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Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | Is a Bid Bond Required?

Learn whether a bid bond is required when going through the bidding process. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. (0:48)

Latest News

PA Attorney General Josh Shapiro Announces Opioid Settlement with Manufacturers and Distributors

Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen, major pharmaceutical distributors, and Johnson & Johnson, which manufactured and marketed opioids, have agreed to deliver \$26 billion to state of local governments to address opioid-related costs. The agreements also require significant industry changes that will help prevent an opioid addiction crisis. The agreement resolves the claims of state and local governments across the country. To learn more, [click here](#). Stay tuned for more information on how local governments can access funding.

Advisory Board Volunteers Needed

From time to time, PSATS is asked to identify potential candidates to serve on a variety of state advisory boards and commissions. We are attempting to build a database of interested members and are asking anyone who has special interests in serving to please let us know so that we can keep names on file. Current areas of interest include, but are not limited to, environmental issues, stormwater issues, UAV (unmanned automated vehicles, or drones), snowmobiles, pensions, solid waste, agriculture, transportation, land preservation, sewage enforcement matters, and more. Please send an email with a statement of interest to ceisenhart@psats.org and help us identify talent for these important state agency workgroups.

See Your Township in the 2022 PSATS Calendar!

Township public works crews operate year-round, and we'd like to see your crew in action. Get creative and show us the many ways that your public works crew keeps your township running smoothly throughout the year. Take photos of them in action and send them to PSATS for next year's calendar, or if you already have photos, share them with us.

For example, you could send photos of your crew:

- repairing or resurfacing roads;
- cleaning out ditches;
- mowing along roads or in parks;
- plowing snow or spreading salt and antiskid;
- sprucing up playgrounds, benches, pavilions, or other park amenities;
- working on a sewer project;
- sweeping streets or collecting leaves;
- processing yard waste at a composting facility;
- repairing or replacing a bridge or culvert;
- repairing or maintaining equipment; or
- any of the many other tasks public works crews perform.

To reproduce well in print, photos must have a resolution of at least **300 dpi** at a size of **4 inches x 6 inches**. Photos taken with a smartphone are fine, but be sure to send them to us as "actual size" to ensure full resolution. Photos should be in color.

Email photos as jpeg attachments to kacri@psats.org by **September 17, 2021**. Provide your name, position, township, county, and daytime telephone

number. Identify everyone in the photo left to right, their titles or roles, and a brief description of what they're doing in the photo.

Today in History....

On July 22, 1893, inspired by the view from atop Pikes Peak, American author and professor Katharine Lee Bates writes the lyrics to "America the Beautiful."

Learn

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

Flagger Training

This instructor-led flagger training will be conducted for individuals who have flagging responsibilities on ANY ROAD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

[8/11/21 - Berks County](#)

[9/15/21 - Washington County](#)



CDL - Probable Cause Training for CDL Supervisory Personnel

This workshop addresses these federal requirements by providing supervisory personnel with a working understanding of the federal CDL regulations, including on-the-job probable cause procedures.

[8/11/21 - Crawford County](#)

[8/12/21 - Clearfield County](#)

[8/18/21 - Beaver County](#)

[8/19/21 - Fayette County](#)

[8/25/21 - Blair County](#)

[8/26/21 - Warren County](#)

[9/20/21 - Cumberland County](#)

[9/30/21 - Montgomery County](#)

[10/4/21 - Lycoming County](#)



CMV/CDL Records Management

This workshop will review CMV/CDL employee and vehicle paperwork, including pre-employment inquiries regarding a CDL applicant's past drug and alcohol test results and driving safety reports; requests for CMV driver's license information; annually reviewing each CMV driver's qualification to continue driving; CMV daily vehicle inspection, maintenance, and repair reports; the employer's required policy on CDL drug and alcohol testing; and a general overview of all the CDL regulations.



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2021 Engineers Fall Seminar

This full-day seminar is designed to meet the educational interests and busy schedules of consulting engineers by providing a focused overview of important issues of interest to municipal engineers and their local government clients.



[9/28/21 - East](#)

[10/14/21 - Central](#)

[10/21/21 - Southeast](#)

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