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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



Don't Forget to Complete PSATS' Salary Survey Plus 2020 by the End of This Week!

PSATS' Salary Survey Plus is a valuable member service that provides townships with accurate annual wage and benefit results and allows members to track wage changes from year to year. However, PSATS can't produce this quality product without your help! Taking a few minutes to securely enter your township's 2020 wage rates and benefit changes enables us to produce a statewide results document and gives your township exclusive online access.

Only participating townships may use the online reports to compare townships by budget size, population, union status, region, and more. And to protect data anonymity, the results do not show any other township's individual responses.

Each township's Salary Survey Plus processor, who is your township secretary, manager,

or other designated employee, should complete the survey by August 15 so that we can provide the best possible data to assist you in budget season. To enter your data, log onto connect.psats.org and choose “My PSATS Account” and “Salary Survey Processor.” Not sure who your designated processor is or need to make a change? Email memberservices@psats.org or call us at (717) 763-0930.

Thank you for helping to make the 2020 PSATS Salary Survey Plus the best product ever!

[Trump Releases Additional 5G Spectrum for Broadband Expansion](#)

To enhance the ability of many Americans to access quality broadband service, President Donald Trump has announced that 100 megahertz of contiguous, coast-to-coast mid-band spectrum will be made available for commercial 5G spectrum. This will enable the wireless industry to build 5G networks nationwide using the 3.45 to 3.55 GHzband. The Administration has determined that the plan will not compromise military preparedness or national security. [Click here](#) to learn more.

[FEMA Will Accept Applications for Supplemental Firefighter Grant](#)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is providing an additional opportunity for both volunteer and combination fire departments to apply for funding under the Fiscal Year 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. [Read full story](#).

[State, Federal Governments Provide Funding to Private Sector to Develop COVID Testing, Vaccines](#)

Gov. Tom Wolf has announced that the commonwealth is providing grants and tax credits worth more than \$1 million to a Pennsylvania company that is working to develop a rapid antigen self-test that would detect active COVID-19 with no need to transport samples to a lab for testing. [Read full story](#).

Learn

PSATS' Regional Forum - Lycoming County - (Virtual) - 8/13 & 8/20

In the PSATS (Virtual) Regional Forum – Lycoming, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics from the comfort of your office or home. Among the topics to be covered include fire service challenges, how to better enforce township ordinances, the Right-to-Know Law, current zoning and planning issues, how to stretch your township public works budget, and managing employment issues in the COVID-19 world and beyond.. You will also have an opportunity to interact and network with colleagues around the region. [Click here](#) to see FULL agenda and to register.

Developing Your Township Budget

This class will provide proven and effective methods and techniques to help new and veteran township supervisors, secretaries, treasurers, managers, road masters and public works officials develop budgets that work. This course is eligible for 2.5 PMGA Administration Points.

[8/25/20 - Cumberland County](#)

[8/26/20 - Crawford County](#)

[8/27/20 - Westmoreland County](#)

[9/2/20 - Montgomery County](#)

[9/9/20 - Centre County](#)

[9/14/20 - Luzerne County](#)

Keeping Your Township Out Of Headlines: Tips To Avoid Fraud - Virtual - 8/13/20

Be sure to send a representative to this session, which will provide techniques and practices to help local leaders avoid fraud in their municipality. Real-life township case studies will be discussed. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. [Click here](#) to register.



The PUC And Your Municipality - Virtual - 8/13/20

This session will focus on the far reach of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and its impact on townships of all sizes. The presenter will discuss case studies and practical tips. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. Eligible for 1 CLE Credit. [Click here](#) to register.



Webinar - Best Practices For Municipal Records Retention - 8/19/20

Is your township struggling to get a good handle on its records? Do you have staff members who are working remotely and don't know what to do with their records? In this webinar, Tyler Stump, an archivist with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, will review what records the Commonwealth allows townships to store electronically and make suggestions as to what sorts of records should (and should not) be created and stored electronically. He will also review the Commonwealth's PDF/A policy, which governs the electronic storage of permanent records, and address the impact of employees working from home on municipal records retention. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. [Click here](#) to register.



Webinar - Innovation For Emergency Geohazard Mitigation - 8/26/20

In Pennsylvania, Township Managers and Maintenance Professionals are increasingly faced with emergency geohazard (landslides, rockfalls, sinkholes, mine subsidence) events that impact critical infrastructure and local transportation networks. As the number of geohazard impacts continue to go up, funding is often being reduced, so innovative solutions and contracting are needed. This webinar, presented by Chris Ruppen, P.G., Pennsylvania Client Services Manager with GeoStabilization International, will discuss innovative stabilization





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