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CITY ATTORNEY’S CONFERENCE

Attention municipal attorneys!! Please join us on Friday, June 4, 2021, at the Hilton Garden Inn Manhattan for the Spring CLE.

The conference will cover issues affecting Kansas local governments and will provide timely perspectives on Legislative Issues, Caselaw, Abatement, Employment Law, Eminent Domain as well as Ethics. We will also offer a video replay option on June 9, 2021.

Visit the CAAK Conference website for more information and to register. Cost to attend is $65 for CAAK members and $100 for non-members. Registration deadline is Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES - ADJOURNED UNTIL MAY 3

The House and the Senate are adjourned until May 3 when they will return for the veto session. League staff are currently working to prepare for the veto session and we will reach out to members if information is needed prior to legislature re-convening.

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT & KANSAS MAYORS CONFERENCE

The KMA Conference and Leadership Summit will be offered June 18 and 19 in Lawrence, Kansas. We will be following any Douglas County/City of Lawrence rules and regulations that may be still in place at the time of the event.

The keynote speaker for this event is Holly Hoffman, a former star of hit reality TV show “Survivor.” Holly is a professional motivational speaker and the author of Your Winner Within and Write Yourself a Note. Holly inspires her audiences to take opportunities and focus on attitude, determination, confidence, desire, and perseverance.

Additional topics and the schedule of events will be announced soon. Friday’s sessions will begin with the Kansas Mayors Association portion at 1:30 p.m., and also include a general session for all attendees featuring Holly Hoffman. Saturday’s sessions will conclude no later than 2:30 p.m. We hope you will join us for this event.

Visit our website for more information.

WEBINAR NEXT WEEK - APRIL 28, 2021

WEBINAR
THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FOR KANSAS CITIES: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW NOW AND THINGS TO CONSIDER.
REGISTER TODAY!
THREE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOUSING INPUT

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is hosting a series of listening sessions for city staff and elected officials. Sign up to participate in your region by visiting this sign up. (Sessions occurring next week, April 26-30).

The Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank also has a housing survey out through April 28. If your work connects with housing, please consider taking their survey by 5 p.m., April 28, 2021.

The Office of Rural Prosperity and Kansas Housing Resources Commission have been working on Kansas’ first comprehensive housing needs assessment in nearly 30 years. Since the study launch, work has been underway in taking the first step to more fully understanding where shortages exist in quality, affordable housing across the state. There are three ways the public can provide feedback, which is critical in measuring community and stakeholder input. Visit their website to find out about listening sessions and taking their survey.

Check out the League’s NEWLY REVISED 7th Grade Essay Contest! Open to All 7th Graders in Kansas!
CDBG Workshops Start Next Week

The Department of Commerce is offering CDBG annual application workshops, including two virtual options. These workshops will discuss the changes to the program to allow more eligible projects and discuss opportunities for additional funding. CDBG is an excellent way for cities to fund projects for housing rehabilitation, water and sewer projects, and lots of eligible projects under the community facilities and services category. The Department of Commerce also will open the CDBG-CV3 program applications in May.

Register for the workshops online.

Mayor of the Year

Nominations are now being accepted for the Mayor of the Year Award! The Mayor of the Year award was first established in 2001 and serves to honor mayors who have served their communities and contributed to the well-being of cities. It is now time to nominate a deserving mayor for this award. If your community has a mayor that has done selfless hours of community service. If your mayor has showed countless constituents how dedicated they are to their community, then please take the time to complete the nomination form and write a short one-page letter listing their accomplishments.

Nominations will be accepted until May 4, 2021. Get all the information on how to submit on our website. The winner will be announced at Leadership Summit & Mayors Conference June 18-19 in Lawrence. Contact Tami Martin with any questions concerning the Mayor of the Year Nomination.

Also, the Kansas Mayors Association (KMA) is seeking nominations for their Board of Directors. Current mayors can self-nominate or be nominated by another KMA member to any eligible seat. Voting will take place at the Leadership Summit & Kansas Mayors Conference on Friday, June 18th, in Lawrence. Each position serves a term of one year. For more information please visit www.lkm.org/ksmayors.

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