



What's happening inside and outside the League

MML Inside and Out

Inside

- ✓ With the addition of Rachel Potts, the Events team is fully staffed and has determined which staff members will be leading each of the different events throughout the year. If you have any questions regarding events feel free to reach out to either the person leading the event or Katie J!
- ✓ We had a couple excellent articles tied to two separate Michigan Municipal League initiatives that we are sharing proudly on our social media outlets. We encourage you to share the articles on your social media outlets as well.



[The first article](#) was posted Tuesday, April 9, and prominently features MML Board Member and SaveMICity Ambassador Kimberley Sims, Mayor of Muskegon Heights. You may have seen or heard about the national news story about the 12-year-old Muskegon Heights boy who was frustrated with the large number of potholes in his neighborhood, so he began filling them up with dirt. The video about his work went viral and Muskegon Heights did an excellent job using this situation to raise the awareness of our state's broken system for funding our municipalities. They honored the young man during a recent council meeting.



We've posted a blog about this on SaveMICity.org and are sharing it widely on our social media outlets and hope you consider doing the same.

Then, if that wasn't enough, we had a [second excellent article](#) posted Wednesday, April 10, about our 16/50 Project. Our own Summer

Minnick is quoted in the piece extensively along with recent 16/50 Project graduate Frances McMullan, the new Ypsilanti city manager. Here's a great quote from Summer in the article: *"Our opinion was that this is really inexcusable, and we need to do something about it," Minnick said. "We basically have one goal that all of these programs are going after and that is increasing the number of women in these top roles in the state of Michigan."* And here is a great quote from Frances: *"I had been an interim [city manager] twice, and my confidence level wasn't where it should be," McMullan said. "After this class, I was afforded another opportunity and I was chosen for that top position."*



Here are links about the two articles and related blogs:

Muskegon Heights pothole youth story [here](#) and [here](#).

16/50 program highlighted on GovLoop [here](#).

- ✓ The ICMA-RC Tour Bus will be making another stop here on May 6th. Stay tuned for more details.
- ✓ Reminder: Tuition reimbursement request forms are due to Mandy by Monday, 04/19.



Outside

- ✓ Wed: Danielle and Gisgie attended an Association of Fundraising Professionals training on donor cultivation and a Michigan Nonprofit Association networking reception. They also connected with the fabulous Rob Collier, who provided meaningful feedback on our SaveMICity fundraising efforts and what we hope will be our new planned giving program.
- ✓ Fri: Gisgie is attending a Council of Michigan Foundations mentoring program training at the Flint Farmers Market.



Upcoming MML Events

[EOA Core](#) and Advanced Weekender
May 3-4 – Traverse City



Celebrations

Congrats to Jennifer R. on another League year



Randomness

- ✓ Scotland's national animal is a unicorn.
- ✓ Narwhals are sometimes referred to as the unicorns of the sea because of the long, pointed horns that extend from their heads.
- ✓ A group of unicorns is called a blessing.



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