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Latest News

[Online Activity Brings Security Threats...Townships Should Review Cyber Policies](#)

Let's face it, your smartphone probably knows more about you than you do! It knows where you are always. [Read full story.](#)

[Pennsylvanians Can Access Federal Stimulus Money Without Jeopardizing Benefits](#)

State Department of Human Services Secretary Teresa Miller recently reminded Pennsylvanians who receive assistance in the form of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or Medical Assistance that the CARES Act Economic Impact Payments do not affect their benefits. [Click here](#) to read more.

[PA Asks Congress for Transportation Funding Help](#)

In a letter yesterday, Governor Wolf asked Pennsylvania's congressional delegation for financial aid to offset COVID related reductions in road and bridge funding including an estimated \$50 million dollar reduction in municipal (liquid fuels) funding. [Click here](#) to see the letter. Please ask your congressperson to support local highway funding in the next COVID aid package.

[PA Cancels Training for 1,300 Volunteers...Opts to Hire 1,000 Paid Staff](#)

In a story by SpotlightPA , an online affiliate of the Philadelphia Inquirer, it was reported that PA has canceled plans to train the 1,300 volunteer contact tracers who responded to help the Health Department track the spread of Covid-19. Instead, the Health Department awarded a 23 million dollars, no-bid contract to a firm from Atlanta, Georgia to identify, train, and hire paid staff to do the work. [Click here](#) for the full story.

[Pennsylvania One Call Hosts 811 Day Free Webcast - Tuesday August 11th](#)

Pennsylvania One Call will be hosting a free National 811 Day Webcast on August 11 at 8:11 a.m. [Read full story.](#)

Learn

[What Has Your Building Code Official Done For You Lately? - Virtual - 8/6/20](#)

This interactive session focuses on the crucial role of the township's building code official. These professionals are a critical part of the building process from reviewing projects to upholding safety standards. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Planning/Zoning Point. [Click here](#) to register.



[Meet Pollutant Reduction Goals With Floodplain Restoration - Virtual - 8/6/20](#)

Attend this session to learn about floodplain restoration, a unique approach that townships can use to reach their PRP requirements. Backed by real data, the presenters will use case studies to illustrate how this cost-saving strategy can increase buildable land and provide multiple other benefits to land owners and municipalities. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.



[Flagger Training - 8/12/20 - Huntingdon County](#)

This instructor-led 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 class is eligible for 2 PMGA Public Works points. [Click here](#) to register.

[Webinar - How To Manage Utilities In ROWs In 2020 - 8/12/20](#)

Numerous companies have facilities or wish to install new facilities in the narrow ribbon of real estate known as the public rights-of-way. Yet, townships are charged with the task of managing these facilities to protect public safety. This webinar will review how to balance those competing interests, including by covering three major legal rulings that have fundamentally altered the ability of townships to perform this task--the 2019 PA Supreme Court decision in City of Lancaster v. PUC, the 2019 FCC Cable Franchise Order, and the 2018 FCC Wireless Order. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Planning/Zoning Point. Eligible for 1 CLE Credit. [Click here](#) to register.

[Transparency & Communication In Local Government - Virtual - 8/12/20](#)

Local governments are tasked with delivering a wide breadth of services, such as public works, zoning, solid waste, recycling, etc., to our communities. It is no longer "good enough" to simply deliver these services; local governments must be customer service-oriented, transparent and actively communicate. This workshop will review various ways in which local governments can communicate, using various media, all the while incorporating an emphasis on increased transparency into the process. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. [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.



[Developing Your Township Budget - 9/2/20 - Montgomery Co.](#)

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. [Click here](#) to register.



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