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The deadline for the Fall 2023 issue is September 15, 2023.

MANAGING EDITOR'S NOTE

Summer is once again upon us and fading way too fast into the background. Before we know it, plans will be made and finalized to attend the annual League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City in November. NJILGA is holding several seminars during the Conference on topics ranging from labor/employment, zoning, ethics, and litigation liability and immunities. The presenters are members of our profession with a great scope of knowledge and experience. The seminars will be fantastic opportunities to hone your craft in your specialty or learn a new area of our very complex practice of local government law. Plus, earning CLEs before the end of the reporting year is clutch. Please keep an eye out for the League schedule which will highlight programs conducted by NJILGA.

We have included a reported Third Circuit Court of Appeals decision outlining the limitations of local zoning relative to applications by utilities covered by the Federal Communications Act, in this case Verizon Wireless. Many of the communities we represent have received notice from like entities advising of their intent to install nodes, the latest technology for increasing cell phone coverage, on the top of telephone poles. The Third Circuit case makes clear that the federal law preempts local land use law. An important case to understand in full and digest how your community's future or current discussions with the local wireless carrier will proceed in light of the decision.

Again, we encourage you to consider submitting an article that qualifies for the \$1,000 Walter T. Wittman Prize in writing. To qualify you now have until September 15, 2023, to submit an article to us. We would welcome any articles concerning the legal issues effecting local governments. Contact us about it by email to joe@friendwenzel.com.

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