

February 2020

Wednesday, February 12

Municipal Secretaries Breakfast Meeting

The Berks County Secretaries Association is a group available to all municipal secretaries, managers and officials. The purpose is to receive direct training on issues of significance to the municipal secretary position, and to provide a forum for professional interaction and networking. **Topic:** Matt Conlin and Colleen Chaney from PFM Asset Management and PLGIT will share best practices for managing local governmental cash and reserve investments in 2020. The presentation will include a market update, how to build a sound investment policy, using a cash flow analysis to plan future investments, and information on how criminals may attempt to access public accounts. Finally, they will share an overview of the investment options and services offered through the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT). 8:30 AM, Albright College, Roessner Hall. \$10.00 - RSVP to Aweist@albright.edu

Thursday, February 20

Newly Elected Officials Training – Four Night Series

Session 3 – Financial Reporting - Note: All sessions of the Newly Elected Officials training are designed for newly elected supervisors, council members, commissioners, and can be an excellent refresher for existing elected officials, authority board members and secretary/manager or authority managers. Full presentations at each session with take away documentation. (Future meeting date, March 12 – Components of additional responsibilities for elected officials). 6:30 PM Albright College, Roessner Hall. Registration online.

Berks County Water & Sewer Association (BCW&SA) Membership Meeting / Training

All BCW&SA Members welcome to attend meeting. 8:00 AM, Albright College, Roessner Hall.

Thursday, February 20

Training: Three Hour Energy - The Math Behind the Savings

The purpose of this course is to give water, waste water utility operators and management the tools to conduct an energy audit of their facilities. The students will learn the key components of an energy management plan and why energy is a concern for water and wastewater utilities. To conduct an energy audit one must understand the importance of documenting a baseline of energy use for the facility and specific equipment along with how to understand the electric bill.

The instructors will discuss numerous energy saving measures that can be completed to save energy and money. The students will learn the math needed to determine what equipment costs to run and use this math to determine approximate savings from an energy saving project. The course will end with an example of how to finance an energy efficient project with the funds saved on energy. 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM Albright College, Roessner Hall - Registration is required. Fee: \$30.00 Register online.

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Municipal Managers Luncheon

Manager's luncheon for the municipal Managers of Berks County. Location: Held each month (3rd Thursday) in a different municipality. RSVP to Aweist@albright.edu.

March 2020

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19

Zoning Basics Course: This “nuts and bolts” course stresses the fundamentals of developing a sound zoning ordinance using the authority in the Municipalities Planning Code. Course topics include the relationship of zoning to comprehensive plans; understanding zoning terms, key issues in drafting the zoning ordinance and map, adopting and amending ordinances; and zoning ordinance administration. 6:30-9:30 PM, Albright College, Roessner Hall. Register online.

Friday, March 6

Community Advisory Board (by invitation only)

This is the governance board for the Center. Its membership is drawn from the College, private sponsors, municipalities in Berks County and a representative of the BCW&SA. 7:30 AM, Albright College, Roessner Hall.

Saturday, March 7

PA Land Use Institute - Advanced Master Planner Series

The agenda includes the annual update on litigation and legislation impacting all aspects of the MPC. Second part of the agenda details the role out of the newly adopted Berks County comprehensive plan and its impact on local municipalities. In addition, the session will examine the impact of municipal comprehensive planning and zoning and how it inter-relates to county plans. Finally, there will be additional discussion about the legal protection that aligning multi municipal plans and zoning and how it helps protect municipalities from validity challenges.

Co-sponsored by the Berks County Smart Growth Alliance and Berks County Bar Association and the Berks County Planning Commission, 8:00 AM-12:30 PM, Albright College, Roessner Hall. Register online.

Wednesday, Thursday, March 12

Newly Elected Officials Training – Four Night Series

Session 4 – Components of responsibilities for elected officials. From departmental operations to planning and municipal zoning and subdivision regulations and opportunities for intergovernmental cooperation.

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Friday, March 13

Berks County Commissioners / CELG Municipal Partnership Breakfast

Elected and appointed municipal officials have time to discuss areas of concern with commissioners and staff. Doors open at 7:40 AM, Ontelaunee Grange, 284 White Oak Lane, Leesport, PA, Sponsor – Masano Bradley, Attorneys at Law, - Register online.

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Thursday, March 26

Berks County Municipal Officials Dinner & 8th Trostle Award for Intergovernmental Cooperation

Thursday, March 26, 2020, 5:00 PM Cocktail Hour; 6:30 PM Dinner, Stokesay Castle
Speaker: Nathan Silcox, Executive Director of the PA Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee for Senator Mike Regan and Township Commissioner for Hampden Township, Cumberland County.

Topic: Future of Firefighting in Berks County and Beyond. In addition to guest speaker there will be a panel Q&A on anything related to volunteer, combination, career fire department operations. Registration and payment required online. Invitations and additional information to follow.

Save the Dates:

Thursday, June 4, 2020 - 6th Annual CELG and BCW&SA Golf Outing, Reading Country Club

Wednesday, July 29, 2020 - 8th Annual BCW&SA Conference, Roessner Hall, Albright College

Monday, September 21, 2020 - BCW&SA and WBWA Source Water Protection Golf Outing, Willow Hollow Golf Course, Dinner, Fish Pond West

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 - 6th Annual CELG and BCW&SA Open House

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