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2017 League Conference Sept. 16-18 Wichita



Sept. 16
MTIs @ Conference
in Wichita
2-5 p.m.

Three Municipal Training Institute courses will be offered as separate pre-conference workshops on Saturday. Each course is \$100 (\$125 for non-members), refreshments and course materials are included. A more detailed description of each of the courses is [posted online](#) with the conference information.

Municipal Finance (Core)

Ethics & Civility (Core)

Nuisance Abatement (Elective)

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CONFERENCE EARLY BIRD RATE & HOTEL DEADLINE

Make sure to book your reservation for the League's Annual Conference, Sept. 16-18 in Wichita. View our [online conference registration](#). **REMINDER!!** The hotel cut-off date for reserving a room at the headquarter hotel (Hyatt Regency Wichita) is **August 24**...and there aren't many rooms remaining. The deadline to register for the annual conference, without a late fee, is **September 1**. Act quickly! View the [hotel information online](#). Please make sure to book your conference reservation and then book a hotel room.

Who should attend the annual conference? The League's Annual Conference offers something for everyone. We recommend councilmembers/commissioners, mayors, managers and administrators, clerks, and department heads attend our conference. A number of valuable workshops, discussions, and networking opportunities await you! [Download the conference brochure](#) for a sampling of sessions and events. Use our [Facebook event](#) for the conference to keep current with session offerings and great networking opportunities.



CONFERENCE SESSION PREVIEW: BLIGHT & NUISANCE STRATEGIES FOR KANSAS COMMUNITIES

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City implemented their SOAR initiative in 2016. SOAR stands for **S**tabilization, **O**ccupation **A**nd **R**evitalization and is a broad-based initiative to tackle concerns about property maintenance, vacant and abandoned properties and concerns of safety shared by residents and businesses alike. City staff will discuss the steps taken to implement the program, including a discussion of community obstacles that could hinder success.



This program will highlight the practical processes taken by staff and elected officials to address and improve the overall appearance and safety of their community. The steps the Unified Government developed for SOAR are applicable to cities of all sizes for developing a program that addresses blight and nuisance issues. Find out what is working for this northeast Kansas city and get additional insight to implement effective strategies in your community. [Register today for the conference!](#)

GOVERNING BODY NOMINATIONS DUE AUGUST 25

The League is seeking nominations for individuals wishing to serve on the Governing Body. Both elected and appointed officials are welcome to [apply online](#). The positions of president, vice president and director are open for nominations.

The Governing Body meets six times a year, providing guidance to the League executive director for the organization's direction. We seek a broad and varied collection of directors, preferring diversity of geography, municipal position, city size, race and gender among the director membership. The League asks that all nominations be submitted by **Friday, August 25**.





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TOTAL ECLIPSE 2017 – KANSAS CITIES IN THE PATH OF TOTALITY

On Monday, August 21, the U.S. will experience a total eclipse. In Kansas, the best viewing options for the total eclipse will be in the northeast corner of the state. NASA has an *interactive map* to see the timing and duration of the eclipse. As cities prepare for a potential rush of tourists and travelers seeking to witness the event, there is a lot to consider. Emergency preparations for traffic flow, mass gatherings and eclipse viewing safety are just a few topics cities must consider with an event like this. We hope everyone enjoys the event and here's a *few resources from NASA* to help with social media or messaging on Monday.

LEAGUE PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

The League's legal staff recently completed revisions to two popular municipal manuals. Order your copies online today to help your city navigate the complex issues of municipal governance:

- **Kansas Open Meetings Manual:** Since its enactment in 1972, the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) has contained a body of standards for conducting open government meetings. The 2017 session resulted in substantive changes to the procedure for recessing into executive session. The League is pleased to offer this updated informative manual on the subject for policymakers, attorneys and administrators alike. It represents our most complete and considered advice on KOMA to date. *Order Online.*
- **Personnel Policies & Guidelines:** Good personnel management is essential for the efficient and effective functioning of city government. It is difficult to overestimate the importance of productive, competent employees in achieving the city's goals and policies. Personnel administration can also be an effective tool in city management. This manual presents a model set of personnel policies and guidelines for Kansas cities. Order *electronic* or *standard* version.



The League of Kansas Municipalities invites all member Kansas city officials to join us for the 2017 Regional Suppers. We hope you will take this opportunity to join our staff, in a city near you, to discuss the upcoming legislative session and the League's 2018 legislative priorities.

October 4 • Cimarron
Cimarron Public Library
120 North Main
\$18 per person
RSVP by Sept. 29

October 5 • Colby
HP Chuckwagon
Cookshack
1945 County Road W
\$20 per person
RSVP by Sept. 29

October 11 • Lawrence
Carnegie Building;
Heritage Room
200 W 9th Street
\$22 per person
RSVP by Oct. 6

October 4 • Hays
Sternberg Museum
3000 Sternberg Drive
\$22 per person
RSVP by Sept. 29

October 5 • Derby
Pavilion at Madison Ave
Central Park
512 East Madison Avenue
\$18 per person
RSVP by Sept. 29

October 12 • Coffeyville
Senior Citizens Center
601 South Walnut
\$16 per person
RSVP by Oct. 6

Registration is available online at www.lkm.org/RegionalSuppers
Check-in for all locations will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

Written cancellations must be made 72 hours prior to the meeting date, or the participant will be responsible for payment. Cancellations by phone will not be accepted.