Fall Budget Workshops Return to Locations Around Wisconsin

The Local Government Center is once again partnering with Wisconsin Towns Association and the Department of Revenue to present the 2011 Fall Budget and Finance Workshops. These workshops offer details about financial administration, budgeting, auditing and more. In addition to a session on basic finance for new officials, a concurrent session covers State Budget impacts on highways, land-based programs, and local finance, as well as the new grievance procedure. Both sessions have open cracker barrel sessions to answer your questions on town and village government.

Contact your County Extension Office for brochures, or visit the Local Government Center website or the Wisconsin Towns Association site. Register today for one of these nine dates and locations:

- 9/13: Mineral Point
- 9/14: Ripon
- 9/15: Johnson Creek
- 9/20: Wabeno
- 9/21: Rhinelander
- 9/22: Cable
- 9/27: Eau Claire
- 9/28: Stevens Point
- 9/29: De Pere

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Local Government Center Specialist appointed to Extension Administrative Post

Local Government Specialist Dan Hill is serving a one-year interim appointment as Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff and Assistant Vice Chancellor for UW Extension. This appointment takes him away from his Local Government Center duties until July 2012. Dan organized the Elections and Open Government WisLines, was a resource on Open Meetings and Public Records Law, and his presentations of Effective Meetings, Open Meetings Law and Personality Colors are always well received. Dan’s responsibilities for the next year include coordinating and documenting faculty governance, and serving as a resource on UW Extension policies and administration to Extension faculty and academic staff.

Dan will be missed during his absence, but his programming will continue. The Center’s Local Government Law Educator, Philip Freeburg, continues to assist with Open Meetings and Public Records Law programming and issues, and will add a focus on Parliamentary Procedure. The Elections WisLines are being coordinated by Center Specialist Kate Lawton. In addition, Alan Probst and Philip will see that the 2012 County Officials Workshop goes out on the road again. The Center is also using other resources to be sure all subject areas of Local Government Center programming continue to thrive. For example, Larry Larmer will be working with Philip to coordinate and present the Open Government WisLine Series.

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Current Issues Affecting Local Government Officials - 2011 Sessions

- 10/4 - Employee Relations After Wisconsin Act 10
- 11/8 - Collaborative Leadership
- 12/6 - Wisconsin Dept. of Commerce and Local Governments

Conducting Local Elections - 2011 Sessions

- 9/21 - Statewide Recount Lessons
- 10/12 - Election Administration for School District Clerks
- 11/2 - Ballot Access & Campaign Finance for Local Candidates
- 11/16 - Everything Absentee
- 11/30 - A Review of 2011 Election Law Changes
- 12/14 - Voter ID - for Clerks
- 1/18 - Voter ID - for Election Day Officials

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