



FORMERLY THE FALL CONFERENCE

2026 League Civic Connection

The Premier Gathering of Wisconsin's Municipal Leaders

The League Civic Connection brings together elected officials, administrators, and civic leaders from across Wisconsin to explore the ideas, policies, and partnerships shaping the future of local government.

Sessions are forward-looking, policy-informed, and grounded in real-world municipal leadership.

Oct 7–9, 2026

DATES

**Hilton Paper
Valley**

VENUE

Appleton, WI

LOCATION

PLAN YOUR TRIP

Hotel & Logistics

HOTEL

Hilton Paper Valley Hotel

333 West College Ave., Appleton, WI 54911

\$101 single / \$149 double per night

Group code: **LEAGUE** · Cutoff: **September 25, 2026**

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PARKING

Red Parking Ramp

Superior St., adjacent to the hotel — City of Appleton covered garage

Under 4 hours: **\$3.00**

Over 4 hours (up to 24 hrs): **\$6.00**

Overnight hotel guests: **\$10/night**

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CONTENT AREAS

Conference Tracks

TRACK 1

Accelerating Community Growth

From TIF fundamentals to the broader toolkit of economic development strategies, this track equips municipal leaders with practical knowledge to attract investment, activate underutilized spaces, and support sustainable community growth. Sessions will explore the tools, partnerships, and public trust needed to turn development opportunities into lasting impact.

TRACK 2

No Place Like Housing

For communities looking to grow, housing is not somewhere over the rainbow. This track connects the dots between financing tools, development partnerships, and the strategies municipalities need to position themselves as places where growth actually happens.

TRACK 3

The Fiscal Formula

Municipal finance is part science, part creativity, and part knowing where to look. This track covers the budgeting basics, the unconventional tools hiding in plain sight, and what's coming out of the legislature that will shape your fiscal future.

TRACK 4

Innovation Called. Local Government Answered.

Innovation does not happen by accident. This track explores how municipalities are rethinking the way work gets done, using AI, grants, creative funding strategies, partnerships, and pilot projects to test ideas, solve problems, and turn local innovation into measurable impact.

Think of these tracks as a starting point, not a boundary. They're here to help you scan the agenda, spot the sessions most relevant to your role, and plan your time at the conference. You're free to attend any session in any track, and to move between tracks throughout the event based on what's most useful to you.

REGISTRATION RATES	EARLY Through Aug 22	STANDARD Through Sep 22	LAST MINUTE After Sep 22
Member	\$310	\$325	\$375
Member Insured	\$310	\$325	\$375
Non-Member	\$410	\$460	\$500

Ready to Register?

Secure your spot at the 2026 League Civic Connection.

REGISTER NOW → ([HTTPS://LEARNING.LEAGUEWI.ORG/PRODUCTS/2026-LEAGUE-CIVIC-CONNECTION](https://learning.leaguewi.org/products/2026-league-civic-connection))

AT A GLANCE

Preliminary Agenda

This is a preliminary agenda — session topics, speakers, and details are being finalized. Check back for updates as the event approaches.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 Arrival Day

1:00–4:00PM PRE-CONFERENCE

Local Government Basics

An optional pre-conference session designed for those newer to municipal government. Details to come.

5:30–7:00PM RECEPTION

Welcome Reception

Kick off the conference with colleagues over food and drinks before the full program begins.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 Main Conference Day

8:30–9:45AM KEYNOTE

Breakfast & Opening Keynote

Speaker and topic to be announced.

10:00–10:50AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Session Block 1

Concurrent sessions across multiple content areas. Topics and speakers to be announced.

11:00–11:50AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Session Block 2

Additional concurrent sessions across multiple content areas. Topics and speakers to be announced.

12:00–1:15PM KEYNOTE

Lunch, Keynote & Annual Business Meeting

Speaker and topic to be announced. Followed by the annual business meeting.

1:15–6:30PM EXHIBIT HALL

Exhibit Hall & Solution Sessions

Explore exhibitor booths featuring products and services for Wisconsin municipalities. Short Solution Sessions throughout the afternoon let exhibitors dive deeper into their offerings.

4:30–6:30PM RECEPTION

President's Reception

A festive close to Thursday's program held in the exhibit hall with live music and more.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 Closing Day

8:00–9:00AM KEYNOTE

Breakfast & Keynote

Speaker and topic to be announced.

9:15–10:05AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Session Block 3

Concurrent sessions across multiple content areas. Topics and speakers to be announced.

10:15–11:05AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Session Block 4

Additional concurrent sessions across multiple content areas. Topics and speakers to be announced.

11:15AM–12:15PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Session Block 5

Additional concurrent sessions. Topics and speakers to be announced.

12:30–1:30PM KEYNOTE

Lunch & Closing Keynote

Speaker and topic to be announced. Conference concludes following lunch.