**Legislative Update**

Early last Sunday morning the Legislature started their two-and-a-half week break before their wrap-up session. The legislature spent most of their time last week on the school finance bill and passed the bill through both chambers with the minimum number of votes required (63 in the House and 21 in the Senate). When the legislature returns on April 26 they will have to make a technical fix to the school finance bill, pass a budget, and work through a number of conference committee reports before the session ends on May 4. Contact Trey Cocking with questions about the legislative session.

**New MTI Announced – Emergency Management for Cities**

Emergencies happen. A city’s preparation before a disaster can make all the difference. This course will provide information necessary for a city to review their emergency response plans and execute those plans in a natural disaster. In this course, we will cover:

- City emergency management planning documents and continuity of operations planning for municipal services;
- Define phases of emergency management and response during each;
- Cooperation with local, state, federal and mutual aid support agencies;
- Local government responsibilities within the Kansas Response Plan;
- Managing public information practices before, during, and after an event; and
- Training opportunities for more information on emergency planning and preparedness.

Cost to attend this course is $75 for members, $100 for nonmembers. Lunch and materials provided. You will be invoiced for this event. Cancellations must be in writing and received three days prior to the training for your registration fee to be waived. The cancellations must be emailed to Megan Gilliland. Phone cancellations will not be accepted. [Register online.](#)

**Need a Personnel Policy Update?**

Did you know the League offers a personnel policy service for its members? Comprehensive personnel policies are critical to your organization and now is a great time to consider whether your policies are in need of an update. Please contact Amanda Stanley, General Counsel, for a price quote.
LEAGUE LAUNCHES NEW COMMUNITY AWARDS

The League is excited to announce the all new Inspire - Create - Innovate - Community Awards to celebrate recent innovations, programs, community projects, and acknowledge overall excellence in local government. Beyond honoring cities, we aim for these awards to spotlight innovations that other communities might replicate.

Recipients of the new Community Awards will be recognized at the League's Annual Conference later this fall. A representative from the winning city will receive a complementary conference registration and may be asked to present on a panel highlighting some of the projects. All winning entries will be featured in League social media and in a future issue of the Kansas Government Journal.

Award Categories:
- Community Health
- Infrastructure
- Economic Development
- Public Safety
- Youth Engagement
- Communications

For more information including judging criteria and entry rules, visit our website.

As a member city of the League of Kansas Municipalities, we hope that you can attend the League's Governing Body Institute & Mayors Conference in Topeka April 20 & 21. This conference is one of our premier educational events and is designed for all levels of local government – mayors, city council members, city commissioners, and staff. The Governing Body Institute and Kansas Mayors Conference includes a selection of workshops and general sessions designed to provide insight into local government issues, as well as provide useful strategies to take back to your community.

Attending this conference is the first step new officials should take toward success in public office. Re-elected officials or seasoned appointed officials will also value the up-to-date information on municipal operations and networking opportunities this conference offers. Additionally, we have revised the Governing Body Handbook. All GBI participants receive this publication (a $40 value) as part of their conference materials.

We recommend local government officials attend the institute as a group to learn together and meet their peers across the state. The feedback we receive on our trainings is that the peer-to-peer networking is one of the best reasons to attend League events.

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City Attorneys Association of Kansas Spring CLE

Please join us on Friday, June 8 to stay current on the latest legal issues affecting Kansas local governments. Our legal staff will review recent court decisions and legislation, discuss the challenges being faced, and offer strategies to deal with them. Session topics include:

- Cybersecurity and KORA
- Economic Development
- Drones
- Land Use/Annexation
- Ethics
- Case Reviews & AGOs
- DUI Updates
- Legislative Summary

You will leave this conference with a better understanding of current legal issues and the impact they will have on the municipalities you represent. Visit the CAAK website for more information and to register. This event includes 6.5 hours of CLE credit. Cost to attend is $65 for CAAK members and $100 for non-members. Advance registration deadline is May 25, 2018. Registrations may be cancelled until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5 without penalty. After this deadline, cancellations will no longer be accepted and the registered attendee will be responsible for payment in full. Cancellations must be made in writing. Phone cancellations will not be accepted.

Kansas Housing Resources Corporation Seeks Feedback

Join the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation in a series of online Stakeholder Sessions from April 16-23.

KHRC has initiated the development of the State's five-year Consolidated Plan and Analysis of impediments to Fair Housing Choice. Both documents incorporate a strong outreach component to stakeholders across Kansas who are involved in affordable housing, community development and fair housing initiatives. To kick off these planning efforts, a series of 10 Stakeholder Interview Sessions has been scheduled. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us!

KHRC has contracted with Mullin & Lonergan Associates and The Cloudburst Group to assist with the Con Plan and AI documents. Professional staff from both organizations will facilitate the 10 sessions with a list of questions. Your participation is important to assist KHRC to identify the housing and community development needs for Kansas over the next five years.

For more information and meeting times, visit the KHRC website.

Save the Date: May 17, 2018 (9AM to 4PM)

LED Lighting Workshop

Where? Kansas State University, off campus at Engineering Extension (Unger Complex)

2323 Anderson Avenue, Suite 300
Manhattan, Kansas

For more information, contact: kleenerproject@ksu.edu (785) 532-4998
Details on our website, found at: https://kansansenergyprogram.org/node/73

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