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MTI: HIRING PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS

Attracting, hiring and maintaining quality public safety officials is an issue of great importance to cities. The League is offering a NEW Municipal Training Institute class for municipalities to learn the best practices for Kansas cities to use throughout the hiring process specific to public safety positions. This class will discuss:

- Recruitment strategies for public safety officials;
- Processes and procedures to use when performing background checks;
- Interview and hiring tips and techniques for public safety staff; and
- A discussion about the role of management and elected officials for oversight.

The class will be offered in two locations: October 26 in Belle Plaine and October 27 in Leavenworth.

The MTI will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost to attend this course is \$75 for members, \$100 for nonmembers. Lunch and materials provided. Register online at www.lkm.org/events.

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NEW WEBSITE FEATURE - WEBINAR & VIDEO RESOURCES

The League offers monthly webinars to members for a nominal fee. These webinars generally focus on “hot topics” or issues that are specific to local governments or topics affecting our members. Our goal is to always look for ways to provide quality educational programming to local government leaders. We are pleased to announce we are now archiving our webinars and other video resources *on our website*.

Sixty days after the live webinar takes place, the League will post video links of archived webinars for members as a resource. The cost for the re-broadcast of a webinar is \$15 per webinar (\$25 for non-members). Municipal Training Institute credit will only be granted if participating in the live broadcast on the date of the original webinar, and not for a re-broadcast. Webinars will be available for up to 10 months online, depending on subject matter and timeliness of topics. Once you register for the re-broadcast, you will be invoiced accordingly.

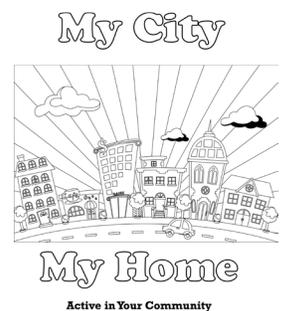
On the same web page, the League will be working to post additional video content helpful for local government leaders. This could be video from a Municipal Business Alliance partner or content that we'll be working on creating originally. Check back often for new resources!! *Visit the [web page](#)* to see our current resources.



LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET KIDS INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY? CHECK OUT OUR YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM!

Citizen engagement is a priority for Kansas cities and the best place to start is with our youngest community members. This fall, the League re-launched our youth civic education program. We started by crafting a *Civic Learning Path* to frame the new program and demonstrate a progression of civic growth. We expanded the program to include *interactive lesson plans* and a *civic resource guide*. To increase participation, we created an *activity book*, changed our “*If I Were Mayor*” *writing contest* to align with Kansas Department of Education guidelines and added new social media platforms to capture the interests of high schoolers.

Download all of the resources for free and let us know how you're using the tools to increase youth engagement in your community!



LEAGUE WORKING TO PROMOTE VOTER ENGAGEMENT & TURN-OUT FREE MATERIALS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

In a few weeks, Kansans across the state will participate in their first fall local elections. Last year the Kansas Legislature voted to shift local elections from spring to fall to parallel the gubernatorial and Presidential elections that are held in November of even-numbered years. As county election offices prepare for voters on November 7, 2017, the League has *prepared an infographic, ideas for voter engagement* and a social media campaign to assist citizens and elected officials in this transition. Candidates, city officials and the public are welcome to download the infographic to encourage voter turn-out and voter education.





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NEW WEBINAR!

CYBERSECURITY: SIMPLE STEPS FOR PROTECTING YOUR ORGANIZATION

The League is partnering with Midwest Public Risk (MPR) to offer a one-hour webinar for municipalities on cybersecurity and best practices for protecting your city network and customer base from cyber-attacks. Cybersecurity threats can include identity theft, data theft, damaged business or personal reputation, lost revenue or income, spam and malware/network intrusions. This webinar will provide information that cities can use to discuss cybersecurity concerns with employees and/or elected officials, tips to reduce risk within your organization and more valuable information on cybersecurity concerns.



Who should participate? We recommend any elected or appointed official with organizational risk responsibilities should attend. This webinar will be taught in an understandable, non-technical manner. The League will be developing more, in-depth cybersecurity resources in the coming months but this is a great primer and introduction into basic steps your organization should take to form a first-line of defense against cyber-attacks.

Webinar Registration is required ahead of time (limited to 100 participants). Webinar cost is \$25 for member cities, \$35 for non-member cities. [Register online for the webinar.](#)

LONG-TERM WATER INFRASTRUCTURE LOANS FROM EPA

EPA's WIFIA program staff invites interested cities to join them in Lenexa to learn more about the low-cost, long-term loans for water infrastructure projects. The information session will provide prospective borrowers with a greater understanding of the WIFIA program requirements and pave the way for successful applications to the program.



The program will be held on November 29 at the EPA Region 7 Headquarters, 11201 Renner Boulevard in Lenexa. Registration for the event is [available online](#).

If you are unable to attend this session, the EPA will host additional information sessions in Denver on November 8; Nashville on November 16; Washington, DC in January 2018; and a webinar series covering the same topics on December 6, 13, and 20 from 2:00-3:30 pm ET. More details and registration information for all of these events is [available online](#).

For more information, please contact Karen Fligger, Senior Project Manager, WIFIA Program, Office of Wastewater Management, US Environmental Protection Agency, (202) 564-2992 (work) or (202) 577-9312 (cell), fligger.karen@epa.gov.

PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 'NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH'

November is National Adoption Month. To bring attention to the need for adoptive families in Kansas, the Department for Children and Families is reaching out to local governments to spread the word about adoption. A sample of the proclamation is [online](#) and can be used by city or county governments to promote National Adoption Month.



If a local government uses the proclamation, DCF is asking to receive notice that your is city proclaiming National Adoption Month so they can help promote local events in your community. Notify DCF Communications Director [Theresa Freed](#) or Public Information Officer [Taylor Forrest](#).

KDHE SOLID WASTE GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is launching a new grant program focused on recycling and composting. Applications will be accepted October 1 – December 15, 2017. The competitive Solid Waste grants are designed to support existing recycling and composting programs, and encourage the development of new programs. Kansas counties, municipalities, solid waste management regions, and private entities may apply for grants to fund new or existing waste reduction projects and associated public education materials. Forms and guides can be [downloaded online](#). For more information call our Bureau of Waste Management at (785) 296-1600.