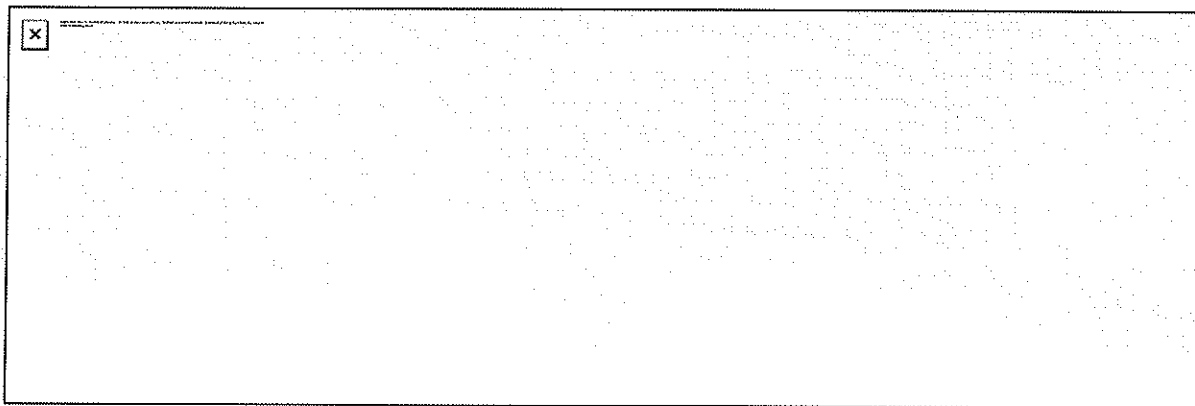


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Township Video News



TVN's DaveTalk | Fresh Eyes and New Approaches
Executive Director Dave Sanko explains how the pandemic has brought out the best in PSATS, its staff, and its services. (2:38)

Latest News

U.S. Treasury Rules to Require DUNS Number for Reporting Rescue Funds
The U.S. Treasury has provided guidance that all municipalities that receive federal funds through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) will need to have a valid DUNS number to meet reporting requirements under the program. Dun & Bradstreet provides DUNS numbers, which are unique nine-digit identification numbers.

If your township already has a DUNS number, you do not need to do anything further. If you are not sure if you have a DUNS number, you can use the

company look-up [feature here](#).

If your township does not currently have a DUNS number, now is the time to request one. DUNS numbers are free for entities required to register with the U.S. government for grants. [Click here](#) or call 1-866-705-5711 to begin the registration process.

Municipalities with populations of *more than 50,000 (entitlement communities)* must also ensure that they have an active SAM registration in place to receive the funds. SAM is the official government-wide database to register with to do business with the U.S. government. SAM registrations must be renewed annually. To learn more, [click here](#).

Treasury is expected to release additional guidance for ARP funds over the coming weeks, and PSATS will continue to keep you informed.

2021 Virtual Conference Workshops Begin Next Week!

April 26 through May 31, PSATS will host more than 60 of the 2021 Conference workshops through its virtual classroom. Learn from experts from across the commonwealth on a wide variety of township administration, public safety, public works, and planning and zoning topics and gain valuable knowledge and insight that you can immediately put to work to benefit your township. [Click here](#) to view the wide selection of workshops!



Click on ticket above to access pass

For just \$99, you can attend all PSATS Virtual Conference Workshops, live and on-demand. [Click here](#) and log in to purchase the pass! If you were registered for the conference, these sessions can be deducted from your refund, but you must register first. Call Mary Lehane at (717) 763-0930, ext. 107, with questions.

Missed the Farm Show This Year? Spring Food Fest Scheduled for May

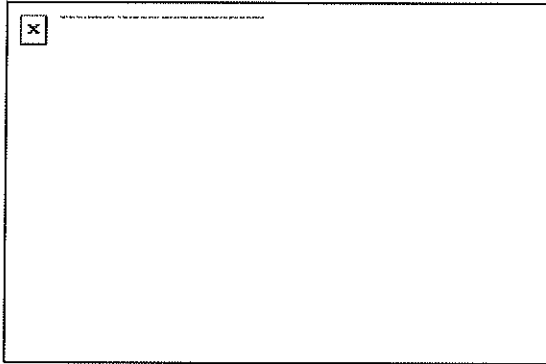
The state Department of Agriculture will hold an outdoor Spring Food Fest May 7-9 in the North Lot of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center from 11a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. The event will feature many of the food favorites from the Farm Show To learn more, including menu options, [click here](#).

National Pineapple Upside Down Cake Day

National Pineapple Upside Down Cake Day on April 20th celebrates a sweet cake that contains pineapples and cherries. Americans have been enjoying this springtime cake since the early 1900s when many cakes were made in cast iron skillets.

To make a Pineapple Upside Down Cake, line the bottom of a cake pan with pineapple rings. Then place a cherry in the center of each ring followed by a butter and sugar mixture. Finally, the cake batter is poured over the pineapples and baked. When the cake is done, it is turned upside down onto a platter before serving, revealing a delightful and delicious masterpiece.

Legislation & Policy



The House and Senate will convene for session today, April 20. Watch session live [here](#).

PSATS Comments on Proposed Underground Storage Tank Regulations
The Association recently submitted comments to the Environmental Protection Agency in opposition to a proposal which would place an unfunded mandate on townships that have underground storage tanks (UST).

Under current rules, all UST systems must be compatible with the substance stored. If a UST will be used to store biofuels, a notify of intent to store must be filed by the tank owner, compatibility must be documented, and records must be kept.

Under the proposed the rulemaking, if an UST needed to replace any of the component parts, they would need to purchase biofuel compatible parts up to E100 even if the tank was not compatible with E100 and the tank owner had no intention of storing E100 because their fleet is not compatible with it.

"Due to the lack of vehicles, particularly work trucks, that are compatible with 100 percent biofuels, this is another unnecessary and expensive mandate for keeping fuel that is substantially less than 100 percent biofuels" PSATS Executive Director David Sanko commented.

[Click here](#) to view the full comments submitted to EPA.

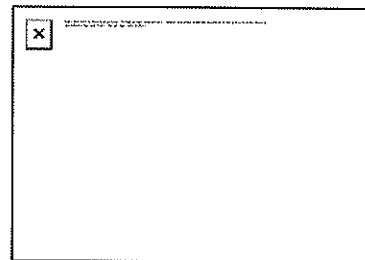
House Passes Lemonade Stand Legislation

Yesterday, the House unanimously passed HB 664 which would prohibit a municipality from requiring a license for a business that a minor operates occasionally and makes a profit of less than \$5,000. HB 664 is now awaiting committee assignment in the Senate.

Learn

QuickBooks Tips and Tricks - Virtual Class - 4/22 & 29/21

Join PSATS and your colleagues from around the state for this two-session, newly REVISED virtual class where Diana Patton, who has spent 30 years as a township secretary/treasurer and the last 19 years as a Certified QuickBooks Instructor and Trainer, will show you all the ways you can use QuickBooks to better serve the financial needs of your municipality. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



20 Great Policies, Procedures, and Forms -



Virtual - 4/26/21

In this fun and face-paced workshop, you'll learn a variety of interesting policies and procedures -- from common sense to creative -- that are designed to enhance your community's day-to-day operations. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

20 Ways to Improve Your Public Meetings - Virtual - 4/26/21

Learn how to build a better meeting structure, prepare better meeting materials, improve communications with residents, and more! [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Why Saving With COSTARS is Sweeter Than a Chocolate Bar! - Virtual - 4/27/21

Attend this session to learn about COSTARS, including tips for navigating the website, searching contracts, and negotiating with suppliers to save taxpayer money on goods and services. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Right-to-Know Law Update: The Second Decade - Virtual - 4/27/21

This session will explore significant Right-to-Know Law decisions in the last year from both the courts and the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



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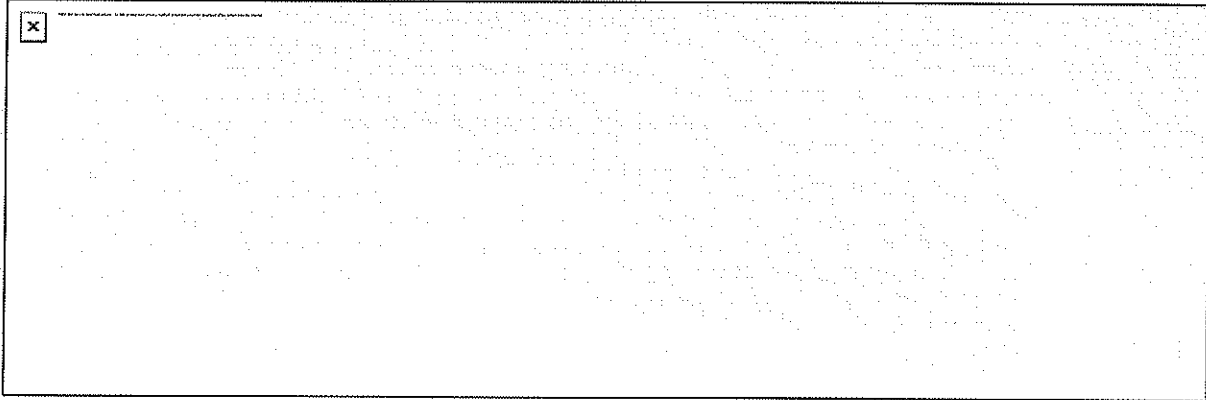


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Latest News

National Administrative Professionals' Day

It's a big day in township government! National Administrative Professionals' Day recognizes the professionals who keep an office running smoothly every day. Celebrate these professionals on the Wednesday of the last full week in April of each year. The day recognizes the work of secretaries, administrative assistants, receptionists, and other administrative support professionals.

The day in the life of an administrative professional is varied from moment to moment. While organization is key to their success, their flexibility and ability to handle the unexpected make them valuable to any business. Some of their responsibilities include managing appointments, drafting letters and memos, booking business trips, coordinating appointments and planning meetings. Administrative professionals compile data and research information, too. They are central to an office or organization running efficiently.

43% of Adult Pennsylvanians Have Received at Least One Vaccine Dose

It is now just over one week since Pennsylvania made everyone 16 and older eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. More than 2.8 million Pennsylvanians are now fully vaccinated, and an additional 1.8 million Pennsylvanians have received the first dose of a two-dose vaccine series. Nationally, more than 85 million people have been fully vaccinated. According to the Centers for Disease Control, Pennsylvania remains at 19th for total doses administered per capita and 43% of adult Pennsylvanians have received a first dose of vaccine. [Click here](#) for state numbers and [here](#) for national numbers.

Pennsylvania road fatalities jumped in 2020 despite people driving less during pandemic

Despite stay-at-home orders and a dramatic drop in traffic due to the pandemic, Pennsylvania road fatalities surged 6% in 2020, PennDOT announced Tuesday.

Last year, 1,129 people died in crashes across Pennsylvania, a jump from the 1,059 people who died in 2019, PennDOT reported.

The news proved little surprise as observers from across the country had warned of disturbing safety trends over the past year. Traffic experts had previously linked road deaths to exposure — when people drove more, more people died in accidents. But 2020 flipped those expectations on their head.

When the pandemic struck, traffic disappeared almost overnight. Businesses had employees work remotely when possible, schools shifted to virtual learning plans and major tourist destinations closed their doors or limited the number of people they'd serve. By the time 2020 ended, motorists traveled 1.5 billion miles less in Pennsylvania than they had in 2019, an 18.4% decrease, according to the Federal Highway Administration.

"We cannot definitively say why fatalities increased during the COVID-19 pandemic even though it certainly had an impact on traffic volumes statewide," PennDOT Secretary Yassmin Gramian said in a news release. "Over the long term, traffic fatalities are still trending down, but we must continue to work together to make our roads safer for all drivers. The surge was fed by a jump in the number of people who died in fatal crashes involving motorcycles, people who drove off the road and speeding, PennDOT data shows. At the same time, the number of people killed in head-on collisions and in pedestrian-involved crashes decreased, according to PennDOT.

Safety experts may hope the 2020 surge will mark as an anomaly tied to the strangeness of the pandemic. With minor exceptions, road deaths have been trending downwards for years in Pennsylvania since 2005, when 1,616 people died in crashes. The 1,059 people killed in 2019 is still the record low.

While many types of fatality crashes decreased, including those involving drivers 65 or older, some categories were up. Crashes involving local roads, single vehicle run-off-the-road, motorcycles, and crashes involving speeding were up in 2020. To learn more, [click here](#).

Biden Orders U.S. Flag to Half-Staff for Walter Mondale

President Joe Biden ordered the U.S. Flag to be flown at half-staff at the White House and on all public buildings and grounds as a mark of respect for Walter Mondale, former U.S. vice president, until sunset on the day of interment. [Click here](#) for more.

Reminder: DCED Accepting Applications for Act 13 Grants

The state Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) is accepting applications for Act 13 programs until May 31, 2021. There are several grant programs listed below that funded from impact fees from natural gas wells under Act 13 of 2012:

Abandoned Mine Drainage (AMD) Abatement & Treatment Program:

Townships may apply for grants to reclaim abandoned mine wells, remediate and repair existing AMD project sites, and monitor water quality to track nonpoint source load reductions from AMD remediation projects.

Baseline Water Quality Data Program: Townships may apply for grants to establish baseline water quality data on private water supplies using the Baseline Water Quality Data program.

Flood Mitigation Program: Townships may apply for grants to perform flood mitigation projects.

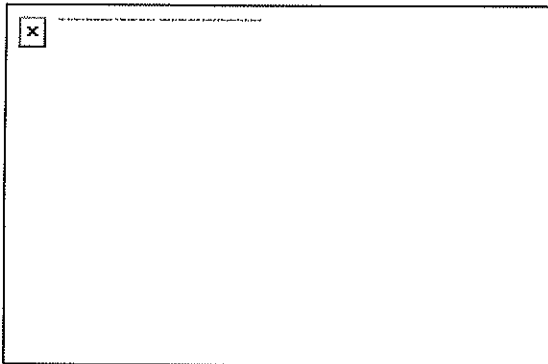
Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program: Townships may apply for funding to plan, acquire, develop, rehabilitate, and repair greenways, recreational trails, open space, parks, and beautification projects.

Orphan or Abandoned Well Plugging Program: Townships may apply for grants to clean out and plug abandoned and orphan oil and gas wells, stray gas mitigation systems, and well venting projects.

Sewage Facilities Program: Townships may apply for grants for costs associated with the planning work required under Act 537, the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act.

Watershed Restoration and Protection Program: Townships may apply for grants to construct, expand, repair, maintain, or rehabilitate new or existing watershed protection best management practices.

Legislation and Policy



The House and Senate will convene for session today, April 21. Watch session live [here](#).

House Local Government Committee News

Yesterday, the House Local Government Committee reported the following bills from committee:

HB 221 which would amend the Local Tax Enabling Act (*Act 511 of 1965*) to authorize local governments to use up to 25 % of revenue from the open space tax for maintenance and development regardless of the method of acquisition or purchase.

HB 403 which would clarify that land on boundary lines would be assessed to the municipality or county of the owner's choice when the boundary goes through the house. Would be binding on all future owners unless subdivided.

HB 1213 which would authorize the council of a distressed municipality to vote to organize a government study commission if the recovery plan adopted by the distressed municipality recommends adoption of a home rule charter or amendment of an existing home rule charter.

HB 1217 which proposes an amendment to the Constitution to provide for the removal of elected officers of a municipality. Would establish removal "for cause" as defined by the General Assembly which shall include absenteeism from meetings and dereliction of duty.

Note: Constitutional amendments require approval during two consecutive legislative sessions and approval by the voters during a statewide referendum.

HB 221, HB 403, HB 1213, and HB 1217 are now before the House.

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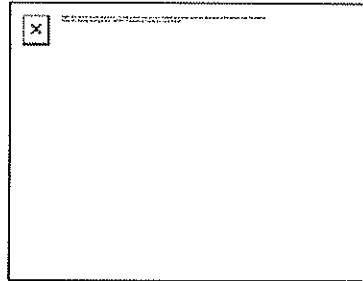
2021 PAAZO Spring Virtual Educational Forum - 4/23 & 30/ 2021

This two-day virtual program explores issues that zoning officers, planning and zoning officials face on a regular basis, and discusses effective strategies to address them. [Click here](#) for agenda and to register.



Duties of a Zoning Hearing Board - 4/27/21 - Cumberland County (Live and Virtual)

This class is being held as a live classroom course, or you can attend virtually. From making decisions on contentious public issues to learning the ins and outs of the Municipalities Planning Code, being a member of a zoning hearing board can be a challenge. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Land Use and Zoning Law Update - Virtual - 4/28/21

Attend this session to learn about significant land use and zoning cases in Pennsylvania and changes and developments in related laws. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Development Disasters and How to Defend Against Them - Virtual - 4/30/21

This session will explore how an approved, compliant land development can fail and what townships can do to protect themselves. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



New Uses & Zoning Regulations: What We Learned From 2020 - Virtual - 5/5/21

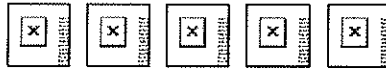
This workshop will encourage participants to consider new uses that have evolved and their impact on townships. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



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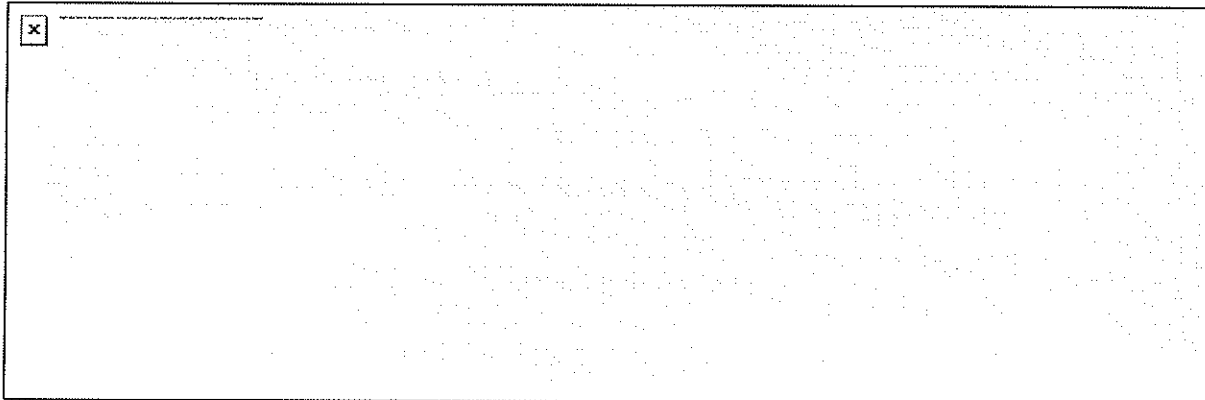


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Latest News

Governor Signs Law Extending Local Tax Deadline

Yesterday, Governor Wolf signed House Bill 766 into law, which will amend the Tax Reform Code of 1971 to extend the due date of Pennsylvania corporate tax returns and allow the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to coordinate with local government bodies an extension to May 17, 2021 of the local tax filing and payment deadline.

Under the act, the deadline for corporate tax returns will be changed from 30 days after the due date of the federal return to the 15th day of the month following the due date of the federal return. In addition to extending this year's local tax deadline, that deadline will now be permanently tied to state and federal tax deadlines to ensure consistency and predictability, reduce confusion, and eliminate the need for emergency extensions.

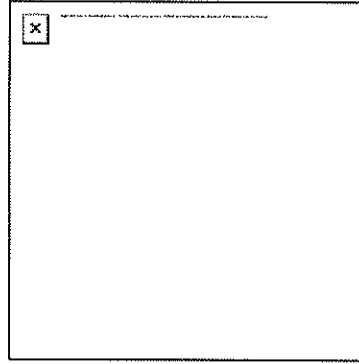
[You may read the bill in full here.](#)

PENNVEST Offers PFAS Grant

The Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority has a new annual funding opportunity designed to assist communities remediate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), a contaminant found in water sources and systems throughout the commonwealth. Applications are being accepted only until May 3, 2021. Townships that have a public water supply permit and are otherwise eligible for PENNVEST programs are eligible to apply. [Click here](#) for more.

National Work Zone Awareness Week to be Held April 26-30

The 2021 National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) will be held April 26-30, and the theme is "Drive Safe. Work Safe. Save Lives". This year, the Michigan Department of Transportation will be hosting the NWZAW [kick-off press event on Tuesday, April 27th.](#)



Other activities during NWZAW include:

- April 26th-[National Stand-Down to Prevent Struck-by Incidents Webinars](#). The webinars will be hosted by The Center for Construction and Training (CPWR):
- April 28th-Orange for Safety: Wear orange on Wednesday, April 28 to provide a visible reminder and show your support for families who have lost loved ones in work zone crashes.

To learn more about National Work Zone Awareness Week and how you can promote it, [click here.](#)

National Take a Chance Day

Every year on April 23rd, National Take a Chance Day encourages us to break out of our comfort zone.

Most of us have unaccomplished goals or dreams. What if this was the day to take the chance to make them happen? Even if it is just the first step toward that goal, it will be one step closer than before.

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowline, sail away from the safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover. ~ Mark Twain

Learn

[Can We Talk? The Three C's for Increased Roadway Safety - Virtual - 4/28/21](#)

This session will focus on motorist and responder safety, including how to clear roads and communicate, coordinate, and cooperate more effectively at emergency scene. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[Fire & EMS Issues in Your Township: A Panel Discussion - Virtual - 5/3/21](#)

It's no secret that many townships are struggling to provide adequate fire and EMS services. Attend this session to hear from and question a panel of fire and EMS leaders about trends, best practices, and other public safety issues. [click here](#) for more information and to register.



The Pros and Cons of Fire Department Stipend Programs - Virtual - 5/3/21

The presenter will discuss their implementation, successes and failures, and their relationship to regionalization. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Dealing With Constantly Changing Public Safety Challenges- Virtual - 5/11/21

This session will focus on how one township managed this eventful period of time. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



That Day You DIDN'T Make National Headlines! Creating Effective Police Policies - Virtual - 5/14/21

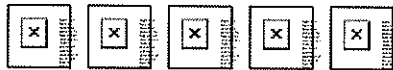
The presenters will explain how understanding current law, implementing good personnel practices and policies, and providing direction and leadership can help mitigate these problems. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



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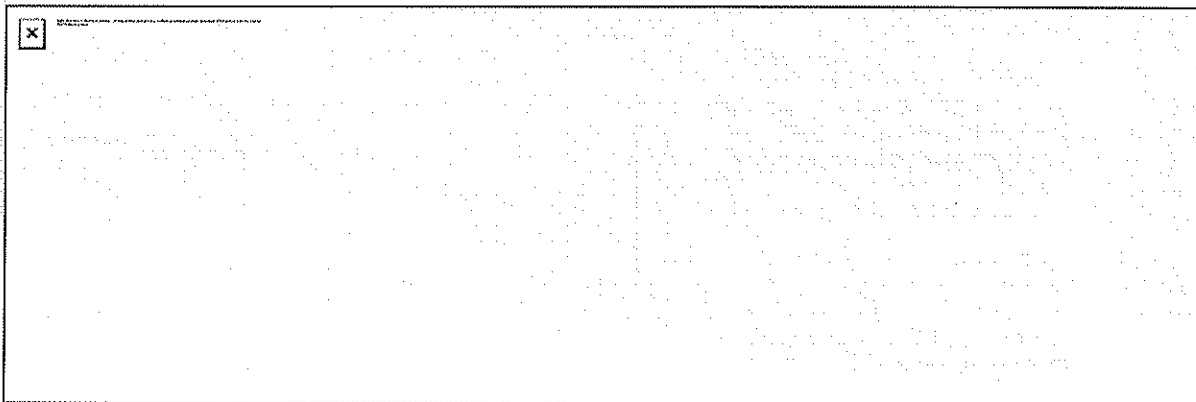


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Township Video News



TVN's PSATS Roulette | Publications, Pins, and Purple Stuff

There's only one place to get gear that shows off your PSATS and township pride: the PSATS Store at psats.org. Take a look at what you've been missing. (1:05)

Latest News



2020 Census Apportionment Results Announced

The U.S. Census Bureau announced yesterday that the 2020 Census shows the resident population of the United States on April 1, 2020 was 331,449,281. *The U.S. resident population represents the total number of people living in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.* The U.S. resident population increased by 22,703,743, or 7.4%, from 308,745,538 in 2010.

In Pennsylvania, the resident population was 13,002,700. The Commonwealth's population increased by 300,321, or 2.4%, from 12.7 million in 2010. Only

statewide numbers were released.

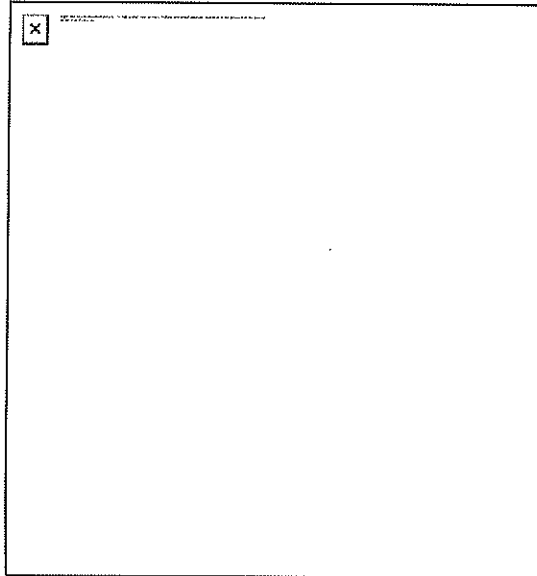
As a result of our growth rate being 5% below the national number, the U.S. Census Bureau confirmed that Pennsylvania will lose one congressional seat, dropping the commonwealth to 17 seats. Seven states (*including Pennsylvania*) will lose one seat, five will gain one seat, Texas – which gained nearly 4 million residents in ten years – will gain two seats, and 37 states will stay the same. [Click here](#) for more Census results.

Municipal and county counts have not yet been released. Redistricting data, which includes local area counts, is expected to be released to the states by August 16, with full redistricting data delivered by September 30.

Pennsylvania's Enhanced "Move Over Law" Takes Effect

Pennsylvania's Move Over Law requires drivers approaching an emergency response area to either move over or, if they are unable to safely merge into a lane that is further away from the response area, to slow to at least 20 mph below the posted speed limit.

Under the act, an emergency response area is where an emergency vehicle has its lights flashing, or where road crews or emergency responders have lighted flares, posted signs, or tried to warn travelers. The enhanced law is vital to protecting the lives of our emergency responders and roadworkers on the scene.



Act 105 of 2020 creates new penalties that impose two points for failure to merge out of the lane next to the emergency response area; sets fines at \$500 for first-time offenders, \$1,000 for a second offense, and \$2,000 for a third or subsequent offense; and requires a 90-day license suspension for a third or subsequent offense. In cases where a violation causes serious injury or death to another person, the penalties increase. [Click here](#) for more about the new law.

Reminder: DUNS Number Required for Reporting Rescue Funds

Township officials may notice certain interest groups and vendors attempting to provide guidance on the new federal funds that municipalities will receive in a few weeks. Some may be appealing to larger municipalities or counties and provide guidance that may not apply to your township.

As reported last week, all municipalities that receive federal funds through the American Recovery Plan (ARP) will need to have a valid DUNS number to meet reporting requirements under the program. Dun & Bradstreet provides DUNS numbers, which are unique nine-digit identification numbers.

If your township already has a DUNS number, you do not need to do anything further. If your township does not have a DUNS number, now is the time to request one. DUNS numbers are free when required to register with the U.S. government for grants. [Click here](#) or call 1-866-705-5711 to begin the registration process.

Only municipalities with populations of more than 50,000 (entitlement communities) are required to have an active SAM registration in place to receive the funds. SAM is the official government-wide database to register with to do business with the U.S. government. SAM registrations must be renewed annually. In addition, only entitlement communities need to provide confidential account information to the federal government. To learn more, [click here](#).

Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available. We anticipate US Treasury guidelines to be released ahead of schedule any day now.

Conference Virtual Workshops Start this Week!

This week is the start of the PSATS Conference Virtual Workshops. This is a snapshot of what is coming up this week. To view a the full list of workshops or to

register, to go learn psats.org/virtual-conference.

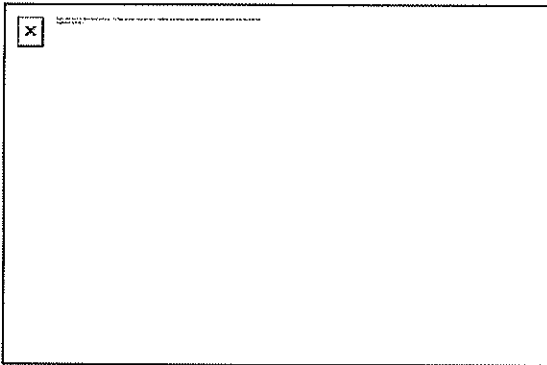


National Tell a Story Day

National Tell a Story Day on April 27th each year in the United States encourages people of all ages to share stories. The stories can take many forms, too. You can read from a book or create one from your imagination. Stories recreated from childhood memory leave an indelible imprint on both the storyteller and the listener. No matter what story you tell, the day supports gathering with friends and family to share those stories.

The ancient practice of storytelling handed down knowledge from one generation to the next. It is a wonderful way to pass on family traditions, histories, and long-told tales. It can also be entertaining as well as educational. Any good storyteller will tell you, some of the very best stories come from real-life experiences.

Legislation & Policy



The Senate is scheduled to return to session today, April 27. Watch session live [here](#).

PSATS Grassroots Action Alert: Contact Your Senator Today to Request Support of Right-to-Know Law Reforms

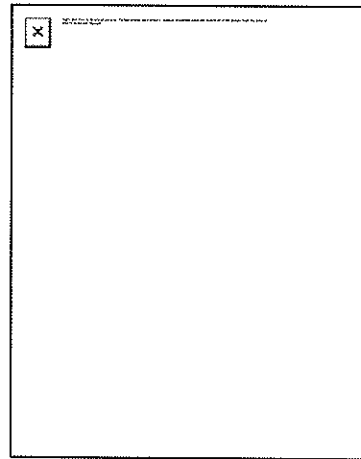
Two very important Right-to-Know Law bills are before the Senate State Government Committee. We need your help to get these important reforms moving.

The first, **SB 312** would allow townships to charge a reasonable fee for commercial requests. A commercial purpose would include selling or reselling any portion of the records, using names and addresses from the records for commercial solicitation, or any other purposes which are intended to generate revenue. A commercial purpose would not include requests from the media, or nonprofit educational or noncommercial scientific institutions.

The Second, **SB 552** would allow townships to petition the Office of Open Records for relief from a vexatious requester. A "vexatious requester" would be individuals who use the Right-to-Know Law with malicious intent to intimidate, harass, or punish an agency, resulting in wasting taxpayer dollars and resources.

Both bills are facing opposition and we need your help!

Login to your PSATS account and click on the "Grassroots Engagement Tool" on the PSATS Grassroots Network page under the legislative and policy tab and click on "take action" to contact your Senator. *This will include sample text for you to use as well as space for you to provide specific township examples.*



Questions can be directed to the Association at (717) 763-0930 or grassroots@psats.org. Thank you.

Hearing on Alternate Septic Systems

PSATS is scheduled to testify today, April 27, before the joint House and Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committees on the implementation of Act 34 of 2020 and Act 26 of 2017 by the state Department of Environmental Protection. Both acts provide for a wider, more cost-effective use of alternate on-lot sewage treatment systems and were intended to simplify the municipal sewage planning process and reduce the financial burden on homeowners who are unable to use conventional on-lot sewage systems to meet their land development needs. However, both acts have been interpreted by the state Department of Environmental Protection to make the use of these systems more difficult, if not impossible.

[Click here](#) to watch the hearing

Learn

PSATS educational events will be listed as follows: Mondays – All webinars; Tuesdays – Administrative; Wednesdays – Planning/Zoning; Thursdays – Public Works; Fridays – Public Safety.

Right-to-Know Law Update: The Second Decade - Virtual - 4/27/21

This session will explore significant Right-to-Know Law decisions in the last year from both the courts and the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Free Speech Can be Costly - Virtual - 4/27/21

This session explores how townships can balance an employee's right to free speech with its need to prevent disruption and unrest in the workplace. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Unemployment Compensation 101 - Virtual - 4/29/21

Plan to attend this class, which will include a review of the unemployment system, the claims process, and appeals. A mock hearing is planned, too. You'll also learn about the new web-based UC benefit process that was introduced in October 2020. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Common Sources of Municipal Liability and Risk Management - Virtual - 4/30/21

If you attend this session, however, you'll walk away with a holistic understanding of municipal liability and the history of claims, the impact of COVID-19, and basic insurance terms and concepts. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Staying Open for Business: Learning from COVID:19 - Virtual - 5/4/21

This workshop analyzes the lessons learned from COVID-19 and what your township can do to successfully continue operations -- especially

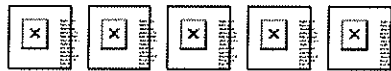


financial operations -- during the next significant business interruption, whenever and whatever it may be. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

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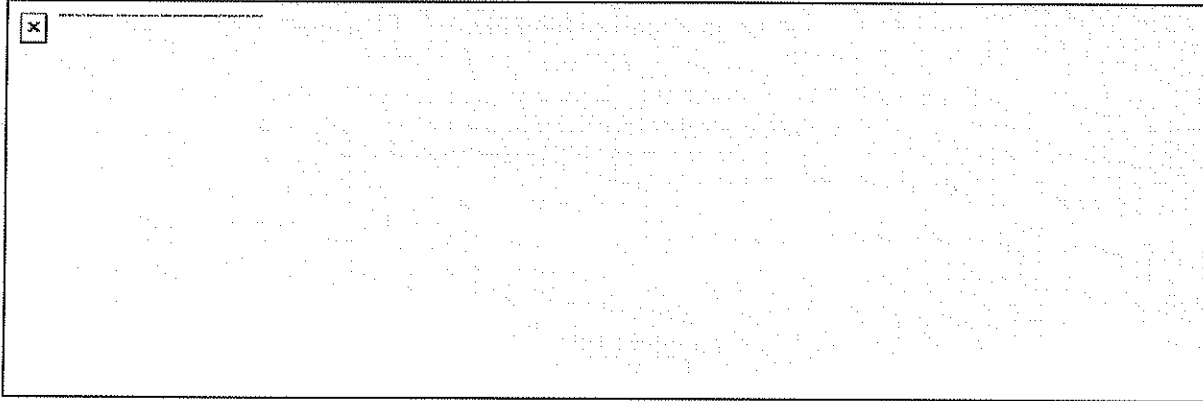


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Latest News

PSATS Staff Opportunities

Do you have special talents to share with others to preserve commonsense and local government? PSATS, your member service organization, is looking to add new talent to our extraordinary staff. Fiscal and administrative support, benefits coordination, marketing, strong writing, website, digital or video communications, fundraising or event planning are all skills that can open the door. If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities in Enola, or know someone who is, please email resume@psats.org with a letter of interest and resume. All inquiries will be kept confidential.

FCC Collecting Broadband Experiences, Speed App Data

The Federal Communications Commission is collecting broadband information from consumers to create maps that display fixed and mobile broadband availability, or lack of access. By reaching out to consumers, the FCC believes it can build more accurate maps that show where high speed internet services are currently unavailable.

Township officials and their residents are encouraged to participate and **tell the FCC about their access or lack of access**. The FCC is encouraging consumers to share their broadband experience by filling out a short form detailing their lack of connectivity. Supporting documents can be uploaded to this form. In addition, the FCC has a Speed Test App available that can be downloaded and run to show actual broadband speeds. [Click here to learn more and to participate.](#)

CDC Updates Guidance for Fully Vaccinated People

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released updated health recommendations for fully vaccinated people. Township officials should note that Pennsylvania's mask order [automatically incorporates](#) updated CDC guidance on masking.

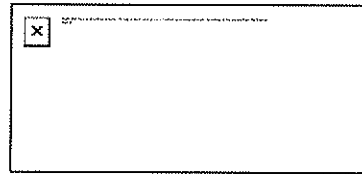
People are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine. Under the new guidance, fully vaccinated people:

- Do not need to wear a mask outdoors, except in certain crowded settings and venues.
- Can continue to work following an exposure as long as they are asymptomatic.
- May be exempted from routine screening testing, if feasible.
- May visit indoors with other fully vaccinated people without masks or social distancing.
- May visit indoors with unvaccinated people from a single household at low risk for severe COVID-19 without masks or social distancing.
- Do not need to quarantine or be tested following a known exposure if asymptomatic.

Fully vaccinated people should continue to take precautions in indoor public settings, such as wearing a mask and social distancing; avoid large indoor in-person gatherings; follow employer guidance; and get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. [Click here](#) for more.

REAL ID Effective Date Delayed Until May 3, 2023

The Department of Homeland Security is extending the REAL ID full enforcement date from October 1, 2021 to **May 3, 2023** due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Department cited the pandemic's impact on states' ability to issue REAL ID-compliant driver's licensing agencies as reason for the delay.



Due to the change, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, photo ID card, or another form of federally acceptable identification (*such as a valid passport or military ID*) to board a domestic commercial flight or enter a federal building or military installation that requires ID beginning **May 3, 2023**.

REAL IDs are now available to Pennsylvanians who want them. To learn more about whether you need a REAL ID and how to obtain one from the state Department of Transportation, [click here](#).

Pennsylvanians Passes 8 Million COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Administered

Just over two weeks since Pennsylvania made everyone 16 and older eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, the commonwealth has now administered 8.1 million vaccine doses and nearly 48% of eligible Pennsylvanians have received at least a first dose. More than 3.2 million Pennsylvanians are now fully vaccinated, and an additional 1.9 million Pennsylvanians have received the first dose of a two-dose vaccine series.

Nationally, more than 96 million people have been fully vaccinated. According to the Centers for Disease Control, Pennsylvania moved up to 14th for total doses administered per capita. [Click here](#) for state numbers and [here](#) for national numbers.

Conference Virtual Workshops Start this Week!

This week is the start of the PSATS Confernece Virtual Workshops. This is a snapshot of what is coming up this week. To view a the full list of workshops or to register, to go learn.psats.org/virtual-conference.



National Superhero Day

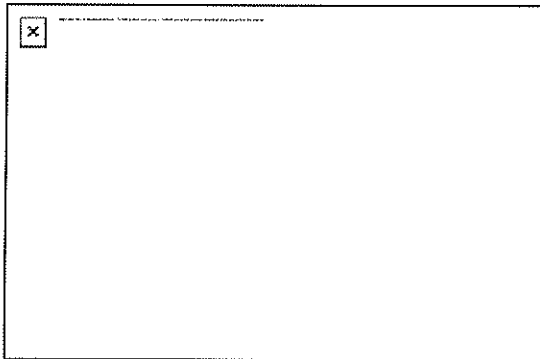
Each year on April 28th, National Superhero Day honors superheroes, both real and fictional.

Superman, Wonder Woman, Black Panther, Captain America, Hulk, and Spiderman are just some of the superheroes whose names we recognize. Even

though they are fictional, these superheroes provide role models for our children. They serve and protect while fighting evil.

Our real-life superheroes may not have superpowers or wear capes. However, just like fictional superheroes, children also look up to them as role models. They serve and protect their communities. These real-life superheroes also dedicate their lives to helping others, saving lives, or being a mentor. Township Supervisors, Military personnel, police officers, firefighters, and teachers are just a few of the heroes who protect us on a daily basis.

Legislation and Policy



The Senate will be in session today, April 28. Watch session live [here](#).

Right-to-Know Law Bills Approved by Committee: Contact Your Senator to Request Support!

Yesterday, the Senate State Government Committee approved two important Right-to-Know Law reforms, SB 312 and SB 552.

SB 312 would allow townships to charge a reasonable fee for commercial requests. A commercial purpose would include selling or reselling any portion of the records, using names and addresses from the records for commercial solicitation, or any other purposes which are intended to generate revenue. A commercial purpose would not include requests from the media, or nonprofit educational or noncommercial scientific institutions.

SB 552 would allow townships to petition the Office of Open Records for relief from a vexatious requester. A "vexatious requester" would be individuals who use the Right-to-Know Law with malicious intent to intimidate, harass, or punish an agency, resulting in wasting taxpayer dollars and resources.

Both bills are now before the Senate for their consideration. Contact your Senator today to request their support!

Login to your PSATS account and click on the "Grassroots Engagement Tool" on the PSATS Grassroots Network page under the legislative and policy tab and click on "take action" to contact your Senator. This will include sample text for you to use as well as space for you to provide specific township examples.

Questions can be directed to the Association at (717) 763-0930 or grassroots@psats.org. Thank you.

Agenda Legislation Moves Forward

The Senate State Government Committee also approved SB 554 which would amend the Sunshine Act to require agencies to post a meeting agenda containing all items that will be voted on at least 24 hours before a meeting. This legislation would require the agenda to be posted on an agency's website, if it has one, or at its building and meeting place. An agency could vote to add unadvertised items to the agenda if a majority of the board present agrees.

SB 554 is now before the Senate.

Senate Passes Public-Private Partnership Legislation

Yesterday, the Senate passed SB 382 (43-4) which would amend the Public-Private Transportation Partnership statute by adding a fixed notice requirement and a public comment period specific to the scope of projects to be undertaken. SB 382 would also authorize the General Assembly, within 20 calendar days or 9 legislative days, whichever is longer, to adopt a concurrent resolution rescinding the approval of a transportation project if the transportation facility that is the subject of the project is commonwealth-owned.

SB 382 is now awaiting committee assignment in the House.

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Land Use and Zoning Law Update - Virtual - 4/28/21

Attend this session to learn about significant land use and zoning cases in Pennsylvania and changes and developments in related laws. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Development Disasters and How to Defend Against Them - Virtual - 4/30/21

This session will explore how an approved, compliant land development can fail and what townships can do to protect themselves. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



New Uses & Zoning Regulations: What We Learned From 2020 - Virtual - 5/5/21

This workshop will encourage participants to consider new uses that have evolved and their impact on townships. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



You Just Received a Sewage Facilities Planning Module. Now What? - Virtual - 5/10/21

Attend this session, where the presenters will provide simple, straightforward guidance to help your township process these modules with confidence. [Click here](#) for more information.



**2021 PAAZO Spring Virtual Educational Forum -
4/23 & 30/ 2021**

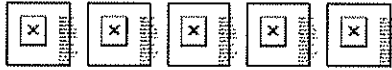
This two-day virtual program explores issues that zoning officers, planning and zoning officials face on a regular basis, and discusses effective strategies to address them. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



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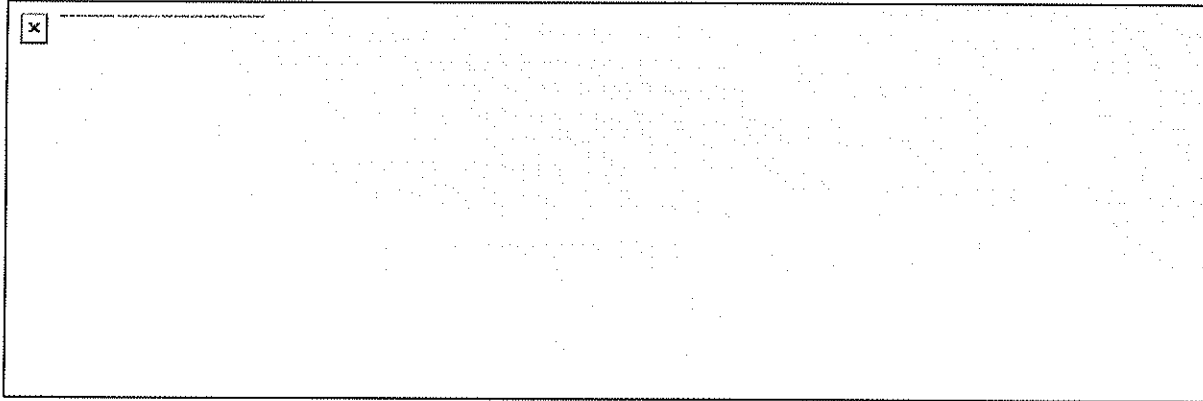


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Latest News

PennDOT Releases Updated Transportation Funding Study for Public Input

The state Department of Transportation is exploring sustainable transportation funding options and has released a revised version of its PennDOT Pathways Program, which contains ideas for filling the \$8.1 billion annual highway and bridge transportation funding gap. The revised document provides additional details about the funding options being studied and incorporates public comment from the first round into the Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study results. The Department is requesting public feedback on the plan **until June 1, 2021**. To view a website outlining the findings, [click here](#). To read the study, [click here](#).

Through the PennDOT Pathways program, the department is conducting an extensive initiative into near- and long-term transportation funding solutions for Pennsylvania. Options under consideration include the Major Bridge Public-Private Partnership (P3) Initiative, which would fund the reconstruction or replacement of the identified bridges through tolling. Other options include corridor tolling, managed lanes, congestion pricing, and a road user charge.

To comment, email PennDOTPathways@pa.gov, call 717-325-6129, or mail comments to PA Department of Transportation, Keystone Building, 400 North St, Fifth Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Please copy PSATS Government Relations Director Joe Gerdes on submitted comments to jgerdes@psats.org. PSATS will review the study and provide comments in accordance with existing policies and resolutions. To view PSATS comments on the original plan, [click here](#).

FCC Announces Start Date for \$50 Emergency Broadband Credit

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced May 12 as the start date for the Emergency Broadband Benefit program, which will help make broadband more affordable by providing a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and a one-time discount of up to \$100 to

purchase a computer or tablet from participating providers if they contribute at least \$10 towards the purchase price.

Eligible households include those participating under the current Lifeline program, which receive benefits under a free and reduced-price school lunch or meet other income eligibility criteria. [Click here](#) to learn more.

National Prepare-a-thon Day

National PrepareAthon! Day on April 30th reminds us that crises happen suddenly. Being prepared needs to happen now, not later.

Natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods or wildfires require us to make decisions with little or no warning. Do you have an emergency plan in place with your family in the event of an emergency situation? Does your township have a plan to protect your residents?

PrepareAthon! Day offers tools and resources for communities and citizens that help them to prepare their businesses, families, and schools in the event of a disaster. Large or small, it takes members of the community getting involved to help keep a crisis from turning into a tragedy. While our emergency resources supply one arm of the response team, many others step forward. Some help with a supply chain while others coordinate medical personnel. Communication is also vital to a successful plan. When everyone has a blueprint, our plans run more smoothly.

Check in with TEMA (Emergency Management Association) for more details on emergency planning for your community. [Click here](#) for more info.

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Fire & EMS Issues in Your Township: A Panel Discussion - Virtual - 5/3/21

It's no secret that many townships are struggling to provide adequate fire and EMS services. Attend this session to hear from and question a panel of fire and EMS leaders about trends, best practices, and other public safety issues. [click here](#) for more information and to register.



The Pros and Cons of Fire Department Stipend Programs - Virtual - 5/3/21

The presenter will discuss their implementation, successes and failures, and their relationship to regionalization. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Dealing With Constantly Changing Public Safety Challenges- Virtual - 5/11/21

This session will focus on how one township managed this eventful period of time. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



That Day You DIDN'T Make National Headlines! Creating Effective Police Policies - Virtual -



5/14/21

The presenters will explain how understanding current law, implementing good personnel practices and policies, and providing direction and leadership can help mitigate these problems. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Rx for Disaster: The Effects of COVID-19 on the EMS System - Virtual - 5/17/21

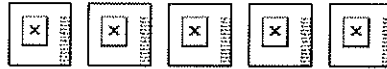
This workshop will focus on the impact of the pandemic on the commonwealth's EMS system, including the toll it's taken on agencies' finances and their workforces. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



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