan](#) webpage.



 **Pennsylvania Municipal League**

2022 League Virtual District Meeting | May 17

**Upcoming Federal Funding Opportunities
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law**

Carolyn Berndt, Legislative Director for Sustainability, National League of Cities
Brittany Kohler, Legislative Director for Transportation and Infrastructure, National League of Cities

Register Now
PML.org/training-development/league-district-meetings

Resource Roundup

[Wolf Administration Recognizes Recipients of 2022 Governor's Awards for Local Government](#)

[Excellence](#) – Congratulations to all local government officials who were recognized for their dedication to public service and their communities at the recent awards ceremony. It is a much deserved honor!

The League would like to congratulate all the below recipients:

- League First Vice President Mayor Michael Lombardo on his much deserved Award for his Career as Mayor of Pittston (see picture below)
- PSATC President Sam Valenza on his much deserved Award for his Career as Upper Moreland Township Commissioner (see picture below)
- Mansfield Borough – received Award for Responding to Adversity
- Bellefonte Borough, Cranberry Township and the City of Warren, all received Awards for Promoting Community/Economic Revitalization
- Lower Allen Township Development Authority – received Award for Intergovernmental Cooperation
- Middletown Township – received Award for Innovative Planning/Sound Land Use Practices

[More photos from the award ceremony can be found here on our facebook page.](#)



[Infrastructure Opportunities for Small Communities](#) – From the National League of Cities: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) will invest billions of dollars in small communities across the country. As a local leader of a rural or small community, you have the chance to make the most of these opportunities to meet the needs of your community and sometimes even gain a competitive edge by understanding the programs and waivers that are just for you.

[Webinar: Elevating Libraries as Civic Spaces](#) – Join to learn how libraries are using their unique and trusted positions within communities to serve as spaces for dialogue & engagement. Tuesday, April 26, 2:00 p.m. ET

[Call for Fall AmeriCorps NCCC Service Projects – Concept Forms Due May 3](#) – AmeriCorps NCCC is accepting Concept Forms for our Round D, due on or before Tuesday, May 3. Click the above link for the 2022 Request for Proposals with more information.

[Warmer weather in PA, it's time to get outdoors again! – PRPS April Blogs](#) – Warmer weather is arriving in Pennsylvania, and it's time to get outdoors again! To enjoy this sunnier season, go hiking or biking on one of [PA's rails to trails paths](#) or try out [fly fishing](#). Learn more in [PRPS's blogs for April!](#)

[PRPS & PMI: Professional Development Opportunities](#) – Don't miss these great opportunities coming up provided just for you. Take advantage of the following trainings that [PRPS](#) & [PMI](#) are offering to further your professional development by registering for one or two today!

[**New Application for Three Major Transportation Grants**](#) — A new opportunity is available for cities, towns and villages to apply for transportation grants in the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law through a combined application process. It is a concrete step to ease the application burdens for cities of all sizes.

[**Members of the Pennsylvania Municipal League talk about issues facing all of their communities**](#)

[**Federal Highway Administration New Training Announcement – Transportation Innovation**](#) — The FHWA has added new dates for transportation professionals to share with their peers how they have advanced the use of Digital As-Built plans within their highway agencies. The forum occurs the last Monday of every month from 3:30 – 4:30 pm ET.
