Join Us for the 2021 League Legislative Dinners!

These informative sessions will feature a discussion of the League’s 2022 Legislative Priorities. We hope you take this important opportunity to network with local officials to discuss the upcoming session. All Legislators are also invited to attend; we encourage you to reach out and personally invite them. Dinner registration starts at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6:00 p.m. League Staff is also offering an optional training beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the same location. The topic is City Officials 101, and the training will cover forms of government, classes of cities, and basic municipal operations. Click to RSVP for this optional event on the registration form.

Click below on the location you wish to attend to access the registration form.

- Tuesday, November 9: Garden City
- Wednesday, November 10: South Hutchinson
- Wednesday, November 10: Ellis
- Thursday, November 11: Clay Center
- Tuesday, November 30: Prairie Village
- Wednesday, December 1: Iola

League Deputy Director Returning to City Management

The Emporia City Commission announced the approval of an employment agreement with John “Trey” Cocking to serve as the next City Manager of Emporia. Since 2017, Trey has served as the Deputy Director for the League. Prior to his role with the League, Trey served as the City Manager of Atchison for eight years. During that time, he successfully supported efforts to improve the financial stability of the city’s budget, developed long-term plans for employee wellness programs and supported efforts in community and economic development within the region.

Trey will take on the role being vacated by current City Manager Mark McAnarney who will retire in December after serving the Emporia Community for 32 years, including seven as the City Manager. Trey will officially begin his role as the City Manager on December 7, 2021.
Conference App Includes Presentations

As a registered attendee for the League Annual Conference, you have access to all of the presentations from conference plus any recorded content we generated. The Census presentation and the National League of Cities Legislative Update are available as recordings in the app.

We hope you enjoyed the Annual Conference and we look forward to seeing the results of the conference survey (which is due today, by the way)! Thank you for another great conference!

American Rescue Plan Update - Unused Funds

Look for additional American Rescue Plan Act funds to come to your city within the next week. Funds that were not claimed by cities are being divided up on a pro-rated basis to be distributed to participating cities. This amount will be to “top off” your initial funds received. This same amount will be added to cities’ second distribution coming in 2022.

Local Election Voting Ongoing, Make a Plan to Vote Nov. 2

The Voter Network is a local nonpartisan, nonprofit organization working to increase voter turnout across Kansas, which can be a tough task in a local election year when the majority of voters don’t participate!

Go to KSBallot.org to view their nonpartisan ballot guide. The website gives you an opportunity to view candidate information, locate your local voting sites, and find early voting information.

The League did a Facebook LIVE video on how to use the site - check it out at our Facebook page and share with your local community!