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Latest News

Congratulations! - PSATS Mid Year Survey Drawing Winner

Recently, many of you completed our Mid-Year survey to help PSATS plan to better meet your needs in the new "pandemic world". Congratulations to **Doug Hein from Covington Township in Lackawanna County** who won the \$500 gift card drawing from among nearly 3,000 participants! Doug is Secretary/Treasurer for the township.

[PA Cases Continue to Rise](#)

New per-day positive COVID-19 cases in Pennsylvania continue to rise. The seven-day average new case count is now 912, up 15 percent from 793 one week ago. In addition, the statewide percent-positivity also increased from 4.4 percent one week ago to 4.7 percent, on Friday, which remains below the recommended rate of 5 percent. This number is the total positive COVID-19 tests out of all COVID-19 tests conducted. [Read full story.](#)

[Commonwealth Adds Missouri and Wyoming to Quarantine Advisory](#)

The commonwealth has added Missouri and Wyoming to the list of states that Pennsylvania residents are urged to quarantine for 14 days upon their return. To view the advisory and the full list of states on the advisory, [click here.](#)

[PennDOT Extends Licenses Until August 31](#)

PennDOT has [extended the expiration dates for driver's licenses](#), photo ID cards, and learner's permits set to expire between March 16 and August 31 until August 31, 2020. Camera cards with expiration dates within this timeframe are also extended through August 31, 2020.

Looking for the Latest Issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin? [Click here.](#)

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[An Update On The Right-To-Know Law - Virtual - 8/3/20](#)

This session focuses on significant Right-to-Know Law decisions made in the last year by the courts and the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records. Attendees will also learn about legislative changes and their impact on townships, their procedures, and their public record determinations. In addition, the presenters will explore third-party rights in Right-to-Know requests and appeals. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. Eligible for 1 CLE Credit. [Click here](#) to register.

[Procurement Best Practices For Proven Results - Virtual - 8/3/20](#)

As townships strive for better pricing and greater bidder participation, fear of noncompliance and the nature of public bidding may yield disappointing results. However, applying some simple best practices can create conditions that attract more competent bidders and better pricing. Following the analysis of more than 9,500 bids, updated to reflect trends and issues over the past year, this session will offer valuable tips and tricks that produce real results when bidding projects. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. [Click here](#) to register.



[Cable Franchising In The Wake Of The FCC's 2019 Order - Virtual - 8/10/20](#)

This session explores and explains a landmark FCC cable franchising order that went into effect September 26, 2019. It represents the most dramatic change in cable franchise rules in the last 30 years. The order determined that all in-kind, noncapital cable company benefits to municipalities fall within the 5% franchise fee. This means that franchise fee payments could be reduced by the value of these benefits, including courtesy services, access channels, etc. This ruling will most likely impact all of Pennsylvania's townships. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. Eligible for 1 CLE Credit. [Click here](#) to register.

[Establish "Street Cred" With GPS Database Management - Virtual - 8/10/20](#)

Attend this session to learn how to submit corrections to the major databases that provide information to various GPS services. Using Google Earth, official township and county maps, and your insider knowledge as an addressing coordinator or emergency services Provider, you can ensure that GPS users are not led astray by incorrect information. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. [Click here](#) to register.

[Bidding Basics & Beyond - Virtual - 8/24/20](#)

Beginning with an overview of the Second Class Township Code requirements for bidding, this session will cover some "Best Practices" geared at creating conditions that attract more competent bidders and competitive pricing. Updated to reflect trends and issues encountered over the past year, and following analysis of thousands of public projects in Pennsylvania, this session will offer valuable tips and tricks that produces real results when bidding projects. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. [Click here](#) to register.



Stormwater BMP Inspections - Virtual - 8/24/20

Is your township responsible for operating and maintaining stormwater best management practices (BMPs) or is it enforcing the operations and maintenance (O&M) of BMPs by private property owners? This workshop will provide the steps to help local officials develop an effective inspection program. Attendees will walk away with a clearer understanding of BMP types and components, how to develop inspection protocol and procedures, and how to get private property owners to comply with local regulations. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.



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