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Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | What are the rules about spouses and immediate relatives of a zoning hearing board member serving on the township's planning commission?

Learn whether there are any conflicts of interest with relatives of zoning hearing board members serving on the township's planning commission. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. (1:26)

Latest News

CDC, FDA Approve COVID-19 Booster Shots After 8 Months

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration have announced that data now shows that COVID-19 vaccines decrease in effectiveness over time, particularly with the Delta variant. As such, the agencies concluded that a booster shot will be needed to maximize vaccine-induced protection and prolong its durability. Booster shots will be offered beginning September 20 at eight months after an individual's second dose for both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. [Click here](#) for more.

DGS to Auction 270 Vehicles on August 24

The state Department of General Services will auction 270 vehicles on Tuesday, August 24, at 10 a.m. at Manheim Keystone Pennsylvania, 488 Firehouse Road, Grantville. There will be a wide selection of vehicles used by state agencies. Preregistration and in-person previewing of vehicles will take place today through Sunday, August 22. Preregistration is mandatory and must be completed by Sunday, August 22, at 4 p.m. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Wildfire Protection Grants Awarded to Rural Fire Companies

Gov. Tom Wolf has announced that \$602,306 in grants have been awarded to 109 fire companies in rural areas and communities with a population of less than 10,000. The funding may be used for training and equipment purchases directly related to fighting brush and forest fires. [Click here](#) for a list of fire companies that received awards.

Biden Extends FEMA Reimbursement for COVID-19 Expenses

President Joe Biden has signed a presidential memorandum directing the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency to extend the 100% federal cost-share for eligible Category B Emergency Protective Measures incurred by local governments for the COVID-19 pandemic until December 31, 2021. This includes expenses for personal protective equipment and disinfection services and supplies. [Click here](#) for more.

Be sure to join us in Hershey for PSATS' Centennial Celebration Dinner, which takes place in just 8 weeks! [Click here](#) to learn more. Registration is open!

Today in History....

On August 19, 1909, the first race is held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, now the home of the world's most famous motor racing competition, the Indianapolis 500.

Built on 328 acres of farmland five miles northwest of Indianapolis, Indiana, the speedway was started by local businessmen as a testing facility for Indiana's growing automobile industry. The idea was that occasional races at the track would pit cars from different manufacturers against each other. After seeing what these cars could do, spectators would presumably head down to the showroom of their choice to get a closer look.

Learn

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

CDL - Probable Cause Training for CDL Supervisory Personnel - Virtual Training

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.

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CMV/CDL Records Management - Virtual Training

This virtual training workshop will review CMV/CDL employee and vehicle paperwork, including pre-employment inquiries regarding a CDL applicant's records in the FMCSA Clearinghouse; requests for CMV driver's license information from PennDOT; annually reviewing each CDL drivers records in the Clearinghouse; 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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Flagger Training

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

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



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.

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