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Township Video News



TVN's Training Tuesday | PSATS' Biggest Educational Event of the Year

We've got important news about the 2021 PSATS Educational Conference and Exhibit Show. Plus, learn about some of our newest classes, one focusing on strong communication skills and another on the basics for township secretaries. (3:09)

Latest News

Independent Fiscal Office, Revenue Release Strong December Revenue Numbers

The Independent Fiscal Office and state Department of Revenue have released December revenue reports. For the month of December, state General Fund collections totaled \$3.7 billion and were \$465.8 million higher than anticipated. The increase was largely due to the corporate net income tax collections for December were above estimate by \$36 million.

[Read full story.](#)

PSATS Strategic Planning Survey Help Needed

Recently a strategic planning survey was sent to each township for input...electronically last Thursday and one arriving in your mailbox this week. We are asking for one survey response per member township. It was sent to the primary contact of record identified by the township. You are encouraged to reply to the survey (ideally online) no later than January 15. The data is being collected by an independent consultant and will not be seen by anyone at PSATS so please be honest in your anonymous response. This information will be used by your Executive Board in charting the next several years as we come out of the current challenges.

PennDOT Extends Expiration Dates for CDL Licenses

The state Department of Transportation has extended expiration dates for commercial driver's licenses and commercial learner's permits through February 22, 2021. This applies to CDL licenses and learner's permits that were scheduled to expire from March 16, 2020, through February 22, 2021. Please note that the extension deadlines on non-commercial driver's licenses, photo identification cards, learner's permits, and camera cards expired on August 31. [Click here](#) for more information.

Grants Available for Historic Preservation

Grant applications are being accepted for construction and project grants for historic resources that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Local governments are eligible to apply for these grants through the Keystone Historic Preservation Grant program administered by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. The deadline is **March 1, 2021**. The program supports projects that identify, preserve, promote, and protect Pennsylvania's historic properties for the benefit of the public and the revitalization of communities. [Read full story.](#)

Legislation & Policy



Swearing-In Ceremony for 2021-22 Legislative Session

All recently elected members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives will take the oath of office for the upcoming session today at noon.

Representative Bryan Cutler of Lancaster County is expected to be formally elected Speaker of the House.

Also at noon, in the State Senate, the oath of office will be administered to all recently elected senators (odd numbered districts) except for the 45th district, pending the outcome of a federal court decision involving the propriety of Allegheny County counting some mail-in ballots that were not properly signed and dated.

Senator Jake Corman of Centre County is expected to formally be elected as the President ProTempore.

Links to the live streams of the ceremonies can be found [here](#).

House Democrats announce committee chairs for 2021-22 legislative session

House Democratic Leader Joanna McClinton (D-Philadelphia /Delaware) announced the members of the House Democratic Caucus who will serve as Democratic chairs of the standing committees for the 2021-22 legislative session.

- Aging & Older Adult Services Committee: Rep. Steve Samuelson, Northampton County
- Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee: Rep. Eddie Day Pashinski, Luzerne County
- Children & Youth Committee: Rep. Pam DeLissio, Montgomery & Philadelphia counties
- Commerce Committee: Rep. John Galloway, Bucks County
- Consumer Affairs Committee: Rep. Robert Matzie, Beaver & Allegheny counties
- Education Committee: Rep. Mark Longietti, Mercer County
- Environmental Resources & Energy Committee: Rep. Greg Vitali, Delaware & Montgomery counties
- Finance Committee: Rep. Kevin Boyle, Philadelphia
- Game and Fisheries Committee: Rep. Ed Neilson, Philadelphia
- Gaming Oversight Committee: Rep. Scott Conklin, Centre County
- Health Committee: Rep. Dan Frankel, Allegheny County
- Human Services Committee: Rep. Angel Cruz, Philadelphia
- Insurance Committee: Rep. Tony DeLuca, Allegheny County
- Judiciary Committee: Rep. Tim Briggs, Montgomery County
- Labor & Industry Committee: Rep. Gerald Mullery, Luzerne County
- Liquor Control Committee: Rep. Dan Deasy, Allegheny County
- Local Government Committee: Rep. Bob Freeman, Northampton County
- Professional Licensure Committee: Rep. Jake Wheatley, Allegheny County
- State Government Committee: Rep. Margo Davidson, Delaware County
- Tourism & Recreational Development Committee: Rep. Mary Jo Daley, Montgomery County
- Transportation Committee: Rep. Mike Carroll, Lackawanna & Luzerne counties
- Urban Affairs Committee: Rep. Mike Sturla, Lancaster County

- Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee: Rep. Chris Sainato, Lawrence County
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