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Advocacy Action

The Capitol Conference is Back in 2021!

After the conference was cancelled last year due to the pandemic, The League will hold its Capitol Conference virtually on May 3 - 4!

The 2021 Capitol Web Conference has a packed [agenda](#) featuring keynote speaker Governor Wolf, as well as an in-depth panel discussion with the chairs and minority chairs of the House and Senate Local Government Committees. Other sessions include a local use of radar update from bill sponsor Senator Mario Scavella and House Transportation Chairman Tim Hennessey; a panel with PennDOT to discuss transportation funding, innovations and its impacts on local governments; a legal update on Acts 17, 57 and 59 by Campbell, Durant, P.C.; and a small cell facilities update from Cohen Law Group. Last but not least, our partners at the National League of Cities will join us to provide an update on the American Rescue Plan Act and American Jobs Plan.

Registration for the conference is open, so secure your spot today!



[Register Now!](#)

Executive Director's Report



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

COMMUNITY MITIGATION

Community mitigation plans are steps that are taken on a larger scale to slow the spread of disease



League's Latest

Please welcome our newest members to The League — [East Lampeter Township](#), Lancaster County, [Oakland Borough](#), Susquehanna County and [Schwenksville Borough](#), Montgomery County. Welcome aboard!

The 2021 League Capitol Web Conference will be held on May 3 - 4. [Click Here to Register](#) and [Here to View Program Agenda](#).

The 2021 APMM Web Conference will be held on May 24 – 25. [Click Here to Register](#) and [Here to View Program Agenda](#).

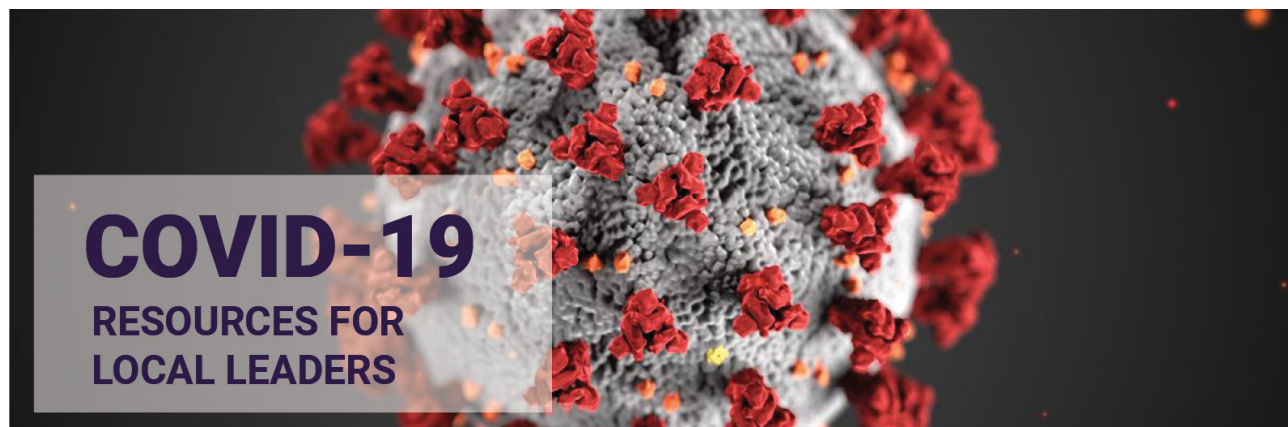
We had our **District Meeting on April 6**; if you were not able to attend, we have session recordings available. Click here for [PA Health Insurance Exchange Overview](#) session recording.

Have you checked your utility bills lately? It is quite possible that your energy supplier is passing along unexpected pass-through charges to make up for lost revenue due to lower energy consumption during the Covid-19 pandemic. Check out the [helpful advice from Constellation Energy](#), The League's exclusive partner for the Municipal Utility Alliance. Contact Harry Krot of the League staff at hkrot@pml.org for a free fixed price quote that does not contain unexpected pass-through charges.

Message from PennPRIME Insurance Trusts — The Department of Labor & Industry (DLI) requires Pennsylvania employers to post certain notices for their employees about applicable labor laws. Organizations can be fined up to \$25,000 for not doing so. According to DLI, "All notices must be posted in a conspicuous place so they can be seen and read by employees." These forms can be found on the [DLI website](#). They are available in both English and Spanish. For additional questions contact DLI at [833-728-2367](tel:833-728-2367), option 1.

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

[The American Rescue Plan Implementation Update](#) — Last week, the U.S. Department of Treasury [laid out the steps that metropolitan cities and non-entitlement units of local government need to take](#) to receive their grants from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA). The National League of Cities (NLC) is here to answer questions and support your responsible stewardship of these critical funding opportunities with tools and guidance.

[Congratulations to The Greater Easton Development Partnership \(GEDP\) which was awarded third place in the nation for the Shop Small 'Order In, Help Out' Innovation Challenge](#) by America Express and the National Main Street Center.

Spring has sprung, and cities and utilities are beginning to plan infrastructure improvements with the warmer weather approaching. Here are some helpful resources from our Business Leader, NLC Service Line Warranty/HomeServe: [Plumbing Leak Detection: How to Find Hidden Water Leaks](#); [Water Loss: An Invisible Problem for Utilities and Their Customers](#) and [Water Equity: Two Million Americans Lack Access to Water](#).

[U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg Announces Availability of \\$1 Billion to Modernize and Create New American Infrastructure](#) — The U.S. DOT published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

to apply for \$1 billion in Fiscal Year 2021 discretionary grant funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants. RAISE has awarded over \$8.935 billion in grants to projects since 2009.

[Bells Across Pennsylvania – 2021](#) – “Bells Across Pennsylvania” is being observed on the first Sunday in May, which is May 2, 2021, a municipal event whose purpose is to recognize first responders and others who have enabled Pennsylvania to prevail against the pandemic.

[Advance Education Brochure on Emergency Broadband Benefit \(EBB\)](#) – The EBB is administered by Universal Service Corporation (USAC) on behalf of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC is charged with distributing \$3.2B in EBB assistance directly to eligible consumers through Internet Service Providers (ISPs).

[Register Now! PA AV Summit webinar focuses on work zones](#) – April 29 from 2 - 3:30 p.m.

The U.S. Census Bureau is beginning its Census of Governments outreach and promotion effort and they need your help to increase awareness, participation, and response rates. The Census Bureau conducts a Census of Governments of all state and local government organization units every five years, for years ending in two and seven, as required by law under Title 13, U.S. Code, Section 161. The collection of this data will be part of a three-phase effort to document the size, structure, and finances of all state and local governments. [Click here to see the attached flyer](#) for more information.

[Pennsylvania Downtown Center \(PDC\) releases Nature-Based Placemaking 2.0 Project](#) – PDC in partnership with DCNR released the Nature-Based Placemaking 2.0 project including a statewide economic impact analysis: [Pennsylvania's Outdoor Recreation Economy: Exploring the Economic Development Potential of Nature-Based Placemaking](#) and a Nature-Based Placemaking video – [Connecting Nature, Commerce & Community](#).

[Great Places in PA - 2021 Nominations Now Open](#) – The PA Chapter of the American Planning Association is seeking the nomination of Great Public Spaces, Greenways/Trails, & Streets for its *Great Places in PA* program.

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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