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Welcome to the PSATS Morning News.

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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

[COSTARS Salt Contract Details Now Available](#)

The state Department of General Services has announced that the 2020-2021 sodium chloride contract has been awarded and is now posted in eMarketplace. Participating townships should [click here](#) to access the contract details and then search under parent contract #'s 6100045558, 6100045971, and 6100048201. COSTARS expects to send an official email notice to all participating members this week with the county map, awarded suppliers, price per ton, and other details.

[Trump Signs Executive Orders Providing Stimulus Funds](#)

This weekend, President Donald J. Trump signed several memoranda and an executive order intended to provide financial assistance to individuals due to the lack of congressional authorization. [Read full story.](#)

[Daily PA COVID-19 Cases Decrease for Second Straight Week](#)

The statewide COVID case total now stands at 118,852. New per-day positive COVID-19

cases in Pennsylvania decreased for the second straight week. The seven-day average new case count is now 747, down 15 percent from 879 one week ago. In addition, the statewide percent-positivity also decreased from 4.6 percent one week ago to 4.1 percent, which is 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 Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin to Quarantine Advisory](#)

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

[U.S. Unemployment Level Drops in July](#)

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that the U.S. unemployment level dropped from 11.1 percent to 10.2 percent in July. [Read full story.](#)

[Impacted Homeowners, Businesses in Southeast May be Eligible for Disaster Loans](#)

Homeowners, renters, and businesses impacted by the civil unrest in Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties may be eligible for low-interest disaster loans if they suffered damaged or destroyed property. These loans are specific to damage from protests that occurred May 30-June 8 and are through the U.S. Small Business Administration. To learn more, [click here.](#)

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



MASK UP with PSATS - Pleated Cloth Face Masks Available

The association is selling machine-washable reusable cotton, pleated face masks. Available 1 ply or 2 ply and with or without the PSATS logo. To purchase these masks, go to the [PSATS Online Store](#). Masks are located under "Attire/Accessories." Or call (717) 763-0930 ext. 114.

DISCLAIMER: PSATS pleated cotton face masks meet all CDC requirements for non-medical protective cloth face coverings. However, they are not FDA-approved, not intended for medical use, and not proven to reduce the transmission of any disease.

Learn

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

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 dates to register.



[8/11/2020](#) & [9/15/2020](#)

[Residential Traffic Management In 2020 - Virtual - 8/17/20](#)

Residential traffic management issues continue to evolve. Approaches and tools adopted several decades ago are often insufficient to meet today's needs. This session will review lessons from 20-plus years of traffic calming, discuss key changes that affect how we approach traffic challenges, and consider new practices. (Note: The workshop presumes the audience is familiar with traffic calming and will include only a brief overview of specific measures.) Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Works 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.

Environmental Potpourri - A Regulatory Primer - Virtual - 8/24/20

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.



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