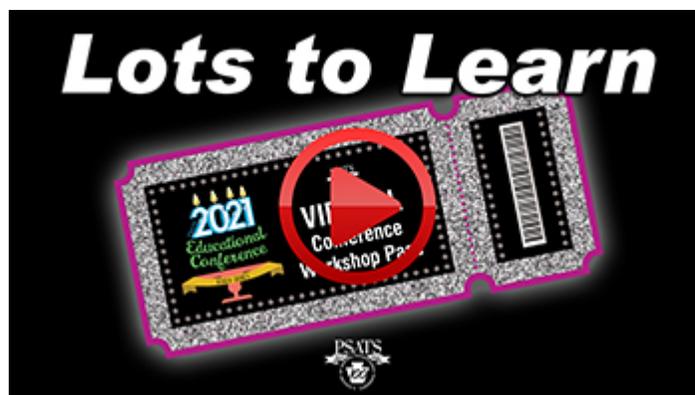


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Township Video News



Lots to Learn: PSATS Virtual Conference Workshop Pass

We're kicking off the PSATS Conference Virtual Workshop Series on Monday, April 26, and inviting you to learn and save with our new Virtual Conference Workshop Pass. For one, low price, access more than 60 conference workshops, live and on-demand, through the end of the year. Watch to find out more about the pass and the special savings for 2021 conference registrants.

Latest News

New PSATS Q&A Guidance on Federal Aid Available

PSATS continues to receive many questions on the federal aid from the American Rescue Plan. As a member service, PSATS staff compiled a guidance Q&A document from the hundreds of questions submitted during our Town Halls on *What the American Rescue Plan Means for Your Township*. [Click here](#) to view the new guidance.

Keep in mind that this guidance is based on the actual text of the act and the information that we have received to date. It will be updated once more information, including U.S. Department of Treasury regulations, are released.

Promote Local Government This Week!

PSATS has tools available for townships looking to promote Local Government Week, April 12-16. The toolkit helps communicate how townships serve their residents. It includes a sample news release about the importance of your township, talking points on townships as Pennsylvania's grassroots government, and social media tips for communicating during an emergency. [Click here](#) for the toolkit.

PA Treasury, Labor and Industry Recapture \$800 Million in UC Fraud

State Treasurer Stacy Garrity and Acting Secretary of Labor & Industry Jennifer Berrier have announced that the two agencies have recaptured nearly \$800 million of unemployment benefits targeted by fraudsters.

The vast majority was connected to the federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program. The department discovered the fraud in mid-May 2020, and the agencies made the first criminal referral by late May. Treasury and Labor continue to work with various law enforcement agencies. [Click here](#) for more.

2021 Virtual Conference Workshops Begin April 26

Between April and May 31, PSATS will host more than 60 of 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 selection of workshops!



Click on ticket above to access pass

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

Vaccine Access Now Open to All Pennsylvanians

All Pennsylvania adults are now eligible to schedule an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine. This is nearly a week earlier than the previously scheduled opening for April 19.

Increasing case counts and ongoing appointment availability in many parts of the state led Gov. Tom Wolf and the COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force to decide to move earlier than planned to open access to all Pennsylvanians.

[Click here](#) for the updated vaccine provider map or call 1-877-724-3258 if you do not have internet access and need to find a provider. Pennsylvania is currently distributing much of its supply through the hospital systems, which have been running regular clinics. Additional supply is being provided to pharmacies through the federal government.

National Thomas Jefferson Day

April 13th honors the birth of the third President of The United States, Thomas Jefferson, who was born April 13, 1743.

Most known as the primary author of the Declaration of Independence, Jefferson was a stalwart of democracy. While not much an orator, his pen cut quite a swath of ink through correspondence, documents, journals, and manuscripts.

Thomas Jefferson served two terms as the third United States President from 1801 to 1809. During Jefferson's administration, the country doubled in size with the Louisiana Purchase. With his signature, Jefferson launched the Corps of Discover which charged fellow Virginian Meriwether Lewis and William Clark with charting the vast newly acquired territory to the west.

Learn

[2021 Solicitors Virtual Spring Seminar - 4/19/21](#)

This virtual, on-line seminar will cover a wide variety of emerging and important trends and issues vital to the practice of every municipal solicitor. [Click here](#) for agenda and to register.



[QuickBooks Tips and Tricks - Virtual Class - 4/22 & 29/21](#)

Join PSATS and your colleagues from around the state for this two-session, newly REVISED virtual class where Diana Patton, who has spent 30 years as a township secretary/treasurer and the last 19 years as a Certified QuickBooks Instructor and Trainer, will show you all the ways you can use QuickBooks to better serve the financial needs of your municipality. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[20 Great Policies, Procedures, and Forms - Virtual - 4/26/21](#)

In this fun and face-paced workshop, you'll learn a variety of interesting policies and procedures -- from common sense to creative -- that are designed to enhance your community's day-to-day operations. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[20 Ways to Improve Your Public Meetings - Virtual - 4/26/21](#)

Learn how to build a better meeting structure, prepare better meeting materials, improve communications with residents, and more! [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[Why Saving With COSTARS is Sweeter Than a Chocolate Bar! - Virtual - 4/27/21](#)

Attend this session to learn about COSTARS, including tips for navigating the website, searching contracts, and negotiating with suppliers to save taxpayer money on goods and services. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



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