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## Township Video News



### **TVN's Coffee & the Capitol | Liz Wagenseller, New Executive Director of the Office of Open Records: Her Plans for Right-to-Know Moving Forward**

Liz Wagenseller, newly appointed executive director of the Office of Open Records, shares her plans for the agency moving forward and addresses some of townships' biggest concerns with the Right-to-Know Law. In particular, she talks about new regulations in the works and legislation that would help alleviate the commercial request and vexatious requester problems. (7:34)

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## Latest News

### **Good News: PSATS Town Hall Full House! Better News: It Was Recorded!**

500 registrants maxed out our capacity for yesterday's Town Hall on the ARP application process. If you missed PSATS and state Department of Community and Economic Development staff in yesterday's Virtual Town Hall on the American Rescue Plan (ARP), a recording is now available. "ARP Update: Application and More" provides an overview of the application process, what happens if your township doesn't apply, and next steps. [Click here](#) to view the Town Hall!

### **Reminder: Use Final Allocation Numbers Released Last Week When Applying for ARP**

When completing your application for the American Rescue Plan funds through the state Department of Community and Economic Development's Single Application for Assistance, please be sure to use the final allocation numbers that DCED released on June 2. Note that these numbers are a little higher than the Congressional estimates PSATS provided in March. [Click here](#) to find the final allocation for your township. These numbers are also available on [psats.org](https://psats.org) under the COVID page, as are many other resources for applying for your funds.

### **DCED Broadband Program Accepting Applications**

The state Department of Community and Economic Development is now accepting applications for \$5 million in Unserved High-Speed Broadband Funding Grants. While only non-governmental entities may apply, townships can encourage broadband providers or other non-governmental entities to apply for grants of up to \$1 million or 75% of costs to deploy middle and last-mile high-speed broadband infrastructure to unserved areas in Pennsylvania. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### **On This Day in History**

On June 8, 1925, Barbara Pierce Bush was born. After eight years as Second Lady, Barbara Bush stepped into the role of the first lady in 1990. Besides sharing a birthday with another first lady (Ida McKinley-1847), another unique quality of Mrs. Bush is that she is also the mother of another U.S. president – George W. Bush.

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## Legislation & Policy



The House and Senate are scheduled to be in session today, June 8. Watch session live [here](#).

### **Lawmakers Sworn into Office**

Yesterday, Representative Leslie Rossi (R-59) and Representative Abby Major (R-60) were sworn into office. Rossi and Major were elected during a special election which was held in conjunction with the recent municipal primary election. The Association looks forward to working with the new lawmakers and encourages township officials from the 59th and 60th districts to introduce themselves to their new Representative.

### **House Education Committee Approve Fire Training Pilot Program Legislation**

The House Education committee passed SB 83 which would create the secondary education fire training pilot program to provide high school students with instruction through a partnership between institutions of higher education and school districts or area career and technical schools. This legislation would help with the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters by encouraging school districts and career technical schools to partner with institutions of higher education. SB 83 has passed the Senate and is before the House.

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## 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.

### **PSATS Regional Forums**

“PSATS Live” is back, and we’re going on the road again with our ever-popular Regional Forums at a location near you starting in July in Erie and running through November in Wilkes-Barre. We have all-new content and a one-day-only format now. Be sure to sign up for the one closest to you!



**PSATS Northwest 2021 Regional Forum - 7/20/21 - Erie**

**PSATS Lehigh Valley 2021 Regional Forum - 7/28/21 - Breinigsville**

**PSATS Northcentral 2021 Regional Forum - 8/5/21 - Williamsport**

**PSATS Southcentral 2021 Regional Forum - 8/17/21 - Grantville**

**PSATS Southwest 2021 Regional Forum - 8/24/21 - Canonsburg**

**PSATS Southeast 2021 Regional Forum - 10/27/21 - Exton**

**PSATS Northeast 2021 Regional Forum - 11/10/21 - Wilkes-Barre**

### **2021 PSATS HR & Labor Management Institute - 9/23-24/21**

This day and a half class is a must-attend for anyone who has responsibility for HR and personnel management in their township.



### **2021 Solicitors Fall Seminar**

In the Solicitors Fall Seminar learn from experts on a wide variety of topics critical to the practice of a municipal solicitor.

**2021 Solicitors Fall Seminar - 9/28/21 - West**

**2021 Solicitors Fall Seminar - 10/7/21 - Central**

**2021 Solicitors Fall Seminar - 11/4/21 - East**



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