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May Civic Action

You are invited to attend the 2015 All-America City in Denver, CO June 12-14

Be part of the sharing and learning at the 2015 All-America City Awards (AAC) in Denver. This transformative and interactive experience will inspire you and send you home with lots of new ideas of how to engage and support vulnerable boys and young men and their families. AAC's spotlight is in alignment with the White House's My Brother's Keeper Initiative. Through innovative examples, interactive discussions and [finalist presentations](#) - you will walk away from the weekend with new knowledge, skills, contacts and inspiration. Enjoy local tours and daycations in the Denver area, including Belmar and [Red Rocks](#), attend peer learning workshops to gain a deeper understanding of how to catalyze this work in your community. You might even win a pair of Southwest Airlines tickets. Southwest Airlines is The Official Airline of the All-America City Awards.

[Join us in Denver this June! Click here to register and learn more.](#)

National Civic Review

NOW AVAILABLE - The spring 2015 issue of the National Civic Review. Volume 104, number 1 continues NCR's focus on the connection between community engagement and educational opportunities. Marshalltown, Iowa, (AAC 2012) is the focus of the lead article. A once prosperous factory town, Marshalltown experienced a period of economic decline and demographic change in the 1980s and 1990s that led to a new set of educational challenges. The article explores the community's multi-faceted efforts to address these challenges. Another article, which was adapted from a Kettering Foundation report, explores the different ways that communities view the issue of the achievement gap in education. **Visit the [National Civic Review page on our website](#) to access two free articles from the spring 2015 edition of NCR.**

Become a Member of the National Civic League

Through the All-America City Award (the nation's most prestigious civic award), our research and publications and our strategic planning assistance NCL inspires, supports and celebrates leaders and communities working to engage residents in developing innovative solutions to our toughest problems. NCL members help invest in our work and in their own work. Because membership not only helps support the work of NCL, but ensures access to resources like the National Civic Review and the new All-America City Promising Practice Database. [The All-America City Promising Practice Database](#) is a members-only online database of more than 450 projects from 180 AAC winners and finalists allows users to search for innovative projects by topic (ie, economic development, health, transportation, parks and rec, etc.) as well as by year, community size, or geography.

To become a member or learn more about membership visit www.nationalcivicleague.org/membership

The Center of Priority Based Budgeting Annual Conference

The [Center for Priority Based Budgeting](#)™ (CPBB), a Denver, Colorado-based, results driven

organization established in 2010, provides technical and advisory services to assist local governments, school districts and other non-profit agencies achieve Fiscal Health and Wellness through Priority Based Budgeting. This creative and innovative process, developed by CPBB, enables communities to reassess their priorities in order to make sound, long-term funding decisions.

Join CPBB August 4-6 in Denver, Colorado for their "[Driving the Data-Focused Communities Annual Conference](#)". NCL members receive a 10% discount!

Clear Vision Eau Claire Named Finalist for Public Engagement in Government Award

The Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, [recognized Clear Vision Eau Claire as a finalist for the Roy and Lila Ash Innovations in Public Engagement in Government Award](#).

In 2007, the greater Eau Claire area confronted major fiscal and public-service decisions about funding for over \$400 million in community facilities needs for schools, performing arts facilities, libraries, courthouse expansions, sewer plants, parks, and downtown revitalization. [Partnering with the National Civic League, the group embarked on an inclusive, citizen-centered community visioning and strategic planning process](#). Over 500 diverse stakeholders were invited to participate in the kickoff to the Clear Vision Eau Claire process, whose mission statement was "to engage our community for the common good." The results in Eau Claire include a community homeless shelter, neighborhood community gardens, youth environmental action teams, and, most recently, approval of a \$70 million, public-private joint venture performing arts center and downtown revitalization project, and future plans for a major events and recreation complex.

[Eau Claire, Wisconsin](#) was also named 2014 All-America City with Clear Vision as one of their three winning projects.

NCL Welcomes New Board Members

[Three new members of the Board were recently elected](#): Lee R. Feldman, City Manager of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Hon. Steve Hogan, Mayor, Aurora, Colorado; Alberto Olivas, Director, MCCCDCenter for Civic Participation - Maricopa Community College.

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