NOMINATIONS OPEN
FOR CITY CLERK/MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE YEAR!

This award was named in honor of Mildred Vance, a former auditor and City Clerk/Municipal Finance Officer of Parsons, Kansas, who served her community from 1948 to 1988. Mildred was instrumental in developing and promoting professional education programs for city clerks and finance officers at the state and national levels.

The information for this prestigious annual award and nomination form can be found here: https://ccmfoa.org/document-library/history/clerk-of-the-year/.

The completed nomination form must be mailed to Amy Burton for receipt no later than December 31, 2022. Include as much information as possible in each category, as point awarded are vital in the final computation of judging standards.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact either Amy Burton or Alicia

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LEAGUE LOOKS TO HIRE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The League Governing Body at its October 8, 2022 Board meeting hired Strategic Government Resources (SGR) to assist in the search for a new Executive Director. League President Dave McDaniel (Mayor, Ellis) appointed a seven-member search committee to help facilitate the early parts of the search on behalf of the Governing Body. Serving on the Search Committee is Dave McDaniel, Mayor, Ellis; J. Michael Wilkes, City Manager, Olathe; Mike Hoheisel, Councilmember, Wichita; Amy Lange, City Manager, Concordia; Michael Boehm, Mayor, Lenexa; Troy Tabor, Councilmember, Andover, and Christy Pyatt, City Clerk, Greensburg. Applications for the position are now being accepted until December 14, 2022. Specifics on the position posting are available here and below:

The League of Kansas Municipalities seeks a personable, innovative, and strong leader to serve as its next Executive Director. The ideal candidate should be experienced in lobbying and using a non-partisan approach to bring people together on issues. A bachelor’s degree in public administration, business administration, political science, or a related field, and at least five years’ experience in public policy administration and/or a combination of business and public administration, is required. A demonstrated ability to lead an organization in similar size and nature and firsthand senior management experience in local government, or a very strong understanding of municipal government, is required. Knowledge of the legislative process is a must, and a legal background or knowledge of governmental law would be helpful. A master’s degree is preferred. A connection to Kansas would be a plus. Must be willing to travel around the state to engage with all members. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered. Residency within Kansas is required. For more information on this position contact: Mark McDaniel, Sr. Vice President, Strategic Government Resources, 817-773-6558.
**Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) Water Summit for Cities**

The KMU Water Summit for Cities is just four weeks away. This is the only statewide meeting to review and discuss water strictly from a municipal perspective. We hope the information and discussion will help cities galvanize around key municipal water issues that cities would like to have addressed by working together. There is a full agenda for the day with presentations from Senator Carolyn McGinn, members of the 2022 Special Committee on Water, Early Lewis, Division of Water Resources Chief Engineer, Burke Griggs, Washburn University Law Professor and Water Supply Section Chief, and also municipal panels on water supply innovations and challenges.

Plan to attend so you can engage with legislators, leaders in water issues, and fellow municipal members in the discussion of water challenges we face today and map a future for water from a municipal perspective. Attendance is limited and registrations are filling up fast. If you have not register, do so today so you can participate in the statewide municipal water supply discussion with experts and legislators. Register [here](#).

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**2023 Tax Rate Survey is Live**

The League’s 2023 Tax Rate Survey is live and has been distributed to cities! We are looking for responses by Wednesday, November 30th.

The Tax Rate Book is published annually in the March *Kansas Government Journal*. The book is structured to illustrate tax rates and fiscal data from each of the three classes of cities and then moves on to highlight tax rates from counties, unified school districts and community colleges. The data collected includes, but is not limited to: assessed valuation, bonds, temporary notes, no-fund warrants, and mills levied by each taxing subdivision. The criteria for the data collected provides a well-rounded perspective as to how individual cities, counties, and unified school districts are assessing taxes. Contact Brady Fisher, Management Intern, if you have questions. You should have an email with instructions.

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**Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide (KMAAG) Seminars**

Each KMAAG presentation will talk about cities, counties, schools, and other governments. Since the Loyd Group has not conducted these KMAAG Seminars for almost three years, they are going to cover all entities in a combined session at each site across Kansas. This will still allow each government entity the attention they deserve while also having a general understanding of all government entities across Kansas. This one-day event qualifies those in attendance for 8 CPE units. Register [here](#).

- **Tuesday, November 15**: Pittsburg
- **Thursday, November 17**: Wichita
- **Tuesday, November 29**: Hays
- **Tuesday, December 1**: Dodge City
- **Tuesday, December 6**: Topeka

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**Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to Host Share Forum**

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is hosting a free forum -- Rail Share -- which will be held on November 29-30, 2022, at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. Rail Share will bring together representatives from industry, labor, government, and other stakeholders to discuss safety issues and best practices in a protected environment. The 2-day program will consist of presentations, panel discussions, Q&A sessions, and keynote addresses. Rail Share’s goals are to enhance the understanding of industry initiatives and foster an environment where best practices in safety can be shared. Registration is available along with [hotel and room-reservation information](#). The draft agenda is available for review but is subject to change. Check back closer to the event date for a final agenda.