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Latest News



Happy Juneteenth Emancipation Day!

While National Freedom Day is acknowledged each year on February 1 marking President Lincoln's signing of the joint resolution that would end slavery through the 13th Amendment, today marks the day that Union troops, as they marched south, enforced the Emancipation Proclamation and freed all remaining slaves in Texas. This day is an opportunity for people to celebrate freedom and equal rights in the United States. Current events remind us of the importance of opposing racism of any kind, at any level, and that ALL public officials have a special role in insuring the preservation of a civil society.

[Pennsylvania Continues to Grow Greener; Another Announcement Expected](#)

Today, Pennsylvania grows even greener as Dauphin, Franklin, Huntingdon, Luzerne,

Monroe, Perry, Pike, and Schuylkill enter this new phase of reopening in the green phase. It is expected that the governor will make a statement today announcing that more counties will move from yellow to green on June 26. [Read full story.](#)

PA Case Count Crosses 80,000; Commonwealth Emphasizes Mask-Wearing

Yesterday, Pennsylvania's case count crossed the 80,000 mark, to reach 80,236 cases since March. The death toll is now at 6,361 Pennsylvanians.

As the state continues to reopen, Gov. Tom Wolf and state Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine emphasized that the virus has not gone away and that mask-wearing is required in all businesses in both yellow and green phases of reopening. According to health officials, the importance of wearing masks in green phase counties could impact a potential COVID-19 surge this fall.

[Comcast Extends Free Internet Program for Low-Income Families to December 31](#)

Comcast will continue to offer 60 days of free internet service to low-income families through the end of the year. Comcast is also continuing to waive the requirement that customers not have a past due balance to qualify for the free offer. [Click here](#) to learn more.

[PUC Damage Prevention Committee Releases Actions for Violations of PA One Call Law](#)

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's Damage Prevention Committee has announced the latest enforcement actions taken against facility owners, excavators, and project owners for failure to comply with the state's Underground Utility Line Protection Act, also known as the PA One Call Law. The actions were from the committee's June meeting. [Read full story.](#)

Learn

[Environmental Potpourri - A Regulatory Primer - Virtual - 6/25/20](#)

This primer on municipal environmental requirements will highlight recent regulatory and judicial developments in such areas as MS4 and stormwater management, Pennsylvania's Environmental Rights Amendment, clean water and Chesapeake Bay requirements, and waste management. Attendees will get practical advice on how to work with regulatory agencies and avoid compliance issues. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. Eligible for 1 CLE Credit.

[Click here](#) to register.

[Flexible Zoning, Subdivision & Land Development Solutions - Virtual - 6/25/20](#)

Develop-able land is disappearing. Meanwhile, infrastructure and buildings are aging to the point where they are inconsistent with the needs of today's residents. The world is changing quickly, and it seems land use ordinances cannot be updated fast enough. As a result, it is necessary to employ zoning, subdivision, and land development strategies that are flexible, creative, and (at least for now) cutting edge. This workshop explains many of those strategies and how townships are employing them today. Qualifies for 1 PMGA

Planning/Zoning Point. Eligible for 1 CLE Credit.

[Click here](#) to register.

[Crisis Management: Communicating In The \(New\) Real World - Virtual - 7/2/20](#)

Attend this workshop to learn communications best practices and top tips for planning for a crisis. The presenters will provide key insights and essential steps for developing a crisis communications plan that includes effective messaging with partners in various scenarios. You will also have an opportunity to have a Q&A with communications professionals who have managed national and local crisis situations for small and large clients. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.



Land Use & Zoning Law Update - Virtual - 7/2/20

The workshop will provide a summary of current land use law in Pennsylvania and recent court decisions. The presenters will discuss the impacts on municipalities and planners and conduct a question-and-answer session. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Planning/Zoning Point. Eligible for 1 CLE Credit. [Click here](#) to register.



Traffic And Parking: A Discussion With Traffic Engineers - Virtual - 6/22/20

Townships are continually changing. They grow, and rural areas become congested with traffic from a new development or uses. They contract, and a once-filled, massive parking lot now is nearly empty. In either case, how we plan for traffic and parking is important. During this moderated discussion between traffic engineers representing two sides of the table, municipalities and developers, attendees will gain insight into how traffic planning occurs and what it all means. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.



20 Ways To Improve Your Public Meetings - Virtual - 6/22/20

In this workshop, learn best practices to make your public meetings more productive. From publishing agendas on your websites to establishing ground rules for the conduct of the meeting to creating checklists for ordinance hearings held within previously-advertised public meetings to controlling the length and number of comments while still maintaining good participation and focus, you will get all sorts of practical tips for better meeting management. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. [Click here](#) to register.



[Flagger Training - Virtual Class - 6/26/20](#)

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 virtual training is eligible for 2 PMGA Public Works points. [Click here](#) to register.



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