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Latest News

Treasury Updates ARP FAQs Yet Again

Yesterday, the U.S. Treasury Department updated its [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs) document on the American Rescue Plan funds. One question was added on the use of funds for housing and eviction prevention efforts. In addition, the last page now includes a detailed chart of the types of revenues to include and not include when calculating lost revenues.

Harrisburg State Budget News

Before this publication appears on Monday, we will learn that the legislature has proposed a budget of under \$40 Billion dollars for the Commonwealth for next year. Given the current budget surplus combined with the influx of federal stimulus funding, it should come as no surprise that the new budget will represent a significant increase from the current \$33.1 billion budget (that had money left over!). We will also learn of the departure of Governor Wolf's Chief of Staff Mike Brunelle as well as Budget Secretary Jen Swails.

On This Day in History.....

On June 25, 1876, Native American forces led by Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull (Lakota Sioux tribal leaders) defeat the U.S. Army troops of General George Armstrong Custer in the Battle of the Little Bighorn near southern Montana's Little Bighorn River. Out-armed and out-numbered, the bloody battle became known as Custer's Last Stand.

Legislation & Policy



The House and Senate will be in session today, June 25. Watch session live [here](#). Both chambers will also be in session tomorrow, June 26.

House Passes Overweight Hauling Permit Bill

Yesterday, the House passed HB 1232 which would authorize the state Department of Transportation to issue an annual overweight hauling permit for the movement of agricultural liming materials, seed, and fertilizer between March and June. The permits would cost \$788 and vehicles with a permit would not be able to exceed 95,000. HB 1232 is now awaiting committee assignment in the Senate.

Bill Banning Vaccination Passports Passes

Yesterday, the Senate passed SB 618 which would prohibit the state, counties, municipalities, school districts, and colleges that are subsidized by state taxpayers from requiring proof of vaccination against COVID-19. SB 618 has passed both chambers and will be presented to the Governor.

Learn

PSATS educational events will be listed as follows: Mondays – All webinars; Tuesdays – Administrative; Wednesdays – Planning/Zoning; Thursdays – Public Works; Fridays – Public Safety.

Emergency Management Fall Exercise Forum

This full-day class is designed for everyone responsible for your municipality's emergency management program, including elected officials, municipal managers, road crew/public works personnel, and, most importantly, local emergency management coordinators (EMCs).



[10/28/21 – PSATS \(Cumberland Co.\)](#)

[11/4/21 – West \(Washington Co.\)](#)

[11/9/21 – East \(Montgomery Co.\)](#)

[11/18/21 – Central \(Centre Co.\)](#)

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