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Township Video News



TVN's DaveTalk | Join Me in Trying Harder to Do the Right Thing

Executive Director Dave Sanko invites you to join him in an endeavor to live up to the words of Teddy Roosevelt. Find out what our 26th president had to say and how it ties in with what you do for your township by watching Dave Talk! (3:48)

Latest News

Don't Forget to Participate in PSATS' Salary Survey!

PSATS' Salary Survey Plus provides valuable data annually on township employee wages and benefits across the state. Participating townships have full access to online reports to compare employee wages and benefits by budget size, population, union status, county, and much more!

However, PSATS can't produce this quality product without your help. Be sure your designated township staff (*PSATS Salary Survey Plus processor*) enters your township's wage and benefit data by tomorrow, **August 18**, to ensure the earliest access to the 2021 PSATS Salary Survey Plus results.

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 memberservice@psats.org or [\(717\) 763-0930](tel:717-763-0930), ext. 112.

Questions about the survey? Don't see the Salary Survey option? Email salariesurveyplus@psats.org or call [\(717\) 763-0930](tel:717-763-0930).

Thank you to the many townships that have already participated to make this valuable service possible!

Voting Delegates Must Register for PSATS Business Meeting

After 2 cancelled PSATS Conferences, there is plenty of official business to get done. There are over 75 resolutions to be considered, a few By-Law changes to modernize post-pandemic procedures, and elections to be held. All business meeting material will be sent to you in advance before Labor Day.

On October 15, PSATS will hold its Business meeting at Hershey Lodge to handle these duties, get Harrisburg updates, and hear about PSATS past, present and future. Every township gets to designate a voting delegate. County Associations also get to send voting delegates based on how many townships are in your county. (1 delegate for every 10 townships). Contact Holly Fishel at PSATS [717-763-0930](tel:717-763-0930) to determine how many voting delegates your county association gets.

Natural Gas Firefighting Grants Available

State Fire Commissioner Bruce Trego has announced that grant applications are being accepted from fire companies and emergency medical services in the 40 counties where unconventional gas wells are located or counties that directly border these counties. The grant is part of the 2021 Act 13 Unconventional Gas Well Grant Fund. Applications are due October 15, 2021.

Grants of \$2,000 to \$6,000 are available for professional national certification of members, the purchase of firefighting, emergency medical, rescue, or air monitoring equipment used at or related to an unconventional gas well pad incident, and training for incidents at unconventional gas well pads. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Eighty Percent of Pennsylvania Adults Have Received First COVID-19 Vaccine

Dose

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 80% of Pennsylvanians have now received their first dose of COVID-19. In total, more than 64% of adult Pennsylvanians are now fully vaccinated. [Click here](#) for more.

DEP Assesses Fine on Mariner East 2 Pipeline

The state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has assessed an \$85,666 penalty on Sunoco Pipeline LP for violations related to the construction of the Mariner East 2 pipeline in Blair, Cumberland, Juniata, and Lebanon counties. The penalties are for unauthorized discharges of drilling fluids to wetlands and creeks in the listed counties. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Today in History....

On August 17, 1786, Davy Crockett was born. A Congressman, folk hero, soldier and frontiersman, Crockett earned an almost mythological reputation in the United States.

Learn

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

Developing Your Township Budget

This class will provide proven and effective methods and techniques to help new and veteran township supervisors, secretaries, treasurers, managers, road masters and public works officials develop budgets that work.

[8/19/21 - Bradford Co.](#)

[8/24/21 - Cumberland Co.](#)

[8/25/21 - Lackawanna Co.](#)



PSATS Regional Forums

“PSATS Live” is back, and we’re going on the road again with our ever-popular Regional Forums at a location near you starting in July in Erie and running through November in Wilkes-Barre. We have all-new content and a one-day-only format now. Be sure to sign up for the one closest to you!



PSATS Southwest 2021 Regional Forum - 8/24/21 - Canonsburg
PSATS Southeast 2021 Regional Forum - 10/27/21 - Exton
PSATS Northeast 2021 Regional Forum - 11/10/21 - Wilkes-Barre

Budgets with QuickBooks

Learn how to pull years of financial data from QuickBooks and send to Excel to more easily create your proposed township budget.

9/9/21 - Centre Co.
9/16/21 - Montgomery Co.
9/20/21 - Lackawanna Co.
9/28/21 - Cumberland Co.



QuickBooks Year-End Reports

Learn how to print W-2s and 1099s and file all year-end taxes and reports with the Internal Revenue Service and state agencies.

9/9/21 - Centre Co.
9/16/21 - Montgomery Co.
9/20/21 - Lackawanna Co.
9/28/21 - Cumberland Co.



2021 PSATS HR & Labor Management Institute - 9/23-24/21

This day and a half class is a must-attend for anyone who has responsibility for HR and personnel management in their township.



2021 Solicitors Fall Seminar

In the Solicitors Fall Seminar learn from experts on a wide variety of topics critical to the practice of a municipal solicitor.

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

[10/7/21 - Central](#)

[11/4/21 - East](#)



QuickBooks for Beginners

This class is designed to provide each student with a fundamental understanding and working knowledge of QuickBooks Accounting Software, and is intended to demonstrate the application of QuickBooks and QuickBooks Pro to assist in municipal accounting.

[10/7/21 - Union Co.](#)

[10/12/21 - Cumberland Co.](#)

[10/19/21 - Lehigh Co.](#)



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