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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

[COVID-19 Fire and EMS Grants Announced; Rules Revised](#)

The Office of State Fire Commissioner will be awarding \$50 million in grants to volunteer and paid departments under Act 26 of 2020, which provides COVID-19 funding for fire and EMS. [Read full story.](#)

[Can Advertised Virtual Meetings Still Violate the Sunshine Act?](#)

The Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas recently issued a decision in McGrath v. Board of School Directors of City of Scranton, which involved a school board's violation of the Sunshine Act and Act 15 of 2020. [Read full story.](#)

[PUC Modifies Emergency Order Suspending Terminations](#)

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission has adopted enhanced consumer protections to safeguard families and small businesses struggling financially due to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read full story.](#)

[Pennsylvania Preserves 25 Farms in 17 Counties](#)

The state Department of Agriculture has announced that 2,224 acres on 25 farms in 17 counties have been preserved through the Farmland Preservation Program. [Read full story.](#)

[U.S. Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency Provides Resources](#)

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, and the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency has educational materials and tips to help you enhance cybersecurity in your township. This includes cybersecurity awareness and best practices, telework guidance, and assessment of current practices. To learn more, [click here.](#)

Learn

[Human Resources & Labor Management Institute - Virtual - 10/13-14/20](#)

This online class is a two half-day event and is a must-attend for anyone who has responsibility for HR and personnel management in their township. Among the topics to be covered include hot topics, employment in the time of COVID, attendance, pay issues and “Stump the Lawyers.” This class is eligible for 6 PMGA Administration points, 6 CLE Credits (additional fee of \$15.00 per credit) and 6 SHRM credits. [Click here](#) to register.

[2020 Engineers Virtual Fall Seminar - 10/23/20](#)

This full-day, on-line virtual seminar is designed to meet the educational interests and busy schedules of consulting engineers by providing a focused overview of important issues of interest to them and their local government clients, all in an easy-to-use virtual classroom setting.

The Township Engineers Association is pleased to offer its members a regular series of educational opportunities to learn more about a broad array of municipal engineering topics from acknowledged subject matter experts. The Fall



2020 Engineers Virtual Educational Seminar will be broadcast using GoToWebinar from the PSATS Education Center direct to your computer. Local registrants are also welcome to attend in person. Eligible for 6 PDHs and/or 6 PMGA Public Works points. [Click here](#) to register.

For full list of webinars and classes please visit <https://learn.psats.org>.



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