

## Upcoming Local Government Programs February – March 2017

The **UW-Extension Local Government Center (LGC)** publishes this announcement of statewide programs monthly. It includes UW-Extension programming and other programs of interest relating to local government that are offered in Wisconsin. Asterisked (\*) programs are Cooperative Extension programs. Information about the **UWEX Local Government Center** and its programming may be found at [lgc.uwex.edu](http://lgc.uwex.edu).

Please send brochures and announcements of programs of statewide interest to Eileen Langdon ([eileen.langdon@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:eileen.langdon@ces.uwex.edu)) at the LGC. Our address: **Local Government Center**, 610 Langdon St., Rm. 229, Madison, WI 53703.

Please call the specified program contact with questions about the programs.

### February 2017

February 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 24, 25, 2017 – **“2017 District Meetings”** – Wisconsin Towns Association. \$50 per person, late registration \$60 per person. 8:00 am – 3:15 pm. Topics included will be the WTA’s legislative agenda, the Annual Assessment Report (recommended for all Town Board and Board of Review members), loans from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands to enhance infrastructure, and answers to top questions on road law. *Presenters from Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue, Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, and Wisconsin Towns Association.* For more information and registration form, please visit the Wisconsin Towns Association website at <http://wisctowns.com>.

2017 Wisconsin Towns Association District Meeting Locations and Dates:

Minocqua	Friday, February 3:	Reuland’s Conf. Ctr.
Wabeno	Saturday, February 4:	Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel & Conf. Ctr.
Juneau	Friday, February 10:	Juneau Community Ctr.
Whitewater	Saturday, February 11	841 Brewhouse
De Pere	Friday, February 17:	The MARC
Wisc. Dells	Friday, February 24:	Kalahari Resort & Conv. Ctr.
Mineral Point	Saturday, February 25:	Quality Inn

*More dates March 3-31 and April 1. See listing in March.*

February 7, 2017 – **“Election Training: Baseline Chief Inspector”** – Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC)-approved. 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. Statewide webinar. Questions call Allison Coakley (608) 261-2033. To register or for more information online visit <http://elections.wi.gov/clerks/education-training/schedule>

\*February 15, 2017 – **“Insights on Recent Changes to Wisconsin Land Use Law”** – UW-Extension Local Government Center *Local Land Use, Planning and Zoning* teleconference series. 10:30 am – 12:00 noon. Cost: \$20.00. Over the past several years various legislative changes have altered the practice of Wisconsin land use law. These include new legislation governing the use of local government moratoria, time of sale restrictions, shoreland zoning, historic preservation, the

regulation of nonconforming structures, vested rights and many other aspects of local land use regulation. This program will present the perspective of the Wisconsin Realtors Association, a statewide organization that has been influential in the development of these new laws. *Presenter: Tom Larson, JD, Wisconsin Realtors Association.* Questions: Local Government Center (608) 262-9960 or visit <http://lgc.uwex.edu>.

\*February 21, 2017 – **“Cybersecurity”** – UW-Extension Local Government Center *Local Government Issues, Challenges, and Strategies* teleconference series. 10:00 am – 11:30 am. Cost: \$20.00. Data breaches come in many forms—stolen laptops, misrouted emails, careless website updates, employee error, viruses and hackers, to name a few. Participants in this session will learn from the experts about the common threats and steps you can take to protect yourself and your government’s computer systems. *Presenters: John Dirkse, Eduard Goodman, and Bill Kriese.* Questions: Local Government Center (608) 262-9960. To register call (608) 262-0810 or visit <http://lgc.uwex.edu>.

### March 2017

March 3, 4, 10, 24, 25, 31, April 1, 2017 – **“2017 District Meetings”** – Wisconsin Towns Association. \$50 per person, late registration \$60 per person. 8:00 am – 3:15 pm. Topics included will be the WTA’s legislative agenda, the Annual Assessment Report (recommended for all Town Board and Board of Review members), loans from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands to enhance infrastructure, and answers to top questions on road law. *Presenters from Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue, Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, and Wisconsin Towns Association.* For more information and registration form, please visit the Wisconsin Towns Association website at <http://wisctowns.com>.

Stevens Point	Friday, March 3	Holiday Inn and Conv. Ctr
Ripon	Saturday, March 4	Comfort Suites/Royal Ridges Conf. Ctr.
Neillsville	Friday, March 10	American Legion Post 73
Tomah	Friday, March 24	Cranberry Country Lodge
Eau Claire	Saturday, March 25	Florian Gardens Conf. Ctr.
Cumberland	Friday, March 31	Das Lach Haus
Cable	Saturday, April 1	Lakewoods Resort & Lodge

March 14, 2017 – **“Presenting Yourself to One Or Many”** – Certified Public Manager<sup>®</sup> Program. 8:30 am – 3:15 pm, Pyle Center, Madison. Cost: \$150. Effective speaking is a key skill for the successful manager. Learn tips to strengthen that skill in many different settings. Review how to use everyday occasions to enhance your personal presence. Develop skills to improve your formal speeches and to interview effectively with the media. Ample opportunity for practice plus exercises for continuing to improve on your own. *Instructor: Al Guyant.* Questions: Sunshine Jansen, 608-262-4354. To register, call 608-262-0810 or 800-725-9692 or register online at <http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/classes/presenting-yourself-one-many> .

\*March 15, 2017 – **“Cooperative Boundary Agreements”** –UW-Extension Local Government Center *Local Land Use, Planning and Zoning* teleconference series. 10:30 am – 12:00 noon. Cost: \$20.00. Boundary Agreements can provide a constructive alternative to the conflicts often associated with annexation, land use, municipal utilities and services and other issues of municipal expansion.

Learn about the types of boundary agreements available in Wisconsin, including tips and potential pitfalls when creating boundary agreements. *Presenter: Christopher Hughes, JD, and Mark Roffers, AICP.* Questions: Local Government Center (608) 262-9960 or visit <http://lgc.uwex.edu>.

March 15, 2017 – **“Working With Councils, Boards, and Commissions”** – Certified Public Manager<sup>®</sup> Program. 8:30 am – 3:15 pm, Pyle Center, Madison. Cost: \$150. Do you work with elected or appointed governing bodies? Gain a clearer understanding of the pressures, legal constraints, and demands facing members of councils, boards, and commissions. Learn the structures and processes necessary in these governing bodies, and strategies for maintaining good communication and minimizing challenges that can arise in the staff/board relationship. Discover how you can help boards and commissions be more effective in their official capacities and to make for a smoother, more productive organization. *Instructors: Philip Freeburg and Dan Hill.* Questions: Sunshine Jansen, 608-262-4354. To register, call 608-262-0810 or 800-725-9692 or register online at <http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/classes/work-with-councils-boards-commissions>

\*March 21, 2017 – **“Managing Public Records”** – UW-Extension Local Government Center *Local Government Issues, Challenges, and Strategies* teleconference series. 10:00 am – 11:30 am. Cost: \$20.00. Access to public records is an accepted part of Wisconsin local government. Learn what the law requires for maintaining, storing, preserving, and destroying public records, and also how these legal requirements affect electronically-created and -stored public records, including when an electronic record can be deemed the original record. *Presenters: Holly Wilson, JD.* Questions: Local Government Center (608) 262-9960. To register call (608) 262-0810 or visit <http://lgc.uwex.edu>.

March 22, 2017 – **“Leadership”** – Certified Public Manager<sup>®</sup> Program. 8:30 am – 3:15 pm, Pyle Center, Madison. Cost: \$150. Explore leadership characteristics and ways to strengthen your organization and support others’ work. Learn about different leadership styles, public perceptions of leadership by sector, servant-leadership basics, and how to apply effective practices of leadership. Develop a personal leadership philosophy that contributes to your organization’s mission. *Instructor: Robert Toomey.* Questions: Sunshine Jansen, 608-262-4354. To register, call 608-262-0810 or 800-725-9692 or register online at <http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/classes/leadership>

March 23, 2017 – **“Problem Analysis and Problem Solving”** – Certified Public Manager<sup>®</sup> Program. 8:30 am – 3:15 pm, Pyle Center, Madison. Cost: \$150. Successful managers know that problem solving is based on a systematic process of recognition and analysis. Learn the limitations of your present problem-solving style and how to overcome them. Examine communication processes to improve creativity, identify roles for groups and teams in problem solving, and discover how to define problems in new ways. *Instructor: Jeff Russell.* Questions: Sunshine Jansen, 608-262-4354. To register, call 608-262-0810 or 800-725-9692 or register online at <http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/classes/problem-analysis-problem-solving>

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