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Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | How Long Must We Keep Emails?

How do you determine what emails must be kept on file and which ones can be deleted? We explain why the Municipal Records Manual should be your BFF. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. (1:35)

Latest News


Federal Crime Reduction Grants Available

The U.S. Department of Justice is accepting grant applications until July 20 for the Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative for Law Enforcement Agencies. Rural townships with a local police department and a population of less than 15,000 are eligible to apply. The maximum grant award is \$150,000.

The grants will support improved training and technology, expanded community-based crime prevention programs, and partnerships with victim services providers. This initiative is intended to improve communication and collaboration between state and local law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve to address the unique criminal justice challenges in rural areas. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Conference Virtual Workshops Week 4

Still can't get enough of PSATS Virtual Conference Workshop series? Here's what is coming up for week 4! To view a the full list of workshops or to register, to go learn.psats.org/virtual-conference.



2021 Educational Conference
Virtual Conference Workshops
May 17-21, 2021

May 17, 2021:

- Rx for Disaster: The Effects of COVID-19 on the EMS System @ 1:30 p.m.
- Stormwater Mapping Done Easy and with Purpose: Conewago Twp. Tells How @ 3 p.m.

May 18, 2021:

- MS4 Permit Holders: The Roles and Responsibilities for BMPs @ 9:30 a.m.
- Considering a Stormwater Fee? Learn from Township Leaders Who Already Did @ 11 a.m.

May 19, 2021:

- MS4 Municipal Partnerships @ 9 a.m.
- PennDOT RoadMaP Program @ 10:30 a.m.
- 2021 Employment and Labor Law Potpourri @ 1:30 p.m.
- Labor Contract Negotiation and Arbitration in the New Normal @ 3 p.m.

May 20, 2021:

- Social Media Tips and Guidelines for Municipal Government @ 9:30 a.m.
- It's Not Just a Chip Seal! @ 11 a.m.
- Forest Management and Timber Harvesting @ 1:30 p.m.
- Case Studies in Code Enforcement @ 3 p.m.

May 21, 2021:

- The ABCs of Liquid Fuels Tax Funds @ 9 a.m.

To register for these workshops go to
learn.psats.org/virtual-conference

On This Day in History....

Pennsylvania native and actor Jimmy Stewart was born in Indiana County on May 20, 1908. The American actor continues to be a perennial favorite thanks to the holiday film *It's a Wonderful Life*. However, the versatile actor's career spanned 56 years is known for his roles in other classic films such as *Rear Window*, *Vertigo*, *Harvey*, *A Philadelphia Story* and many more.

Legislation & Policy



Special Election Results

In addition to the municipal primary election, four special elections were held for vacancies in the Pennsylvania General Assembly this week

In the Senate, Representative Mary Flynn won the election for the 22nd district seat, recently held by former Senator John Blake who resigned and Chris Gebhard won the election to fill the 48th district seat, recently held by the late Senator Dave Arnold. In the House, Leslie Rossi was elected to fill the 60th district seat, previously held by the late Representative Mike Reese and Abby Major was elected to fill the 59th district seat after Jeff Pyle resigned for health reasons.

PSATS looks forward to working with the newly elected lawmakers.

Learn

PSATS educational events will be listed as follows: Mondays – All webinars; Tuesdays – Administrative; Wednesdays – Planning/Zoning; Thursdays – Public Works; Fridays – Public Safety. Click on the title of the class for more information and to register.

[The ABCs of Liquid Fuels Tax Funds - Virtual - 5/21/21](#)

Attend this session to learn the basics about liquid fuels funding, including how it's allocated, what can be purchased, and where townships can turn for support and assistance.



[How to Implement Ag Best Management Practices for MS4 Stormwater Credits - Virtual - 5/25/21](#)

This workshop will showcase the process that Lancaster County municipalities use to identify farms and farmers for these conservation practices and calculate pollutant reductions that DEP will accept.



[Pavement Preservation - Virtual - 5/25/21](#)

This session will review and evaluate pavement preservation techniques.



[Accessing Highway Right-Of-Way: Whether you Want to or Not! - Virtual - 5/25/21](#)

PennDOT and municipal roadways are used for a lot more than just passenger vehicle travel. This presentation will discuss three different ways that roadways can be used – intentionally or not!



Roadmasters Roundtable - Virtual - 5/26/21

During this perennial conference favorite, roadmasters, road crew members and township officials will get a chance to question our experts about everything related to transportation.



Work Zone Safety Updates from PennDOT - Virtual - 5/27/21

Attend this workshop for the latest information on work zone safety. PennDOT staff will be reviewing updates to policies, training, and guidelines, including Publication 213 (Temporary Traffic Control Guidelines) and Publication 234 (Flagger Handbook).



Coordinating Utility Relocations on PennDOT Projects - Virtual - 5/27/21

PennDOT recently launched the Utility Relocation Management System (URMS), which is new software that's designed to better coordinate utility relocations on state projects between utility owners, consultants, and the agency's staff. During this session, PennDOT representatives will explain how to register for URMS and share best practices and benefits.



Flagger Training - 5/26/21 - Erie County

This instructor-led Flagger Training will be conducted for individuals who have flagging responsibilities on ANY ROAD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Others who would benefit from this course include: utility companies working on low volume roads, law enforcement personnel, municipal managers and elected officials (to understand the importance, and for budgeting purposes).



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