



Every quarter we feature a photo of one of our member governments.

This quarter: Sharonville

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## The Center for Local Government 3rd Quarter Newsletter

2022

### Ninth Center for Government Leadership Academy Class Graduates at 2022 Annual Meeting

We would like to thank everyone who attended the Center for Local Government Annual Meeting and Leadership Academy graduation. We are excited to honor our ninth Leadership Academy class. There are now over 170 Leadership Academy graduates from 48 governments. This includes two-thirds of Center member communities. You will find a list of this year's graduates later in the newsletter. If you know any of them, please reach out to say congratulations. If you are interested in learning more about the Academy, [click here](#). The sign-up period for next year's group will begin in late January.

In addition to graduating our Leadership Academy class, the Annual Meeting also featured an insightful presentation by Jeff Larentowicz, Talent Development Coach for FC Cincinnati. Jeff had a 16 year career as a Major League Soccer player, winning 2 MLS Championships. He was also the President of the MLS Players Union, which taught him many lessons about managing people, negotiation, and the business side of soccer. He started as FC Cincinnati's Talent Development Coach in 2022. His presentation provided a great look at his career and the leadership lessons he took from it. We thank Jeff for his presentation.

Finally, we elected our 2022-2023 CLG Board officers. Jack Cameron (Silverton) will serve as President, Vicky Earhart (Anderson Twp.) will serve as Vice President, and Jim Lukas (Sharonville) will serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Jack Cameron and Jim Lukas were also elected to new terms on the CLG Board.

Thank you again to all who attended. We hope to see you again soon at a CLG event.



2022 CLG Leadership Academy Graduates



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## ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION:

The Center for Local Government (CLG) located in Cincinnati, OHIO is a unique non-profit 501 (c)(3) corporation, created in 1990 as a clearinghouse for inter-governmental collaboration, training and information sharing. CLG membership consists of 58 local government in 6 counties.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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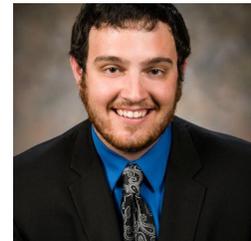
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**Interesting Fact:** The annual survey response period has been extended to Friday October 14th.

## CLG Urges Governments to Complete the Annual Survey

**The Center for Local Government Annual Survey response period has been extended until Friday, October 14th!** The Annual Survey is used to collect benefits data, such as health insurance plans, holidays, vacation allotments, pay ranges and much more from our member governments and populate one of our most popular information sharing features-our Pay and Benefits Database.

If your jurisdiction has not filled out the survey yet, please take a moment to do so before Friday afternoon. If your jurisdiction filled out the survey in 2021, the prior year's information should be saved in the database and only updates will need to be made to last year's information. Once the response period closes, we will begin the process of importing the information into our database and it should be ready to view by mid-November. The Pay and Benefits database is open to be viewed in the member login section of our website, or you can contact CLG for assistance in navigating the database and running reports. The more responses we are able to generate, the better information that we are able to use to serve our members!

If you need your jurisdiction's login information, or assistance in filling out the survey, please contact Cody Smith at CSmith@C4LG.org. We will inform governments when the 2022 survey data is uploaded to our website. Survey data from prior years is also available on our website.

Thank you in advance for helping CLG provide the best service possible!



## List of CLG Leadership Academy Graduates

Please join us in congratulating our 2022 Center for Local Government Leadership Academy graduates. Please reach out if you know them to send your regards:

Lyle	Anthony	Washington Twp	Julia	Grace	Delhi Township
Brad	Bird	Indian Hill	Jack	Kuntz	Clayton
Jordan	Boyd	Mason	Rachel	Murray	Blue Ash
Christopher	Burdsall	Miami Township	Geoff	Payne	Colerain Township
Stephen	Busam	Sharonville	Brad	Roettele	Miami Township
Alex	Carlson	Miami Township (Montgomery Co)	Steven	Sanders	Springdale
Jennifer	David	Liberty Township	Corey	Straight	Centerville
Karli	Dyer	Mason	Dan	Sunderman	Sharonville
Adriane	Ferree	Monroe	Chris	Wilkins	Mason
PJ	Ginty	Deerfield Township	Mark	Yandrick	Centerville

Registration for the 2023 Leadership Academy will open in late January. Please keep an eye out if you are from a CLG or Miami Valley Risk Management Association (MVRMA) member government.

## Additional Pictures from the 2022 CLG Annual Meeting

The 2022 Center for Local Government Annual Meeting took place on September 14th at the Event Space at Madtree Brewery in Oakley, Ohio. Please enjoy some additional pictures from the event:



**Jeff Larentowicz talks to the group**

**Jeff tells stories about his time as MLS Players Association President**



**The 2022 Leadership Academy Class. There are now 174 graduates from 48 governments across Southwest Ohio**



## CLG Conducts Civil Service Commission Training

The Center for Local Government, in partnership with the City of Norwood, held a training on Civil Service Commissions in the State of Ohio on Friday, September 9th at the Norwood Police Training Center. The featured speakers for the event were Paul Kattelman, Civil Service Commission Chairman for the City of Sharonville, as well as Brian Butcher and Pete Nevada from Clemans-Nelson.

The training consisted of 3 one-hour sessions and was kicked off by Pete Nevada discussing the history of Civil Service Commissions and how they have become to be what they are today.

Next up was Sharonville Civil Service Chair Paul Kattelman, who led a session on best-practices for Civil Service Commission members and everyone was able to come away from the training with material that they were able to take back and begin implementing into their own practices as they see fit.

Lastly, we wrapped up the day with Paul Kattelman and Brian Butcher participating in an interactive panel on a variety of topics relating to Civil Service in the State of Ohio. This session brought forward a lot of great discussion topics and the audience was able to collaborate with our featured speakers during our last session.

We would like to thank all of our featured speakers and everyone who attended this training. To see our upcoming trainings and events, please see our website at [C4LG.org/Events](http://C4LG.org/Events). For additional information or for trainer contacts, please reach out to Cody Smith at [CSmith@C4LG.org](mailto:CSmith@C4LG.org).

## CLG Conducts Planning, Zoning, and Development Training

Planning, zoning, and economic development are integral parts of local government. In late September, we conducted a training session for local government staff member who wants to learn the principles of planning or economic development; or who wants to brush up on the current trends. John Yung from Urban Fast Forward, Jennifer Patterson from Monroe, and Caroline McKinney from Liberty Township covered numerous topics, including:

- How economic development and land use affect all of the aspects of government operations.
- The different players and tools in the economic development and land use arena.
- Regional economic development organizations that help us compete with our peer cities.
- The Basics of planning and zoning, including regulations, how the zoning process works, variances and other exceptions, and the role of the Planning Commission
- Comprehensive plans- what they are, why are they important
- Innovations in housing, transportation, and business district development



We would like to thank our presenters for their comprehensive presentations. If you would like more information and contact information for follow-up questions, their presentations and info are available upon request.



## CLG Finance for Non Finance Personnel Training

The Center for Local Government held a training on "Finance for Non-Finance Personnel" on Thursday, September 1st at the Evendale Recreation Center. Our featured speakers for the event were Mark Schlagheck, CFO for the Jefferson Health Plan; Jill Williams, Purchasing Director for Hamilton County and Tim Engel, Finance Director for the Village of Woodlawn.

The topics for the event centered around what the non-finance professional needs to know about local government finance to have a better understanding of how their organization operates and how the roles that they perform fit into the larger ecosystem of the local government.

Starting us off in the morning, we welcomed Mark Schlagheck to give us an introduction to local government finance, and introduce us to some of the larger-level concepts that are important to have a firm grasp of.

Jill Williams conducted our middle session, giving us an overview of Hamilton County purchasing processes, as well as the purchasing process overall. We also heard from William Hasty on Hamilton County's Auction Services and the process by which jurisdictions can auction off surplus items.

To conclude our session, we heard from Tim Engel on State/Federal funding and an in-depth discussion of the auditing process.

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## New Faces in New Places

There has been a lot of people movement over the course of 2022. In this quarter, we will introduce you to new Managers in Silverton, Pierce Township, Delhi Township, and Colerain Township.

Jack Cameron started in mid September as the new Village Manager of Silverton. Mr. Cameron was previously the Township Administrator of Delhi Township. He takes over for Mike Lemon, who was serving as Interim Manager after the departure of Tom Carroll earlier this year.

With Mike Lemon's time as Interim Manager for Silverton has come to an end, he is moving on to Delhi Township to serve as Interim Township Administrator. The Delhi Township Administrator position was recently posted, and can be found [here](#).

Tim Williams is the new Township Administrator in Pierce Township, taking over for Loretta Rokey. Ms. Rokey retired earlier this summer. Mr. Williams comes to Pierce Township after a long career in Northern Kentucky— most recently as the City Administrator of Crestview Hills.

Finally, Jeff Weckbach has taken over as the Township Administrator of Colerain Township. He takes over for Geoff Milz, who left to pursue an opportunity in the private sector. Mr. Weckbach most recently served as the Assistant Township Administrator at Colerain, and before that he was with Hamilton County.

Please welcome these new managers to their new positions. If we have missed any new manager, please contact [TWhite@C4LG.org](mailto:TWhite@C4LG.org), and we will be sure to include it in the next newsletter.



**Pierce Township Administrator Tim Williams**



## West Chester Township Names Community Services Director

The newest member of West Chester Township's executive team is Arun Hindupur who will step up to lead the Township's Community Services Department – managing the roads, infrastructure, facilities, cemetery and parks division. "This is such a critical role in our operations and we are confident that Arun is up to the challenge," said Township Administrator Larry D. Burks. The West Chester Board of Trustees approved Mr. Hindupur's appointment Tuesday, September 27th, 2022.

Arun's first public sector experience was in the city of Guelph, Ontario, Canada where he worked eight years in various capacities including infrastructure planning engineer, project manager and supervisor of infrastructure engineering. "I'm committed to providing essential public service to community, and am really energized by the opportunity to engage with a wide range of stakeholders covering the full-breadth of public works," Arun said.

West Chester's Community Service Director collaborates with community members, staff, and the Township's executive team, as well agency partners like ODOT, the Butler County Engineer's Office and many other stakeholders. These collaborations have been critical to the Township's success in getting work done and being fiscally responsible to taxpayers.

Arun was educated in Canada, Sweden and Germany with a Bachelor's degree of Applied Sciences in Environmental (Chemical) Engineering and Masters of Science in Water Resources. He also has a graduate certification in municipal leadership and watershed management. Arun and his wife Madhuri (MJ) reside in Maineville. The couple moved to the area in 2020 for a career opportunity, but they already knew the area had a great deal to offer.

"My wife travelled here regularly for her job and we really enjoyed all that the area offered," Arun said. "We spent a lot of time during those visits in the Union Centre area and in the area of Liberty Center and were impressed by the community." Most recently Arun has been employed by Jacobs as a Senior Water Resources Engineer in Sharonville. He is an avid sports fan and enjoys playing basketball, tennis and golf in his spare time.

In his first weeks on the job, Arun looks forward to getting to know his team and meeting the collaborators who have been so critical to West Chester's success. "Communication and engagement, which is transparent and honest, are at the forefront of successful and trusting professional working relationships and my hope is that will serve as a foundational element for success moving forward," Arun said of his first 100 days on the job. Arun will be joining the team on Oct. 11.



**Arun Hindupur**

## West Chester Township Celebrates Bicentennial in 2023

On June 2, 1823, a 35-square-mile section near the southwest corner of Ohio was established as Union Township. The County Commissioners met and petitioned for the division of Liberty Township in order to create the new township. In the year 2000, residents voted to claim the name West Chester Township.

From humble beginnings rooted in agriculture, neighborhoods like Gano, Pisgah, Maude, Mechanicsburg, and Port Union established along transportation roots with churches and schools building sense of community. Families, shopkeepers and entrepreneurs built a community that continues to thrive today.

Starting in June 2023, West Chester will celebrate its bicentennial year! The entire community is encouraged to be a part of planning our year-long party. If you have ideas or want to be part of a volunteer team dedicated to this celebration, please reach out to [mdexter@westchesteroh.org](mailto:mdexter@westchesteroh.org).



## News Bits

### Ethics Training Coming Up

“What you need to know about Ohio ethics law.” is a training for department heads, elected officials, and staff who have not attended previous ethics trainings offered by the Ohio Ethics Commission, or for anyone who would like a refresher. Learn about identifying and avoiding acting on potential conflicts of interest; understand definition of public contracts and ethics prohibitions related to public contracts, identifying potential post-employment requirements. The training will be conducted by Susan Willeke. For more information, click [here](#).

### CLG Welcomes Norwood to the Membership

CLG is happy to welcome Norwood as the 61st CLG member community. Norwood’s Safety-Service Director is Noah Powers. Mr. Powers was formerly the Human Resources Director in Sharonville. Please reach out to him at [ssd@norwoodohio.gov](mailto:ssd@norwoodohio.gov) to welcome Norwood into the CLG membership. We are excited to have them aboard, and we look forward to working with them in the future.

### CAMA Meetings Coming up in October and December

For those of you who are CAMA members, the next meeting will take place on Thursday October 20th at Montgomery Inn. The topic will be the Montgomery Quarter. The RSVP deadline is Monday October 17th. Also please save the date for the annual CAMA / DAMA joint meeting. This year’s meeting will take place at Heatherwoode Country Club on December 8th. For RSVP information for either event, please contact T.J. White at [TWhite@C4LG.org](mailto:TWhite@C4LG.org).

## CLG Calendar

**Developing the Leader in You:** October 19, November 16 and December 7, 2022, hosted by MVCC. Click [here](#) for more details and registration.

**Ohio LTAP Snow and Ice Control Course:** October 12 – Garfield Heights, October 13 – North Canton, October 20 – Bowling Green, October 26 – Lebanon and November 1 – Columbus, please visit [transportation.ohio.gov/ltap](http://transportation.ohio.gov/ltap) for more information.

**October CAMA Meeting:** October 20, 2022- 11:30am - 1pm at Montgomery Inn in Montgomery (9440 Montgomery Rd. Montgomery, OH 45242)- tour the Montgomery Quarter. Cost \$15.

**What you Need to Know About Ohio Ethics Law:** November 7, 2022 at Sharonville Convention Center (11355 Chester Rd. Sharonville, OH 45246), hosted by the City of Sharonville. This training is open to all governments in Southwest Ohio. Please click [here](#) to see flyer with details. Please RSVP to Lori Stuckey no later than 4pm on Thursday 10/27/2022.

**CAMA / DAMA Joint Meeting:** December 8, 2022– 11:30am - 2pm at Heatherwoode Country Club (88 Heatherwoode Blvd, Springboro, OH 45066). RSVP details coming soon.