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Welcome to the PSATS Morning News.

Missed yesterday's PSATS Morning News? No problem! A [PSATS Morning News Library](#) is available online for your viewing pleasure!

We're excited about this new concept and want to hear what you think. Email comments and suggestions to [morningnews@psats.org](mailto:morningnews@psats.org).

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## Township Video News



When a tree falls on a township road, must workers remove it entirely from the site or simply shift it to the side of the road? We explain. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. (0:51)

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## Latest News

### [Department of Justice seeks information on COVID-19 in Pa. nursing homes](#)

The U.S. Department of Justice is seeking information into Pennsylvania's handling of COVID-19 in nursing homes as part of a broader effort to determine whether or not to investigate four states over the spread of the coronavirus within state-managed long-term care facilities. [Read full story.](#)

### [Still No Guidance on Payroll Tax Deferral](#)

With only a few days left before the September 1 effective date of the presidential memorandum authorizing the deferment of payments of the employee portion of Social Security taxes, no guidance has been issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury or the Internal Revenue Service on how this program will work. [Read full story.](#)

### [PennDOT Invites Students to Solve Transportation Funding Challenge](#)

Students in grades 9-12 are invited to participate in the state Department of Transportation's PennDOT Innovations Challenge, which encourages students to solve real-world transportation challenges in a competition with their peers. Submissions are due December 18. [Read full story.](#)

### [State Police Liquor Control Officers Issue Violation Notices and Warnings](#)

Pennsylvania State Police liquor control enforcement officers visited 3,825 licensed liquor establishments from Wednesday, August 19, through Tuesday, August 25, 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.](#)



### **Regional Forums Happening in September: Lancaster and Butler**

Three down, five more regions to go! Up next on our virtual journey, we are educating township officials in Lancaster and surrounding counties for our Regional Forum on September 23 and 29 and then heading west (on the worldwide web) to the Butler County and surrounding region on September 30.

Remember, these forums are opportunities for you to not only learn more about issues that matter to your community and area but also earn credits in our PSATS Municipal Government Academy.



Log on and join us for this great opportunity! For Lancaster's Virtual Regional Forum agenda and to register, [click here](#). The Butler Virtual Regional Forum's agenda is being finalized, but to register, [click here](#). To see the full list of sessions, go to the [PSATS Regional Forums page](#).

**CENSUS UPDATE: Roughly 82% of Pennsylvanians Have Been Counted in the Census**

In recent weeks, census takers have been going out into communities across the country to count people and help move the needle on census response rates. As of yesterday, approximately [82% of Pennsylvanians](#) overall have been counted. With the 2020 Census deadline about a month away, townships should continue to urge every resident to participate in the count.

PSATS has created a [flyer](#) and a [logo](#) for townships to use to promote Township CENSUS 2020 Response Day on Constitution Day (September 17) to their residents. Let's use this date to rally township residents to return their census and cooperate with census takers. Remind them of the reasons why they live in townships — good schools, safe communities, low taxes, and recreational opportunities — and the importance of counting everyone in their community. Remember, your township's population count for the next decade is at stake!

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Learn

**[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.

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