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Township Video News

Although the 2021 Pennsylvania Farm Show will be quite different, Ag Secretary Russell Redding says you might not have to wait until 2022 to get your hands on a much-loved milk shake. He also discusses why township officials and farmers are “inseparable” and whether Thanksgiving turkeys will be in short supply. (7:05)

Latest News

Commonwealth Makes Changes to States on Quarantine Advisory
The commonwealth has added Arizona, Connecticut, Georgia, and Massachusetts to, and removed Louisiana from, the list of states that Pennsylvania residents are urged to
quarantine for 14 days upon their return. In addition, the commonwealth is now highly
discouraging non-essential travel to several neighboring states, including New Jersey,
Ohio, and West Virginia as a quarantine recommendation is not practically viable. To view
the advisory and the current list of states on the advisory, click here.

**CDC Updates Resources for Law Enforcement, Firefighters, and EMS Providers**
The Centers for Disease Control has updated COVID-19 resources for law enforcement,
firefighters, and EMS providers. Click here to view the resources for firefighters and EMS
providers. Click here for the resources for law enforcement personnel.

**Biden Transition Announces COVID-19 Advisory Board**
President-elect Joe Biden has announced the formation of the Transition COVID-19
Advisory Board, a team of public health experts who will provide advice on COVID-19. The
team will consult with state and local officials to determine the public health and economic
steps necessary to get the virus under control, provide relief to working families, address
racial and ethnic disparities, and reopen schools and businesses safely and effectively.
Click here to learn more about the appointees.

**Pa. Supreme Court to Hear Appeal on Vote Count Observers in Philadelphia**
The Pennsylvania Supreme Court will hear an appeal of a Pennsylvania Commonwealth
Court decision that said election poll watchers are permitted within six feet of vote counting
in Philadelphia. Click here for more from PennLive.

**Celebrate National Incident Response Awareness Week November 9-15**
This week is National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week and is an opportunity to
promote safety at roadway incident scenes for both the motoring public and the emergency
responders who serve them. Help promote responder safety and encourage the motoring
public to slow down, move over, and be safe. Free roadway incident response safety
resources, activities, and safety awareness posters are available here.
The House is scheduled to be in session today, November 10. House Republicans are scheduled to conduct leadership elections during caucus for the 2021-2022 legislative session. House Democrats have announced that they will not hold leadership elections today.

The House will also be in for non-voting session on November 12 and will be in for voting session on November 16, 17, 18, and 19.

The Senate canceled today as a session day and will now be in for voting session on Thursday November 12.

Learn

**PSATS’ Regional Forum - Lackawanna County - (Virtual) - 11/12/20**
In the PSATS Virtual Regional Forums, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics from the comfort of your office or home. Click here to register.

**Webinar - COVID’s Impact On Local Non-Profit Organizations - 11/12/20**
This webinar will discuss how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the budgets of local non-profit organizations and what that might mean for your township if you rely on these organizations to provide assistance during emergencies. Click here to register.
**Webinar - Best Practices For Managing Short-Term Rentals In Your Township - 11/17/20**
The use of short-term rentals continues to explode around Pennsylvania and the United States. Short-term rentals can bring the benefit of economic development and tourism dollars to your community, but also challenges and complaints if not regulated in an appropriate manner. In this webinar, Shawn McGlynn will review the current state of short-term rentals in Pennsylvania and provide best practices for how to best regulate them. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Planning/Zoning Point. [Click here](#) to register.

**Webinar - New PENNVEST Financing Opportunities - 11/24/20**
Is your township looking for funding for water/sewer projects? In this webinar, you will learn about how PENNVEST has improved its funding methods to better accommodate all water quality projects and practices. Eligible for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.

**Flagger Training - 12/8/20 - Luzerne Co.**
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). [Click here](#) to register.
**Right-To-Know Law, Sunshine And Ethics, Oh My! - Virtual Class - 12/8/20**

Has your township received bad publicity because of a misstep involving the Right-to-Know Law, Sunshine Act or Ethics Act? Not sure whether you or your township officials/employees are complying with your obligations under any of these laws? Or are you an experienced township official/employee just looking for a refresher? If you answered yes to any of these, you should take this class, which will provide best practices on how to more efficiently handle tricky (and common) RTKL requests, ensure smooth, and legal, public meetings (including remote meetings), avoid tripping yourself up with conflicts of interest and other Ethics Act problems, and much more. This course is eligible for 3 PMGA Administration points and 3 CLE credits (separate fee required for CLEs). [Click here](https://learn.psats.org) to register.

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