

***New Year, New Format!***

***We know you are busy, but want to stay informed, so we have implemented a newsletter service which now brings the League Link directly to you via email.***

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# League Link

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



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## Advocacy Action

### **Become a Stronger Advocate in 2020**

With the start of 2020, the Pennsylvania General Assembly has entered the second half of the current legislative session. The League's legislative staff has tracked hundreds of bills pertinent to maintaining and supporting effective and efficient local government, but we also rely on our members to aid in our advocacy efforts.

As a local official, you are in a unique position to represent your community's needs not only locally, but also at the state level. How you might ask? **ADVOCACY.**

Whether you are writing a letter, making a phone call, or meeting with your state representative about a unique municipal issue or a League priority, you need the right

tools to communicate effectively. The recently updated League Advocacy Toolkit provides new and seasoned advocates with communication strategies, League advocacy opportunities, and legislative information so you can successfully communicate your municipality's local connection.

The League encourages local officials, elected or appointed, to read our [new and improved Advocacy Toolkit](#) to prepare for your advocacy strategies and efforts in the year ahead.

### **Update on the Small Cell Wireless Facilities Bill**

This week, the House Consumer Affairs Committee scheduled a voting meeting with the intention to adopt an amendment to House Bill 1400 and vote it out of Committee. The League, the PA State Association of Township Commissioners and the PA State Association of Boroughs continue to oppose the bill. Our primary reason for opposition is that local zoning control is preempted. Other stakeholders also opposed the amendment and bill; and ultimately, the Committee meeting was cancelled. [Please click here to read our letter to the Committee.](#)

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



## **League's Latest**

**Executive Director's Report** – [Watch Rick Schuettler's latest video](#) as he discusses the upcoming Newly Elected Officials Orientation Program and current legislation affecting municipal government.

**#StrengthThroughEngagement**

**Please welcome our newest member to The League** – [Hatboro Borough](#), Montgomery County. Welcome aboard Hatboro!

**Dues reminder** – 2020 League membership dues deadline is February 1. If anyone needs another copy of their invoice or has any questions, please contact Marcia Cavanagh [mcavanagh@pml.org](mailto:mcavanagh@pml.org) or Harry Krot at [hkrot@pml.org](mailto:hkrot@pml.org). Thank you for your continued League membership!

**Register now for these upcoming League events** – [Newly Elected Officials Orientation Program](#) at the Wyndham Garden, State College, January 31 – February 1; [APMM Winter Workshop](#) at the Hilton Harrisburg, January 24; [APMM Executive Development Conference](#) at the Omni Bedford Springs, February 6 – 7. For more information on any of these programs, [click here](#).

**Local Public Procurement Program (L3P)** – If you have any significant purchases in mind for 2020 whether it be playground equipment, lawnmowers or a municipal vehicle, please consider taking advantage of The League’s L3P program to assist in your purchasing efforts. The L3P program simplifies using the Commonwealth’s Piggyback Purchasing program (COSTARS) by having League staff pull state contracts on a quarterly basis and sending the list to L3P subscribers. If there is a contract(s) you want to review, simply check off the contract on the listing and send it to Marcia Cavanagh; she will pull the contract and send it to you. It’s that simple! An L3P annual subscription costs \$65. [Contact Marcia](#) for more information.

**Message from PennPRIME Insurance Trusts** – Can You Dig it? The Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) has implemented a National Emphasis Program to identify and reduce hazards which are causing, or likely to cause, serious injuries and fatalities during trenching and excavation operations. Many local government employees engage in these operations and every effort should be made to comply with these minimum safety standards. Resources, including publications, quick cards, posters, and videos, are available on the [OSHA website](#).

In sympathy, we say [farewell to a good friend of The League, former Easton Mayor Tom Goldsmith](#). Tom was an active member of The League, who served as a League Board member and as President from 1999-2000. He will be missed.

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## Resource Roundup

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[PA Recreation & Park Society \(PRPS\) and PA Association of Environmental Educators \(PAEE\) first Joint Conference & Expo is March 17-20 – early registration ends January 31](#). The expo offers over 100 educational sessions and 3 Pre-Conference workshops; excellent vendors and exhibitors; and a host of networking opportunities with hundreds of park, recreation and educational professionals. Don’t miss these additional [PA Recreation & Park Society \(PRPS\) 2020 Events](#). Grow your professional development by attending new webinars and trainings and stay connected with those in the industry. Save your seat and register today!

[The Pennsylvania Automated Vehicle Summit is October 26-28](#). The Summit is the largest dedicated Automated Vehicle conference in the Northeast region, bringing together both public and private industries. Registration is coming soon; be sure to mark it down on your calendar!

**LeadersLink Disaster Leadership Award is extending their deadline to submit nominations for the award to February 29.** [Click here for nomination information and submission](#).

[Community Policing Development \(CPD\) Microgrants Program](#) – The 2020 Community Policing Development Microgrants Program is a competitive grant program designed to advance the practice of

community policing by providing funding to local, state, and tribal law enforcement agencies. **Application deadline is March 11.**

**USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Loan & Grant Program** – This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings. [Click here for more information.](#)

[2020 Northeast Creative Placemaking Leadership Summit March 25-27](#) –Gear up to ignite change in the new decade with leaders in arts, philanthropy, municipal government, and community and economic development. Register before January 21 to save 25% It's all happening in Philadelphia!

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

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