The Division of Local Services' Legal Staff will offer the seminar "What's New in Municipal Law" Friday, September 26, 2008, at The Log Cabin Banquet & Meeting House in Holyoke and Friday, October 3, 2008, at Lantana in Randolph. Presentations will include new legislation and recent court decisions pertaining to local government. This Bulletin contains a program description (page 2) and a registration form (page 3).

The general session in the morning will be conducted by attorneys Kathleen Colleary, Chief of the Bureau of Municipal Finance Law, Gary Blau, James Crowley, Christopher Hinchey, Mary Mitchell and Daniel Murphy. The afternoon session will consist of three simultaneous workshops from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. These workshops will be small group meetings, led by the Bureau of Municipal Finance Law attorneys.

The attorneys of the Bureau of Municipal Finance Law are specialists in municipal law, particularly in property taxation and finance. The legal staff interprets new laws and responds to the legal concerns of local officials.

A registration fee of $50.00 per person will be charged to cover the cost of the facility, booklets, morning refreshments and the luncheon. Please contact Donna Quinn at (617) 626-3838 with any questions regarding registration. I hope you will have the opportunity to join us at this timely and informative seminar.
AGENDA

REGISTRATION: 8:15 AM – 9:00 AM
Continental Breakfast

OPENING REMARKS: 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM
Robert Nunes, Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Local Services

GENERAL SESSION: 9:15 AM - 12:15 PM
WHAT’S NEW IN MUNICIPAL LAW
Local Services’ Legal Staff will present the latest from the Legislature and the Courts.

LUNCHEON: 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM
Menu: Salad, Entrée, Chef’s Selection of Starch and Vegetables, Coffee/Tea and Dessert

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
There are three simultaneous workshops. You may attend one workshop. Please indicate your preference on the attached registration form.

Workshop A  Local Taxes: A review of tax assessment and collection issues

Workshop B  Local Enterprises: An exploration of enterprise and special revenue fund issues

Workshop C  Local Employees: A discussion of compensation, benefit and other employment issues

The booklets for the morning and the afternoon sessions will be available online after the seminars.

Please submit your completed registration form along with a check for $50 made payable to the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to:

TRAINING COORDINATOR
DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES
PO BOX 9569
BOSTON, MA 02114-9569

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RECEIPTS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ANYONE PAYING BY PERSONAL CHECK.
PLEASE CONTACT DONNA QUINN AT 617-626-3838 WITH ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS SEMINAR
WHAT'S NEW IN MUNICIPAL LAW SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

________________________________________          __________________________________________
NAME                                                                                      POSITION

________________________________________          (              )_________________________________
COMMUNITY OR COMPANY                                                                                   PHONE NUMBER

SEMINAR DATES AND LOCATIONS
Please indicate ("X") which location you will be attending

_____ FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2008  _____ FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2008
HOLYOKE, MA  ___________________________________________________________  RANDOLPH, MA
THE LOG CABIN BANQUET & MEETING HOUSE  ___________________________________________
500 EASTHAMPTON ROAD  _______________________________________________________
HOLYOKE, MA  ___________________________________________________________
413-535-5077  ___________________________________________________________
Directions to The Log Cabin

THE LANTANTA  _____________________________________________________________
43 SCANLON DRIVE  ___________________________________________________________
RANDOLPH, MA  ___________________________________________________________
781-961-4600  ___________________________________________________________
Directions to The Lantana

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mail the entire completed form and registration fee to:

Training Coordinator
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Boston, MA 02114-9569

The morning is a general session for everyone. Please choose ("X") one afternoon workshop:

_____ Workshop A  Local Taxes: A review of tax assessment and collection issues

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REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2008
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The Division of Local Services is responsible for oversight of and assistance to cities and towns in achieving equitable property taxation and efficient fiscal management. The Division regularly publishes IGRs (Informational Guideline Releases detailing legal and administrative procedures) and the Bulletin (announcements and useful information) for local officials and others interested in municipal finance.

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