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Get in on the #CityHallSelfie Fun

We're not going to let summer say au revoir without spreading a little municipal love. This year, MML will celebrate the important work happening at the local level by joining elected officials around the globe by participating in #CityHallSelfie day, **August 15**. And we can't do it without you.

Help us get the award for **State with the Most #CityHallSelfie**. Last year's winner, California, did it with only 50 selfies. We know Maryland can top that, plus some!

It's as easy as:

- 1) Snap a pic in front of your city/town hall or other municipal building
- 2) Use the hashtags #CityHallSelfie #Maryland to show your civic and Maryland pride!
- 3) Tweet the pic to @ELGL50 and @MDMunicipal
- 4) Follow @cityhallselfie and tweet your city's selfies like crazy on August 15

We don't want to have all the fun. Check out the 21 categories below and get the whole town involved.



1. Best #CityHallSelfie of the Day
2. Most Creative #CityHallSelfie
3. State With the Most #CityHallSelfie
4. Best Dressed #CityHallSelfie
5. Best Hat in a #CityHallSelfie
6. Best #CityHallSelfie Photography
7. Most People in the #CityHallSelfie
8. Best Use of #CityHallSelfie Props
9. #CityHallSelfie With the Most Famous Person
10. Funniest #CityHallSelfie
11. Most Historic #CityHallSelfie
12. Best #CityHallSelfie Lighting
13. Most Selfies Taken by One Person on #CityHallSelfie Day

14. #CityHallSelfie From the City With the Largest Population
15. #CityHallSelfie From the City With the Smallest Population

16. Best #CityHallSelfie by a Newspaper/TV Reporter
17. Best #CityHallSelfie by a Citizen
18. Best Promotion of #CityHallSelfie by a Government Entity
19. Best Promotion of #CityHallSelfie by a Non-Government Entity
20. Best #CityHallSelfie Day Wrap Up Video
21. Members Choice Award: #CityHallSelfie Excellence

[#CityHallSelfie](#) is an initiative of Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) to celebrate local government. Let's help them make history by showcasing all of Maryland's 157. Everything you need to participate is contained in the [#CityHallSelfie Media Kit](#)

2018 MML Summer Conference: Call for Session Proposals

The 2018 MML conference planning committee (CPC) will begin developing next year's summer conference agenda in early September and would appreciate educational session proposals from MML membership and departments, state agencies, conference exhibitors, strategic partners, and other subject matter experts.

Proposals should include a 50-100 word abstract describing your session, as well as 2-4 learning objectives and names of suggested instructor/presenters if available. You are encouraged to submit your proposal using the summer conference [proposal form](#) prior to September 1, 2017. If you have questions or need assistance, contact MML Education Services Director Tom Reynolds at 410-295-9100 or tomr@mdmunicipal.org.

MML Fall Conference Returns to Montgomery County

MML is excited to announce that the fall conference will return to Montgomery County in October, 2017. This year's conference will be held in hip and historic Rockville at the newly renovated Hilton Washington DC/Rockville Hotel. During the conference, municipal officials will have the opportunity to attend workshops, exchange information, and renew acquaintances. At Friday afternoon's annual business meeting, the membership will discuss and adopt the League's legislative agenda, as recommended by the MML Legislative Committee.

This year, attendees will have the opportunity to attend thirteen different workshops, forums, and discussion sessions, including three Academy core classes, and several elective classes. The Academy core classes at this year's conference are Public Information Act, Structure of Municipal Government, and Consensus and Team Building. Academy elective workshops will address a variety of issues, all of which are relevant regardless whether you represent a large city or a small town. Topics under consideration include: Medical cannabis/opioid issues, grassroots strategy and lobbying; participatory budgeting, emerging trends in municipal government, economic development strategies for attracting the right retail mix, and a session exploring affordable housing and rent stabilization issues.

The fall conference also provides opportunities for several other groups to meet. The MML Board of Directors, District Vice Presidents and Chapter Presidents, and the Maryland Mayors Association will gather on Thursday, October 12. The MML Legislative/Resolutions Committee will also meet on Thursday, October 12. Registration information will be included in the July/August issue of *Municipal Maryland* magazine and online registration will open soon.

Hotel Prize Winners

Thanks to everyone who completed MML's 2017 summer conference evaluation form. Participants who completed the evaluation form were eligible to win hotel stays in Ocean City.

The winners are:

Clarion Fontainebleau Resort

Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, City of Takoma Park

Dunes Manor Hotel

David Warrington, Town Administrator, Town of Cheverly

The Grand Hotel

Timothy Edwards, Councilmember, Town of Rock Hall

Hampton Inn & Suites

Paula Jo Perry, Council Member, City of Hyattsville

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

William Rittelmeyer, Burgess, Town of Woodsboro

Princess Bayside Beach Hotel

Brigitte Schmidt, Councilmember, Town of Boonsboro

Princess Royale Hotel

Wes Hamrick, Commissioner, Town of Thurmont

Hotels at Fager's Island

John Johnson, Councilmember, Town of Edmonston

And, thanks to the above hotels for donating overnight stays to the above MML summer conference attendees.

Open Meetings Act Training Guidelines

The Maryland Attorney General's office recently published a set of training guidelines for public officials subject to the Open Meetings Act ([OMA](#)). These guidelines provide good background on the training requirements, including new provisions that passed the General Assembly earlier this year. However, they do not replace the formal workshops needed to comply with the training mandates.

Over the next several weeks there are opportunities to satisfy the OMA training requirements:

- The Academy for Excellence in Local Governance (Academy) will offer a special stand-alone opportunity to take the OMA core class on September 12, 2017 in the City of Gaithersburg. This class will satisfy requirements for both Academy certification and the OMA training requirements. You will find complete details regarding time, location, and course registration [here](#).
- MACo's 2017 Summer Conference in Ocean City, August 16-19. The OMA core class will take place on Wednesday, August 16, and municipal officials are eligible for a 50% discount off the regular one-day registration fee. See details [here](#).
- Online Open Meetings Act training through the Institute for Governmental Service and Research's [Virtual Learning Center](#). Note, however, that while this online training satisfies the

certification requirements of the OMA, completion does NOT satisfy Academy core class requirements.

For more information on these training opportunities, contact MML Education Services Director Tom Reynolds at tomr@mdmunicipal.org or 410-295-9100. For additional information on the new requirements related to the OMA, see the League's [2017 Final Legislative Report](#).

U.S. Communities Announces New Playground Equipment Contracts

U.S. Communities recently announced that a new contract for playground equipment, outdoor fitness equipment, site accessories, surfacing and related products and services was awarded to GameTime and KOMPAN. This contract was awarded through a competitive solicitation process conducted by lead public agency, City of Charlotte, North Carolina. The contract term is for five years with a start date of July 1, 2017, with the option to extend the contract for two additional periods of two years each. For more information, visit U.S. Communities' [Parks & Recreation Solutions page](#).

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.

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