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**Important Reminders**

**Dues Payment**

By now, you should have received your 2021 MMA member invoice.

Your prompt payment is appreciated, as the Maryland Mayors Association donates \$5,000 towards the Mayors Essay Contest each year.

Our essay contest has educated nearly 50,000 students about municipal government and the role of the Mayor, over its 22 years.

We're gearing up for the 2022 Contest, and hope to be able to contribute the same donation as in years prior.

Should you need a duplicate invoice sent, please reach out to Mayor Cann at mayor@morningsidemd.gov



**A Message from President James**

Happy holidays Mayors! It's hard to believe, but 2021 is almost over. I am so proud of the way the Maryland Mayors came together this year, shared ideas with neighboring municipalities, and overcame obstacles due to the pandemic. Please keep these conversations going! One of the ways to do so is by engaging with us through our [Facebook page](#). This page was created to give the Maryland Mayors an opportunity to collaborate on various topics, share projects, events and information. Let's use this page as a tool to a greater extent as we move forward.

Also, please remember the Maryland Mayors Association sponsors and takes part in the "If I Were Mayor" essay contest each year. It's time to

start gearing up participation from 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in your community. Information on the contest will be delivered to schools shortly, so now is the time to schedule your visit to local schools and show student's what it's truly like to be Mayor. This year's theme is "Celebrating the Soul of Maryland", which focuses on the uniqueness of each city and town.

I hope to see you all at the 2022 Maryland Mayors Association Winter Conference, where we will discuss these efforts and so much more!



**Who's Up for a Challenge?**

Let's get to know our fellow Mayors and their municipalities. Call another Mayor and connect, schedule a coffee date, or attend one of their community events. Make sure you snap a picture and post it to the Maryland Mayors Association Facebook page, or send it to Felicia Banuelos at Feliciab@mdmunicipal.org. Let's see who can visit the most municipalities!



**2021 MML Fall Conference/Dues Increase**

It was great to see so many Mayors attend the Fall Conference! MML's turnout was almost on par with prior years. We sincerely appreciate NLC's Dr. David Blaine for coming out and speaking with our members about the National Program of ARP Technical Assistance for Cities. If you were unable to attend, please feel free to review the presentation [found here](#).

During the Fall Meeting, members discussed an increase in dues for 2022. As it stands, dues primarily cover the donation to the Mayors Essay Contest. In order for this to continue, and for members to have funding for additional expenses, a vote will take place during the Winter Conference, scheduled for February, 2022, to increase the dues by a mere \$40/year.



**Summer Conference Luncheon**

MML has officially locked in the Aloft Hotel as the sponsor for the 2022 MMA luncheon in Ocean City! Please keep an eye on future emails, as we will be requesting that you RSVP for this event.



Our Annual Winter Conference will be held in downtown Annapolis on Thursday, February 3rd and Friday, February 4th, 2022. While more information is forthcoming, please mark your calendar. We can't wait to see you there!



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*Here's to wishing you and your family a happy holiday season.*

