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## Latest News

### [\*\*Fire & EMS Grant Deadline Extended\*\*](#)

The COVID-19 Fire, Rescue, and EMS Grant registration deadline has been extended to August 14, 2020, at 4 p.m. The purpose of this grant is to provide financial assistance to first responders who have found it difficult to keep their operations running due to COVID-19. Grant funds must be used for operational and equipment expenses.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

### [\*\*Wolf Administration Highlights Increased Efforts to Expand COVID-19 Testing Availability\*\*](#)

The Wolf administration has announced continued efforts to work to further increase COVID-19 testing in Pennsylvania. This includes partnerships in place with Walmart and Quest Diagnostics, which provide direct access in many communities, including rural areas. [Read full story](#).

### [\*\*Governor 'Strongly Recommends' Postponement of Youth Sports Until New Year\*\*](#)

The state Departments of Health and Education have jointly recommended that Pre-K–12

school and recreational youth sports be postponed until at least January 1, 2021, to protect children and teens from COVID-19. The Wolf administration is providing this strong recommendation, not an order or mandate. [Read full story.](#)

### **Fresh Food Financing Initiative Announced**

Approximately 2.04 million Pennsylvanians are experiencing chronic hunger and food insecurity every day during the COVID-19 pandemic. The [Fresh Food Financing Initiative COVID-19 Relief Fund](#), funded through the CARES Act, is available to for-profit, nonprofit, or cooperative entities impacted by COVID-19, including grocery stores, corner stores, convenience stores, neighborhood markets, bodegas, food hubs, mobile markets, farmers markets, on-farm markets, urban farms, and food aggregation centers with a direct connection to direct-to-consumer retail outlets.

### **[Governor Announces \\$10.5 Million of Federal aid to Help Career and Technical Education Centers](#)**

Gov. Tom Wolf is dedicating approximately \$10.5 million of CARES funding to Career and Technical Education Centers (CTC) to help them implement public health and safety plans and resume operations. [Read full story.](#)

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## Learn

### **[Cable Franchising In The Wake Of The FCC's 2019 Order - Virtual - 8/10/20](#)**

This session explores and explains a landmark FCC cable franchising order that went into effect September 26, 2019. It represents the most dramatic change in cable franchise rules in the last 30 years. The order determined that all in-kind, noncapital cable company benefits to municipalities fall within the 5% franchise fee. This means that franchise fee payments could be reduced by the value of these benefits, including courtesy services, access channels, etc. This ruling will most likely impact all of Pennsylvania's townships. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. Eligible for 1 CLE Credit. [Click here](#) to register.



**Establish "Street Cred" With GPS Database Management - Virtual - 8/10/20**

Attend this session to learn how to submit corrections to the major databases that provide information to various GPS services. Using Google Earth, official township and county maps, and your insider knowledge as an addressing coordinator or emergency services Provider, you can ensure that GPS users are not led astray by incorrect information. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. [Click here](#) to register.



**Trenchless Pipe Rehabilitation - What Are My Options? - Virtual - 08/14/2020**

Maintaining stormwater and sewer pipe infrastructure can be expensive. Trenchless pipe rehabilitation is an economical alternative to full replacement. During this workshop, the presenters will explore several options, including slip lining, cured in place pipe (CIPP), portland and geopolymer mortar spray lining, and invert repair with concrete or concrete cloth. Participants will break into groups to discuss the pros and cons of each technology and share solutions. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.



**Flagger Training**

This instructor-led Flagger Training will be conducted for individuals who have flagging responsibilities on ANY ROAD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Others who would benefit from this course include: utility companies working on low volume roads, law enforcement personnel, municipal managers and elected officials (to understand the importance, and for budgeting purposes). This class is eligible for 2 PMGA Public Works points.



[8/14/20 - Beaver County](#)

[8/14/20 - Berks County P.M. Session](#)

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