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LAND BANK WEBINAR

Are you interested in creating a land bank for your community?

Land banks are quasi-governmental entity created by counties or municipalities to effectively manage and re-purpose an inventory of underused, abandoned, or foreclosed property.

We are offering a free webinar for cities to get a better understanding of how to create a land bank, how to use a land bank, and see successful examples of how land banks have been used in Kansas cities. Limited to 100 participants.

[Register for the webinar online.](#)

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LEAGUE LAUNCHES STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

This week, the League of Kansas Municipalities launched a survey that will help guide our Strategic Plan update. Every few years, organizations should take time to step back and evaluate the organization and review their strategic direction, objectives, and goals. Please [visit our website to take our survey](#). Your comments are very important to us and are critical to developing a relevant and forward-focused plan. The survey closes on November 22, 2019.

As a thank you for your time, we will be entering all respondents in a giveaway for five, \$75 gift cards. The city with the highest percentage of respondents (elected officials or appointed officials), will be featured in a cover story in a future *Kansas Government Journal*.



E.A. MOSHER AWARD WINNER 2019

Annually, the League seeks to honor a special individual who has demonstrated outstanding service to their community and the League of Kansas Municipalities. This year, the League honored Vada Aikens, City Councilmember for the City of Humboldt.

“She has committed a lifetime of service to the Humboldt community,” said City Administrator Cole Herder who nominated Vada for the award. “She has been active in Dream Humboldt, a group working to revitalize Humboldt. She has been a dedicated member of the Chamber of Commerce, her church, and Humboldt Healthy Ecosystems. She was a driving force in the renovation of the Neosho River Park, starting with a safe fishing dock and stairs to the dam. She still continues to spend countless hours maintaining flower beds in the park.”

Vada has served the Humboldt community for decades. She is currently finishing her fourth term on City Council, serving the city since 2003. Vada has helped guide the city as they hired their first City Administrator; served on committees overseeing multiple sewer, water, and street improvements; and has served in good times and bad – and always with a “can do” spirit and positive approach.

“I am very honored to have been able to serve my community all of this time. We have done a lot in Humboldt,” said Vada. “We have done a lot of work on the water and sewer lines and riverfront park.”

Read the full press release [on our website](#).





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KDOT LOCAL CONSULT MEETINGS - ROUND 2

KDOT is following up their regional meetings that were held earlier this year with a second round of consult meetings. These Local Consult meetings will inform the state's next Long Range Transportation Plan, the planning document that will guide investments from 2020 to 2045. That document will shape the state's next transportation program, known as FORWARD.

Make plans to attend on the of Round #2 meetings (shown below). More details are available on [KDOT's website](#). Also note at the KC and Wichita area meetings, Economic Lifelines will have an additional meeting immediately following the Local Consult meetings in those locations. Local government officials are welcome to attend those meetings as well.



JOIN

ECONOMIC LIFELINES



Immediately following the upcoming KDOT local consult meetings in Kansas City and Wichita!

Hear from KDOT Secretary Lorenz & learn more about Economic Lifelines' advocacy for an aggressive transportation plan for Kansas.

This meeting will start at **NOON** following the Kansas City and Wichita KDOT local consult meetings (Locations provided below)
Lunch will be provided

KDOT LOCAL CONSULT LOCATION & TIMES

Kansas City Metro Region - Kansas City
Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019 9 a.m. - noon
The Reardon Convention Center at the Hilton Garden Inn
520 Minnesota Ave. Kansas City, KS 66101

Wichita Metro Area - Wichita
Friday, Nov. 15, 2019 9 a.m. - noon
Century II Performing Arts and Convention Center
225 West Douglas Wichita, KS 67202



United States Census 2020

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REGIONAL SUPPERS SET FOR NOVEMBER

The League of Kansas Municipalities invites city officials to join us for the 2019 Regional Suppers. The Regional Suppers are an opportunity for League staff, state representatives, city officials, and city staff to discuss upcoming legislative issues and review the Statement of Municipal Policy. This year, League staff is offering a free training prior to the start of the regional supper. Join us at 4:30 p.m. at the same location for a brief City Government 101 training along with tips on how to connect with your legislator. Check-in for dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the meal served at 6:00 p.m. The dates and locations of Regional Suppers are below. [Register on-line.](#)

You are invited to

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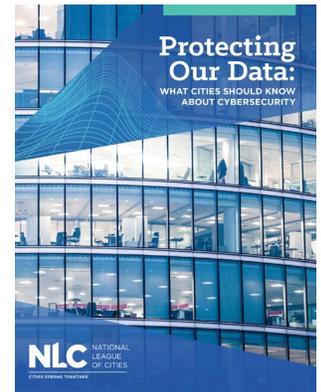
<p>November 6 • WaKeeney Western Cooperative Electric \$16 per person RSVP by Oct. 30</p>	<p>November 7 • Lakin Veterans Memorial Building \$16 per person RSVP by Oct. 30</p>	<p>November 13 • Leavenworth Riverfront Community Center \$18 per person RSVP by Nov. 6</p>
<p>November 6 • Augusta Frisco Train Depot \$18 per person RSVP by Oct. 30</p>	<p>November 7 • Lindsborg Swedish Crown Restaurant \$16 per person RSVP by Oct. 30</p>	<p>November 14 • Burlington Kelley Hall Building - Kelley Park \$16 per person RSVP by Nov. 6</p>

For more information go to: <https://www.lkm.org/page/RegionalSuppers>

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES RELEASES CYBERSECURITY GUIDE

NLC just released their newest guide, "*Protecting Our Data: What Cities Should Know About Cybersecurity.*" NLC wrote this report for local elected and appointed officials, especially for those who may not have a background in cybersecurity or network management. It was completed in collaboration with the Public Technology Institute.

The guide outlines ten recommended first steps for city officials hoping to improve cybersecurity, includes a few really interesting case studies of local security breaches (including the time NLC itself was hit by ransomware), and a checklist local IT directors can use to get started.



If I Were Mayor,
I would...

Tell us your thoughts in our annual "If I Were Mayor" Contest.

DEADLINE: November 18, 2019
Winners receive cash prizes.

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