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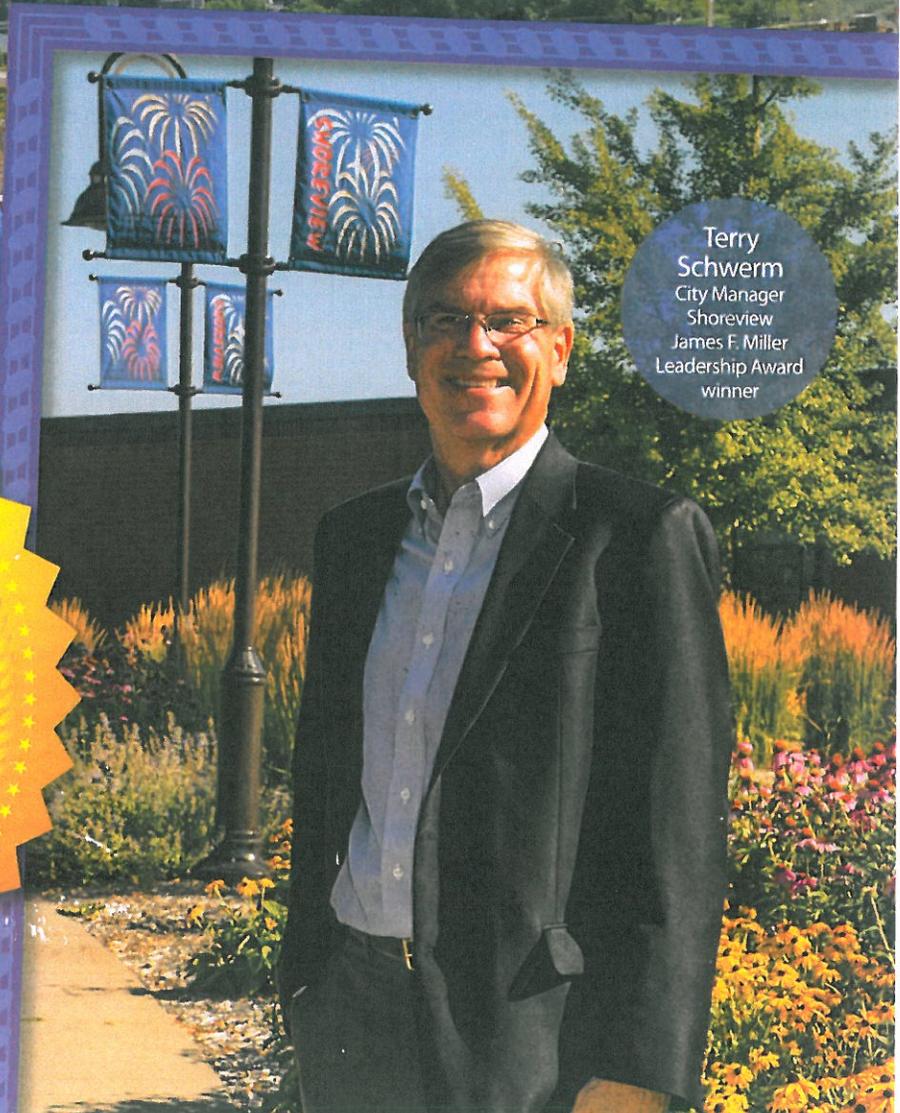
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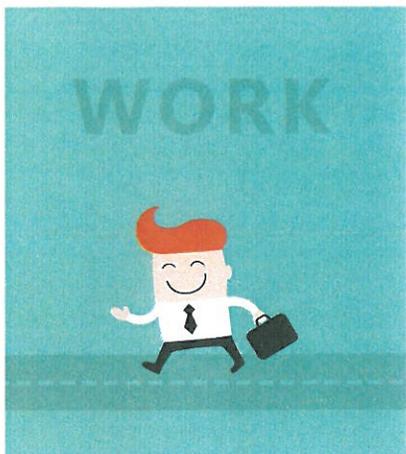
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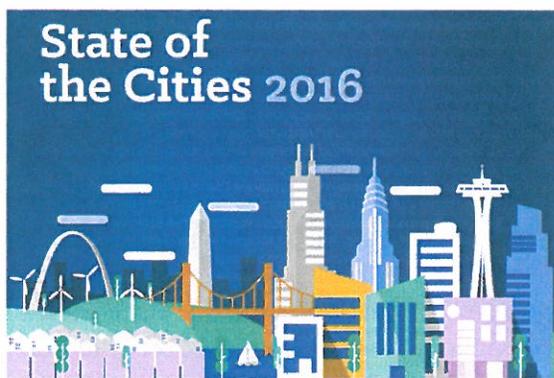
LMC Makes *Star Tribune* 150 Top Workplaces List

The League of Minnesota Cities is happy to be named a *Star Tribune* Top 150 Workplace for the third year in a row. Rankings are based on anonymous surveys of staff that measure engagement, organizational health, and satisfaction. The League placed 16th among small employers for its qualities such as work-life balance, opportunities for career development, and the meaningful and interesting work we do for members!

We're in good company. In addition to rubbing elbows with private businesses and organizations that are checking the "I love my job" box, the City of Eden Prairie made the list for mid-sized employers. Respondents in EP attribute the city's innovative atmosphere, great residents, and daily variety for their job satisfaction.

NLC REPORT: Economic Development Is Top Issue for Cities

See what's on the minds of mayors from across the country in the latest National League of Cities (NLC) analysis of state of the city addresses. The 2016 analysis identifies six trends ranging from careful investments of rebounding revenues to concerns about opioid addiction. The report also reveals the top 10 issues identified by mayors, sliced and diced for comparison. Two issues rise to the top in cities across the country. It's probably no surprise that economic development and public safety were consistently called out by mayoral addresses from sea to shining sea. Read the full report at <http://goo.gl/zBPjWZ>.



Columbia Heights Gets All-America A+

The City of Columbia Heights was recently named an All-America City for 2016 by the National Civic League. Ten cities from across the nation received the distinction. This year, the All-America Awards program highlighted communities working to "ensure that all our children are healthy and successful in school and life." Judges for the award look for examples that show community engagement that is making an impact on critical challenges.

Columbia Heights was honored for several initiatives involving the city's Police Department, community partners, and the school district that are reducing youth crime and empowering the city's children. The city and community partners also collaborated on construction of a new library funded by a voter-supported referendum in 2014.

Another Minnesota city—Woodbury—was named as one of 20 finalists in the national competition. It was recognized for a communitywide effort to build an accessible playground in 2015 and mass volunteer events to support Habitat for Humanity and Feed My Starving Children.



LMC TRAINING & EVENTS

Developing a Culture of Safety: 16 Life Safety Initiatives

Sept. 20—Albertville
Sept. 28—Perham
Sept. 29—Carlton
Oct. 5—Waseca
Oct. 13—Morton

Mental Health First Aid for Police

Sept. 21—Burnsville
Sept. 28—Eden Prairie
Oct. 4—New Brighton
Oct. 11—Milaca
Oct. 17—Hibbing

2016 LMC Regional Meetings

Oct. 6—Hibbing
Oct. 11—Bemidji
Oct. 12—Fergus Falls
Oct. 13—Paynesville
Oct. 25—Slayton
Oct. 26—North Mankato
Oct. 27—Chatfield
Nov. 30—Brooklyn Center

On the web

Learn more about these and other events at www.lmc.org/events.