Thank You!

The League's first (and hopefully only) virtual annual conference is now over and in the books! We had a great turnout and we’ve had a lot of positive feedback from members and presenters about the format of the annual conference working well for a virtual experience. If you registered for conference, you can use the app or web-based platform to go back and re-watch the sessions and speakers for several months. Just use the instructions you received in your email to access the content any time on demand!

Landlord/Tenant Program Announced for Kansans

The economic impact of the pandemic has left many Kansans unemployed or underemployed, uncertain how they will pay rent. While moratoriums provide temporary protection from eviction, rent continues to accrue each month, leaving tenants unsure how they will pay arrears, and leaving landlords without monthly income to pay bills and manage maintenance and upkeep.

Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) has worked closely with the Kelly administration, the Office of Recovery, and the Department of Children and Families to create the Kansas Eviction Prevention Program (KEPP). KEPP is designed to decrease evictions and increase housing stability by assisting landlords and tenants experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID pandemic.

Through the KEPP program, landlords and tenants apply for up to $5000 per household to pay delinquent rental payments dating as far back as April 1, 2020. Payments will be made directly to the landlord, who must agree not to evict the household for nonpayment of rent for the months of KEPP assistance received. Landlords must also agree to waive any late fees accrued during the months for which assistance is received. Applications must be received by November 30 and program funds must be expended by December 30.

Unemployment Fraud

The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) is working to combat the growing threat of identity theft. Kansas, like every other state, is seeing a historic increase in reports of fraudulent unemployment claims. To date, KDOL has prevented approximately 45,000 identity theft-related fraudulent claims from being paid out.

KDOL has doubled the size of their fraud division and broadened our awareness campaign with outreach to businesses across Kansas and to other interested public and private entities, including professional organizations, in our effort to combat this national fraud issue.

To report unemployment fraud, please visit the KDOL website.

Parks and Recreation Grants Available

Kansas Recreation and Park Association (KRPA) announced that $25,000 grants are now available to five KRPA member organizations in 2020 to support them in joining the National Fitness Campaign (NFC) and expanding the campaign across Kansas. NFC delivers a comprehensive fitness and wellness ecosystem built around their highly acclaimed digital Fitness Court®. This award-winning initiative is now supporting more than one hundred and fifty cities across America. The program is poised to deliver important outdoor wellness infrastructure to help communities stay active across the state of Kansas, improving health outcomes and quality of life.

This state-wide grant program includes exclusive funding opportunities for KRPA members to join the campaign and launch the Fitness Court® and NFC initiative, continuing education regarding implementation of healthy infrastructure and pedestrian oriented planning principles, and a comprehensive suite of tools, fitness classes and programs designed to build a wellness culture in communities across Kansas. Applications are due on December 4 at 5 p.m., and awards will be announced December 14. Contact Amanda Sterling with KRPA for details.
Kansas Health Champion Award Nominations

The Governor’s Council on Fitness is now accepting nominations for its annual Kansas Health Champion Awards. Awards are given to individuals and organizations that make an exceptional effort to model, encourage and promote health and fitness in Kansas. The deadline for nominations is September 30. Award recipients will be recognized at the Community Health Promotion Summit in January 2021.

“The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is excited to partner in this important initiative to recognize those who make healthy living in our state a priority,” Dr. Lee Norman, KDHE Secretary, said. “It’s important that we recognize their efforts and the difference they are making in their communities.”

Nominees should demonstrate:

• Work that goes above and beyond what is expected to model, encourage and promote fitness
• Work that helps overcome health inequities
• Sustainable influence or activity
• Far-reaching health impact

“In addition to promoting effective models for increasing physical activity, nutrition and tobacco-free living by replication by organizations and communities around the state, the awards also allow us the opportunity to honor the outstanding work of one individual and one organization this year,” Candice McField, Governors Council on Fitness Awards Committee Chair, said. “Eligible nominees might include an outstanding volunteer, a school, a local community, a newspaper or individual reporter, a local or State policy maker or an employer, among others.”

To see past winners and get more information, visit www.getactivekansas.org and to submit a nomination you must complete the online form at www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021KSHCHealthChamp.

"If I Were Mayor" Contest to be Postponed Until 2021

Due to COVID-19, the League is not releasing the 2020 "If I Were Mayor" contest information yet. We think teachers and administrators have enough on their plates right now with remote learning, dealing with social distancing, etc. so we’re going to roll out this program in the spring of 2021 instead. Look for details on the contest in December 2020 but if you have questions in the mean time, contact, please contact Tami Martin.

League and Kansas Department of Revenue Offering Webinar

Amy Kramer, Financial Economist for the Kansas Department of Revenue, will provide an overview of the new portal for tax payments from cities. She will answer questions about the process of using this for timesaving tax administration. Register today for this webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LlDHvkL-TK-NlcA20yvRwQ

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Free Webinar for Cities October 29 @ 11:00 a.m.