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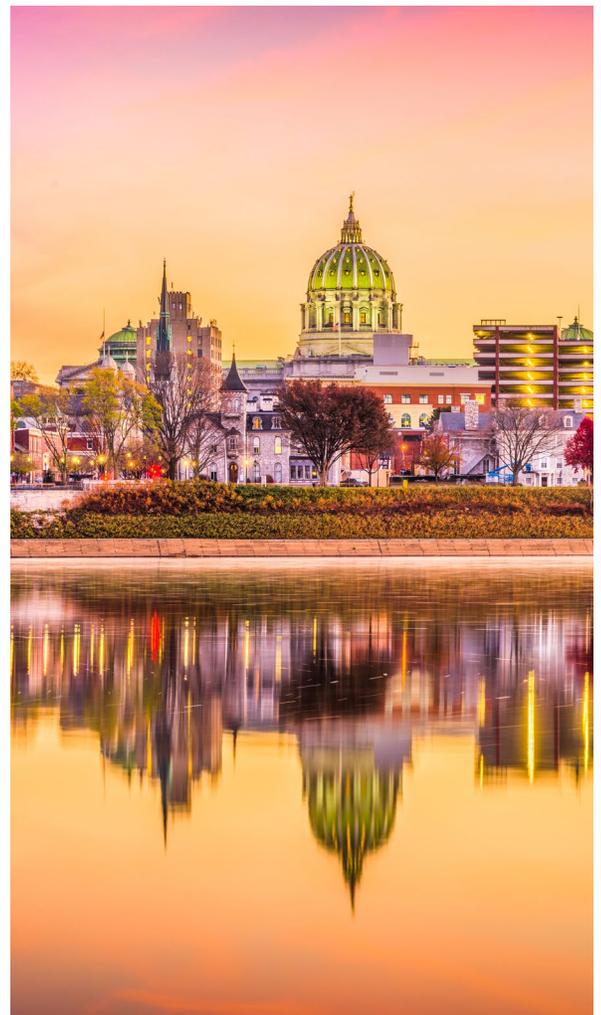
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ADVOCACY ACTION

Local Radar Bill Introduced in Senate

Senator Mario Scavello (R-Monroe, Northampton) has re-introduced the version of the radar bill that passed the Senate last session. Senate Bill 670 (PN 675) provides for the broadest use of radar – by all police that have been trained appropriately. The bill also includes LIDAR as a local tool. LIDAR was made available to the State Police last year. The Radar Coalition, made up of the municipal associations, the Pennsylvania Mayors Association, the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police, the Fraternal Order of Police and the State Police supports this version. Please let your Senator know your municipality is in favor of swift passage of SB 670 as there is much work to be done in the House where several competing bills with more narrow authorization have been introduced.

Additionally, please consider adopting a resolution supporting local radar. If your municipality adopted a resolution in prior years, it most likely needs to be updated to remove old bill numbers and references to prior sponsors. An updated [sample resolution](#) is on The League's website. Also on the website, is a [sample press release](#) to use once a new resolution is adopted. It is important to let your constituents know about the legislation so they can also advocate for passage.



THE LEAGUE'S LATEST

- **Executive Director's Report** – [Watch Rick Schuettler's](#) latest video on our upcoming Spring Sustainability Conference.
- **League Spring Sustainability Conference** – Register Now! Join us on June 11 at the Toftrees Resort and Conference Center for our Spring Sustainability Conference. [Click here](#) to view session titles and [here](#) to register online.

THE LEAGUE'S LATEST (CONTINUED)

- **Send us your best community photos.** In addition to Norristown – our Spring edition winner – two more lucky members will be chosen to grace the cover and have a profile feature in our upcoming 2019 Summer/Fall and Winter editions of the *Municipal Reporter* magazine. One of our three cover winners will also receive a **FREE registration to our Annual Summit** in Gettysburg, in October! Please email any questions and your high resolution photos to Debbie Biting at dbitting@pml.org. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to showcase your municipality!

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

- **Safe Streets Resolutions** – Recently, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia adopted resolutions calling on PennDOT, the State Legislature, and Governor Wolf to grant municipalities the tools necessary to create safer streets for all users. The resolutions advocated for the local use of radar to detect speed, the ability to set residential speed limits, and the approval to test and monitor new and innovative roadway designs that are safer for all users. [Click here](#) for Pittsburgh's resolution.

- **Constellation Energy** is The League's chosen energy supplier for the Municipal Utility Alliance (MUA). Not only does Constellation offer competitive pricing for you to consider for your municipality's energy needs, they also offer helpful education on matters relating to energy. Please check out their latest article [here](#).

- [U.S. Communities & National IPA Integrate and Rebrand as OMNIA Partners, Public Sector.](#)

- **A Market Update from the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)** – The League is a proud sponsor of PLGIT – Local governments, school districts and municipal authorities need access to information that may have an effect on their investments. PLGIT provides a Monthly Market Review at the beginning of each month to keep investors well-informed on the markets and economy. Is this something that could benefit you as a public entity investor? [Click here](#) to check out the latest report from PLGIT. Interested in learning more and gaining access to valuable resources like the PLGIT Monthly Market Review? Contact a PLGIT Marketing Representative [here](#).

- **Message from PennPRIME** – “Leaves of three, let it be; berries white, take flight!” There is a lot more to preventing contact from eastern and western (less prevalent in PA) poison ivy, Atlantic poison oak (rare), and poison sumac (rare). Give your public works and parks and rec employees the education they need to avoid the annoying rash that accompanies exposure. Visit poison-ivy.org and learn the resources available to enable your employees to identify the plant, control its growth, and effectively treat an exposure.

RESOURCE ROUNDUP

- The **Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA)** is launching **Pennsylvania Creative Communities** to spur community-driven, arts-based projects that inspire livability, economic development, and community connectedness. PCA will select two to four pilot communities to each receive up to \$25,000 per year for up to four years. [Click here](#) for more information and submission instructions, program selection criteria, and application guidelines.
- The **Pennsylvania Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan project** invites you to a statewide, **Open House Meeting** – The Open House Meeting is scheduled for May 30 to present the Vision, Themes, and Objectives for PennDOT’s Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. [Click here](#) for more information.