



# League Link

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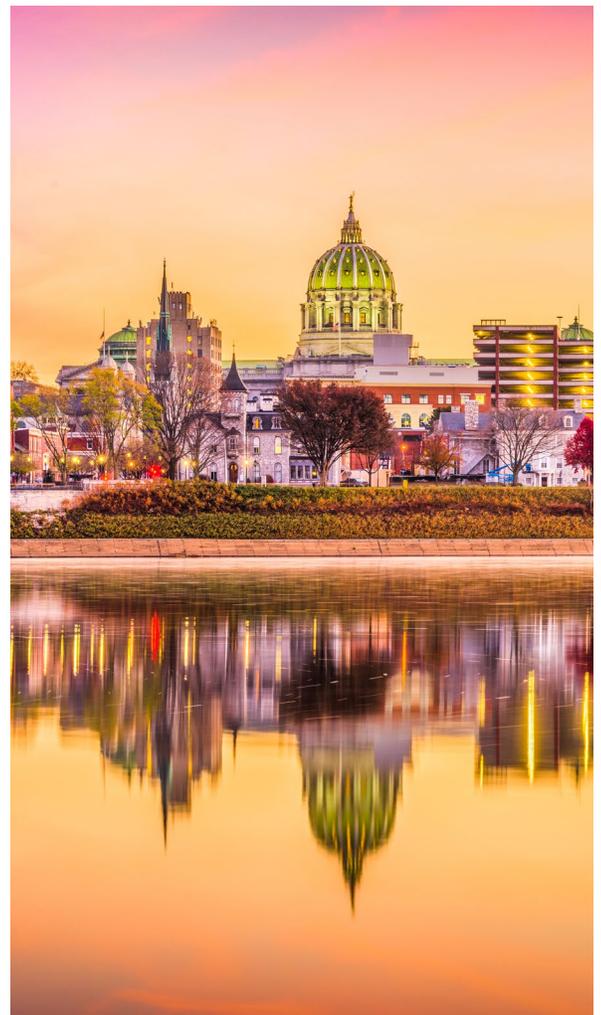
## ADVOCACY ACTION

**Local Government Issues Heat Up This Month – Your Local Advocacy is Important – Visit the [Advocacy Tab](#) of our website for more on each of these issues.**

**Oppose Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act** – House Bill 1400 (Farry) was introduced on June 11. A hearing was held on June 12 and the bill was scheduled for a Committee vote on June 17. The League put out a Legislative Action Alert and local officials across the state answered the call. The June 17 meeting and a subsequent meeting were both cancelled and consideration pushed to the fall. We oppose the bill as written because it preempts local government zoning decisions and places restrictions on local control beyond the FCC's September 2018 Order.

**Support Local Use of Radar** – Senate Bill 607 (Scavello) was unanimously voted out of the Senate Transportation Committee on June 11. The Radar Coalition supports this version which provides the broadest use of local radar. In the House, Representative Mehaffie, a former township commissioner, is introducing the House version of SB 607. This may help to counteract existing House bills that place unnecessary restrictions on local use.

**Support Restore PA** – Bipartisan legislation was introduced this month providing a framework for the Governor's Restore PA infrastructure initiative. The plan would fund many local government projects across a wide range of needs with a \$4.5 billion up front infrastructure investment paid for by a natural gas Severance Tax. The plan gives local governments flexibility in determining local needs.



## THE LEAGUE'S LATEST

• **Executive Director's Report** – [Watch Rick Schuettler's](#) latest video as he discusses the importance of engaging in our legislative program and taking action to address crucial local government legislation.

# 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 (*theme - Sustainability*) and Winter (*theme - Labor/Workforce*) 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 Bitting at [dbitting@pml.org](mailto: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 **GREEN TREE BOROUGH!****

- **PELRAS Quick Call Consultation Service** – Do you have a non-complex personnel matter that you are seeking immediate assistance or guidance on how to handle? If you do, then you should consider taking advantage of the Quick Call Consultation Service that is offered through the PELRAS program. The quick call service puts you in direct contact with one of the attorneys at Campbell, Durrant, Beatty, Palombo and Miller, P.C. (CDBP&M), the League's partnering law firm in the PELRAS program. CDBP&M attorneys are well versed in matters related to labor relations and personnel management issues and are an excellent resource available to PELRAS/League members. Please take advantage of this no cost service! For more information on the Quick Call Consultation Service and the PELRAS program, please go to our [website](#) and click on PELRAS under the Programs and Services heading on the main page or contact Harry Krot, Director of Marketing and Member Services at [hkrot@pml.org](mailto:hkrot@pml.org).

- **Message from PennPRIME** – Now that the lazy-hazy-crazy days of summer are upon us, so are the dangers that lurk behind those rays of sunshine. Public Works employees performing lawn maintenance, Parks & Rec employees tending to children in a summer camp program, and Police Officers on foot or bike patrol need to arm themselves with information on how to prevent skin cancer and sunburn with these tips from the [Centers for Disease Control](#). Employees who work for extended periods outside also need to be aware of the signs, symptoms, and first aid treatment for heat-related illnesses available from [NIOSH Fast Facts](#). OSHA provides an easy to use tool for educating your employees via [A Guide for Employers to Carry Out Heat Safety Training for Workers](#).



# RESOURCE ROUNDUP

- Save the date! The PA Department of General Services is holding a **PA Procurement Expo & Forum** at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, September 4-5. This two day event will feature more than 350 vendors and 2,000 attendees and is a premier networking and educational event for public procurement decision-makers. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.
- [Check out "The Future of Energy Efficiency" blog](#) from our Business Leader, **Utility Service Partners**. As more states commit to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, energy efficiency will be an important tool in meeting those goals.
- It's Official - **PA House & Senate recognize Park & Recreation Professionals Day** — On June 4, the PA House and Senate adopted a [resolution](#) officially declaring July 19 as Park and Recreation Professionals Day. In partnership with the Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society (PRPS) and as part of National Park and Recreation Month, we'll celebrate the men and women who work tirelessly to provide the parks & recreation programs and facilities that we enjoy every day.
- [The National Telecommunications and Information Administration \(NTIA\) is announcing a new searchable database](#) of 50 federal broadband programs, spanning a dozen federal agencies with billions of dollars for broadband grants, loans and other resources. The database, created with the help of participating federal agencies, fulfills a goal set out in the American Broadband Initiative announced in February to make it easier for community leaders to find federal funding and permitting information.