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## Township Video News



### TVN's Question of the Week | Can We Dump Old Records?

Cleaning out your files? We explain the best approach to managing and destroying township records. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. (1:07)

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## Latest News

### Emergency Broadband Benefit

The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for those on Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute \$10-\$50 toward the purchase price. Program eligibility details and participating providers will be announced

in the coming weeks. On Friday, February 12, the FCC hosted a virtual public roundtable on the Emergency Broadband Benefit. You can view a recording of the event [here](#).

As part of the effort to inform consumers about the upcoming Emergency Broadband Benefit, the FCC has established a [new website](#) where stakeholders can sign up to help promote the program. The website will also be a resource for consumers and stakeholders to get the latest information on the Emergency Broadband Benefit as the program develops.

### **PennDOT Seeking Feedback on Transportation Performance Report**

Pennsylvanians can review ratings of the state's efforts in transportation safety, mobility, system preservation, and accountability in the state Department of Transportation's 2021 Transportation Performance Report, [available here](#). A public forum will be held March 23 at 6:30 p.m. on the report, and those attending may submit questions for response during this event.

PennDOT is collecting public feedback on the report until **April 14**. Township officials may take the survey at the link above or call 717-783-2262 to complete the survey by mail or phone. [Click here](#) for more.

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

The following state agency reports are for the week of February 22:

**[Pa. Department of Agriculture:](#)** Five more restaurants were ordered closed for violating Covid-19 restriction orders. The Bureau of Food Safety performed 605 total inspections, 30 of which were the result of COVID-19-related complaints, and received 225 food facility COVID-19-related complaints, 47 of which were referred to local and county health jurisdictions. [Click here](#) for more.

**[Pennsylvania State Police:](#)** Officers issued 42 warnings and 41 violations for failing to follow COVID-19 requirements after visiting 1,481 licensed liquor establishments.

**[Pa. Department of State:](#)** The Bureau of Enforcement and Investigation performed 459 inspections of licensed professions' compliance with COVID-19 mitigation requirements, opened 12 COVID-19-specific investigations, and distributed nine warning letters and two compliance letters.

### **National Hug a G.I. Day**

As the only day on the calendar that is mnemonically a military command, March 4th recognizes National Hug a G.I. Day.

Gather around your servicemen and women to give them a hug. It's simply a way to show

your support. With either a pat on the back or a hearty handshake, be sure to give both past and present G.I.s your appreciation. While G.I.s refer to Army personnel, the day encompasses all those who have served in the military. So, hug those Jarheads, Wingnuts, Squids, and Coasties, too!

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## Legislation & Policy



### **Governor Signs National Guard Vaccine Roll-Out Bill**

Yesterday, Governor Wolf signed Act 4 of 2020 (formerly HB 326) into law. Act 4 enlists the state National Guard to speed the state's COVID-19 vaccine rollout. Act 4 also requires the Governor to establish and submit to the General Assembly a report on the integration of the state National Guard into the Commonwealth's plan for the distribution and administration of any vaccine for COVID-19, including the administration of the vaccine to individuals by members of the Guard.

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## Learn

### **[Webinar - Zoning Implications for Agritourism in Pennsylvania - 3/18/21](#)**

The intersection of farming and entertainment is a popular business in Pennsylvania. Many farmers across Pennsylvania have diversified their farms by inviting the public onto their property for everything from hayrides and corn mazes to barn weddings and events. While this past year has placed barriers on many of these activities, they will return. There are several important legal considerations regarding agritourism operations in Pennsylvania, such as zoning, regulations, insurance and other matters. Zoning laws regulate land uses, including agritourism. These may address the







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