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## Latest News

### **PA Department of Health Has a Challenge**

According to WPXI from Pittsburgh, and now other media outlets, the PA Health Department filed court documents that conflict with their own orders. At the same time that indoor gatherings were limited to 25 people and outdoor gatherings were capped at 250, the State Health Department signed a settlement with Carlisle Productions to allow 20,000 people per day at an outdoor event. Carlisle Productions runs a series of weekend shows for various car enthusiasts in Cumberland County.

### **Pennsylvania Preserves 33 Farms in 16 Counties**

Pennsylvania's Agricultural Land Preservation Board has added 2,512 acres on 33 farms in 16 counties to the farmland preservation program, ensuring that they will remain in agricultural production permanently. [Read full story.](#)

### **DEP Fines CNX, Sunoco**

The state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has executed a consent order and agreement with CNX Gas Company addressing violations and well construction for a well located in Washington Township, Westmoreland County. CNX agreed to a civil

penalty of \$175,000. [Click here for more.](#)

DEP also has assessed a \$355,636 penalty on Sunoco Pipeline LP for violations related to the construction of the Mariner East 2 pipeline in Berks, Blair, Cambria, Cumberland, Delaware, Lebanon, Washington, and Westmoreland counties that took place between August 2018 and April 2019. The penalty is part of a consent assessment signed earlier this month. [Click here for more.](#)

### **PA Courts Data Show Traffic Citations in School Zones Increased 32 Percent**

The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts has released data showing that in Pennsylvania, there was a 32 percent increase in school zone traffic violations from 2018 to 2019. In addition, 32,083 drivers in total were cited for speeding in school zones or illegally passing a school bus over the last five years. For an infographic showing more details and violations by county, [click here.](#)

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## Learn

### **[Bidding Basics & Beyond - Virtual - 8/24/20](#)**

Beginning with an overview of the Second Class Township Code requirements for bidding, this session will cover some "Best Practices" geared at creating conditions that attract more competent bidders and competitive pricing. Updated to reflect trends and issues encountered over the past year, and following analysis of thousands of public projects in Pennsylvania, this session will offer valuable tips and tricks that produces real results when bidding projects. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. [Click here](#) to register.



**Stormwater BMP Inspections - Virtual - 8/24/20**

Is your township responsible for operating and maintaining stormwater best management practices (BMPs) or is it enforcing the operations and maintenance (O&M) of BMPs by private property owners? This workshop will provide the steps to help local officials develop an effective inspection program. Attendees will walk away with a clearer understanding of BMP types and components, how to develop inspection protocol and procedures, and how to get private property owners to comply with local regulations. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.

**Environmental Potpourri - A Regulatory Primer - Virtual - 8/24/20**

This primer on municipal environmental requirements will highlight recent regulatory and judicial developments in such areas as MS4 and stormwater management, Pennsylvania's Environmental Rights Amendment, clean water and Chesapeake Bay requirements, and waste management. Attendees will get practical advice on how to work with regulatory agencies and avoid compliance issues. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. Eligible for 1 CLE credit. [Click here](#) to register.

**The ABCs Of Liquid Fuels Tax Funds - Virtual - 08/28/2020**

Designed to provide participants with information about the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund, this workshop will cover a range of topics, including the allocation methodology, allowable expenditures, and support available from PennDOT. The presenters will also share the top audit findings from 2019 and tips to avoid them. Plus, they will discuss resources that are available to help municipalities deal with LFF rules and regulations. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.



## [Flagger Training - 9/18/20 - Washington 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.



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