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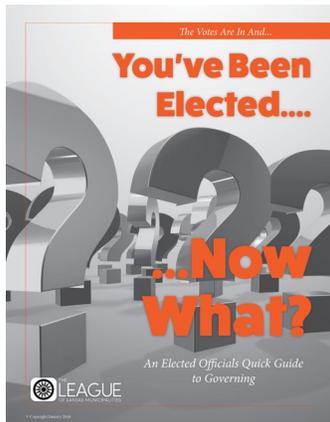
LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY 2018

The League of Kansas Municipalities will once again co-host Local Government Day, an event for our members, with the Kansas Association of Counties on January 24, 2018. City officials from all across the state will gather for an exciting and informative day. In the morning, make appointments to visit with your legislators about issues that are important to your community. As you arrive at the Capitol, stop by the Visitors Center Auditorium 4-N (located on the right after security) to meet with League staff for a briefing, prior to your appointments.

In the afternoon, League policy committees will meet to discuss pending legislation, the "If I Were Mayor Awards" will be handed out, and then we will be joined by fellow county officials and hear presentations from legislative leaders.

City and county officials are then invited to join us for an evening reception with legislators at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. All legislators are being invited to this event.

This event is free to attend. **Please register/RSVP** so we can get an accurate headcount for refreshments. Visit www.lkm.org/LocalGovernmentDay to register and to view the schedule of events for the day.



QUICK START GUIDE TO GOVERNING

If your city is welcoming new elected officials soon, or if you just need a good guide on the basics of governing, we have the publication for you! The League produced an 8-page, quick-reference guide for elected officials which provides basics on effective meetings, public service tips, and KOMA. Look for a copy in your January-February Kansas Government Journal or download a copy today from our [website](#).

RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR LARRY BAER & ANNA DEBUSK

The League will host an open house in honor of Larry Baer & Anna DeBusk on Wednesday, January 10 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Please feel free to stop by, or you are welcome to send cards to the League office to wish them well if you cannot join us in person. RSVPs to [Kate Cooley](#) are appreciated, but not required. Cards can be sent to 300 SW 8th Street, Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66603.

LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW WEBINAR

The Legislative Session begins January 8, 2018! League membership approved the *Statement of Municipal Policy* (SMP) at the Annual Conference providing direction to staff on issues important to cities. Our Action Agenda for 2018 includes tax lid modifications, blighted and abandoned housing, protection of Home Rule, internet sales tax collection, alcoholic liquor taxes, streamlined sales tax, and utility service territory.

League staff will provide an overview of legislative priorities during a webinar on Wednesday, January 17 at 10:00 a.m. Review the *SMP online* and *register today for your spot in the webinar!* The webinar is free of charge and limited to 100 League members on a first-come basis.

Join us
as we celebrate the retirements of two
dedicated League employees,
Larry Baer & Anna DeBusk

Reception
Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018
4:00 - 6:00 p.m., with remarks at 5:00

League of Kansas Municipalities
Basement Conference Room
300 SW 8th Ave, Topeka KS 66603



RSVPs appreciated, but not required, to Kate Cooley: kcooley@lkm.org

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MUNICIPAL TRAINING INSTITUTE: PLANNING & ZONING

City planning and zoning is a perennial issue for municipalities. It's challenging; yet essential to good governance. The League of Kansas Municipalities is offering an elective Municipal Training Institute course in January 2018. This course will focus on the authority of Kansas cities to enact planning and zoning laws and regulations. The course will focus on:



- The roles/responsibilities of a city Planning Commission;
- Comprehensive planning;
- Zoning regulations, rezoning topics and zoning appeals; and
- Best practices for municipal zoning professionals and appointed officials.

We encourage the following city officials attend this course: city managers/administrators, city attorneys, planning/zoning staff or commissioners, and/or elected officials. The course will be a coordinated effort taught by Eric Smith, Deputy General Counsel, League of Kansas Municipalities and planning/zoning professionals from Kansas cities. This course will be submitted for IIMC credit.

The course is offered in two locations:

- January 12, Bonner Springs
- January 19, McPherson

All attendees will receive a copy of the newly revised manual, Planning and Zoning for Kansas Municipalities (revised November 2017).

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.

2017 MUNICIPAL REVENUE SURVEY NOW AVAILABLE

The League recently completed the 2017 Municipal Revenue Practices Survey for Kansas cities. The survey's data and results are intended to provide League members with a comprehensive analysis of municipal revenue practices in Kansas. The information will also aid the League's advocacy efforts to construct policy analysis based on different perspectives of cities' financial environments. To access the survey, please contact *Rynae Plue* at the League to receive the password to access. If your city participated in the survey, you will receive the data free of charge. If your city did not participate in the survey, there will be a \$35 fee to access the data if you are a League member city.



LEAGUE OFFICES HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The League offices will be closed on the following days to celebrate the holiday season:

- Office closes at noon on Friday, December 22
- Office closed on Monday, December 25
- Office closed on Monday, January 1

Make sure to contact League staff with any legal issues or other concerns before the holiday closures.

We wish you a happy holiday season and look forward to working with you in 2018!

