



August 22, 2016

## Fall Conference Registration is Now Open!

The MML fall conference is right around the corner! This year's fall conference will be held in beautiful Southern Maryland on October 13-15, 2016 at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Solomons.

This year's conference will feature eight workshops, including three core Academy courses: Effective Meetings, Basics of Risk Management, and Employment Issues. The conference will also include workshops (Academy electives TBD) on such topics as foreclosed property challenges, dealing with an active shooter situation, understanding form based land use codes, how to attract and retain businesses in your community, and understanding the omnibus policing legislation passed during the 2016 general assembly session.

This is also the venue where the membership adopts the 2017 MML legislative agenda, as recommended by the MML Legislative Committee. The MML Board of Directors, Legislative Committee, and Mayors Association will all meet during the day on Thursday, October 13 followed by a welcome reception hosted by Southern Maryland towns. Registration information and hotel reservations are now open and all conference information is included [online](#) and in the July/August issue of *Municipal Maryland*.

## Attention: Academy Graduates

The Academy for Excellence in Local Governance is pleased to announce the latest graduate seminar for those who have completed the requirements for Academy certification. This newest class is titled "Community Development Needs" and focuses on acquiring the knowledge and resources local governments need to build stronger and more resilient communities. The training will occur over the course of two days at the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) in Hanover, Maryland. The first class will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 28; the second on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016. You may find additional information, including how to register, [here](#).

## NEW Ethics Training Available Online

The Academy for Excellence in Local Governance recently held its first ever "virtual classroom" on the topic of "Ethics for Local Government Officials" on July 27, 2016. The training, led by long-time Academy instructor Ernie Crofoot and Maryland State Ethics Commission Executive Director Michael Lord, was held at the University of Maryland in College Park and included remote site interactive participation from both Western Maryland and the Eastern Shore.

This class content is now available to everyone at the Academy for Excellence in Local

Governance training portal. Note that viewing the training does not count toward receipt of Academy credit.

## Convention Presentation Materials Now Available

Looking for a PowerPoint or other presentation from one of the 2016 MML convention workshops? You will find most of them on the MML [website](#). If you do not see what you are looking for, contact MML Education Services Director Tom Reynolds at [tomr@mdmunicipal.org](mailto:tomr@mdmunicipal.org) for assistance.

## Hotel Prize Winners

Thanks to everyone who completed MML's 2016 convention evaluation form. Participants who completed the evaluation form were eligible to win hotel stays in Ocean City.

The winners are:

### **Clarion Fontainebleau Resort**

Julia Glanz, Assistant City Administrator, City of Salisbury

### **Dunes Manor Hotel**

Tracy Loh, Councilmember, City of Mount Rainier

### **Hampton Inn & Suites**

April Jackson, Council Member, City of Salisbury

### **Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites**

Donald Sutton, Mayor, Town of Betterton

### **Princess Bayside Beach Hotel**

Laurie Smith, Treasurer, Town of Chesapeake Beach

### **Princess Royale Hotel**

Linda Verrill, Council Representative, Town of University Park

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

## Save the Date – Joint Planners Meeting

A joint meeting of MACo county and MML municipal planners will be held on Friday, October 7, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at MML headquarters in Annapolis. The agenda is to be determined and the meeting is open to all planners and other municipal staff members with an interest in planning and zoning activities around the State. To be added to the MML planners contact list, simply email your contact information to [candaced@mdmunicipal.org](mailto:candaced@mdmunicipal.org).

## Reminder! Deadline for Transportation Grant Application – August 30!

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) announced the availability of highway grant funds for FY 2017. For those municipalities that maintain their roads, you must fill out and return the application in the link below to receive a portion of the \$19 million set aside for municipal governments in the \$25 million allotted for local governments. The deadline for submission is August 30, less than two weeks away! If you have questions, please contact [JimP@mdmunicipal.org](mailto:JimP@mdmunicipal.org) or Bill Jorch [BillJ@mdmunicipal.org](mailto:BillJ@mdmunicipal.org) at MML 410-268-5514.

Link to application [here](#)

## Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference

The Center for Community Progress will be holding its 7th annual Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference in Baltimore this year. The purpose of the conference is to explore strategies to strengthen neighborhoods struggling with the impacts of vacancy, abandonment and disinvestment. The dates for this event are September 28 - 30, 2016. For more information on the Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference, including how to register, visit [here](#). But hurry, early registration fees end August 31, 2016.

## Classifieds

Classified advertisements from Maryland cities, towns, counties and other government agencies will be published in MML's *e-Bulletin* at no charge. If you would like to advertise an **employment opportunity, 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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