**MML Membership Adopts Recommendation for 2022 Legislative Priorities**

At the 2021 Fall Conference, MML membership unanimously approved two legislative priorities.

**PRIORITY:** Request legislation to eliminate the sunset provision which would end the current level of municipal **Highway User Revenues** after FY 2024, and return to full funding of municipal HUR beginning in FY 2025.

**PRIORITY:** Revise the state law relating to Police Accountability Boards and Administrative Charging Committees to give municipalities the option of creating their own Board and Committee.

In addition to HURs, MML membership one strategic initiative for 2021: Mitigating the Effects of Climate Change. With climate change impacting every corner of the State – through flooding, shore erosion, summer heatwaves, and more severe storms – the League will devote further legislative resources toward mitigating the negative impacts on residents’ lives and municipal budgets.

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**2021 Fall Conference Recap**

Well over 200 MML members and other leaders enjoyed the opportunity to meet and learn in person at MML’s October 10-12, 2021 Fall Conference at the beautiful Turf Valley Resort near Ellicott City. The event was hosted by MML’s Carroll and Frederick Chapters and keynoted by Secretary Kenneth Holt of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. MML thanks all who participated along with our presenters and all of the host municipalities from Carroll and Frederick who contributed and put on a fun and fabulous welcome celebration Monday evening.

MML also thanks the presenters, Strategic Partners, exhibitors and sponsors, who contributed to the success of the event. Sponsors were: (Diamond Level): Carroll County Municipalities, Chesapeake Employers Insurance, FirstNet, Frederick County Municipalities, Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT), Maryland Environmental Service, Motorola Solutions, Inc; (Gold Sponsors) IP DataSystems, Pepco & Delmarva Power, Willis Towers Watson; (Silver Sponsors) Benecon/LGIT Health, FOVNDRY, Funk & Bolton, Maryland Relay, Miller Partnership Consultants, PSA Insurance & Financial Partners, ShoreScan Solutions, Sustainable Maryland Certified, T Mobile; (Bronze Sponsors) CQI Specialties, and GCOM.
2022 Essay Contest Information

Be on the lookout for the 2022 essay contest information which is being mailed to municipalities this week and is available on MML’s website. Visit www.mdmunicipal.org/2022essay.

Save the Date

MML Legislative Reception
January 12, 2022, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Governor Calvert House
Annapolis, MD

This event is open to all members and legislators at no cost. Please reach out to your legislators to be sure they plan to attend. Hope to see you there!

Banner City/Town Highlights

If your city/town was represented at the 2021 Summer Conference and Fall Conference, you have completed the first steps on the journey to a 2022 Banner City/Town designation. Remain among the League’s most engaged members while also making the best use of your League membership. Review the criteria and plan to make this your most active MML year, ever:

- Attend 50% of your region’s chapter meetings
- Celebrate Municipal Government Works Month in November
- Plan a school visit to any grade level to educate students about municipal government

Visit the mdmunicipal.org under the Engagement tab for full Banner City/Town details.

MML Fall Conference Recordings

Missed the MML Fall Conference in Turf Valley or want to review some of the sessions you attended there? Recordings for two of those sessions are now available for a fee at https://mml.memberclicks.net/webinars.

For more information, contact MML Education Services Director Tom Reynolds at tomr@mdmunicipal.org.

New MML Website Resources!

Cybersecurity:
Concerned about your city or town’s computer safety and wondering what to do about it? Start at MML’s new Cybersecurity Resource Page, where we not only have a list of articles and ideas, but a growing list of what your peers are doing across Maryland. http://www.mdmunicipal.org/917/Cybersecurity-Resources

Civil Unrest:
HEPAC has created a Preparing and Responding to Civil Unrest web resource page which provides MML members with information on how your community can minimize the potential for civil disturbances while protecting citizens’ right to free speech and assembly. http://www.mdmunicipal.org/921/Civil-Unrest-Resources

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding:
Do you have questions about when and how the ARPA funding will be distributed? Or what are the allowable uses for that funding? Or how to track your spending of the money? MML is here to help. http://www.mdmunicipal.org/944/American-Rescue-Plan-Act

Webinars and Trainings:
Looking for ways to grow professionally as a municipal official? MML’s education team compiles a variety of opportunities and adds them to our newly formed Training Opportunities Calendar Page. We list the most relevant options for you to check out. http://www.mdmunicipal.org/946/Training-Opportunities