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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.

Township Video News



If an employee has a Class A license, what vehicles can he operate? PSATS staff unlocks the ABC's of getting behind the wheel. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. (1:02)

Latest News

[HHS Authorizes Pharmacists, Interns to Administer COVID-19 Vaccinations](#)

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has issued guidance for safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines when they become available. [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 from August 31 to September 6. [Read full story.](#)

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

Pennsylvania State Police liquor control enforcement officers visited 3,538 licensed liquor establishments from Wednesday, September 2, through Tuesday, September 8, 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.](#)

[USDA Updates Federal Resources for Rural Communities](#)

Rural townships looking for resources to help their residents and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with housing and utility assistance can find them online. [Read full story.](#)

Attention Lancaster and Surrounding Counties: Last Call for Lancaster Virtual Regional Forum Registration!

Lancaster and surrounding counties should be sure to register for the [PSATS Virtual Regional Forum – Lancaster September 23 & 29](#) and take advantage of this incredible learning and networking opportunity.

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.

Log on and join us for this great opportunity! For Lancaster's Virtual Regional Forum agenda and



to register, [click here](#). To see the full list of sessions, including the [Butler County session dated September 30](#), go to the [PSATS Regional Forums page](#).

2020 CENSUS: Time is Ticking to Get Everyone Counted

The U.S. Census Bureau reports that as of yesterday about 91% of Pennsylvanians have been counted in the 2020 Census with roughly 68% self-reporting and 23% counted by census takers. With less than three weeks until the September 30 deadline, it's important to get everyone counted. Your township's population number for the next decade is at stake!

You can check out the nonresponse follow-up rates by area census offices [here](#).

Also, please continue to promote Constitution Day (September 17) next week as Township CENSUS 2020 Response Day. [Click here](#) to access promotional materials (scroll down to the July 30 entry).



Legislation & Policy



Senate Transportation Committee Approves Move Over Legislation

On Wednesday September 9th, the Senate Transportation Committee unanimously approved SB 1281. This legislation would rename Pennsylvania's "Steer Clear Law" the "Move Over Law" to clarify how motorists should react when approaching or passing an emergency response area. SB 1281 would also increase fines and penalties for drivers who fail to move over or slow down when approaching an emergency response area.

Broadband Legislation Moves Forward

On September 9th, the Senate Communications and Technology Committee unanimously

approved HB 2348 which would create the Unserved High-Speed Broadband Funding Program. This legislation would repeal the Mobile Telecommunications Broadband Investment Tax Credit, which is currently available to mobile telecommunication providers to invest in broadband equipment in Pennsylvania and direct the \$5 million toward the grant program instead. This program would provide preference to unserved areas as defined by the Federal Communications Commission's minimum speed requirements and to projects that already have federal funding allocated to them.

The Senate also unanimously approved SB 835 which would create a broadband funding pilot program to provide grants for high-speed broadband service infrastructure deployment in unserved areas of Pennsylvania. This legislation would require the grants be issued to entities that have demonstrated the ability to construct and administer high-speed broadband services and stipulates that the grants can only be used in unserved areas.

Learn

2020 TEMA Virtual Fall Forum

This is a separate 2-day virtual event that is designed to meet the educational needs and busy schedules of all those responsible for your municipality's emergency management program, including elected officials, municipal managers, road crew/public works personnel, and emergency management coordinators (EMCs).



The first presentation will be held on the mornings of September 17 & 18 and will include a flooding exercise. The second presentation will be held on the mornings of October 8 & 9 and will include a power outage exercise. To register, click on a date below.

[2020 TEMA Fall Forum - Virtual - 9/17-18/20](#)

[2020 TEMA Fall Forum - Virtual - 10/8-9/20](#)

[Quickbooks - Budgets And QuickBooks](#)
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Part of the [PSATS Summer/Fall 2020 QuickBooks Series](#)

Learn how to pull years of financial data from QuickBooks and send to Excel to more easily create your proposed township budget. [Click here to register.](#)



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