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Welcome to the PSATS Morning News.

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## Latest News

### **Voter Registration, Mail Ballot Deadlines Approaching**

Pennsylvanians may register to vote online, update an existing voter record, and apply for a mail ballot online at votesPA.com. [Read full story.](#)

### **Speaking of Voting.....**

Remember, if you are a member of any of the 3 PSATS Trusts (Health, Pension or Unemployment), OR if you were the designated voting delegate to this year's PSATS Conference, there are only 2 weeks left to return the respective ballots that were mailed to you earlier this month for election of Trustees and/or PSATS Executive Board.

### **Consumer Price Index Increases in September**

In September, the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased .2 percent after rising .4 percent in August. [Read full story.](#)

### **PA WalkWorks Expands Network of Walking Routes**

WalkWorks, a collaboration of the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the University of Pittsburgh to increase opportunities for physical activity through safe, fun, fact-filled

walking routes in communities across Pennsylvania, is inviting organizations interested in improving the health of their residents to join its network of 100 walking routes by completing a brief application. A limited number of partners will be added to the network during this cycle. Interested townships may apply by November 13. [Read full story.](#)

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## Legislation & Policy



The State Senate and State House will reconvene Monday, October 19, 2020.

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## Learn

### [Webinar - COVID-19 And Special Events/Needs On State Routes - 10/20/20](#)

In these unusual times, PennDOT is working with municipalities around Pennsylvania to respond to their needs. In addition to the usual activities such as a 5K race or parade that require a Special Event permit, PennDOT is now using this process to consider other activities in the right-of-way to assist municipal recovery due to Covid-19. This includes full or partial lane closures for street dining or retail activities. This session will present an overview of the process, regulations, and guidelines to work with PennDOT for the required permits. Further discussion will address what are appropriate activities/actions that PennDOT will consider on State Routes, which activities will require approval by the FHWA and examples from around PA. Eligible for 1 PMGA Public



Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.

**[Flagger Training - 10/21/20 - Pike 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.

**[2020 Virtual Fall Solicitors Seminar - 10/21/20](#)**

In the Solicitors (Virtual) Fall Seminar, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics from the comfort of your office or home. Among the topics to be covered include medical marijuana use in townships, flexible zoning, subdivision and land development solutions, use of force and government oversight of police operations, lessons learned during COVID-19 and a recent case update. Eligible for 5 CLE credits and/or 5 Administrative PMGA points. [Click here](#) to register.

**[Webinar - Police Reform Efforts Under Pennsylvania And Federal Law In Post-George Floyd Era - 10/21/20](#)**

In this webinar, Andrew Rongaus of Siana Law will review police reform legislation that has recently been enacted at the state and federal level in the wake of well-publicized police incidents this year. Among those to be covered include the Presidential Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities, Act 57 of 2020, which addresses police hiring and background checks, and Act 59 of 2020, which covers police mental health evaluations for PTSD. This should be a must-attend webinar for any townships with police departments to ensure that their policies and procedures reflect these new requirements. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. Eligible for 1 CLE Credit.



[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.

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