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Latest News

SAM.gov Fraud Warning

PSATS has heard that several township officials have received emails urging them to renew their SAM.gov account or pay to complete a SAM.gov application. **Please note that these emails are deceptive and should be deleted immediately.** Many are trying to convince you to pay for their “help” with your application or renewal. We have even heard of some companies reaching out by phone.

SAM.gov accounts need to be renewed once a year for free at [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov). If you recently registered for a SAM.gov account, your account does not need to be renewed until a year from when you registered. The expiration date should be noted in your confirmation email from SAM.gov. And again, there is **NO COST** for SAM registration or renewal.

Keystone Communities Grant Program Accepting Applications

The Keystone Communities Grant program, which encourages partnerships between public and private sectors to support local revitalization initiatives for the growth and stability of the community, is accepting applications until August 31 for a variety of grant opportunities. These include planning grants, revitalization, public improvements, and more. Townships are eligible to apply for these grants. [Click here](#) for more.

Be sure to join us in Hershey for PSATS' 2021 Business Meeting, which takes place in just 12 weeks! [Click here](#) to learn more! Registration opens August 2!

Today in History

On July 23, 1885, just after completing his memoirs, Civil War hero and former president Ulysses S. Grant dies of throat cancer.

Legislation & Policy



PSATS Testifies on Congressional Redistricting

PSATS Director of Government Relations Joe Gerdes testified yesterday before the House State Government Committee on Congressional reapportionment. The comments called for not splitting municipalities between multiple Congressional Districts unless absolutely necessary. Also, for the counting of inmates at the housed facilities rather than original sentencing address to support the demand on local infrastructure that the incarceration facility causes to local governments (water /sewer/traffic/public safety). [Click here](#) to read the testimony.

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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