



May 8, 2017

Send Us Photos!

What does “Community” mean in your municipality? MML’s 2017 summer conference theme **CommUNITY** offers you the opportunity to submit photos showcasing the events and people that tell your municipality’s story. Photos will be used during MML’s summer conference (June 25-28, 2017 at the Convention Center in Ocean City) to illustrate the conference theme. Submit your high resolution photos to Karen Bohlen (karenb@mdmunicipal.org) **by May 12**. Thanks to Gaithersburg, La Plata, Laurel and Leonardtown for submitting “Community” photos to MML.

MML Summer Conference Video

Excitement is building for MML’s summer [conference](#), which will be held June 25-28, 2017 at the Convention Center in Ocean City! Attendance is strong with 121 municipalities registered to date, and exhibit space is sold out. Check out this 45-second [video](#), created by MML Strategic Partner CGI Communications, to learn why you should attend MML’s 2017 summer conference. [Register](#) for MML’s summer conference on-line and save money!

Reservation Deadline at MML Conference Hotels is May 19

The deadline for reserving rooms at the 12 Ocean City hotels offering discounted rates to MML summer conference attendees is May 19. After May 19, any rooms remaining in MML’s bloc will be released to the general public and MML’s discounted rates will no longer apply. MML arranged for discounted rates at the Clarion, Dunes Manor, Hotels at Fager’s Island, Grand, Hampton Inn, Hilton Suites, Holiday Inn Suites Hotel, Holiday Inn Oceanfront, La Quinta Inn, Princess Bayside, and the Princess Royale. Please note that the Hampton Inn is sold out for most nights during MML’s conference. You will find more information about these hotels, including the nightly room rates, [here](#).

Tickets Required for Affiliate Events During Summer Conference

Please visit MML’s website for details about [affiliate group events](#) during MML’s summer conference. Advance purchase of tickets is required for the following MML affiliated meal events held during the MML conference:

- Eastern Shore Association of Municipalities Dinner (Monday, June 26)
- Montgomery Chapter Dinner (Monday, June 26)
- Prince George’s County Municipal Association Breakfast (Tuesday, June 27)
- Women in Government Service (WINGS) Breakfast (Wednesday, June 28)

If you plan to attend any of the following MML Department meetings, please contact the Department directly (see affiliate link) to RSVP:

- City & Town Administrators (Monday, June 26)
- Municipal Attorneys (Monday, June 26)
- Municipal Police Executives (Tuesday, June 27)
- Public Works (Tuesday, June 27)
- Municipal Clerks (Tuesday, June 27)

MML 45th Annual Golf Tournament

Sign up now for MML's 45th Annual Golf Tournament! The tournament will be held during the League's summer conference on Sunday, June 25 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Eagle's Landing Golf Course and benefits MML's Education Fund. Click [here](#) to print the registration form. The tournament registration **deadline is June 10.**

Host for Children's Party

The Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, assisted by the Berlin Parks Commission, will once again host the children's party for ages 3-12 during MML's summer conference on Tuesday, June 27. The party will include summer crafts, games, and a children's buffet dinner. Parents/guardians must attend MML's dinner and remain in the Convention Center during the children's party. Children must be potty-trained to participate. Advance registration/ticket purchase for the children's party is required, via MML's [registration](#) form.

Conference Volunteers Needed - Please Respond by May 15

Would you be willing to contribute a few hours during MML's summer conference to help with registration or serving as a door monitor/greeter at a general session or workshop? If so, sign up for [MML's Municipal Volunteer Program](#) and become an MVP! You must be a conference registrant or his/her spouse/companion to volunteer. Those who volunteer will be recognized at conference with a VIP ribbon.

Flag Parade Registration Deadline - May 15

The parade of city and town flags will again be an exciting part of the opening general session during MML's summer conference. The flag parade will be held on Monday June 26, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Each participating municipality must designate an elected or appointed official (no children please) as flag bearer to present their municipal colors. **As a reminder, the flag parade rehearsal will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, June 26 and is MANDATORY for participants. Please be sure that your flag bearer DOES NOT have a conflict with other workshops being held at the same time as the rehearsal. ALL FLAG BEARERS MUST ATTEND THE REHEARSAL - NO EXCEPTIONS!**

The following municipalities are registered for the 2017 flag parade: **Bel Air, Betterton, Brunswick, Cambridge, Capitol Heights, Centreville, Chesapeake City, Chestertown, College Park, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, Crisfield, District Heights, Edmonston, Elkton, Federalsburg, Forest Heights, Friendship Heights, Gaithersburg, Galena, Hampstead,**

Hyattsville, Indian Head, Laytonsville, Leonardtown, Middletown, Morningside, New Carrollton, North Brentwood, Oakland, Perryville, Queenstown, Rising Sun, Rockville, Salisbury, Seat Pleasant, Snow Hill, Somerset, Union Bridge, University Park, and Upper Marlboro.

If you have not yet signed up for the parade of flags, please click [here](#). In addition to the opportunity to show off your municipal colors, an interesting fact, a nickname, or something that most people don't know about your city or town (in 7 words or less, please) will also be announced. Please include this information on your flag parade registration form.

Parade participants are required to wear white or khaki slacks/skirts, white or blue shirt, and navy blue jacket. Since all flag bearers will be on stage with their flags when the session begins, MML will strictly enforce the dress code. Police uniforms are also acceptable.

Direct questions about the flag parade to Candace Donoho at MML, 410-268-5514 or candaced@mdmunicipal.org. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in Ocean City. It's going to be another great summer conference!

MML Conference Proxies Available

[Proxy forms](#) were e-mailed last month to each MML member municipality. Proxies offer alternatives to cities and towns that will otherwise not be represented at the League conference in Ocean City at the business meeting on June 27, 2017.

If elected officials from a League member municipality are unable to attend the conference, their municipality may be represented for voting purposes by administrative proxy (if a nonelected official from your municipality will represent your city/town) or municipal proxy (if a representative from another municipality will represent your city/town). Please note that a MML member municipality may exercise a municipal proxy for just one other member municipality.

Questions? Contact [Jim Peck](#).

Summer Conference Deadlines

- May 12 - CommUNITY Photos Due**
- May 15 - MVP Volunteer Sign Up ([form](#))**
- May 15 - Parade of Flags Registration ([form](#))**
- May 19 - Golf Tournament Sponsor**
- May 19 - Hotel Discount Rates Expire**
- June 2 - Conference Registration Cancellations/Changes**
- June 10 - Golf Tournament Registration Due ([form](#))**

MML 2017-18 Board Nominations

Nomination materials for the MML 2017-2018 Board of Directors were e-mailed to chief municipal elected officials and to MML chapter presidents and secretaries in March. The following nominations for MML's 2017-2018 Board of Directors have been received at the League office:

President Elect

Bridget Donnell Newton, Mayor, Rockville

Member at Large (10 seats)

Marnitta L. King, Mayor, Capitol Heights

Malinda A. Miles, Mayor, Mount Rainier

District Vice Presidents

District 1: Bruce A. Morrison, Mayor, Pocomoke City

District 2: Robert C. Willey, Mayor, Easton

District 6: Randy A. McClement, Mayor, Frederick

District 10: James L. Eberhardt, Mayor, Perryville

Nomination materials can be found [here](#). Contact Jim Peck at jimp@mdmunicipal.org with any questions.

Attention Academy Graduates

Interested in strengthening your negotiation skills in a way that advances effective governance while also improving working relationships with elected officials and the community? Leadership expert Captain Mark Adamshick, USN (ret.), Ph.D., has taught leadership at the U.S. Naval Academy, West Point, and the University of Maryland. On June 6, 2017 Captain Adamshick will guide municipal and county officials through a day of training specially designed to improve your leadership skills by applying a principled approach to negotiation.

This class will take place at the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) offices in Hanover, Maryland and is open only to graduates of the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance. You will find complete information, including how to register, [here](#).

Municipal Leaders in Cuba Study Tour

MML has been notified of a pending Cuba Study Tour planned for this fall specifically for municipal leaders. The 8 day/7 night tour, organized by Global Relations Travel, includes world historical sites as well as local private sector business enterprises. Participants will learn how the private sector partners with community redevelopment in the island nation.

Accommodations, most meals, tours, gratuity and travel within Cuba will be included in the \$3,945 per person double occupancy price. Airfare is separate from this package price. Space is limited. Interested municipal officials should contact Caleb Wolf at MML.

Calebw@mdmunicipal.org.

The Maryland Municipal League Invites Your Input...

Although it seems the dust is still settling from the 2017 General Assembly session, it is time to start thinking about next year's MML legislative priorities. To submit a **Legislative Action Request (LAR)** for consideration by the 2017-2018 Legislative Committee, please complete a 2018 [LAR submission form](#) and return it to MML **by July 28, 2017**. LARs considered in the past have included revenue, environmental, legal, planning and zoning, government operations, and transparency issues. LARs may be submitted by a municipality, a MML Chapter, or a MML Department. Please remember, to be considered by the MML Legislative Committee, prior to submission, all LARs must be adopted at a meeting of the body submitting the request and be signed and dated by an official representing the body. Questions may be referred to [Jim Peck](#), [Bill Jorch](#), or [Candace Donoho](#) at the MML office.

Potential Positions on State Task Force

During the 2017 General Assembly session, various bills passed creating task forces on a broad array of issues. Below are a few on which a municipal official may have a seat. MML is looking for qualified volunteers to potentially serve on a task force in the two following issue areas:

- Alcoholic Beverage Regulation
 - Structure of boards of license commissioners
 - Staffing of alcoholic beverages regulation and enforcement
 - Operations of boards of license commissioners

- Bicycle Safety
 - Operation and safety of bicycles on roadways
 - Motor vehicle and bicycle interaction
 - Adequacy of current and projected use of bike lanes
 - Education and outreach on bicycle safety

If you have background in either of these areas and are interested in serving on either task force, please email Bill Jorch (billj@mdmunicipal.org) with your information and credentials.

There may be other opportunities to serve on task forces in the future on different issues. If this is of interest, please click [here](#) and submit a form for our database.

Monitoring & Modeling Bay Restoration

The Chesapeake Bay Program's Local Government Advisory Committee has created a [new video](#) containing important information for local government leaders interested in learning more about tools available for improving local water quality.

MML 45th Annual Golf Tournament
Be Part of a Longstanding Tradition - June 25, 2017 - Eagle's Landing
[Details Here](#)

Classifieds

Classified advertisements from Maryland cities, towns, counties, and government agencies will be published in MML's *e-Bulletin* at no charge. If you would like to advertise an **employment opportunity, a request for proposals, or a piece of equipment for sale** within the State of Maryland, please e-mail the ad copy, in a text only word doc, 200 words or less to [classified](#). Ads will appear for a 90-day period and can be resubmitted for posting if needed.

[Legislative Status Link](#)

[Classified Section Link](#)

[Important Dates / Deadlines](#)

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