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January 13, 2021

2021 PSATS Educational Conference and Exhibit Show News

What's in the Case?: Part 3
Since it was revealed that PSATS Executive Director Dave Sanko is carrying around a secret, lots of people have been asking: What's in the darn case? Well, we're back with another installment. Will Dave give any hints this time? Watch the latest video and find out.

And remember: We'll be revealing the mysterious contents of the case at the 2021 PSATS Conference and Exhibit Show, April 18-21 at the Hershey Lodge. We'll also be celebrating the Association's 100th birthday , welcoming a great line-up of speakers, and more. Registration is open now at conference.psats.org. Please join us!

Latest News

An Extra Holiday in 2021? YEP!
Don't get to excited...you are just "borrowing" one from 2022. Because New Year's Day, January 1, 2022, falls on a Saturday, the official holiday will be Friday, December 31, 2021. This has a extra special meaning to townships since that makes the 2022 Organization meeting day fall on Monday, January 3, 2022 with your auditors meeting happening on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. And speaking of calendars.....

PSATS' 2021 Calendar on Its Way
We continue to get inquiries from townships asking about the 2021 PSATS calendar and whether we produced one for every township again in 2021. Indeed, the answer is YES, and we mailed the 2021 calendar on December 23. However, due to post office staffing issues, high mail volume, and the holidays, the U.S. Post Office hasn't quite made the delivery to all corners of the state. In the meantime, here is a link to the month of January in the calendar.

Looking for Upcoming Report Deadlines?
While you are waiting for your calendar to arrive, here are upcoming filing deadlines:

- January 15: Tax Information Form (DCED-CLGS-2565)
- January 31: Actual Use Report of State Funds (MS-965)
- February 1: Report of Elected and Appointed Officials (DCED-CLGS-19)
- February 1: Copies of W-2 and W-3 forms are due to employees and the Social Security Administration.

- February 1: Copies of 1099-NEC forms are due
- February 11: Survey of Financial Condition (DCED-CLGS-69) (***Note:*** *Although the form is officially due March 15, PennDOT requires that it be submitted by February 11 for townships to receive their liquid fuels payments by March 1.*)

For more information on DCED forms, click here. For more information on PennDOT forms, click here. For more information on federal tax forms, click here.

Reminder: Commonwealth Accepting Fire Company and EMS Grant Applications
The Office of the State Fire Commissioner is accepting applications for the Fire Company and Emergency Medical Service Grant Program until January 25, 2021. Smaller grants should be expected due to the expanded eligibility of applicants. Written instructions and guidelines for the 2020-2021 program are available here.

All fire companies, emergency medical services, and volunteer rescue squads qualify for this grant. Funding may be used for the construction and/or renovation of the fire company or EMS facilities, equipment, debt reduction, training, and recruitment and retention, including volunteer firefighter length-of-service award programs and programs for minors. New this cycle, funds may also be used to supplement operational expenses incurred by the lack of opportunities for fundraising and the inability to create revenue due to COVID-19. Click here to learn more.

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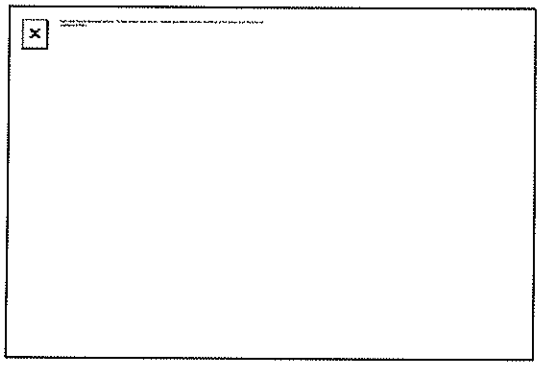

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Senate to Swear in Senator Brewster Today
Yesterday, U.S. District Judge J. Nicholas Ranjan decided against the challenges of candidate Nicole Ziccarelli and affirmed the victory of Jim Brewster in the 45th senatorial district race. Pennsylvania Senate President Pro Tempore Jake Corman (R-34) announced the Senate will swear in Senator Brewster today at 11 a.m.

Speaker Announces Special Election for the 59th District
On January 12th, Speaker of the House Bryan Cutler (R-Lancaster) ordered a special election to coincide with Pennsylvania's primary election on Tuesday, May 18, to fill the vacant seat in the 59th Legislative District in Westmoreland and Somerset counties.

The vacancy was created by the sudden passing of Rep. Mike Reese (R-Westmoreland/Somerset).

Candidates for the office will be selected by a process designated by their respective political parties, and the winner of the special election will take office after the results are confirmed.

The district office will remain open, under supervision of the House, to assist constituents with issues or problems and to continue constituent inquiries already in progress. The 59th Legislative District office at 2230 Mount Pleasant Road, Mount Pleasant, can be reached by phone at 724-423-6503 and the district office at Ligonier Town Hall, 120 E. Main St., Ligonier, can be reached at 724-238-2155.

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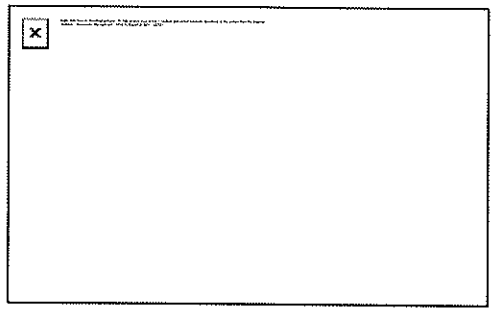
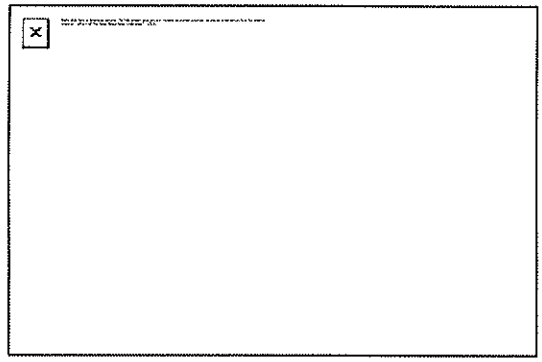
Webinar - Stormwater Management - What To Expect In 2021 - 1/27/21
Stormwater will continue to be the most pressing environmental issue facing most municipalities in 2021. Compliance with MS4 permits, minimum control measures, water quality requirements and, in many cases, TMDLs and Chesapeake Bay requirements will be among



those challenges facing municipalities. This webinar, presented by attorney Steve Hann, will update municipalities on their latest compliance obligations (including urban runoff), the impact of new federal and state initiatives, and the critical economic issues and financial challenges facing municipalities in addressing their stormwater obligations. This webinar will also cover the creation of stormwater authorities, stormwater fee litigation, and the recent developments on the availability of grants for municipal infrastructure needs. Eligible for 1 PMGA Public Works point. Eligible for 1 CLE credit. Click here to register.

Webinar - What's All The Noise About Noise Ordinances? - 2/3/21

In this webinar, township supervisors, staff, and solicitors will receive sound information about the need for noise ordinances, hear about the startling current research on noise and its adverse effects on health, learn important distinctions between nuisance law and noise ordinances and ways to avoid the decibel level trap. Attendees will also learn tips on drafting a true, simple and effective noise ordinance. Eligible for 1 PMGA Public Safety point. Eligible for 1 CLE credit. Click here to register.



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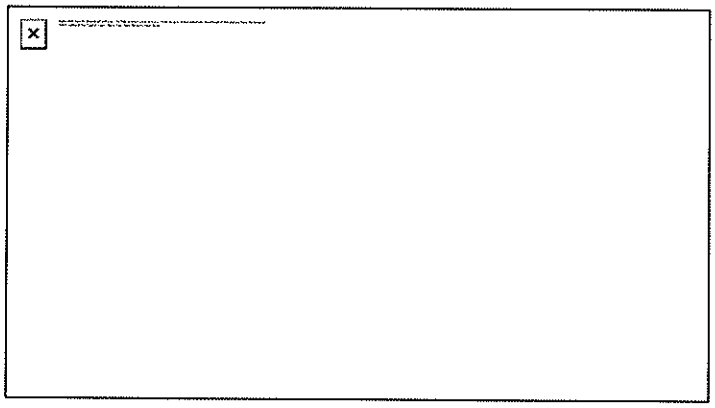
Township Video News



TVN's Coffee & the Capitol | Sen. Gene Yaw: New Session, New Goals
Sen. Gene Yaw joins us for a conversation about the new legislative session, where he hopes to help townships with everything from prevailing wage reform to better broadband. (6:57)

Latest News

Wolf Appoints New Director for Office of Open Records
Gov. Tom Wolf has announced his appointment of Liz Gerloff Wagenseller to serve a six-year term as executive director of the Office of Open Records, effective January 19. Wagenseller currently serves as chief of staff to the auditor general.

"Liz brings a wealth of experience to the Office of Open Records," said Gov. Wolf. "She is an astute administrator with a deep commitment to transparency. Liz will be an asset to the Office of Open Records and a key player in my administration's efforts to improve transparency in government.

"I extend my gratitude to departing executive director, Erik Arneson, whose term expires this week. Erik's hard work and dedication were critical to maintaining and improving the open records process." Click here for more.

IRS Rule Allows Employers to Shorten Social Security Numbers on Employee W-2s
The IRS now allows an employer to truncate an employee's Social Security number, using x's or asterisks for the first five digits, on copies of W-2 forms that are provided to employees (*copies B, C, and 2*). The new rule does NOT apply to W-2s that must be sent to the IRS and the Social Security Administration (*copy A*). These copies must continue to show employees' complete number to correctly identify them. Click here for more information.

State Police and Attorney General Warn of COVID-19 Test and Vaccine Scams
State Police and Attorney General Josh Shapiro are warning Pennsylvanians of COVID-19 test and vaccine scams looking to take advantage of consumers by attempting to steal their insurance information, money, or both. Any call claiming that you can cut in line to get the vaccine by paying out of pocket is a scam and should be reported to the Office of the Attorney General. Here are a few tips:

- If you receive a call from someone claiming to be from your insurance company, hang up and call the number on the back of your medical insurance card to confirm whether the call is legitimate.
- Scammers will claim the costs are covered by insurance, but they need additional information to process the shipment.
- Be cautious if you're being pressured to share any information or make a payment immediately.
- Always be wary of any unsolicited offers that require you to provide your insurance or doctor's information.

Anyone who believes they have been scammed should file a complaint with the Office of Attorney General by clicking here. To learn more, click here.

2021 Virtual Farm Show to Hold Town Hall
The Pennsylvania Farm Show will hold a Town Hall meeting with Dean of Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences, Rick Roush, and state Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding on January 13 at 10 a.m. for a discussion and Q&A on Pennsylvania agriculture. Participants are invited to submit questions and or discussion topics prior to the webinar. To learn more or register for the event, click here.

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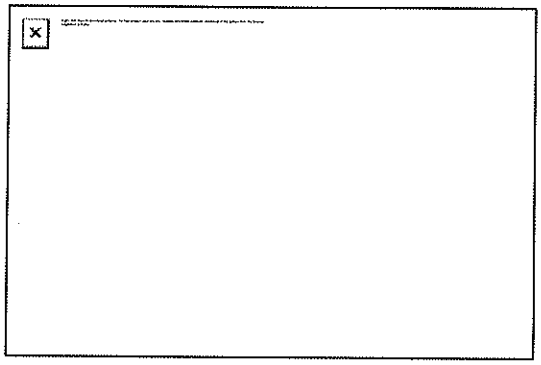

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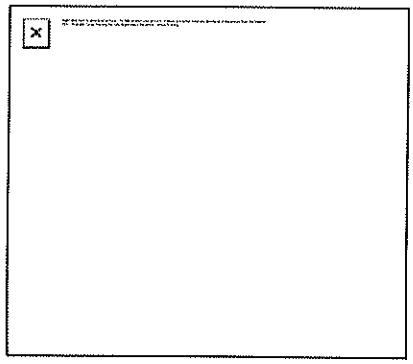
CDL - Probable Cause Training For CDL Supervisory Personnel - Virtual Training



State and federal regulations require every employer who has CDL employees driving vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating or operating weight of more than 26,001 pounds used on public roads to participate in a drug and alcohol testing program. These same regulations also require that such employers train all personnel who supervisor employees with commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) in handling suspected on-the-job drug or alcohol use. This workshop addresses these federal requirements by providing supervisory personnel with a working understanding of the federal CDL regulations, including on-the-job probable cause procedures. In addition to those supervisory personnel required to attend, all township CDL employees should attend this workshop to ensure that everyone is on the same page regarding this important public safety training. Eligible for 3 PMGA Public Works points.

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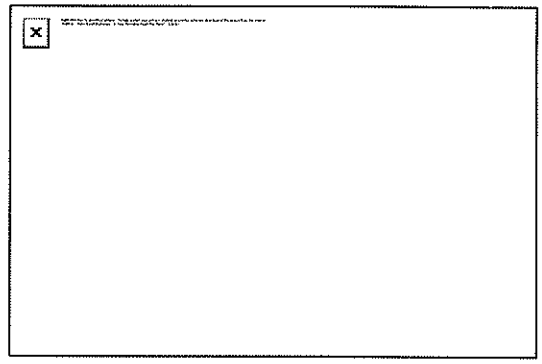
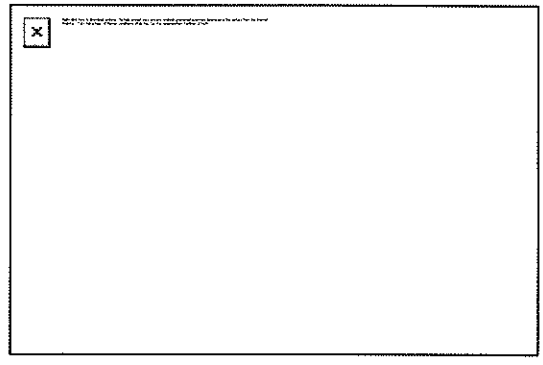
Webinar - Home-Based Businesses - Is Your Township Ready For More? - 2/10/21

Whether it is to comply with mandates, help care for family members, convenience or because they just prefer working in their pajamas, more people are now working from homes than pre-COVID-19. Fortunately, modern technology enables business operators and employees to safely and efficiently continue working from their homes. Home business activities and functions are considered a form of home-based businesses or occupations (HBBs) as defined, permitted and regulated by most municipal zoning ordinances. In this webinar, representatives of McNees Wallace and Nurick, LLC will explore opportunities and options for municipalities to proactively plan and zone for HBBs. This course is eligible for 1 PMGA Planning/Zoning point. Click here to register.



Webinar - Take Advantage Of Market Conditions While You Can For Updated/New Facilities- 2/11/21

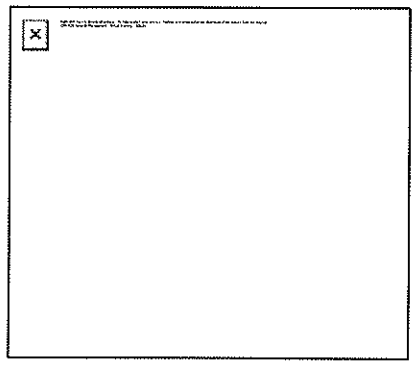
This webinar will cover the benefits of planning, financing, building and renovating township facilities during an economic downturn by taking advantage of lower interest rates, lower construction bids, stimulus funds, grants and other initiatives. Presenters will include planners/architects, a finance professional who specializes in securing funds for municipal projects, an expert in the real estate market and a grant writer who will together be a complete planning resource for you and your township. Eligible for 1 PMGA Public Works point.



Click here to register.

CMV/CDL Records Management - Virtual Training - 1/26/21

This virtual training workshop will review CMV/CDL employee and vehicle paperwork, including pre-employment inquiries regarding a CDL applicant's records in the FMCSA Clearinghouse; requests for CMV driver's license information from PennDOT; annually reviewing each CDL drivers records in the Clearinghouse; CMV daily vehicle inspection, maintenance, and repair reports; the employer's required policy on CDL drug and alcohol testing; and a general overview of all the CDL regulations. This class is eligible for 3 PMGA Public Works points. Click here to register.



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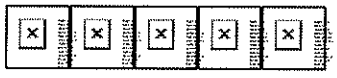

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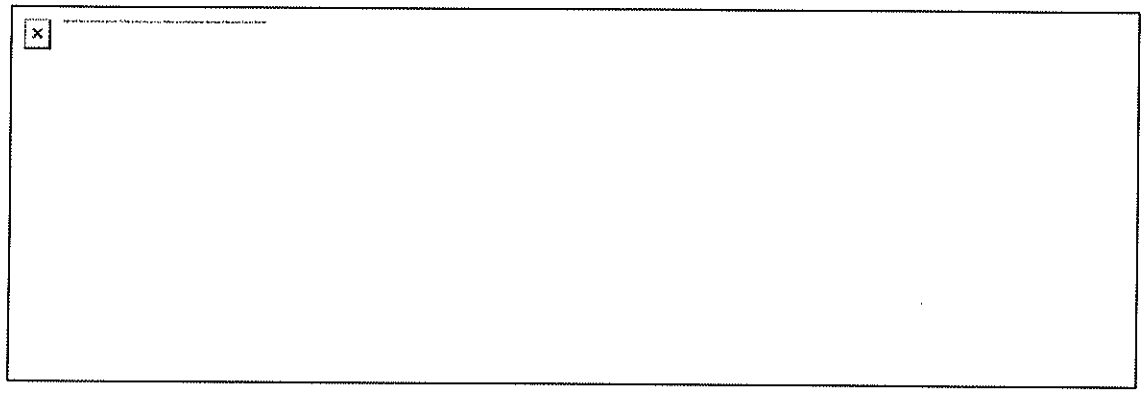


January 11, 2021

Latest News

Township Officials Eligible For Prioritized Covid Vaccine
On Friday, Gov. Tom Wolf and Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine released an updated vaccine plan for the Commonwealth. The new plan incorporates recent revised recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices on who will receive priority for the vaccine. This update included all federal, state and local government officials and employees as part of Phase 1C. Read full story.

PSATS Reminds County Groups to Submit Resolutions
PSATS is reminding county associations of township officials that they may still submit resolutions for consideration by the membership at the Annual Conference even if they did not hold a fall convention or do not plan to hold an in-person convention this winter. County association executive boards may still vote on and put forth resolutions to PSATS without the delegate body having met at a convention if their bylaws allow it. Read full story.

Commonwealth Adding New COVID Testing Sites

Tomorrow, January 12, the state Department of Health is adding COVID-19 regional testing sites in Bradford, Clarion, Fulton, Lancaster, and Pike counties. The sites in Fulton and Lancaster will have both drive-thru and indoor walk-in testing available, while Bradford, Clarion, and Pike are drive-thru only. Testing will be available 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at these sites until Saturday, January 16. Tests are free and do not require preregistration. Click here for exact locations. If your township needs to find a testing site in another county, click here to find the closest one.

COVID-19 Cases Increase While Hospitalizations Continue to Drop
The statewide COVID-19 case total now stands at 713,310 and 56,018 new cases were reported this week, this is 7% more than the prior week. Nationally, 1.77 million new positive cases were reported, for a total of 22.1 million. California, Texas, and Florida reported the highest total new positive COVID-19 cases reported this week, while daily cases per 100,000 are now rising fastest in Arizona, Rhode Island, and South Carolina. Read full story.

Looking for the Latest Issue of the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*? Click here.

Grid Scale Solar Energy - Ordinance Considerations For PA Townships/Counties Webinar
This Penn State-sponsored webinar is uniquely designed for local officials in Pennsylvania. As solar energy leasing and solar array deployment increases across the state, and some Commonwealth officials predicting 80K acres of panels before 2030, elected officials throughout the state are looking at creating or updating ordinances to plan for an orderly energy transition involving renewables. Click here for more information and to register.

Legislative & Policy

The House will be in session today, January 11th.
Watch session live here.

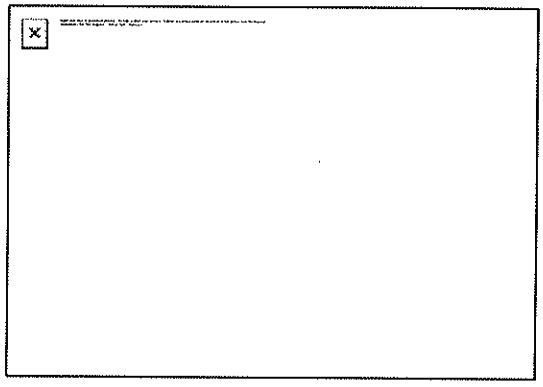
Public Hearing: COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout in Rural Pennsylvania
The Center for Rural Pennsylvania Board of Directors, chaired by State Senator Gene Yaw (R-Lycoming), will hold a virtual public hearing on Wednesday, January 13, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., on the COVID-19 vaccines and how they will be distributed throughout rural Pennsylvania.

The public hearing will be held via Zoom Webinar. Attendees are asked to please register in advance here.

Learn

QuickBooks For The Beginner - Virtual Class - February

This four-session virtual class is designed to provide each student with a fundamental understanding and working knowledge of QuickBooks Accounting Software, and is intended to demonstrate the application of QuickBooks and QuickBooks Pro to assist in municipal accounting. The sessions will review how to set up your company files and create your DCED Compliant Chart of Accounts. From start to finish, how to write a check, make a deposit and reconcile your checking account. You will learn how to set up vendors and customers for all of your information that you could possibly need to replace that old rolodex. (note: no payroll will be addressed in this class). Eligible for 6 PMGA Administration Points. Click here for more information and to register.



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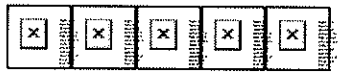

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January 8, 2021

Latest News

PSATS Executive Issues Statement on January 6 Violence
Yesterday, PSATS Executive Director David Sanko issued the following statement on vandalism and violence in the public sector:

"While peaceful protests were provided for by the founding fathers in the Constitution, violence and vandalism are not acceptable, whether directed at the U.S. Capitol (Wednesday), the White House (summer 2020), or even township buildings. Destruction of public property and threats to public servants are crimes punishable by law. Regardless of the source of violence and vandalism, offenders must be prosecuted.

"One of the reasons that local government works best is its closeness to the people. Folks in Washington and Harrisburg would do well to take some lessons from township officials. Common sense, civility, public discourse, absence of hyper-partisanship, building safe communities with a good quality of life, providing for needs before wants, and not spending more than you have are all key factors in maintaining public confidence.

All public officials serve those who elect them and answer to them at the ballot box."

DEP Lifts Drought Watch in Ten Counties
The state Department of Environmental Protection has lifted a drought watch or warning for 20 counties, including Bradford, Cameron, Columbia, Cumberland, Elk, Forest, Jefferson, Juniata, Lycoming, McKean, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, Union, Warren, and Wyoming counties.

A drought watch remains in effect for Centre and Clearfield counties. Clinton County has been moved from a drought warning to a drought watch due to improving conditions. Click here for more.

Virtual Farm Show Events Begin Tomorrow!
The Virtual Farm Show will begin tomorrow, January 9, and run through January 16. "In a normal year, we bring half a million people into our home in Harrisburg to experience Pennsylvania agriculture," said Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding. "This year, we're not bound by geography and are excited for the opportunity to bring the Farm Show into your homes as a virtual event. We look forward to introducing a whole new audience to the industry that sustains life for us all and the people who make it thrive." Click here to learn about highlights of the planned events and activities!

Reminder: Townships May Nominate Outstanding Firefighter for National Award
Jointly sponsored by the Congressional Fire Services Institute and Motorola Solutions, the Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award recognizes exemplary leaders in public safety for their work to improve the delivery of fire and emergency services in the areas of prevention, mitigation, and response. The recipient will be honored at the 32nd Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner and win a two-night trip to Washington, D.C., to attend the dinner.

The Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award embraces the importance of advocacy and leadership on behalf of all firefighters and emergency services personnel. These key attributes epitomize Mason's legacy as a fire service leader. The award is named in honor of the late-Mason Lankford, a distinguished fire service leader from the state of Texas. Mason committed his time, energy, and passion to the fire and emergency services within his home state and throughout the country. His primary mission was to make the profession safer for all who serve. He cared for all first responders and dedicated his career to building a stronger fire and emergency services without leaving anyone behind. to learn more. Submissions are due **February 1**. Click here to learn more. Submissions are due **February 1**.

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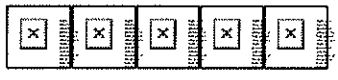

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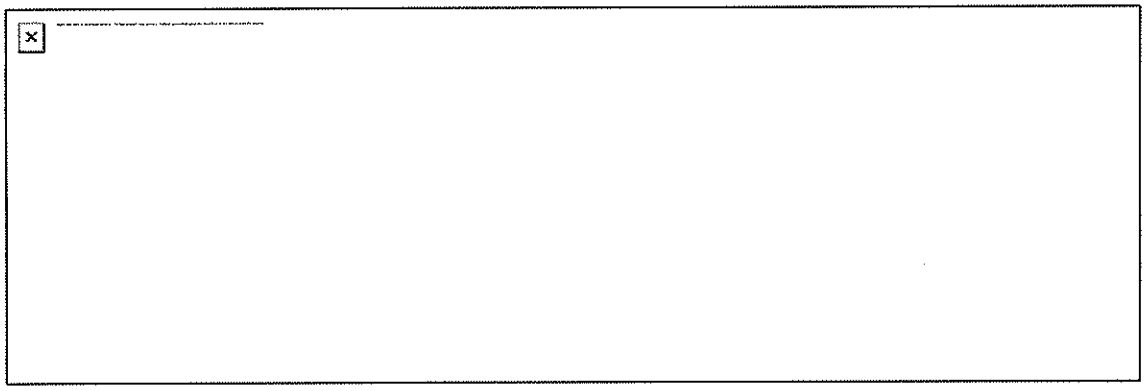

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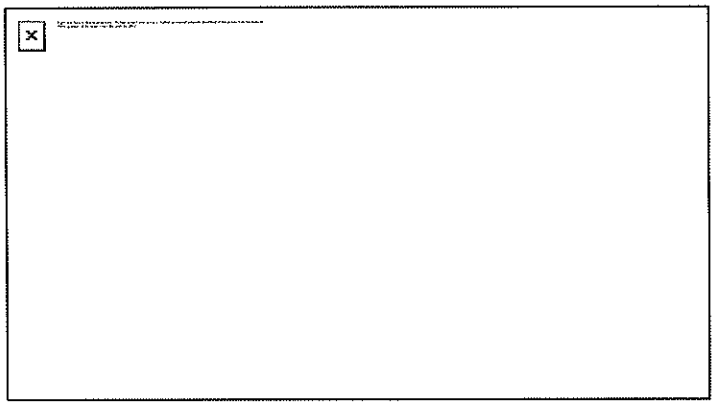
Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | New Bid Limits for 2021?
The state recently announced new bid limits for municipal purchases. Did they go up or down? Watch and find out. Also, click here to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. (1:26)

Latest News

PSATS' 2021 Calendar on Its Way

PSATS' printer mailed the 2021 PSATS Calendar to every township secretary on December 23. Due to post office staffing issues, high mail volume and the holidays, your calendar could have been delayed. The calendar includes critical filing deadlines, upcoming PSATS training, major holidays, and more. Read full story.

Office of Open Records Provides Training
The Office of Open Records is offering two webinar training opportunities in the coming days. Click here for class information and to register.

Thursday State Agency Covid Enforcement Update
Pa. Department of Agriculture: Between December 28 and January 3, the Bureau of Food Safety performed 373 total inspections, 99 of which were complaint-driven and 96 of which were COVID-19-specific complaints. This was the final week of enforcement of the temporary mitigation orders on indoor dining, which expired January 4. The bureau received 244 food facility COVID-19-related complaints, 101 of which were referred to local and county health jurisdictions. Inspectors closed 36 restaurants that were open for dine-in service and refused to comply with the temporary order. The state has closed over 100 restaurants including 22 on December 23 and 36 between the holidays. Click here for more.

Pennsylvania State Police: Officers issued 70 warnings and 62 violations for failing to follow COVID-19 requirements, including the suspension of in-person dining, after visiting 1,785 licensed liquor establishments between Monday, December 28, and Sunday, January 3. That brings the total violation count to 546 over the last 187 days (2.9 per day statewide). To view a summary of the number of checks and warnings issued by enforcement officers since July 1, click here and scroll down.

Pa. Department of State: Between December 27 and January 3, the Bureau of Enforcement and Investigation performed 288 inspections of licensed professions' compliance with COVID-19 mitigation requirements. The bureau opened three investigations that were COVID-19-specific and distributed one warning letter and two compliance letters relating to COVID-19 mitigation efforts. Click here for more.

Just Do It!
That is the motto practiced by township leaders every day. They don't think their actions are remarkable or heroic (and they certainly don't do them for recognition or credit), but best practices and great things happen every day in townships all across Pennsylvania. Don't miss these upcoming opportunities to nominate your township and/or its officials for various awards. The recognition programs and their deadlines are:

- PSATS President's Leadership Awards - January 29
- Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence - January 31
- PSATS Excellence in Intergovernmental Cooperation Awards - March 5
- Road & Bridge Safety Improvement Awards - March 5
- PennDOT Build a Better Mousetrap Awards - March 5

The deadlines for the PSATS Youth Awards are also approaching. Youth organizations must submit their projects to their county association president by March 1, and county associations must submit entries to PSATS by March 15. Townships will receive details and promotional materials this month.

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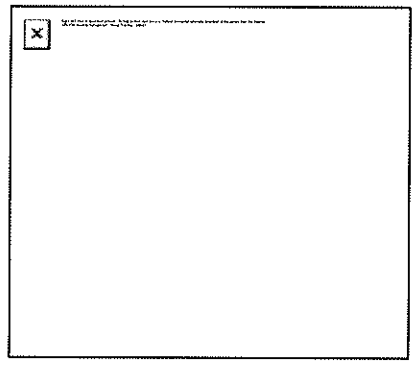
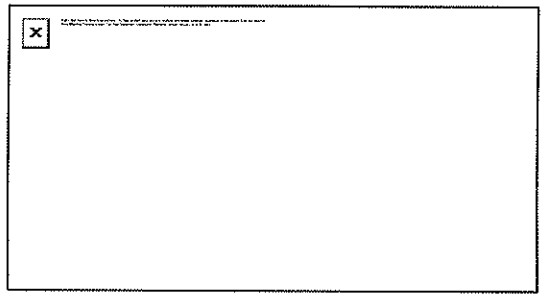
CMV/CDL Records Management - Virtual Training - 1/26/21

This virtual training workshop will review CMV/CDL employee and vehicle paperwork, including pre-employment inquiries regarding a CDL applicant's records in the FMCSA Clearinghouse; requests for CMV driver's license information from PennDOT; annually reviewing each CDL drivers records in the Clearinghouse; CMV daily vehicle inspection, maintenance, and repair reports; the employer's required policy on CDL drug and alcohol testing; and a general overview of all the CDL regulations. This class is eligible for 3 PMGA Public Works points. Click here to register.



How Effective Communication Can Help Implement Community Planning- Virtual- January 21 & 28, 2021

Learn about different approaches to policy implementation and the importance of strong communication between Municipal Officials, Planners, and Code Enforcement Officers. This two-part, interactive training session will highlight how people who must take on multiple roles can effectively adapt messages to convey different perspectives through different levels of interaction. Participants will learn about their own communication strengths and weaknesses and how to recognize different personalities and communication styles in others, enhancing their management efforts. Best practices and real-life scenarios will be included to provide practical, every-day application of the information shared in the session. Attendance for both sessions qualifies for 3 PMGA Administration points. Click here to register.



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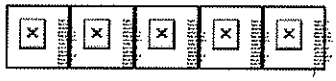

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Latest News

Reminder: Looking for DCED Forms? Annual Mailing Sent via Email
Township officials preparing for the numerous state filings due this month should be aware that the state Department of Community and Economic Development sent its annual mailing via email on November 5. The mailing was sent to the email address provided by each municipality through the "Contact" position on their 2020 Report of Elected and Appointed Officials.

If you did not receive the email, please check your spam folder. Alternately, you may contact the Governor's Center for Local Government Services toll-free at 888-223-6837. Tip sheets and e-filing tutorials for the required forms are also available by clicking here.

Natural Gas Impact Fee Estimates Released
The state's Independent Fiscal Office estimates that shale gas impact fee collections for calendar year 2020 will be $144.9 million, a $55.9 million decrease compared to 2019. The drop is due to lower gas prices, fewer wells being drilled, and reduced payments from aging wells that pay lower fees. This is the amount that producers are expected to remit to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) by April 2021. Click here for more.

The PUC is not expected to release Act 13 impact fee distribution information for individual municipalities before mid-June. Once distributions are calculated, townships will find this information here. Note that the distribution for calendar year 2020 will be made to townships around July 1, 2021.

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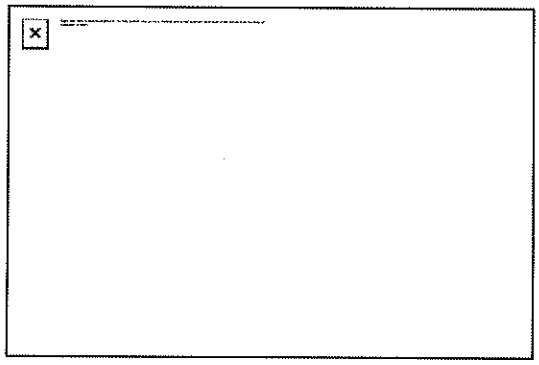

House and Senate Swear in New Members
Yesterday, January 5th, marked the beginning of the 2021-22 legislative session. Both chambers convened for the swearing in of new members and voted on their respective session rules.

Notably, the Senate voted to not seat the Senate District 45 seat which remains pending the outcome of a federal court decision.

Senate Elects President Pro Tempore
Senator Jake Corman (R-Centre) was formally elected as the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate of Pennsylvania. Corman was first elected to the Senate in 1998 and most recently served as Majority Leader.

House Elects Speaker
Representative Bryan Cutler (R-Lancaster) was unanimously re-elected Speaker of the House. Cutler was first elected to the House in 2006 and was first elected as Speaker in June of last year.

House Republicans announce committee chairs for 2021-22 legislative session
House Speaker Bryan Cutler (R-Lancaster) announced the members of the House Republican Caucus who will serve as chairs of the standing committees for the 2021-22 legislative session:

- Aging and Older Adult Services Committee: Rep. Gary Day (R-Lehigh/Berks)
- Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee: Rep. Dan Moul (R-Adams)
- Children and Youth Committee: Rep. Sheryl Delozier (R-Cumberland)
- Commerce Committee: Rep. Brad Roae (R-Crawford/Erie)
- Consumer Affairs Committee: Rep. Jim Marshall (R-Beaver/Butler)
- Education Committee: Rep. Curt Sonney (R-Erie)
- Environmental Resources and Energy Committee: Rep. Daryl Metcalfe (R-Butler)
- Finance Committee: Rep. Mike Peifer (R-Pike/Wayne)
- Game and Fisheries Committee: Rep. Keith Gillespie (R-York)
- Gaming Oversight Committee: Rep. Sue Helm (R-Dauphin/Lebanon)
- Health Committee: Rep. Kathy Rapp (R-Warren/Crawford/Forest)
- Human Services Committee: Rep. Frank Farry (R-Bucks)
- Insurance Committee: Rep. Tina Pickett (R-Bradford/Sullivan/Susquehanna)
- Judiciary Committee: Rep. Rob Kauffman (R-Franklin)
- Labor and Industry Committee: Rep. Jim Cox (R-Berks/Lancaster)
- Liquor Control Committee: Rep. Jeff Pyle (R-Armstrong/Butler/Indiana)
- Local Government Committee: Rep. Carl Walker Metzgar (R-Somerset/Bedford)
- Professional Licensure Committee: Rep. David Hickernell (R-Lancaster/Dauphin)
- State Government Committee: Rep. Seth Grove (R-York)

- Tourism and Recreational Development Committee: Rep. David Millard (R-Columbia)
- Transportation Committee: Rep. Tim Hennessey (R-Chester/Montgomery)
- Urban Affairs Committee: Rep. Jerry Knowles (R-Schuylkill/Berks/Carbon)
- Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee: Rep. Karen Boback (R-Luzerne/Lackawanna/Wyoming)

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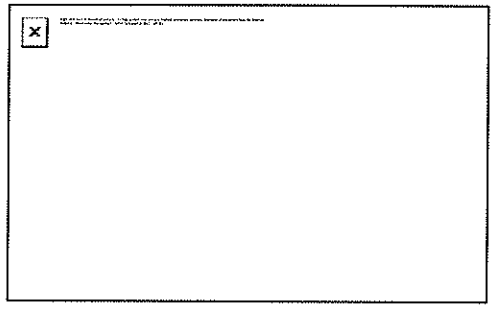
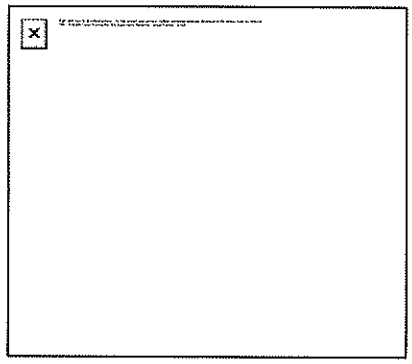
Webinar - Stormwater Management - What To Expect In 2021 - 1/27/21

Stormwater will continue to be the most pressing environmental issue facing most municipalities in 2021. Compliance with MS4 permits, minimum control measures, water quality requirements and, in many cases, TMDLs and Chesapeake Bay requirements will be among those challenges facing municipalities. This webinar, presented by attorney Steve Hann, will update municipalities on their latest compliance obligations (including urban runoff), the impact of new federal and state initiatives, and the critical economic issues and financial challenges facing municipalities in addressing their stormwater obligations. This webinar will also cover the creation of stormwater authorities, stormwater fee litigation, and the recent developments on the availability of grants for municipal infrastructure needs. Eligible for 1 PMGA Public Works point. Eligible for 1 CLE credit. Click here to register.



CDL - Probable Cause Training For CDL Supervisory Personnel - Virtual Training - 1/19/21

State and federal regulations require every employer who has CDL employees driving vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating or operating weight of more than 26,001 pounds used on public roads to participate in a drug and alcohol testing program. These same regulations also require that such employers train all personnel who supervisor employees with commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) in handling suspected on-the-job drug or alcohol use. This workshop addresses these federal requirements by providing supervisory personnel with a working understanding of the federal CDL regulations, including on-the-job probable cause procedures. In addition to those supervisory personnel required to attend, all township CDL employees should attend this workshop to ensure that everyone is on the same page regarding this important public safety training. Eligible for 3 PMGA Public Works points. Click here to register.



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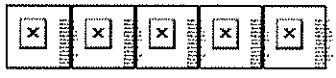

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Township Video News

TVN's Training Tuesday | PSATS' Biggest Educational Event of the Year
We've got important news about the 2021 PSATS Educational Conference and Exhibit Show. Plus, learn about some of our newest classes, one focusing on strong communication skills and another on the basics for township secretaries. (3:09)

Latest News

Independent Fiscal Office, Revenue Release Strong December Revenue Numbers
The Independent Fiscal Office and state Department of Revenue have released December revenue reports. For the month of December, state General Fund collections totaled $3.7 billion and were $465.8 million higher than anticipated. The increase was largely due to the corporate net income tax collections for December were above estimate by $36 million. Read full story.

PSATS Strategic Planning Survey Help Needed
Recently a strategic planning survey was sent to each township for input....electronically last Thursday and one arriving in your mailbox this week. We are asking for one survey response per member township. It was sent to the primary contact of record identified by the township. You are encouraged to reply to the survey (ideally online) no later than January 15. The data is being collected by an independent consultant and will not be seen by anyone at PSATS so please be honest in your anonymous response. This information will be used by your Executive Board in charting the next several years as we come out of the current challenges.

PennDOT Extends Expiration Dates for CDL Licenses
The state Department of Transportation has extended expiration dates for commercial driver's licenses and commercial learner's permits through February 22, 2021. This applies to CDL licenses and learner's permits that were scheduled to expire from March 16, 2020, through February 22, 2021. Please note that the extension deadlines on non-commercial driver's licenses, photo identification cards, learner's permits, and camera cards expired on August 31. Click here for more information.

Grants Available for Historic Preservation
Grant applications are being accepted for construction and project grants for historic resources that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Local governments are eligible to apply for these grants through the Keystone Historic Preservation Grant program administered by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. The deadline is **March 1, 2021**. The program supports projects that identify, preserve, promote, and protect Pennsylvania's historic properties for the benefit of the public and the revitalization of communities. Read full story.

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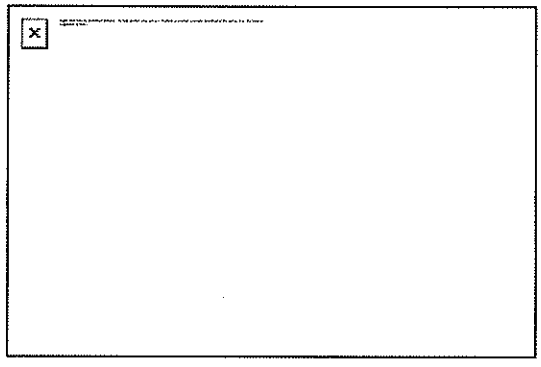

Swearing-In Ceremony for 2021-22 Legislative Session
All recently elected members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives will take the oath of office for the upcoming session today at noon.

Representative Bryan Cutler of Lancaster County is expected to be formally elected Speaker of the House.

Also at noon, in the State Senate, the oath of office will be administered to all recently elected senators (odd numbered districts) except for the 45th district, pending the outcome of a federal court decision involving the propriety of Allegheny County counting some mail-in ballots that were not properly signed and dated.

Senator Jake Corman of Centre County is expected to formally be elected as the President ProTempore.

Links to the live streams of the ceremonies can be found here.

House Democrats announce committee chairs for 2021-22 legislative session
House Democratic Leader Joanna McClinton (D-Philadelphia /Delaware) announced the members of the House Democratic Caucus who will serve as Democratic chairs of the standing committees for the 2021-22 legislative session.

- Aging & Older Adult Services Committee: Rep. Steve Samuelson, Northampton County
- Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee: Rep. Eddie Day Pashinski, Luzerne County
- Children & Youth Committee: Rep. Pam DeLissio, Montgomery & Philadelphia counties
- Commerce Committee: Rep. John Galloway, Bucks County
- Consumer Affairs Committee: Rep. Robert Matzie, Beaver & Allegheny counties
- Education Committee: Rep. Mark Longietti, Mercer County
- Environmental Resources & Energy Committee: Rep. Greg Vitali, Delaware & Montgomery counties
- Finance Committee: Rep. Kevin Boyle, Philadelphia
- Game and Fisheries Committee: Rep. Ed Neilson, Philadelphia
- Gaming Oversight Committee: Rep. Scott Conklin, Centre County
- Health Committee: Rep. Dan Frankel, Allegheny County
- Human Services Committee: Rep. Angel Cruz, Philadelphia
- Insurance Committee: Rep. Tony DeLuca, Allegheny County
- Judiciary Committee: Rep. Tim Briggs, Montgomery County
- Labor & Industry Committee: Rep. Gerald Mullery, Luzerne County
- Liquor Control Committee: Rep. Dan Deasy, Allegheny County
- Local Government Committee: Rep. Bob Freeman, Northampton County
- Professional Licensure Committee: Rep. Jake Wheatley, Allegheny County
- State Government Committee: Rep. Margo Davidson, Delaware County
- Tourism & Recreational Development Committee: Rep. Mary Jo Daley, Montgomery County
- Transportation Committee: Rep. Mike Carroll, Lackawanna & Luzerne counties
- Urban Affairs Committee: Rep. Mike Sturla, Lancaster County
- Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee: Rep. Chris Sainato, Lawrence County

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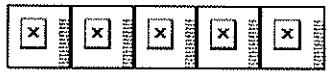

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