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Township Video News



TVN's Training Tuesday | The Wait is Over! PSATS' In-Person Training Begins Again with Regional Forums Starting This Month

If you've been itching to get back out there and go to in-person training again, we've got just what you're looking for. Our ever-popular Regional Forums are starting in Erie and Breinigsville in July and continuing through the summer and fall. We also still have some great virtual training in store for you. Be sure to sign up, interact with your peers in person, and learn something new in a classroom setting. (3:08)

Latest News

Registration Opens August 2 for PSATS Business Meeting, Centennial Celebration

Registration begins August 2 for our **Centennial Celebration Dinner on October 14** and **PSATS' 2021 Annual Business Meeting on October 15**. Both events take place at the Hershey Lodge. Registration materials were mailed to each township late in June.

Centennial Celebration Dinner: 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! More details are available at psats100.mypli.org.

Business Meeting: On Friday, October 15, voting delegates will conduct **PSATS' 2021 Annual Business Meeting**, which will consist of committee reports, 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 registration going to voting delegates. More details appear at voting2021.psats.org.

State Revenues Up Nearly \$2 Billion for Year

The Independent Fiscal Office (IFO) and state Department of Revenue have released June 2021 revenue reports. State General Fund collections totaled \$3.77 billion and were \$350 million higher than the IFO's revised estimates, primarily due to corporate net income tax and sales and use tax revenues. Overall collections for the fiscal year-end are higher than expected (*\$1.95 billion, or 5.1% above estimate*).

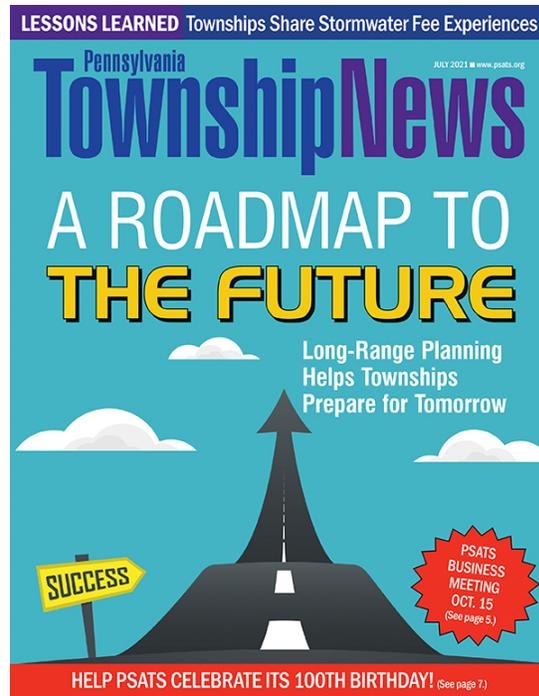
The Motor License Fund received \$273.5 million in June, \$37.1 million above estimate. The fund includes liquid fuels taxes and other license, fine, and fee revenues. Motor License collections for the fiscal year-end total \$2.8 billion, 0.7% above estimate.

[Click here](#) for the Independent Fiscal Office report. View the state Department of Revenue press [release here](#).

Digital Version Now Available!

Latest Township News Explores the Benefits of Long-Range Planning

In its July issue, the Township News examines how long-range planning can help townships prepare for a better tomorrow. Other articles in this month's edition include lessons learned with stormwater management fees, the benefit of noise ordinances, and recognition of the townships recently honored with Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence. Also, as part of PSATS' centennial celebration, the News sat down with Board Chair A.J. Boni to discuss the important role that volunteers play in ensuring PSATS' success and longevity.



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Pa. COVID-19 Hospitalizations, Deaths Continue to Drop

1,416 new cases of COVID-19 were reported last week, a 12% increase over the prior week. The statewide COVID-19 total case count now stands at 1,213,019. The commonwealth has dropped to the 46th highest growth in cases per 100,000, with Arkansas, Missouri, and Utah now making up the top three.

For the 11th week in a row, the number of COVID-19-related hospitalizations has decreased from 350 to 293, a 16% decrease. Fifty-three of these patients are in an ICU, down from 66 the prior week. The number of COVID-19 patients on a ventilator statewide decreased from 54 to 44.

Deaths attributed to COVID-19 in Pennsylvania decreased for the sixth week in a row. 53 deaths were reported this week, 37% less than in the previous week. Total deaths in Pennsylvania have reached 27,707.

Pennsylvania's statewide percent-positivity rate has decreased for the 11th week in a row, from 1.2% to 1.1% and is below 5% for the seventh week in a row. Sixty-six counties now have rates of less than 5% (*up from 65 last week*), and one county has a rate of 5% to less than 10% (*down from two last week*). [Click here](#) for more county-specific information.

This Day in History.....

On July 6, 1933, Major League Baseball's first All-Star Game took place at Chicago's Comiskey Park. The brainchild of a determined sports editor, the event was designed to bolster the sport and improve its reputation during the darkest years of the Great Depression. Originally billed as a one-time "Game of the Century," it has now become a permanent and much-loved fixture of the baseball season.

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

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 - Energy Assurance and Emergency Planning - 7/7/21](#)

This webinar will provide an overview of the state's current energy assurance plan and efforts in relation to Emergency Support Function 12 - Energy.



[Webinar - Understanding & Implementing PA's Police Reform Bills: Acts 57 & 59 of 2020 - 7/8/21](#)

This program will review the statutory and regulatory requirements for a municipality and their police department to properly implement Act 57, relating to background checks for law enforcement employment purposes and Act 59, relating to mental health evaluations and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) for law enforcement officers.



[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.



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