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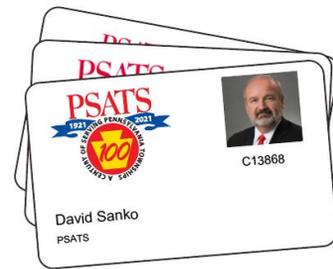
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## Latest News

### 2021 Membership Card

PSATS will again be producing the 2021 membership cards for supervisors, secretaries and managers in townships that have renewed their annual dues. If you would like your membership card to also double as a photo ID card, this can happen in one of two ways:

1. Use the current picture we have on file.
2. You can upload your new picture.



Either way, we will send your card to you (with, or with, a picture!). To add a photo to your profile, follow these directions:

Click here to sign in to [www.psats.org](http://www.psats.org). Once signed in go to "My PSATS" then "My Profile" and select "Upload Profile Image." Click on "Select Image to Upload" and find the image you want to upload. Once you find the image, click on "Open." Make sure your image is how you want it to appear on the membership card. The image that is uploaded will be the image that appears on your card. Please note that if you post a township building photo, cartoon character, or pet, then THAT is what would appear on your ID card. We will only send cards with a human likeness.

Photos need to be uploaded by **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

**Federal Aid Virtual Town Hall Recordings, Presentations Available**

If you weren't able to join us for the Town Halls on *What the American Rescue Plan Means for Your Township*, recordings of these sessions, as well as the presentation, are now available by [clicking here](#). To find out how much your township will receive, [click here](#).

### **Pennsylvania Vaccinations Continue to Accelerate**

Pennsylvania has now administered 4.4 million total doses of COVID-19 vaccines through March 23, with approximately 85,500 doses being administered per day. More than 1.5 million Pennsylvanians are now fully vaccinated. An additional 1.3 million Pennsylvanians have received the first dose of a two-dose vaccine series. 11.7% of Pennsylvanians are fully vaccinated compared to 17.7% of the US adult population being fully vaccinated (45 million people). In addition, more than 100,000 educators have received vaccinations, with all educators expected to be offered shots by March 31.

According to the CDC, Pennsylvania has improved to 23rd for total doses administered per capita. [Click here](#) for state numbers and [here](#) for national numbers.

### **PENNVEST Offers Lunch and Learn Sessions**

PENNVEST is offering a series of lunch and learn webinars for municipal officials, authority board members, engineers, and others interested in learning how PENNVEST financing can help improve water quality in your community. All classes are scheduled for noon. [Click here](#) to register for any of these free sessions.

- **March 30** – PV Apply – Walk-through of the new electronic application system for PENNVEST.
- **April 6** – PENNVEST Eligibility – Learn what types of projects and applicants are eligible for PENNVEST financing.
- **April 13** – PENNVEST Small Projects Initiative – Review the simplified requirements to apply for projects requesting \$500,000 or less.
- **April 15** – PENNVEST Programmatic Financing – Have a capital improvement plan? See how Programmatic Financing through PENNVEST can help implement multiple years and phases of your plan.
- **April 22** – PENNVEST Lead Line Removal Initiative – Learn about grant funding for lead line removal from drinking water systems.

### **Commonwealth Urges Pennsylvanians to Participate in Pick Up Pennsylvania**

The commonwealth is urging Pennsylvanians to participate in Pick Up Pennsylvania through May 31. During this initiative, thousands of Pennsylvanians will participate in litter and illegal dump cleanups, tree and flower plantings, recycling collections, public education programs, and more.

To promote the event, the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will hold a free online discussion this Friday, March 26, from noon to 12:45 p.m. to discuss litter's negative impacts; what DEP, PennDOT and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful are doing to reduce litter; and ways that everyone can help. The discussion, "Don't Trash Pennsylvania" will be livestreamed on the [DEP Facebook page](#) and Webex. [Click here](#) to register for the Webex.

The state Departments of Environmental Protection and Transportation and GLAD Products Company provide free trash bags, gloves, and safety vests to registered participants as supplies last. In addition, DEP and Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association are sponsoring trash disposal, at a free or reduced cost, for registered

participants at participating landfills from **April 1 through April 30**, with prior approval.

Townships can participate by holding a cleanup event and registering at [gacofpa.org](http://gacofpa.org). Contact Michelle Dunn, program coordinator, with questions at 877-772-3673, ext. 113, or [mdunn@keeppebeautiful.org](mailto:mdunn@keeppebeautiful.org).

### **3rd Cabinet Secretary Departure in 3 Months**

Gov. Tom Wolf announced his intention to nominate Meg Snead to serve as the next secretary of the Department of Human Services. Snead's nomination comes after current DHS Secretary Teresa Miller announced her departure from the administration effective April 30 to pursue a job out of state. Snead served as Gov. Wolf's Secretary of Policy and Planning. [Click here](#) for more.

### **National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day**

When it comes to a National Day, a chocolate covered raisin or a box of them is worth celebrating. On March 24th, National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day celebrates raisins coated in a shell of either milk chocolate or dark chocolate.

Raisinets produced the first and one of the most popular brands of the product. Currently made by Nestle, they are the third-largest selling candy in United States history. The Blumenthal Chocolate Company introduced the Raisinets to the United States in 1927, and then in 1984, Nestle acquired the brand. However, a large number of other brands produce chocolate covered raisins for us to enjoy. Raisins are an excellent source of calcium, potassium, iron, fiber and vitamin B. When you combine the raisins with dark chocolate, you have a great tasting, healthy snack.

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## Legislation & Policy



The House and Senate are scheduled to be in session today, March 24. Watch session live [here](#).

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## Learn

### [QuickBooks Intermediate - Virtual Class - 3/25 & 4/1 & 4/8/21](#)

Come learn with us in this three-session virtual training as we discover the benefits of using the Account Payable-A/P and Accounts Receivable-A/R System in QuickBooks. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



### [2021 Emergency Management Virtual Spring Educational Forum - 4/21 & 22/21](#)

Join your EMC colleagues from around the state at this 2-day, highly-interactive online meeting, and hear informative presentations from local and state emergency management personnel and hear the latest news and information from PEMA and TEMA. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



### [Webinar - The Anatomy of Limiting Municipal Loss - 3/31/21](#)

In this webinar you will learn how to identify core areas of municipal risk and ways in which you can achieve the most benefit for a minimal investment of time and money. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



### [Webinar - Implementing a Logical Addressing Scheme for New Construction - 4/7/21](#)

In this webinar, you will learn when to begin thinking about how to assign addresses to new construction, keeping in mind your municipality's current developments (Hint – It's sooner than you think it should be!). [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



**[Webinar - Cable Franchising 101 - 4/14/21](#)**

This webinar is designed for township officials who are not familiar with the intricacies of cable franchising. It is a primer for understanding municipal rights with respect to cable/internet companies. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



**[Webinar - Scanning & Document Management for Your Township - 4/21/21](#)**

This webinar will provide participants with an overview of the benefits of going digital – converting paper records to searchable digital images - with their records management. Topics discussed will include document conversion best practices, estimating your township's return on investment, document management software options and current municipal records retention policies in Pennsylvania. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



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