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Latest News

Thousands of Inmates Receive Unemployment Payments

In the race to provide aid quickly to people who needed unemployment assistance, the state Department of Labor and Industry paid claims filed by thousands of inmates. In the first round of criminal charges by state and federal prosecutors for illegally accessing unemployment while serving a prison or jail sentence, 33 people have been charged. Stay tuned for more details on this unfolding story.

[More COVID Funding, Election Changes, and Recreational Marijuana too?](#)

Gov. Tom Wolf has announced his fall legislative agenda and urged the General Assembly to take up his proposals, which encompassed COVID-19 recovery efforts and government reform. From the details provided, it appears that the proposals would not directly benefit or harm townships. [Read full story](#).

[House & Senate Leaders Respond to Wolf's Fall Agenda](#)

Senate Majority Leader Jake Corman and House Majority Leader Kerry Benninghoff issued statements yesterday after Gov. Wolf revealed his "fall agenda." [Read full story](#).

[Independent Fiscal Office Releases Monthly Economic Update](#)

The Pennsylvania Independent Fiscal Office (IFO) has released its August 2020 Monthly Economic Update, which analyzes Pennsylvania's unemployment numbers, reviews total unemployment benefits paid to Pennsylvanians, highlights a report showing that household debt has declined, and the impacts of the pandemic on small businesses. [Click here](#) to read the update.

[Pick Up Pennsylvania' Litter Campaign Begins September 1](#)

The "Pick Up Pennsylvania" campaign of litter cleanup events will take place September 1 through November 30. The state Department of Environmental Protection, the state Department of Transportation, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, and other partners are sponsoring the program. [Read full story](#).

[Department of Agriculture Releases COVID-19 Restaurant Enforcement Numbers](#)

The state Department of Agriculture has released COVID-19 restaurant enforcement actions taken during the period of August 17-23. The information is specific to COVID-19 mitigation requirements for restaurants, including social distancing, masking, and occupancy limits. These numbers include actions taken during routine safety inspections and those prompted by complaints. [Read full story](#).

Learn

[PSATS' Regional Forum - Bedford County - \(Virtual\) - 8/27/20](#)

In the PSATS (Virtual) Regional Forum – Bedford, 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, best practices for maintaining dirt and gravel roads, how to stretch your township public works budget, post-COVID emergency management Q&A, the Right-to-Know Law, and construction code challenges. You will also have an opportunity to interact and network with colleagues around the region. [Click here](#) to register.



[Public And Private Partnerships Enhance Parks/Rec. Programs - Virtual - 8/27/20](#)

Today's recreation customers want a diverse range of facilities and programming. Most communities, however, cannot meet these needs on their own so some are opting to form public and private partnerships to enhance programming. This workshop will provide examples of how communities are using partnerships to increase offerings, resources, and audiences. Attendees will also learn how to form effective partnerships of their own. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Planning/Zoning Point. [Click here](#) to register.

[Quickbooks - How To Use Customers And Classes For Grants And Reimbursables 8/27/2020](#)

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

[Developing Your Township Budget - 9/2/20 - Montgomery Co.](#)

This class will provide proven and effective methods and techniques to help new and veteran township supervisors, secretaries, treasurers, managers, road masters and public works officials develop budgets that work. This course is eligible for 2.5 PMGA Administration Points. [Click here](#) to register.

[Webinar - EM For The Real World - Making It Work - 9/2/20](#)

You've got a Emergency Management Coordinator...do you know who it is? You've got a plan...do you know what it says? You've checked all the boxes...but are you prepared? Emergency Management is so much more than just filling a position and having a plan...let's chat! Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Safety Point.



[Click here](#) to register.

[Webinar - Updating Your Zoning Ordinances To Address Emerging Trends & Changing Needs - 9/9/20](#)

Are your existing ordinances giving you the flexibility and authority you need to address emerging challenges like the implementation of 5G technology, the growth of short-term rentals, urban agriculture, and accessory dwelling units? If not, funding is available to update your ordinances, and this presentation will help you craft policy with the flexibility you need to address these issues and the evolving needs of your community. We'll discuss the specific challenges these trends present to planning officials and offer practical advice for how to revise the ordinance to solve those challenges. We'll also walk you through the revision process and tell you how to get outside funding to support it. Qualifies for 1 PMGA

Planning/Zoning Point. [Click here](#) to register.

[PSATS' Regional Forum - Lancaster County \(Virtual\) - 9/23 & 29/20](#)

In the PSATS (Virtual) Regional Forum – Lancaster, 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, employment issues that you may have missed during quarantine, how to stretch your township public works budget, ways in which your township can simplify zoning, emergency management best practices, and connecting with your community using Story Maps. You will also have an opportunity to interact and network with colleagues around the region. [Click here](#) to register and see full agenda.



Webinar - Do You Have Illicit Discharges From Your Public Works Facility? - 9/23/20

This webinar, presented by Mark Harman of ARRO Engineering, will provide you with a framework to assess your public works facility for the potential of a high, medium, or low illicit discharge event while providing simple suggestions for mitigating potential threats. This framework can also be utilized as a tool to prepare for an MS4 audit by showing public works staff how to present their facility to a regulatory auditor. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.



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