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1) Sample Ordinances Available to Help Cities Transition to November Elections

The League has drafted a number of sample ordinances to assist our members with the transition to November elections. You can view these sample ordinances and a flow chart explaining the ordinances that apply to your city here. As always, consult your city attorney before adopting any ordinance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the League at (785) 354-9565.

2) Conference Highlight: First-time Attendee Orientation Offered Sunday

Will this be your first time attending the League's Annual Conference? Stop by Sunday morning during the concurrent workshop for an overview of the conference schedule, tips on how to make the most of your conference experience, and assistance with downloading the conference App. Connect with other first-timers, and hear from some seasoned conference attendees on what to expect.

Do not miss out on one of the best networking events of the year! For more information and to register, click here.

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3) League Governing Body Nominations Due Next Week

At the League's Annual Conference in Topeka, (October 10-12), the nominating committee will submit a slate of city officials for consideration by the membership for election to the League Governing Body. The League cordially invites nominations from any city official with an interest in serving on one of four open positions of director (three-year term) or as vice president or president. Nominations also may be submitted by one city official on behalf of another, with the other city official's consent. The governing body consists of 12 directors, a president, vice president and past presidents who meet six times each year across the state. Members of the governing body are expected to make a commitment to attend all meetings and participate on subcommittees. Any travel expenses are paid by each member's city. Nominees typically have some prior service on a League policy committee or task force. If you are interested in submitting a nomination, simply complete the online form here no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 11, 2015. Individuals with questions are urged to call, write, or email Erik Sartorius, executive director at (785) 354-9565.

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4) Register for a Kansas Mayors Association Regional Meeting

The Kansas Mayors Association (KMA) has scheduled three additional regional meetings around the state. The meetings will include a legislative wrap-up and a mock meeting. These meetings are free to all KMA members and $15 for all non-member mayors and councilmembers or commissioners. Meetings will be held:

- September 12, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Plainville Fire House, 416 W Mill Street, Plainville, KS 67663
- September 12, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Pub on the Bricks, 303 N. Kansas Avenue, Liberal, KS 67901
- September 19, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Trail Ridge Middle School, 495 E. Grand Street, Gardner, KS 66030

To register, click here.

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5) League Announces Changes in Employees' Titles

We are pleased to announce staff title changes for several League employees. Larry Baer has been chosen to lead our legal team as General Counsel. Larry has been with the League since 2001, after working as a city attorney for nearly 15 years. Larry's experience and wisdom makes him the perfect fit for this position. In addition, Nicole Proulx Aiken has been named Deputy General Counsel. Nicole joined the League in 2010, after clerking for the Kansas Supreme Court. She oversees our codes service and serves as executive secretary for the City Attorneys Association of Kansas (CAAK). Rounding out changes for our legal services department, Tami Martin has been named our Legal Services Coordinator. Tami started with the League in 2012. She works closely with our attorneys on city codes and is the primary support person for the CAAK and the Kansas Mayors Association. Finally, Nikki Harrison has been named Member Services Coordinator. Nikki joined the League in 2009. Since she started, she has taken on increasing responsibilities and provides significant support to our executive search program (LEAPS) and the Kansas Association of City Managers.

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6) KDOT Calls for Transportation Alternative Program Projects

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) recently announced calls for projects for the 2015 Transportation Alternatives Program. An estimated $14 million in federal funds will be available. Eligible projects include infrastructure for non-driver access to public transportation, preservation of historic transportation structures, Safe Routes to School, and much more. Click here for more information.

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7) 2015 Municipal Concrete Awards Program

Kansas Ready Mixed Concrete Association is pleased to announce its annual Municipal Concrete Awards Program. The purpose of this event is to recognize and encourage outstanding work in municipal concrete construction within the state. Each entry will receive a $5 Starbucks gift card. The entry deadline is September 30, 2015. For more information, click here.

8) State Debt Setoff Program Trainings

The State Debt Setoff Program has announced dates and locations for upcoming trainings. Topics include submitting debts, adjusting debt balances, transfers of collections, and the tax match process. For dates, locations, and other information, click here.

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