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Welcome to the PSATS Morning News.

Missed yesterday's PSATS Morning News? No problem! A [PSATS Morning News Library](#) is available online for your viewing pleasure!

We're excited about this new concept and want to hear what you think. Email comments and suggestions to morningnews@psats.org.

Township Video News



PSATS is encouraging members to participate in its Salary Survey Plus by August 15. Find out why adding and updating employee data benefits your community and every other township in Pennsylvania, especially during budget season. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. (2:08)

Latest News



Attention Lycoming and Surrounding Counties: Last Call for Lycoming Virtual Regional Forum Registration!

Lycoming and surrounding counties should be sure to register for the [PSATS Virtual Regional Forum – Lycoming August 13 and 20](#) and take advantage of this incredible learning and networking opportunity.

The now virtual regional forums are designed for you to learn more about issues that matter to your community or region and discuss common interests with other local leaders, now from the comfort of your office or home.

Log on and join us for this great opportunity! For Lycoming’s Virtual Regional Forum agenda and to register, [click here](#). To see the full list of sessions, including the Bedford County session dated August 27, go to the [PSATS Regional Forums page](#).

JOIN PSATS’ CENSUS CAMPAIGN: Urge Your Residents to Complete the Census by Constitution Day

With this week’s announcement that the 2020 Census deadline has been moved up a month to September 30, it’s time for a statewide push to get every person in every township counted. Approximately 34% of Pennsylvanians have still not completed their census.

To help promote the census, PSATS has designated Constitution Day (September 17) as “Township CENSUS 2020 Response Day.” Let’s use this date to rally township residents to return their census by reminding them of the reasons why they live in townships — good schools, safe communities, low taxes, and recreational opportunities — and the importance of counting everyone in their community.



Remember, your township's population count for the next decade is at stake!

PSATS has created a [flyer](#) and a [logo](#) that townships can use to promote Township CENSUS 2020 Response Day to their residents. (NOTE: The flyer online has been updated to reflect the new September 30 deadline and should replace the flyer that was recently mailed to all townships with the News Bulletin.)

[State Police Liquor Control Officers Issue Violation Notices and Warnings](#)

Pennsylvania State Police liquor control enforcement officers visited 1,244 licensed liquor establishments from Monday, August 3, through Tuesday, August 4, to ensure that businesses are abiding by COVID-19 mitigation requirements that include social distancing, masking, and other health and safety requirements of the Liquor Code. [Read full story.](#)

[L&I Holding Virtual Town Hall on Unemployment Benefits Today](#)

Pennsylvanians can ask questions directly of unemployment compensation experts during the state Department of Labor & Industry's live virtual town hall from 1 to 2 PM today, August 6. The event will feature information about regular unemployment compensation and other federal COVID-19-related benefits programs.

How to participate:

- A livestream can be accessed [here](#).
- Those without internet access can listen by calling 1-833-380-0719. However, access is limited and is reserved for those who really need it.

Learn

[PennDOT's Traffic Safety & Operations Funding Programs - Virtual - 08/07/2020](#)

This virtual workshop is designed to provide townships with up-to-date information on two PennDOT grant programs that improve traffic safety and operations: the Green Light-Go and the Automated Red Light Enforcement Funding Programs. The workshop will focus on how to apply for funding and develop a successful application. The panelists will also present case studies of completed projects that used this funding and explain the project delivery process. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.

[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.



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.

Workers' Compensation And Volunteer Fire Companies - Virtual - 8/20/20

This session will focus on the unique workers' compensation coverage status of volunteer firefighters, including special fire police and junior firefighters. The presenters will also discuss the impact of the Presumption of Cancer Act (Act 46 of 2011) on the workers' compensation marketplace. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.

Real Estate Tax Collection In Pennsylvania - Virtual - 8/20/20

This workshop will acquaint attendees with the Local Tax Collection Act of PA, pending legislation affecting local tax collectors and municipalities, and the relationships between municipalities and their tax collectors. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. [Click here](#) to register.



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