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Welcome to the PSATS Morning News.

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Township Video News



Online auctions are a great way to sell used equipment, but before your township gives it a try, there are a few things you need to know. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. (1:06)

Latest News

[State, Federal Health Officials Prepare as Fall COVID-19 Surge Begins](#)

The state Department of Health announced steps it has taken, with the support of the federal government, to prepare for a fall surge of COVID-19. Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine stated that based on current trends both in Pennsylvania and across the nation, particularly the upper Midwest, that it appears that the surge has begun. [Read full story.](#)

[3.8 Million Rapid Tests to PA](#)

Federal officials are advocating increased testing to catch and stop the silent spread of COVID-19 before the increased hospitalizations and deaths that follow. [Read full story.](#)

[Traffic And Liquor Violations Up](#)

Pennsylvania State Police released monthly traffic enforcement statistics for September. In addition, PSP liquor control enforcement officers visited 658 licensed liquor establishments from Wednesday, October 7, through Monday, October 12, 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.](#)

TODAY Marks the Last Day to be Counted in the Census

The Census Bureau has announced that it will be wrapping up its 2020 Census collection efforts today, October 15. This decision comes after several weeks of legal wrangling during which the census deadline has shifted several times. On Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court suspended a lower court order that had extended the census until the end of this month.

The bureau is reporting that 99.9% of Pennsylvanians have been counted. Since the census historically undercounts certain demographics, including rural areas, it's important to make one final push TODAY to ensure that your residents are counted. Let them know that they may self-respond online at 2020census.gov before midnight Hawaii Standard Time tonight (or 6 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time tomorrow), by phone at 844-330-2020 today, or by mail (if postmarked today). Census takers will also continue their door-to-door efforts through the end of today.

Thanks to all the townships that have worked to promote the census and seek an accurate count. In the coming months, PSATS will continue to keep townships apprised of the next steps in the census process.

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[Quickbooks - Using QuickBooks For Meeting And Year-End Reports 10/29/2020](#)

[Part of the PSATS Summer/Fall 2020 QuickBooks Series](#)

In this session, learn how to customize and filter reports, export reports into Excel and format for Right-to-Know Law compliance. This session is worth 1.5 PMGA Administration points. [Click here](#) to register.

[Flagger Training - 11/12/20 - Lancaster 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). This class is eligible for 2 PMGA Public Works points. [Click here](#) to register.

[PSATS' Regional Forum - Lackawanna County - \(Virtual\) - 11/12/20](#)

In the PSATS (Virtual) Regional Forum – Lackawanna, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics from the comfort of your office or home. You will also have an opportunity to interact and network with colleagues around the region. [Click here](#) to register and view the full agenda.



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