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

The Morning News eliminates a common complaint – too many emails – while still delivering up-to-date information on PSATS and local government issues. Starting today, members will receive ONE email from PSATS that includes latest news & COVID-19 updates, videos – look for TVN and the Question of the Week every Tuesday and Thursday – along with legislative and policy updates, grant and funding opportunities, and announcements about upcoming PSATS training.

We're excited about this new concept and want to hear what you think. Email comments and suggestions to morningnews@psats.org.

Latest News

[Local Government Week: Tools for Townships](#)

To help communicate your duties and responsibilities during these times with your community, PSATS has created a community outreach toolkit tied to Local Government Week.



[FBI Issues Warning of Videoconference Hijacking During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

To prevent video hijacks and "zoom-bombing," townships are recommended to review the FBI's guidance to videoconferencing. [Read full story.](#)

[Secretary of Health Order Provides Building Safety Measures to Combat COVID-19](#)

Pennsylvania Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine has signed a new order providing direction for maintaining and cleaning buildings for businesses authorized to maintain in-person operations under the Commonwealth's Life-Sustaining Business Orders. [Read full story.](#)

[DCNR Provides Guidance on Outdoor Activities During COVID-19 Outbreak](#)

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has released guidance on spending time outdoors while protecting yourself and others during the COVID-19 outbreak. [Read full story.](#)

[CDC Recommends Use of Cloth Face Masks to Prevent Spread of COVID-19](#)

The Centers for Disease Control now recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. [Read full story.](#)

Legislation and Policy



[The House and Senate are scheduled to return to session Today](#)

Watch session live [here](#)

PSATS, with your help, and that of other municipal associations, has persuaded the senate to take up the issues of remote meetings and permit extensions. Watch for SB 841 and encourage your members to support the amendments which will codify some useful tools into Title 35, the Emergency Management Code.

Meanwhile, PSATS continues to work with the legislature and Governor's office to get them to move quickly in providing support and tools to

townships in these challenging times.

Learn

[Is Your Township Prepared for More Takings Claims? - 4/8/20](#)

Learn about how a recent U.S. Supreme Court case involving a Pennsylvania township may lead to increased takings claims by residents against your township. For more information, [click here](#).



[Township Purchasing 101/Boot Camp Virtual Classroom - 4/6/20](#)

Learn the basics of the bidding process, including the different bid thresholds, the importance of drafting clear specifications, best practices for opening and awarding bids (and what to do when you don't like, or don't receive any, bids), bid contests, exemptions from competitive bidding, and numerous resources to assist you and your township through the process.



[Media Training 101: Tips to Improve Your Township's Approach to Communications - 4/16/20](#)

PR strategists will teach you ways to better leverage social channels to communicate with your residents



PFESI Web Series- Session 1- Engaging Youth to Further Your Mission - 4/6/20

Many Fire/EMS organizations have canceled meetings, trainings, fundraisers and other events their youth members typically take an active role in. It is important to ensure youth members are not feeling disappointed or left out!



For full list of webinars and classes please visit <https://learn.psats.org>



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