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This series of eight programs is designed to keep local government officials up to date on important issues in Wisconsin. Current problems facing local governments will be discussed by representatives from industry, state agencies, and local governments who have expertise in the selected topics. Each session will provide ample opportunity for participant questions and ideas. Programs will be moderated by UW-Extension’s Local Government Center staff.

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September 18, 2006 (Monday), 10:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m. DEVELOPING THE ANNUAL BUDGET (#1743-1) – Learn the general statutory requirements and procedures that local governments are subject to in developing their annual budget. The Village of Brown Deer’s budget process and documents will be featured. Russ Van Gompel, Village Manager of Brown Deer; and Kate Lawton of UW-Extension Local Government Center.

November 14, 2006 (Tuesday), 10:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m. EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT OVERVIEW: ARE YOU READY? (#1743-2) – Each local government’s chief elected official (county board chair or executive, mayor or city council president, village present or town board chair) is the responsible authority in the event of a disaster. Learn what roles the federal, state, county and municipal governments play in responding to and recovering from different types of disasters. Rhonda Reynolds, Northwest Regional Director for the Department of Military Affairs, and Jay Shrader, Western Region Partnership for Public Health Preparedness.

December 12, 2006 (Tuesday), 10:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m. THE MANY ROADS TO COUNTY STRATEGIC PLANNING (#1743-3) – Some counties have undertaken county strategic planning in the last several years. Find out the different processes used by three counties and how the plans have helped county boards, departments, and the citizens they serve. Keith Langerhahn, Marathon County Board Chair, and Brad Karger, Deputy County Administrator; Larry Main, Burnett County Chair, and Candance Fitzgerald, County Administrator; and Steve Doyle, LaCrosse County Chair, and Steve O’Malley, County Administrator.

February 13, 2007 (Tuesday), 10:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m. THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDING (#1743-4) – Wisconsin helps finance its state and local road projects through a combination of revenue sources, including the gas excise tax. Recent increases in fuel prices and the elimination of indexing the tax has resulted in revenue shortfalls. The legislature formed a committee to examine funding options for transportation. Learn what those options might be and what the concerns are of local governments. Senator Dan Kapanel (invited) and Representative Mark Gottlieb, Co-chairs of the Joint Legislative Committee on Transportation Needs and Financing; Rick Stadelman, Wisconsin Towns Association; Dan Thompson, League of Wisconsin Municipalities; and Mark O’Connell, Wisconsin Counties Association.

March 6, 2007 (Tuesday), 10:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m. THE STATE’S 2007-09 BIENNIAL BUDGET AND FISCAL CONDITION (#1743-5) – Review the Governor’s budget and the state’s fiscal condition with the state budget director. Find out how the budget proposal will affect local governments. Learn what challenges state and local governments face with demographic shifts, substantial federal deficits, and rising energy costs. Dave Schmiedicke, State Budget Director; Mark O’Connell, Wisconsin Counties Association; Dan Thompson, League of Wisconsin Municipalities; and Rick Stadelman, Wisconsin Towns Association.

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March 27, 2007 (Tuesday) 10:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m. HOW TO RUN THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (#1743-6) – Learn about the statutory requirements and parliamentary procedures required to run a successful annual town meeting. Rick Stadelman, Wisconsin Towns Association.

April 17, 2007 (Tuesday), 10:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m. REGULATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING (#1743-7) – As you ready your municipality for reviewing and issuing licenses, learn about the statutory requirements for alcoholic beverage licenses, municipal licensing actions, recent case law and any legislative changes. Rick Stadelman, Wisconsin Towns Association; Claire Silverman, League of Wisconsin Municipalities; and Roger Johnson, Department of Revenue.

April 24, 2007 (Tuesday), 10:30 a.m.–12:50 p.m. CONDUCTING THE ANNUAL BOARD OF REVIEW (#1743-8) – Learn or review the statutory requirements and procedures for conducting the annual board of review. This program meets the certified training requirement under the law for board members; however, you must register and attend the WisLine program to meet the requirement. Alternatively, registering and listening to the audio-streamed program also counts for the certified training (however, “Materials Only” purchases do not). Rick Stadelman, Wisconsin Towns Association; and representatives from the Department of Revenue.

Program repeats on: April 26, 2007 (Thursday), 10:30 a.m.–12:50 p.m. (#1743-9)
May 1, 2007 (Tuesday) 10:30 a.m.–12:50 p.m. (#1743-10)
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