Register Now for Local Government Day

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 23, 2019. City officials from all across the state will gather for an exciting and informative day. 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, but please register/RSPV so we can get an accurate headcount for refreshments.

2019 Legislative Leadership

The 2019 Kansas Legislature convenes one month from now on January 14, 2019. We will have a new Governor and many new faces in the Capitol. Last week, the House elected some new leaders. This week, the Senate President realigned some committee chairs. Stay connected to the League during the legislative session to ensure you have the most up-to-date information on legislative activities.

2019 House Leadership:

Speaker of the House:
Ron Ryckman, R-Olathe

House Majority Leader:
Dan Hawkins, R-Wichita

House Speaker Pro tem:
Blaine Finch, R-Ottawa

House Majority Whip:
Blake Carpenter, Derby

Assistant Majority Leader:
Les Mason, R-McPherson

House Minority Leader:
Tom Sawyer, D-Wichita

House Asst. Minority Leader:
Valdenia Winn, D- Kansas City

House Minority Whip:
Jim Gartner, D- Topeka

2019 Senate Committees:

Agriculture:
Chair: Dan Kerschen, Garden Plain
Vice Chair: Bud Estes, Dodge City

Tax:
Chair: Caryn Tyson, Parker
Vice Chair: Dan Kerschen, Garden Plain

Commerce:
Chair: Julia Lynn, Olathe
Vice Chair: Mary Pilcher-Cook, Shawnee

Education:
Chair: Molly Baumgardner, Louisburg
Vice Chair: Larry Alley, Winfield

Ethics, Elections and Local Government:
Chair: Elaine Bowers, Concordia
Vice Chair: Randall Hardy, Salina

Federal and State Affairs:
Chair: Bud Estes, Dodge City

Vice Chair: Rob Olson, Olathe

Banking and Insurance:
Chair: Rob Olson, Olathe
Vice Chair: Rick Billinger, Goodland

Judiciary:
Chair: Rick Wilborn, McPherson
Vice Chair: To be announced

Health and Welfare:
Chair: Gene Suellentrop, Wichita
Vice Chair: Ed Berger, Hutchinson

Transportation:
Chair: Mike Petersen, Wichita
Vice Chair: Dan Goddard, Parsons

Utilities
Chair: Ty Masterson, Andover
Vice Chair: Mike Petersen, Wichita

Ways and Means
Chair: Carolyn McGinn, Sedgwick
Vice Chair: Rick Billinger, Goodland

The League’s legal staff has updated our Personnel Policies and Guidelines Manual. This publication comes in both an electronic and printed format.

Good personnel management is essential for the efficient and effective functioning of city government. 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 with new information relating to domestic violence, sexual orientation, and other legal updates.

Recommended for managers/administrators and municipal clerks in Kansas.
2019 MTI Calendar of Classes

The Municipal Training Institute is a continuing education program designed for, and open to both, elected and appointed city officials. Appointed officials must be employed by a city in Kansas to participate in the Institute. The program offers courses in located in cities across the state.

The purpose of the Institute is to provide an interactive curriculum of specialized instruction that will develop the knowledge and enhance the leadership abilities of those who serve the cities of Kansas.

There are three levels of achievement in the Institute. Level 1 is the Education level and focuses on attendance at various training events offered by the League and others. Level 2 is the Achievement level and focuses on continuing education as well as participation in various government-related activities. Level 3 is the Leadership level focusing on leadership activities and leadership positions held in various organizations. For more information about the Municipal Training Institute, please contact Megan Gilliland. Register for classes online at www.lkm.org/events.

2019 Municipal Training Institute Schedule

Classes are open to all elected and appointed city officials and employees. All classes are held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch and materials are provided.

January
• Municipal Finance (Core)
  January 11 (Eudora)
• Ethics & Civility (Core)
  January 18 (Newton)

February
• Personnel Management (Core)
  February 1 (Olathe)
• Municipal Finance (Core)
  February 22 (Emporia)

March
• Harassment in the Workplace (Elective)
• Emergency Management (Elective)
  March 1 (Minneapolis)
  March 29 (Cimarron)

April
• City Clerk Fundamentals (Elective)
  April 5 (Garnett)
• LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
  APRIL 12 & 13
  SALINA (CORE)

May
• Advanced Municipal Finance (Elective)
  May 3 (Ottawa)
• Social Media for Cities (Elective)
  May 17 (Valley Center)

June
• Valuing Diversity (Elective)
  June 13 (Kingman)
• Advanced Municipal Finance (Elective)
  June 21 (Garden City)

August
• KOMA/KORA (Core)
  August 2 (Lyons)
• Harassment in the Workplace (Elective)
  September 6 (Russell)
• Planning & Zoning (Elective)
  September 13 (Wintfield)

September
• Harassment in the Workplace (Elective)
  August 9 (Liberal)
• Ethics and Civility (Core)
  September 13 (Winfield)

October
LEAGUE ANNUAL CONFERENCE:
OVERLAND PARK
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
• Personnel Management (Core)
• Economic Development (Elective)
• KOMA/KORA (Core)

November
• Ethics and Civility (Core)
  November 1 (Lindsborg)

What People Say About MTIs:

I enjoyed the whole presentation - the lecture, video, and handouts. I appreciate those who present the material and do the work ahead of time.

The best part of the class was the depth of knowledge of the presenters and their willingness to share. Also, networking with other cities is always a bonus!

The presenters used real-world examples of situations and cases that we can relate to in our own job and city. The MTI helped me figure out where my first focus should be in revamping our policies and programs.

Schedule as of December 2018. Tentative and subject to change. Visit the League website for the most current information. www.lkm.org/events

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