



ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

# 112th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Thursday, September 18, 2025

### Update from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

*Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM, Grand Hall K - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

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[Adam Nutt, Lead and Copper Coordinator, Bureau of Water - IL Environmental Protection Agency](#)

[Nidhan Singh, State Revolving Fund Manager - IL Environmental Protection Agency](#)

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## **Rail Safety Improvements: Understanding Illinois Funding**

*Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM, Grand Hall L - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

[Aisha Jackson, Rail Safety Specialist Education & Outreach - IL Commerce Commission](#)

CM [Christopher Murauksi, Railroad Safety Specialist - IL Commerce Commission](#)

AT [Aaron Toliver, Senior Railroad Safety Specialist - IL Commerce Commission](#)

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## **Mitigate Security Risks for Public Gatherings**

*Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM, Grand Hall K - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

SL [Steven Lyddon, Protective Security Advisor - US Dept of Homeland Security](#)

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## **Utilizing Tourism Bureaus to Market Your Attractions and Events**

*Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM, Grand Hall L - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

[Jordan Jackovich, Communications Manager - Discover Downstate Illinois](#)

KM [Kate Meehan, Tourism Manager - Heritage Corridor Destinations](#)

MP [Mary Patchin, President - Visit Chicago Southland](#)

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## **The Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act**

*Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM, Grand Hall MN - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

[Brandy S Quance, Attorney - Zukowski Rogers Flood & McArdle](#)

MW [Matthew Walters, Attorney - Zukowski Rogers Flood & McArdle](#)

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## **How Karina's Law and the SAFE-T Act Affects Municipalities**

*Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Grand Hall K - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

[Jamie Mosser, Kane County State's Attorney - Kane County State's Attorney's Office](#)

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## **Municipal Tune-Up**

*Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Grand Hall MN - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

[Brandy S Quance, Attorney - Zukowski Rogers Flood & McArdle](#)

[Ruth A Schlossberg, Attorney - Zukowski Rogers Flood & McArdle](#)

[Michael Smoron, Attorney - Zukowski Rogers Flood & McArdle](#)

MW [Matthew Walters, Attorney - Zukowski Rogers Flood & McArdle](#)

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## **Statewide Building Codes**

*Friday, September 19, 2025 at 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM, Grand Hall I - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

RC [Robert Coslow, Professional Services Administrator - Capital Development Board](#)

MP [Matt Paul, Senior Technical Specialist - Capital Development Board](#)

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**Building a Cyber Incident Response Plan - the Why and How**

*Friday, September 19, 2025 at 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM, Grand Hall J - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

JB   [Jason Bowen, Statewide Chief Information Security Officer - IL Dept of Innovation & Technology](#)

[Tony Collings, Cybersecurity State Coordinator - US Dept of Homeland Security](#)

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**State Shared Revenue Update with the Illinois Department of Revenue**

*Friday, September 19, 2025 at 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM, Grand Hall L - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

[Aaron Allen, Division Manager, Local Tax Allocation Division - IL Dept of Revenue](#)

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**Overview of the IML Risk Management Association**

*Friday, September 19, 2025 at 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM, Grand Hall MN - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

DH [Dave Henwood, Account Manager - IML Risk Management Association \(RMA\)](#)

EL [Eric Little, Membership Specialist - IML Risk Management Association \(RMA\)](#)

JS [Jeff Skelley, Loss Control Specialist - IML Risk Management Association \(RMA\)](#)

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**Lunch and Learn with Verizon Wireless**

*Friday, September 19, 2025 at 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM, Riverside Exhibit Hall (Purple Level)*

Speakers:

[Michael McDermott, State & Local Government Affairs - Verizon Wireless](#)

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**Hiring an Administrator or Manager**

*Friday, September 19, 2025 at 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM, Grand Hall GH - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

[Reid T Ottesen, Village Manager - Village of Palatine](#)

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## **A Statehouse Briefing with Legislators**

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## **Public Corruption in Local Government**

*Friday, September 19, 2025 at 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM, Grand Hall J - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

### Speakers:

- TI   [Travis Irwin, Acting Lieutenant - IL State Police](#)
- DJ   [David Juergensen, Special Agent - IL State Police](#)
- NS   [Nathan Schramka, Special Agent - IL State Police](#)

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## **The Importance of Grassroots**

*Friday, September 19, 2025 at 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM, Grand Hall L - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

### Speakers:

- [Catherine M Adduci, Village President - Village of River Forest](#)
- RJ   [Rick Jasculca, Chairman - Jasculca Terman Strategic Communications](#)

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## **Using Technology & Innovative Programs for Public Safety**

*Friday, September 19, 2025 at 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM, Grand Hall GH - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

### Speakers:

EB   [Eric Barden, Police Chief - City of Zion](#)

CC   [Christopher Curtis, Mayor - City of Kankakee](#)

CK   [Christopher Kidwell, Police Chief - City of Kankakee](#)

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## **Licensing and Regulatory Update with the Illinois Gaming Board**

*Friday, September 19, 2025 at 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM, Grand Hall J - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*



Speakers:

[Marcus D Fruchter, Administrator - IL Gaming Board](#)

JM [Joe Miller, Dir of Policy & Special Projects - IL Gaming Board](#)

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## **Funding Opportunities for Rural Communities**

*Friday, September 19, 2025 at 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM, Grand Hall L - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

[Molly Hammond, Deputy State Director - USDA Rural Development & Illinois Rural Partners](#)

JH [Julie Hatfield, Community Programs Director - USDA Rural Development & Illinois Rural Partners](#)

[Mary Warren, Business Programs Director - USDA Rural Development & Illinois Rural Partners](#)

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## **From Hate Crimes to Civic Strength: Learning from Tragedy**

*Friday, September 19, 2025 at 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM, Grand Hall MN - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

MD [Mitchell R Davis III, Police Chief - Village of Hazel Crest](#)

[Elana Kahn, Executive Director - IL Commission on Discrimination and Hate Crimes](#)

ER [Eric Rosand, Executive Director - Strong Cities Network](#)

[Nancy R Rotering, Mayor - City of Highland Park](#)

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**You have a Professional Administrator or Manager - Now What?**

*Friday, September 19, 2025 at 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM, Grand Hall GH - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

[Reid T Ottesen, Village Manager - Village of Palatine](#)

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**County and Municipal Government Shared Services**

*Friday, September 19, 2025 at 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM, Grand Hall J - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

[Peter Austin, County Administrator - McHenry County](#)

CD [Chalen Daigle, Executive Director - McHenry County Council of Governments](#)

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## Strengthening Municipal Budgets Through Retail Growth

*Friday, September 19, 2025 at 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM, Grand Hall L - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

[Elliott Cook, Director of Real Estate - Retail Strategies](#)

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## Elevate Your Leadership

*Friday, September 19, 2025 at 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM, Grand Hall MN - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

[Marvin Bembry, President - MKB Leadership Transformation](#)

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## Keeping Up With The Ever Changing Retail Recruitment Industry

*Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM, Grand Hall J - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

[Aaron Farmer, President - The Retail Coach](#)

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## **What Local Government Leadership Must Know About Ethics Requirements**

*Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM, Grand Hall GH - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

[James J Hess, Partner - Tressler LLP](#)

[John M O'Driscoll, Partner - Tressler LLP](#)

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## **A Day in the Life of a Clerk and Treasurer**

*Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM, Grand Hall I - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

[Brenda K Evans, President - Municipal Clerks of IL](#)

[LaTisha Paslay, President - IL Municipal Treasurers Association](#)

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**From Emails to Tweets: Effective Public Communication and Legal Compliance**

*Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM, Grand Hall J - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

MM   [Mallory Milluzzi, Shareholder/Partner - Klein Thorpe & Jenkins Ltd](#)

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**Ideas to Action: How to Create Something Big**

*Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM, Grand Hall L - Ballroom Level (Gold Level)*

Speakers:

[Walter Denton, Administrator - City of O'Fallon](#)

GM   [Grant Mayfield, Strategic Planning Project Manager - Shockey Consulting](#)

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