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## Latest News

### **Eviction Ban**

The Trump Administration enacted a nationwide eviction ban to last through the end of the year for those that have lost jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The order came out of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as fears were growing that the economic downturn caused by the pandemic could cause millions to have nowhere else to turn if evicted. The measure was praised by some as a protection for renters, however, others say it is only half of what is needed, as renters or property owners could face a fiscal cliff if there is no money appropriated for renter relief. [Click here](#) for article.

### **[Baseline Nursing Home Testing Completed](#)**

The state Department of Human Services and the state Department of Health announced that all assisted living residences, personal care homes, and private intermediate care facilities have completed universal baseline COVID-19 testing. Facilities were assisted by the Regional Response Health Collaborative program, which provided support, assistance, and education for testing, as well as prevention and mitigation measures. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## **Trouble Counting**

Six months into the coronavirus pandemic, Pennsylvania health officials are still providing [inaccurate and incomplete case and death data for nursing homes](#), Jamie Martines of Spotlight PA reports. And they won't say why.

## **[FDA Extends Shelf Life of NARCAN](#)**

The Commonwealth announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has extended the shelf life of NARCAN Nasal Spray from 24 months to 36 months. This means that townships and emergency responders that have NARCAN kits may keep the kits in service for an additional year after the expiration date printed on the current packages. [Click here](#) for more.

## **[Independent Fiscal Office, Revenue Release August Revenue](#)**

The Independent Fiscal Office and state Department of Revenue have released August revenue reports. [Read full story](#).

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

During this week, the Bureau of Food Safety issued five formal warning letters and 2 citations after performing 624 total inspections, 39 of which were complaint-driven and 13 of which were COVID-19-specific complaints. [Read full story](#).

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## Legislation & Policy



The House will convene for session today, September 2nd. Watch session live [here](#).

### **House Consumer Affairs Committee Hearing: Community Solar Projects**

On September 1, the House Consumer Affairs Committee held a hearing on House Bill 531 which would allow community solar projects in Pennsylvania. Community solar projects involve installing solar panels on multiple properties so the energy produced can be used by those residents and others on the electric grid. This legislation would also allow a monthly credit on the bills of subscribers who participate in community solar projects.

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## Learn

### [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.

### [2020 PAAZO Virtual Fall Seminar - 9/16/20](#)

In the PAAZO (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 enforcing dimensional standards, ways in which your township can simplify its zoning, and a recent case update. You will also have an opportunity to interact and network with colleagues around the region. Eligible for 5 PMGA Planning/Zoning points. Eligible for 5 CZO continuing education points. [Click here](#) to register.



**Webinar - Township Budgets: Where Are They Now And What Will They Look Like In 2021 - 9/16/20**

In this webinar, Terri Cunkle, who is a Local Government Policy Specialist with DCED's Governor's Center for Local Government Services and a former township manager, will review the impacts of COVID-19 on township budgets thus far in 2020, provide projections for the rest of the year, and help you prepare for tough budgeting decisions for 2021. Qualifies for 1.0 PMGA Administration Point. [Click here](#) to register.

**2020 PAAZO Virtual Fall Seminar - 9/30/20**

In this PAAZO (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 enforcing floodplain regulations, zoning in the age of e-tail and ensuring proper enforcement of ordinances. You will also have an opportunity to interact and network with colleagues around the region. Eligible for 5 PMGA Planning/Zoning points. Eligible for 5 CZO continuing education points. Eligible for 5 CLE credits (additional fee required). [Click here](#) to register.

**PSATS' Regional Forum - Butler County - (Virtual) - 9/30/20**

In the PSATS (Virtual) Regional Forum – Butler, 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, post-COVID HR and employment issues, how to stretch your township public works budget, the Right-to-Know Law, municipal “Jeopardy,” and more. You will also have an opportunity to interact and network with colleagues around the region. A more complete agenda will be posted once it is finalized. [Click here](#) to register.



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