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Latest News

PSATS Hosting Legislative Update Town Hall Tomorrow

Tomorrow, July 13, at 2 p.m., PSATS staff will host a Town Hall to provide a summer Legislative Update on the recently passed state budget and new laws affecting townships, as well as a preview of what to expect from Harrisburg this fall. [Click here](#) to register for this free member event!

Reminder: Grant Applications for CFA Multimodal Transportation Fund Due July 31

The Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) is accepting grant applications for its Multimodal Transportation Fund **until July 31**. Note that this is different than the Multimodal Transportation Fund through the state Department of Transportation.

The Multimodal Transportation Fund provides grants to encourage economic development and ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation is available to the commonwealth's residents. Funds may be used for the development, rehabilitation, and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, including streetscapes, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets, and transit-oriented development. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply.

Registration Opens in Three Weeks for PSATS' Business Meeting, Centennial Celebration

Registration is now just three weeks away for our **Centennial Celebration Dinner on Thursday, October 14**, and **PSATS' 2021 Annual Business Meeting on Friday, October 15**. Registration opens August 2 for the events which will both take

place in the Great Amrcian Hall at the Hershey Lodge.

Business Meeting: On **Friday, October 15**, voting delegates will conduct **PSATS' 2021 Annual Business Meeting**, which will consist of bylaws changes, the election of PSATS' leadership, and most importantly, the adoption of resolutions that will guide state association policy in Harrisburg and Washington, D.C. All are welcome, with priority seating going to voting delegates. [Click here](#) to learn more!

And the Night Before.....

On **Thursday, October 14**, the Pennsylvania Leadership Institute will host a **Centennial Celebration of PSATS' First 100 Years**. This fun-filled historic evening, complete with dinner and light entertainment, is not to be missed! [Click here](#) to learn more!

Pa. COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, Deaths Drop

1,168 new cases of COVID-19 were reported last week, a 17.5% decrease over the prior week. The statewide COVID-19 total case count now stands at 1,214,187. There were only 12 states with rate increases with Missouri, Arkansas, and Florida making up the top three.

For the 12th week in a row, the [number of COVID-19 hospitalizations in Pennsylvania](#) has decreased from 293 to 267, down 9%. Fifty-eight of these patients are in an ICU, up from 53 the prior week. The number of COVID-19 patients on a ventilator statewide decreased from 44 to 39.

Deaths attributed to COVID-19 in Pennsylvania decreased for the seventh week in a row. Forty-two deaths were reported this week, 21% less than in the previous week. Total deaths in Pennsylvania have reached 27,749.

After decreasing for 11 straight weeks, Pennsylvania's statewide percent-positivity rate increased slightly from 1.1% to 1.2% this week and remains below 5% for the eighth week in a row. 65 counties now have rates less than 5%. The remaining two counties (Cameron and Potter) have rates of 5% to less than 10% (*up from one last week*). [Click here](#) for more county-specific information.

This Day in History.....

On July 12, 1984, Walter Mondale, the leading Democratic presidential candidate, announces that he has chosen Representative Geraldine Ferraro of New York as his running mate. Ferraro, a daughter of Italian immigrants, had previously gained recognition as a vocal advocate of women's rights in Congress. Ferraro became the first female vice-presidential candidate to represent a major political party.

Here is the link for this week's issue of the [Pennsylvania Bulletin](#).

Legislation & Policy



Final Budget Bill Takes Effect without Governor's Signature

On July 9, the final piece of the budget package went into effect without the governor's signature. [Act 70 of 2021](#) (formerly HB 336) amends the Administrative Code to move administration of the Floodplain Management Act from the state Department of Community and Economic Development to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, which will take effect September 6. In addition, it directs the Independent Fiscal Office, upon the request of a committee chair or legislative leadership, to prepare a revenue estimate for any bill or amendment that would have an estimated impact of \$50 million or more in any one year.

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.

[Webinar - Your Personal Financial Foundation - Session 2](#)

Everyone knows that identity theft and ransomware is on the rise and is a headache to rectify when it happens, whether to you as an individual or as a township. But do you know all of the steps that you can take to better protect your identity and your personal information? In this webinar, you will learn some key tips to protect your personal information.



[Webinar - Using Open Space to Deliver Economic, Social and Environmental Benefits - 7/14/21](#)

This presentation will discuss how planners and community leaders can meet the increased demand for open space while addressing broader social, environmental, and economic needs.



[Webinar - Basic Parliamentary Procedure for Local Government - 7/15/21](#)

Parliamentary procedure may not seem to be the most exciting topic, but it is the absolute foundation for running an efficient township meeting and instilling confidence in your residents that the township is being effectively governed.



[Webinar - Effective Internal Controls and Why They Matter - 7/21/21](#)

Learn the basic internal controls that should exist within a sound business environment. Topics covered will include the components of the COSO internal control framework and how these components establish a foundation of effective internal controls within an entity, and an overview of internal controls over cash receipts, cash disbursements, and payroll.



[Webinar - In the Hot Seat - Handling Tough Situations as the Chair of the Board - 7/22/21](#)

Whether you have been the chair of your township board for a long time or are relatively new to the game, there are many situations during township meetings where it is critical that the chair resolve them in an effective manner.



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