

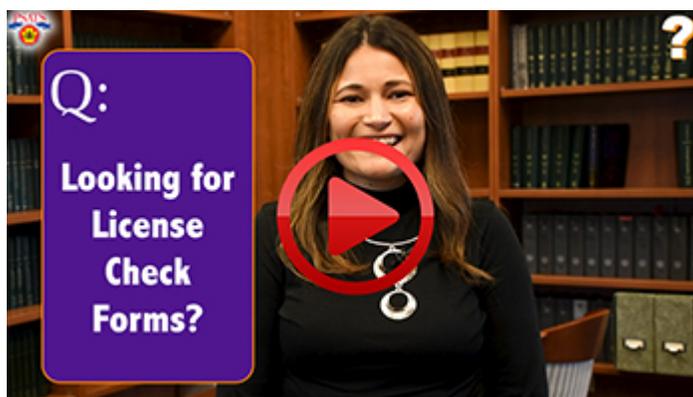
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## Township Video News



### TVN's Question of the Week | Looking for License Check Forms?

If you need to check an employee's or job applicant's driving history, you have to get their written permission first. We tell you where to find the forms. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. (1:36)

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## Latest News

## **Grant Applications Being Accepted for Complete Streets, Active Transportation Plans**

WalkWorks is accepting grant applications from municipalities to assist with the development of Active Transportation Plans, Complete Streets policies and/or Vision Zero policies. These plans and policies establish activity-friendly routes that connect people to everyday destinations and opportunities for physical activity. Active transportation includes walking, wheeling or biking, and public transit. Applications are due **May 14**.

Interested township officials may participate in a non-mandatory webinar on April 9. For more information, including program details and applications, [click here](#). Look for "Funding Opportunity Announcement" on the right-hand side.

## **PSATS Federal Aid Fact Sheet Now Available**

As a member service, PSATS now has a fact sheet on the American Rescue Plan Funding for Townships available on its COVID-19 page. The fact sheet provides a summary of the act and guidance on how to use the funds and is available by [clicking here](#). To find out how much your township will receive, [click here](#).

## **2021 Virtual Conference Workshops Access - \$99.00**

Between April and May 31, PSATS host the 2021 Conference workshops through its virtual classroom. Learn from experts from across the commonwealth on a wide variety of township administration, public safety, public works, and planning and zoning topics and gain valuable knowledge and insight that you can immediately put to work to benefit your township. [Click here](#) to view the workshops!



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For just \$99, you can attend more than 60 PSATS Virtual Conference Workshops. If you were registered for the conference, these sessions can be covered by a deduction from your refund. [Click here](#) and sign in to purchase the pass! Call Mary Lehane at (717) 763-0930, ext. 107, with questions.

## **Commonwealth COVID-19 Enforcement: More Restaurants Closed**

The following state agency reports are for the week of March 15:

[Pa. Department of Agriculture](#): The Bureau of Food Safety performed 645 total inspections, 13 of which were the result of COVID-19-related complaints and received 188 food facility COVID-19-related complaints, 15 of which were referred to local and county health jurisdictions. The Bureau closed two restaurants this week.

[Pennsylvania State Police](#): Officers issued 64 warnings and 39 violations for failing to

Commonwealth is directing most enforcement activity towards local police departments.

[Pa. Department of State](#): The Bureau of Enforcement and Investigation performed 514 inspections of licensed professions' compliance with COVID-19 mitigation requirements, opened 14 COVID-19-specific investigations, and distributed three warning letters and two compliance letters.

### **NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY**

National Medal of Honor Day on March 25th recognizes all Medal of Honor recipients. On March 25, 1863, Secretary of War, Edwin Stanton presented the first Medals of Honor (Army) to six members of "Andrews Raiders" for their volunteering and participation during an American Civil War raid in April of 1862.

There are three versions of the Medal of Honor: one for the Army, one for the Navy and one for the Air Force, with personnel of the Marine Corps and the Coast Guard receiving the Navy version. Since its creation, there have been 3,468 Medals of Honor awarded to the country's soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and coastguardsmen.

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## Legislation & Policy



**The House was in session yesterday and is now in recess until April 5.**

**The Senate was also in session yesterday and is now in recess until April 19.**

### **House Local Government Committee News**

Yesterday, the House Local Government Committee reported HB 664, HB 926, and HB 957 from the committee.

**HB 664** would prohibit a municipality from requiring a license for a business that is operated on an occasional basis, by a minor, and makes a profit of less than \$5,000.

**HB 926** would amend the Main Street Act grant program to extend the duration of a grant from five to ten years.

**HB 957** would amend the Municipal Authorities Act to allow owners of multiple rental properties served by a single meter to request a rate study and subsequent adjustment of water and sewer rates.

HB 664, HB 926, and HB 957 are now before the House.

### **Senate Passes Wedding Barn Legislation**

Yesterday, the Senate passed SB 191 which would exempt Historic Agricultural Buildings used for occupancy by the public for weddings, receptions, and similar social events from the Uniform Construction Code. SB 191 would require the building owner to file an annual affidavit certifying that certain basic safety standards are met including the availability of functioning smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and signage indicating all external entrances. SB 191 is now awaiting committee assignment in the House.

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

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