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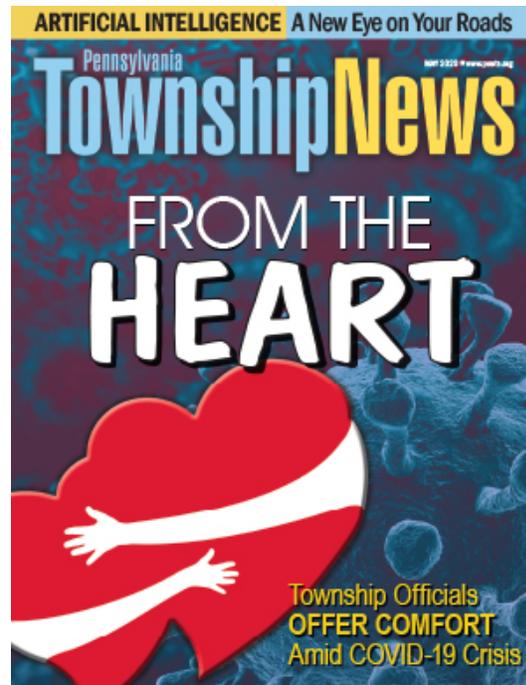
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We're excited about this new concept and want to hear what you think. Email comments and suggestions to morningnews@psats.org.

Latest News

The May issue of the Township News, including a Digital Version, Is Now Available

This month's cover article explores how townships are providing care and comfort amid the COVID-19 pandemic and how PSATS is offering new services to help its members during this crisis. The issue also contains its annual series on transportation topics, including assessing road conditions with artificial intelligence, posting and bonding roads, surviving a liquid fuels audit, and keeping the environment at the forefront of road projects.



Subscribers to the News can access their digital copy by signing in to <https://connect.psats.org/> and clicking on the "Your Monthly Magazine Just Went Digital" box.

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[Townships Urged to Join in the Census Digital Action Weekend May 1-3](#)

This weekend, PSATS is joining with the U.S. Census Bureau to participate in Digital Action Weekend, May 1-3. The goal is to keep the 2020 Census in conversations across all digital channels and social media platforms and urge everyone to complete the census. Throughout the weekend, the Census Bureau and PSATS will be posting messages on their social media pages, and we urge all townships to join in this effort. [READ MORE](#) about how to get involved.

[First Steps of Pennsylvania Reopening Begin Today](#)

Today marks the first steps of the reopening of Pennsylvania since the governor's stay-at-home order began. [Read full story](#).

[CDC Provides Cleaning, Disinfection Guidance for Reopening](#)

Townships wondering what steps to take to clean offices and other facilities before reopening should review the Centers for Disease Control's new guidance on Cleaning & Disinfecting for Reopening. The guidance reviews spaces used for various purposes and details on how they should be cleaned and disinfected and how often. The resource also

details when it is not necessary to increase cleaning procedures, such as certain outdoor areas and facilities that have not been occupied in seven days or more. [Click here](#) to view the guidance.

[A Peek at DCED Business Waivers](#)

State Auditor General Eugene DePasquale announced that he will audit how the Department of Community and Economic Development managed the waiver process for businesses that appealed Gov. Tom Wolf's COVID-19 shutdown order. [Click here](#) for more.

A Senate standing committee voted to subpoena Gov. Tom Wolf's administration Thursday over documents related to the Democratic governor's waiver program that was instituted as a way to provide flexibility from his COVID-19 business restrictions.

The Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee approved the motion to subpoena both Wolf and Department of Community and Economic Development Secretary Dennis Davin for a treasure trove of documents related to the administration's waiver program, which has found itself in the crosshairs of legislative Republicans who have chastised the process for being arbitrary, unfair and opaque.

3 Things To Do This Weekend!

1. Travel Pennsylvania...from Your Home: Itching to get out and explore? Need something to do this weekend? Check out Pennsylvania's Pursue Your Hominess campaign and explore the commonwealth safely – from home. Courtesy of Pennsylvania's Tourism Office, the campaign is an effort to bring Pennsylvania experiences, experts, and enthusiasts into the homes of tourism fans in the hope that they will explore now and visit later. Experiences include a virtual campfire, creating a cocktail from household ingredients, touring the night sky, cooking demonstrations, and performances by Pennsylvania orchestras. [Click here](#) to enjoy!

2. Make Sure Your Township Is Counted!: Join the Census Digital Action Weekend May 1-3. PSATS has found response rates for townships to be lagging behind national averages in some areas. While the COVID-19 crisis may have delayed field operations and door-to-door canvassing, the census is still going strong. In fact, with digital, phone, and mail options, it has never been easier to respond to the census and help promote it from your own home. Use your computer to urge your residents to respond to the census this weekend! [Click here](#) for more details.

3. Join Bells Across Pennsylvania Sunday, May 3: Join PSATS and The Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association in "Bells Across Pennsylvania Day." This special event will take place on May 3, 2020. Take time to thank hometown heroes and recognize and honor first responders, healthcare workers, and employees of grocery stores, pharmacies, and other

life-sustaining businesses, etc....[Click here](#) for more details.

Legislation & Policy



The House is to be in session May 4, Senate is at call of the President Pro Tempore.

Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee News

On April 30th the committee approved a motion to subpoena records from the administration related to the business waiver/ exemption process during the Governor's business closure order.

Learn

[Flagger Training - Virtual Class - 5/15/20](#)

This instructor-led, virtual class, 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 course has been designed to meet the PennDOT Publication 408 flagger training requirements mandated for all flaggers in Pennsylvania. [Click here](#) to register.



[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.



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