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Welcome to the PSATS Morning News, our new email digest.

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## Township Video News



The PSATS Municipal Government Academy is where local officials and employees go to get smart. Care to join them?

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## Latest News

### **[PSATS Town Hall – Township Budget Impact This Thursday, April 30, at 4 p.m.](#)**

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken over the world, and the news is changing at a rapid rate. Townships, like many other essential industries and governmental entities, are trying to keep up with new information and changes. To help your township prepare, PSATS is hosting its fifth web-based Town Hall, with special guests from the state Department of Community and Economic Development to talk about the budget implications of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As usual, PSATS staff will also be on hand to talk about the latest guidance from the state and how it applies to your township. Don't miss this important Town Hall on Thursday, April 30, at 4 p.m.

Participants will have the opportunity to submit questions before and during the Town Hall, which is limited to the first 500 registrants and is free. To register, please [click here](#).

### **[Gov. Wolf Announces Limited Reopening of Outdoor Recreation Businesses](#)**

Beginning May 1, Gov. Tom Wolf has announced that certain outdoor businesses may reopen statewide but must implement state guidance, including social distancing. This includes golf courses, marinas, guided fishing trips, and privately owned campgrounds.

For example, while golf courses may allow the use of golf carts, the carts must be single occupant only, no gatherings of any kind are permitted, golfers must remain 6 feet apart, and restaurant activity is limited to take-out or delivery. Marinas may open facilities for personal or commercial use, but fishing charters with more than two clients and rental services are prohibited.

State park campgrounds will remain closed through Thursday, May 14. [Read full story](#).

### **[U.S. Census Bureau to Conduct Surveys on Impact of COVID-19 on People, Businesses](#)**

The U.S. Census Bureau has announced that it will begin to conduct brief electronic surveys to provide near real-time data to perform federal and state response and recovery planning. The Household Pulse Survey will collect data on how people's lives have been affected, while a Small Business Pulse Survey will launch soon and provide the impact on the nation's small businesses. Data is expected to be available beginning in May. In addition, data on business formation activity will be published each Thursday at noon. [Click here](#) for more information.

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## Legislation & Policy



The House and Senate will be in session today April 28, 2020.

Watch session live [here](#).

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## Learn

### [QuickBooks Virtual Training Series – Bookkeeping Basics, Accounts Payable, Payroll And More!](#)

In this 5-part virtual classroom series, Diana Patton will review how to tackle all sorts of common (and not-so-common) QuickBooks tasks – from bookkeeping and accounting basics to using accounts payable to handling payroll and taxes – applicable to municipal government. If you have responsibility for managing your municipality's QuickBooks files, you will not want to miss this virtual class series, which is made more convenient because you can participate and learn from the comfort of your home or office. [Click here](#) to register.

### [DON'T FORGET - Engineers Spring Virtual Seminar - May 4 & 5, 2020](#)

The PSATS Spring 2020 Engineers Seminar will now be offered online on the same dates so that PEs from all across the state can easily get caught up on municipal engineering developments and earn PDHs. [Click here](#) to register.



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