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How salt water is helping cities quench their thirst

Even when you're surrounded by water, there isn't enough of it. With GE's help, a California island is turning to desalination to avoid more sharp reductions in water use. With resources scarce, find out why more cities around the globe are doing the same.

New life for old infrastructure

New York City's iconic music venue Carnegie Hall is nearly 125-years-old, but was just awarded a LEED silver certification for energy efficiency. Across town, a 100-year-old subway line is getting new automation technology so it can serve more riders. Read, as Siemens is demonstrating in NYC, why city infrastructure doesn't have to be new to be smart.

SCW update: Free workshops are filling up fast; don't miss out

We've still got room in a few of the free workshops being offered at Smart Cities Week, which takes place Sept. 15-17 in Washington, D.C. But hurry if you want to reserve a spot; limited spaces remain. You can attend the complimentary workshops with either a full conference registration or a free exhibition pass.

Better technology = better schools

As kids head back to school, advanced technologies are helping educators stretch scarce budget dollars while improving services. Read how smart technologies are helping schools enhance energy efficiency, provide a more secure environment and promote success in the classroom.

India's challenge draws 98 cities

The India Smart Cities Challenge is a competition designed to inspire and support municipal officials as they develop proposals to improve residents' lives. Pratap Padode of the Smart Cities Council India explains that the best proposals will receive funding from the Ministry of Urban Development. Get the details.

Thinking about community solar?

As smart cities look for ways to become cleaner, more efficient and more

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secure – and to engage their citizens in that effort – community solar is worth considering. Click to the site where Paul Augustine of West Monroe Partners explains its appeal -- and barriers cities must address.

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