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Welcome to the PSATS Morning News.

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Township Video News



As we look forward to the holiday weekend, PSATS hopes our members have a safe Fourth of July! (0:45)

Latest News

PSATS 2020 Membership Photo ID Cards Back in Production

Now that everyone is back in the offices, PSATS will again be producing the 2020 membership cards for supervisors, secretaries and managers in townships that have renewed their annual dues. If you would like your membership card to also double as a photo ID card, this can happen in one of two ways:

1. Use the current picture we have on file. To view that picture, sign in to PSATS Connect, click on "My PSATS Account" and then select "My Profile."

OR

2. You can upload your new picture.

Either way, we will send your card to you (with, or without, a picture!) To add a photo to your profile, follow these directions:

Click [here](#) to sign into PSATS Connect. Once signed into Connect, go to "My PSATS Account" and select "My Profile". The page will load. On the right, click "Upload Image. Select "Choose Files" and find your photo image you want to upload. Once you find the image, click on "Open". Make sure your image is how you want it to appear on the membership card before the next step. The image that is uploaded will be the image that appears on your card. Please note that if you post a township building photo, cartoon character, or pet, then THAT is what would appear on your ID card. We will only send cards with a human likeness. Click "Upload".

[Wolf Thanks Healthcare Staff, Discusses Benefits of Wearing Masks](#)

At a visit to UPMC Pinnacle Community Osteopathic Hospital in Harrisburg, Gov. Tom Wolf thanked healthcare professionals for the work on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic and stressed the importance of mask-wearing to stop the spread and protect those workers. [Read full story.](#)

[Pennsylvanians May Apply for Rent and Mortgage Relief](#)

Applications through the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency are now available for Pennsylvanians who qualify to apply for housing-related financial assistance. Renters and homeowners who were affected by the coronavirus-related economic slowdown can file the applications for rent and mortgage relief, made available through \$175 million from the federal CARES Act. [Read full story.](#)

[Small Businesses May Apply for Grants to Offset Revenue Due to COVID-19](#)

Across Pennsylvania, small businesses may now apply for funding to offset lost revenue caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and shutdown. The program will provide \$225 million in grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000 to eligible businesses through the new state

budget and federal CARES Act. [Read full story.](#)

[2020 Census: Where to Count Yourself if you Haven't Responded Yet](#)

If you haven't responded yet, respond now online at 2020census.gov, by phone, or by mail. You should respond for the address of your usual residence (which is the place where you live and sleep most of the time) as of April 1, 2020, even if you were temporarily staying elsewhere on April 1, 2020.

[Click here](#) for more information from the U.S. Census Bureau on what to do if you have not responded yet and remember respond today!

Legislation & Policy



The Senate is scheduled to be in session today, June 30th. The House remains on a 12-hour call of the chair. Watch session live [here](#).

Senate Passes Blight Legislation

On June 29th, the Senate unanimously concurred on House amendments to SB 352. This legislation would create the Tax Exemption and Mixed-Use Incentive Program to authorize municipalities to provide for tax exemption incentives for certain deteriorated industrial, commercial, business, and residential property. SB 352 would also apply to new construction in deteriorated areas of communities. SB 352 has passed both chambers and will be presented to the Governor for his signature.

Senate Appropriations Committee Approves First Responder Legislation

On June 29th, the Senate Appropriations Committee reported HB 1459 from committee. This legislation would create the Statewide Critical Incident Stress Management Program, a statewide program to assist first responders with managing stress and preventing stress related illness. It should be noted that HB 1459 would fulfill a recommendation of the SR 6 commission report. HB 1459 is now before the Senate for their consideration. PSATS supports HB 1459 and will continue to support recommendations of the SR 6 commission report.

Learn

[CDL - Probable Cause Training For CDL Supervisory Personnel - Virtual Training - 7/7/20](#)

State and federal regulations require every employer who has CDL employees driving vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating or operating weight of more than 26,001 pounds used on public roads to participate in a drug and alcohol testing program. These same regulations also require that such employers train all personnel who supervisor employees with commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) in handling suspected on-the-job drug or alcohol use. This workshop addresses these federal requirements by providing supervisory personnel with a working understanding of the federal CDL regulations, including on-the-job probable cause procedures. Eligible for 3 PMGA Public Safety points. [Click here](#) to register.

[CMV/CDL Records Management - Virtual Training - 7/14/20](#)

This workshop will review CMV/CDL employee and vehicle paperwork, including pre-employment inquiries regarding a CDL applicant's past drug and alcohol test results and driving safety reports; requests for CMV driver's license information; annually reviewing each CMV driver's qualification to continue driving; CMV daily vehicle inspection, maintenance, and repair reports; the employer's required policy on CDL drug and alcohol testing; and a general overview of all the CDL regulations. This class is eligible for 3 PMGA Public Safety points. [Click here](#) to register.



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