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Latest News

Make Sure Your Township Has the Earliest Access to Salary Survey Results!

Be sure your designated township staff (*PSATS Salary Survey Plus processor*) enters your township's wage and benefit data by **August 18** to ensure the earliest access to all PSATS Salary Survey Plus reports this year, including comparisons to 2018-2020 results, question by question comparisons, and reports by region, population, budget size, union status, benefits, and more!

Townships that participate in this secure survey enable their township supervisors, managers, secretaries, and other township-authorized employees to view the data entered and run real-time reports and comparisons with townships most like yours. To protect anonymity, results are only provided for questions that receive responses from at least five townships.

To access Salary Survey Plus, log onto psats.org and look under "My PSATS" for "Salary Survey Plus." If you need to change the township official designated to enter data (*the PSATS Salary Survey Plus processor*), contact memberservices@psats.org or (717) 763-0930, ext. 112.

Questions about the survey? Need help with a report? Email salarysurveyplus@psats.org or call (717) 763-0930, ext. 138.

Turnpike Announces 2022 Toll Rate Increase

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission has announced a 5% toll increase for 2022 for both E-Z Pass and TOLL BY PLATE customers. The increase will take effect January 2, 2022. E-Z Pass drivers will continue to receive the lowest toll rates.

Tolls have increased significantly since 2009 due to required payments to fund transit operations under Act 44 of 2009. The Turnpike's final \$450 million payment will be made later this month, and future payments will drop to \$50 million annually. However, the Turnpike has amassed significant debt in its efforts to meet its funding obligations for transit since 2009 and will be paying off this debt for decades. [Click here](#) to learn more about the toll increase and the reasons for it.

Federal Grants Available for Local Arts

The National Endowment for the Arts has released guidelines and applicant resources for funding opportunities through the American Rescue Plan for arts and culture organizations. Nonprofit arts organizations, local governments, and local arts agencies may apply for grants of \$50,000 to \$150,000. Applications are **due August 12**, and a webinar about the grant will be held tomorrow, **July 8**, at noon. [Click here](#) to learn more about the grant and [click here](#) to register for the webinar.

Pennsylvania Remains at 13th for Vaccine Doses Administered Per Capita

According to the Centers for Disease Control, Pennsylvania remains at 13th for total COVID doses administered per capita. Nationally, more than 157 million people have been fully vaccinated, or 58.3% of the adult population. The CDC's data shows that 60.8% of Pennsylvanians age 18 and older are now fully vaccinated. Both Pennsylvania and the United States fell short of their 70% goals by Independence Day, but PA is above the national average.

[Click here](#) for state numbers and [here](#) for national numbers.

This Day in History.....

On July 7, 1930, construction of the Hoover Dam begins. Over the next five years, a total of 21,000 men would work ceaselessly to produce what would be the largest dam of its time, as well as one of the largest manmade structures in the world. Although the dam would take only five years to build, its construction was nearly 30 years in the making.

Learn

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

2021 PAAZO Fall Seminar

In the PAAZO Fall Seminar, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics pertinent to your duties as a municipal Zoning official. Specific agenda items will be updated when finalized.

[2021 PAAZO Fall Seminar - 10/19/21 - Central](#)

[2021 PAAZO Fall Seminar -10/21/21 - West](#)

[2021 PAAZO Fall Seminar -11/9/21 - East](#)



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