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LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

How to retain curiosity while advancing your career

It's possible to apply the curiosity and analytical thinking required for scientific research to your quest for a fulfilling career, such as by observing trends and connections in the market, Sonali Majumdar, assistant dean for professional development at Princeton University. Professionals can then apply their creativity toward finding solutions to career obstacles and formulating short-term and long-term career paths to take, Majumdar said.

Full Story: [Inside Higher Ed](#) (2/27)

BUDGETING AND FINANCE

Fee change in Ga. city to grow fire department capacity

A restructured fire fee in Garden City, Ga., will put 70% of the burden on city businesses with the maximum charge for single family homes at \$100 while the maximum charge for businesses will be set at \$5,000. Fire chief Michael Dick says all revenue from the fee will go to upgrading critical fire equipment and ensuring the fire department has the resources to respond to calls at the growing number of industrial and commercial structures.

Full Story: [WTOC-TV \(Savannah, Ga.\)](#) (2/27)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Train derailment plan talks revived in Roanoke, Va.

Emergency management officials in Roanoke, Va., have revived discussions put on hold by the pandemic to develop a train derailment response plan, including evacuation strategies and HAZMAT team deployment. Residents are being urged to sign up for phone or email alerts to be notified in case of an emergency. **Full Story:** [WSLS-TV \(Roanoke, Va.\) \(2/27\)](#)

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, RESTORATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

[N.C. city to purchase lots for redevelopment](#)

City Council members in Henderson, N.C., have voted to spend \$154,977 plus closing costs to acquire 104 properties jointly owned by the city and Vance County. "The city intends to incorporate the lots into our redevelopment plans, which includes the future development of workforce housing on these vacant parcels," says City Manager Terrell Blackmon. **Full Story:** [Yahoo/Henderson Daily Dispatch \(N.C.\) \(2/28\)](#)

LEGISLATION, POLICY AND GRANTS

[Council-manager model under consideration in Ala. city](#)

A petition calling for Madison, Ala., to shift from a mayor-council form of government to a council-manager system of governance has received enough approved signatures to prompt a vote on the issue, which will likely be held in May. If the change is approved by

voters, the city would hire a manager to implement the vision set by the mayor, who would become an at-large member of the City Council. **Full Story:** [AL \(Alabama\)](#) (2/27)

SCOTUS rejects bid to block tobacco ban in L.A. County

The US Supreme Court has rejected a request by R.J. Reynolds to block Los Angeles County's ban on flavored tobacco products such as vape juice and menthol cigarettes. The company had argued that only the federal government can regulate tobacco products -- an argument the court declined to hear. **Full Story:** [Reuters](#) (2/27)

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Transit agencies take steps to prioritize women, families

Many transit agencies across the country are working to meet the needs of women and families, including providing a dedicated space for strollers on their buses, as Tri Delta Transit in Contra Costa County in California and DASH in northern Virginia have done. Metro's Gender Action Plan found that transit agencies can meet the needs of women and families by providing real-time information on bus arrival and crowding, building restrooms with certain specific features and prioritizing entities like grocery stores and childcare at transit stations. **Full Story:** [Next City](#) (2/27)

Greener fleet gets unanimous approval in Mich. city

Commissioners in Marquette, Mich., have voted unanimously to purchase two electric cargo vans and an electric lawnmower for the municipal fleet and install two EV charging stations at the municipal service center. A state grant will reimburse the city for up to \$200,000 of the purchase. **Full Story:** [WLUC-TV \(Negaunee, Mich.\)](#) (2/27)

ICMA NEWS

Enhance your leadership skills with newly added ICMA online workshops

This year, ICMA launched online workshops to provide you the latest best practices in local government management and leadership to help you take your organization and teams to the next level. Two more offerings have just been added to the lineup -- "Players Win on The Court; Leaders Win in Meetings" and "Trust -- The Foundation of Everything We Do." These two workshops will help you transform your meetings into engaging and productive wins and learn effective solutions for building trust. [Find out more about ICMA's online workshops and register today!](#)

ICMA invites applications for the Economic Mobility and Opportunity Cohort +\$30,000 grant

With the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, ICMA will offer a series of resources and learning opportunities in 2023 on boosting upward mobility in communities. The centerpiece of this program is a peer learning cohort for a select group of highly motivated ICMA members, including a grant of up to \$30,000 for each local government with a cohort participant. [Find more information about the initiative and complete a three-question application at icma.org/emo. Apply today.](#)

[Upcoming events](#)

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- * March 8: [Conference] [SheLeadsGov Virtual Forum | Balancing the Blur: Be a Leader in Your Personal and Professional Life](#)
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- * March 21: [Workshop] [The Future of Work - Session 2](#)
- * March 28: [Workshop] [Psychological Safety - Session 2](#)
- * April 3: [Application Deadline: ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program](#)
- * April 12-14: [Conference] [Local Government Reimagined - Burlington, Vermont: Innovations in Program & Service Delivery](#)
- * May 10-12: [Conference] [Local Government Reimagined - Louisville, Kentucky: Public Engagement, Political Discourse & Local Democracy](#)
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[Hannah Arendt](#),
political theorist, writer

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