



# League Link

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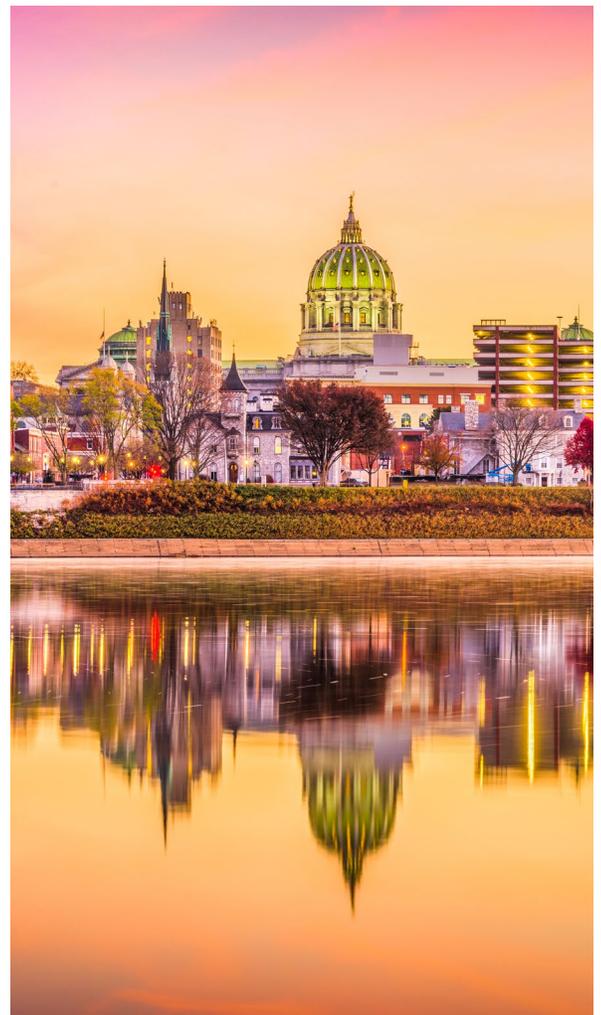
## ADVOCACY ACTION

### Municipal Payroll Tax Option to be Introduced

Representative Robert Merski (D-Erie), a former Erie City councilmember, has circulated a co-sponsorship memo ([HCO2165](#)) for a bill authorizing a local Payroll Tax. This new revenue tool would be optional and available to cities, boroughs and townships following passage of a local ordinance. It allows the levy of a .55 tax on payrolls within a municipality. This authorization was given to Pittsburgh in 2004 to assist with its Act 47 recovery. Representative Merski believes this tax should be available to all municipalities to provide more flexibility and ward off fiscal distress. The League supports this local option revenue tool.

Please contact your House members and ask that they sign on to this important legislation.

*Watch your email for the July Legislative Locator summarizing newly enacted legislation and state budget items impacting local government.*



## THE LEAGUE'S LATEST

• **Executive Director's Report** – [Watch Rick Schuettler's](#) latest video as he discusses the state budget, important legislation and our upcoming Annual Summit in Gettysburg.

# THE LEAGUE'S LATEST (CONTINUED)

• **Please welcome our newest members to The League** – [Marcus Hook Borough](#), Delaware County and the [City of Hazleton](#), Luzerne County. Welcome aboard Marcus Hook and Hazleton!

• **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 **LOWER MERION TOWNSHIP!****

• **Registration available for Gettysburg Rec Park Playground Project** – Thursday, October 3 is our playground project with Gettysburg Borough in conjunction with the 120th Annual Summit. The project location is Rec Park in Gettysburg Borough and [registration is available online](#). Please note, this is a smaller project and registration will be limited to only 50 volunteers so, be sure to sign up quickly before the slots are filled.

• **Message from PennPRIME** – It is important to have a current statement of values for all properties that includes basic building information, ISO (International Organization for Standardization) construction class, and COPE (Construction, Occupancy, Protection, and Exposure) data. PennPRIME's partner, Asset Works, provides more details on the [Three Ways an Accurate Statement of Values Can Help You Secure Proper Insurance Coverage at the Best Rate](#) and Quick Guides to [ISO Construction Classifications](#) and [Understanding COPE Data](#). Check with your property insurance carrier for similar services. Having the most up-to-date information easily accessible streamlines the process should a loss occur.



# RESOURCE ROUNDUP

- **Funding Opportunity: Rural Responses to the Opioid Epidemic Grant** – The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance announces the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program - Technical Assistance funding opportunity. Please see an overview of [the solicitation and information sheet](#). Applications are due by July 26.

- The **Pennsylvania Automated Vehicle Summit** is being held September 4-6 at the Kalahari Convention Center in Pocono Manor, PA. The PA AV Summit aims to foster a wider public understanding and dialogue around the benefits and issues related to AV technologies. For more information and to register online, [click here](#).

- On Friday, August 2 at 2:00 p.m. (EST), the **White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, is hosting an Opportunity Zone briefing** and discussion call with Senior White House and Administration Officials. The purpose of the call is to provide the nation's mayors and other municipal officials with an update on the White House Opportunity & Revitalization Council's ongoing work, highlight and share best practices and success stories from communities around the country, and answer pertinent questions. If you would like to participate, please [register here](#).