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Township Video News



TVN's Training Tuesday | Back in Full Swing! PSATS' in-person education is back up to full speed, and we've got lots on the docket.

From Regional Forums to budgeting, CDL, personnel management, and stormwater, PSATS has a full schedule of in-person training on tap for the coming months. We're back in the classroom and happy to be seeing everyone live and in person! (3:02)

Latest News

Joint Covid Task Force Urging Township Officials to Assist with Vaccination Efforts

Gov. Tom Wolf and the 4 caucus members of the bipartisan COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force are asking local officials in Pennsylvania to support vaccination efforts in the commonwealth and encourage their constituents to get vaccinated. In a recent [letter to local officials](#), the task force explained that “Pennsylvania has made admirable progress in our vaccine rollout, and as of July 28, we stand ranked 8th in the nation for first doses administered.”

The task force, comprised of Democrat and Republican House and Senate members and the Governor, is asking local officials to connect with constituents through newsletters, events and social media to encourage them to take the simple step of getting vaccinated. “High vaccination rates are the best protection our communities have against COVID-19,” the letter said.

The letter continued, “We can talk to our constituents directly, we can elevate the voices of local trusted health care providers, and we can discuss our own experiences and talk about our shared goals: protecting ourselves and those we love. Please do this with care, with understanding, and with urgency.”

Free resources are available at pa.gov/COVID.

Reminder: FHWA Form 365 Due September 15

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires each state to provide data on local government revenues and expenditures related to the disposition of highway user revenues, revenues used for roads and bridges, road and bridge expenditures, and local highway debt status to develop national highway financing trends. This would include all funding sources, not just the Liquid Fuels Tax Funds that you receive. The state also uses the data to reflect statewide trends and identify local highway needs and funding strategies.

PennDOT has developed a web form to collect the necessary information and is requesting your help with this effort. You may access the form by visiting [PennDOT's FHWA Form 536 Reporting website](#). Once on the website, please click on the "Forgot Password" link and enter your township's "DOT code," which PennDOT recently emailed to you. For this reporting cycle, information is being requested about the 2020 calendar year. Please submit the information by **September 15, 2021**.

You may also submit the form by email to RA-PDFHWAMUNIFORM@pa.gov. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Sims at (717) 214-6161 or krsims@pa.gov.

Today in History...

On August 3, 1936, Jesse Owens wins his first gold medal in the 100-meter dash at the Berlin Olympics. He would go on to win a total of 4 gold medals on the cusp of World War II. 48 years later, At the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, California, Mary Lou Retton scores a perfect 10 on the vault at the 1984 Los

Angeles Olympics. She would go on to win a total of 5 medals, more than any other athlete that year.

Legislation & Policy



House Speaker Announces Special Election

Yesterday, Pennsylvania House Speaker Bryan Cutler (R-Lancaster) announced that a special election to fill Pennsylvania's 164th House district seat will be held on November 2, the same day as the municipal general election. The seat is vacant due to the recent resignation of Representative Margo Davidson.

Learn

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

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 Northcentral 2021 Regional Forum - 8/5/21 - Williamsport
PSATS Southcentral 2021 Regional Forum - 8/17/21 - Grantville
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

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.



- [8/5/21 - Butler Co.](#)
- [8/6/21 - Crawford Co.](#)
- [8/12/21 - Montgomery Co.](#)
- [8/13/21 - Lancaster Co.](#)
- [8/19/21 - Bradford Co.](#)
- [8/24/21 - 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](#)



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