



September 5, 2017

Start Your Banner City/Town Journey in Rockville

129 municipalities are among the contenders for a 2018 Banner City/Town designation signifying municipal engagement with MML. Now is the time to plan ahead to ensure that your municipality receives the honor. So, we've made planning as easy as 1, 2, 3.

- 1) Review the [criteria](#) for earning the designation.
- 2) Stay in contention by registering for the [fall conference](#) in Rockville October 11-14. Remember, a one-day registration still counts! First time attendees to the fall conference are eligible for a \$50 discount (online registration only).
- 3) Be on the lookout for a call or email from a member of the Engagement & Outreach Committee. Consider that member your personal champion to help guide you to the Banner City/Town finish line.

Good luck to this year's contenders:

Aberdeen, Accident, Annapolis, Baltimore, Barclay, Barnesville, Barton, Bel Air, Berlin, Berwyn Heights, Betterton, Bladensburg, Boonsboro, Bowie, Brentwood, Brookview, Brunswick, Burkittsville, Cambridge, Capitol Heights, Cecilton, Centreville, Charlestown, Chesapeake Beach, Chesapeake City, Chestertown, Cheverly, Chevy Chase, Church Hill, Clear Spring, College Park, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, Crisfield, Cumberland, Deer Park, Delmar, Denton, District Heights, Easton, Edmonston, Elkton, Emmitsburg, Fairmount Heights, Federalsburg, Forest Heights, Frederick, Friendship Heights, Friendsville, Frostburg, Fruitland, Funkstown, Gaithersburg, Galena, Galestown, Garrett Park, Glenarden, Grantsville, Greenbelt, Greensboro, Hagerstown, Hampstead, Hancock, Havre de Grace, Hebron, Hurlock, Hyattsville, Indian Head, Keedysville, Kensington, Landover Hills, La Plata, Laurel, Laytonsville, Leonardtown, Lonaconing, Manchester, Middletown, Millington, Morningside, Mount Airy, Mount Rainier, Myersville, New Carrollton, New Market, New Windsor, North Beach, North Brentwood, North Chevy Chase, North East, Oakland, Ocean City, Oxford, Perryville, Pocomoke City, Poolesville, Port Deposit, Preston, Princess Anne, Queen Anne, Queenstown, Ridgely, Rising Sun, Riverdale Park, Rock Hall, Rockville, Rosemont, Salisbury, Seat Pleasant, Sharpsburg, Smithsburg, Snow Hill, Somerset, St. Michaels, Sudlersville, Sykesville, Takoma Park, Taneytown, Thurmont, Trappe, Union Bridge, University Park, Upper Marlboro, Walkersville, Washington Grove, Westernport, Westminster, Williamsport, Woodsboro (as of June 30, 2017)

September 12 Open Meetings Act Class – Last Chance to Register

The Academy for Excellence in Local Governance (Academy) will offer a special stand-alone opportunity to take the Maryland Open Meetings Act (OMA) core class on September 12, 2017 in the City of Gaithersburg. This class will satisfy requirements for both Academy certification and the newly revised OMA training requirements as passed during the 2017 legislative session. You'll find complete details regarding time, location, and course registration [here](#).

For more information contact MML Education Services Director Tom Reynolds at tomr@mdmunicipal.org or 410-295-9100.

MML Fall Conference - October 11-14, 2017

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 will include: Heroin/opioid crisis, grassroots strategy and lobbying; complete streets, 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 can be found in the July/August issue of *Municipal Maryland* magazine. **Full details and online registration can be found [here](#). Register today!**

Maryland Department of Transportation CTP Road Show Kicks off this Month

Each year the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) announces a list of major infrastructure projects happening along state highways in the upcoming fiscal year. This list of projects is known as the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP), and projects are added and removed upon completion as part of a multi-year rolling process.

Below is a "road show," calendar including dates and locations where MDOT leadership officials travel the State to discuss the projects happening in each region. This annual process provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about the CTP process and a chance to ask questions of MDOT leadership in an open forum.

So check out the calendar, attend a meeting near you, and bring another municipal official with you. While you are there, ask about projects happening in your municipality and stress the importance of highway user revenues to local governments.

Click [here for the road show schedule](#).

Environmental Impact Bond Webinars

Learn how Environmental Impact Bonds can be used to finance green infrastructure projects for improved stormwater management. This innovative “Pay for Success” financing model can bring in new investors to help municipalities pilot or scale their green infrastructure programs.

Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Quantified Ventures will be seeking up to four municipalities from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia that would like to work together to solve stormwater management problems using Environmental Impact Bonds.

Introductory webinars:

Thursday, September 14, 1:00 p.m. ([register](#))

Thursday, September 21, 1:00 p.m. ([register](#))

Email [John Campagna](#) for more information. [Details](#).

New Stormwater Training Available

The Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland, in partnership with the Chesapeake Stormwater Network, is pleased to announce a new course available from the Municipal Online Stormwater Training (MOST) Center. This course, titled *User's Guide to Urban BMPs in the Chesapeake Bay* provides stormwater managers, professionals, and local government staff with an overview of stormwater best management practices (BMPs) in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. After beginning with an introduction to the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and MS4 permits, the course introduces participants to a range of BMPs available to help communities meet the goals and requirements of these two regulatory drivers. Special attention is given to the BMPs that communities can lean on to help achieve the majority of their load reductions: urban stormwater retrofits, new and redevelopment practices, urban nutrient management, and stream restoration. The course concludes with a discussion of how BMP verification has changed urban stormwater management and what it means for your BMP inventory as we approach 2025.

You can access this **FREE online course**, as well as information on other stormwater trainings at the [MOST Center website](#).

First-Ever Rail Safety Week - September 24-30

The first-ever national [Rail Safety Week](#), a joint effort by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the national rail safety education nonprofit Operation Lifesaver, Inc. (OLI), will take place September 24-30, 2017. Believe it or not, a person or vehicle in the U.S. is hit by a train about every three hours. In fact, 95 percent of all rail-related deaths involve drivers going through a crossing or a person on the tracks. The goal of the week is to raise awareness, encourage rail safety education and empower the public to make smart decisions near railroad crossings.

For railroads, safety is an all-year, round-the-clock priority. Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) statistics announced earlier this year show that 2016 was the safest year on record for freight railroads. Last year not only marked the lowest train accident rate on record, but likewise the lowest derailment rate, which declined 10 percent from 2015. These gains are not anomalies, but examples of how steady rail investment pays safety dividends. For example, since railroads were economically deregulated in 1980, they have spent over \$630 billion and the train accident rate has decreased 79 percent.

For more info on freight rail's efforts in safety and innovation click [here](#).

Help the U.S. Census Bureau Get an Accurate Count of Your Residents

The Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) program offers local governments the only opportunity to review the confidential maps for their communities prior to the 2020 Census. Invitations have been mailed to the highest elected officials of every city and town in Maryland in hope of achieving 100% participation in 2020 Census.

The Census Bureau relies on a complete and accurate address list to reach every living quarters and associated population for inclusion in the census. Participation in LUCA can help ensure an accurate count for your state. To learn more, see the latest [LUCA news](#) release.

Spotlight – Summer Conference Sponsors

The League would like to take the opportunity to thank and Spotlight some of this year's summer conference sponsors.

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Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development is the state's Housing Finance Agency, supporting the creation and preservation of affordable, multifamily, rental housing and promoting homeownership through sustainable, fixed-rate mortgages and down payment and closing cost assistance primarily to first-time homebuyers. The department also manages a wide array of programs providing assistance to counties, cities, and towns for infrastructure and public purpose projects, small business creation and expansion, and revitalization and redevelopment activities that support economic growth and ensure that Maryland's treasured communities are safe, vibrant, and attractive places to live, work, and play. Visit dhcd.maryland.gov to learn more.

Maryland Environmental Service (MES)

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MES provides services at competitive rates to government and private sector clients and works on projects including water and wastewater treatment, solid waste management, composting, recycling, dredged material management, hazardous materials cleanup, storm water services and renewable energy. We provide expert engineering, monitoring and inspection services. MES.

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