**Legislative Updates**

The legislature is on break until May 1. There is one item of note for Kansas cities to know about this week:

**Scrap Metal** - On Thursday, May 2, 2019, the House Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on Substitute for **SB 219** in room 582-N at 8:30 a.m. This bill transfers responsibility for the scrap metal database from the Attorney General’s office to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, [though the system still would not be operational]. Frustratingly, the bill continues the state preemption of local scrap metal programs. If your city had a successful scrap metal program prior to state preemption, any information you can supply Amanda Stanley would be useful for her testimony preparation. Contact [Amanda Stanley](mailto:Amanda.Stanley@kslegislature.gov) by e-mail with information you can provide.

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**Kansas Association of Counties Executive Director Search**

The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) is seeking a full-time professional Executive Director to lead their organization. The KAC is a quasi-public agency which seeks to advance the public interest by promoting effective, responsive county government in Kansas. Founded in 1975 as an instrumentality of its member counties, the Association serves county governments through legislative representation, technical assistance, leadership and professional education.

Under the policy guidance and direction of the KAC Governing Body, this position provides the implementation of KAC’s mission and the management of KAC’s operations. The Executive Director plans, develops, implements and directs organizational policies and procedures, programs, services, human resources and finances. For the full position description, [visit our website](http://www.kaco.net/careers). KAC is using the League’s LEAPS Executive Search program for this search.

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**Census 2020 Webinar**

The 2020 Census is less than one year away. The Census is a very important process which sets population data for every community and cities should be taking an active role in getting their community involved to ensure an accurate population count. In this webinar, we will review key Census issues and give you information on how to set up a Complete Count Committee for your local community.

On Tuesday, May 7 at 10 a.m., the League will offer a webinar on this topic. Register for our free [Complete Count Committee webinar](http://www.leaguemagazine.com/census2020).

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**CONGRATS, GRADUATES!**

We had a great weekend in Salina last weekend! Our speakers were fantastic, the attendees enjoyed the various topics, and opportunities to network and discuss issues they face in their communities.

We graduated several local government professionals this weekend from the Municipal Training Institute (MTI) program at Leadership Summit. We have several more local government officials close to graduating so look for more progress in 2020!

**MTI Level 1 Graduates:** Ron Marsh, City of Clearwater; Carla Grund, City of Marysville; Brian Cramer, City of Baldwin City; Dave Jones, City of Herington; and Rhonda Dunn, City of Fort Scott.

**MTI Level 3 Graduate:** Lou Leone, City Administrator for the City of Kiowa.

**KANSAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW BOOK ON SALE**

This Kansas Local Government Law Handbook by Mike Heim is considered an essential publication for individuals who interact with local government on a regular basis. The handbook provides an analysis of a host of federal and state laws, court decision, attorney general opinions, and administrative regulations which comprise the subject of local government law.

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