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Latest News

Deadline for 2022 PSATS Conference Workshop Proposals This Friday

PSATS will be accepting proposals to present workshops at the 2022 PSATS Annual Conference through this Friday, September 3 (*yes, it is almost September!*). Workshops can be 30, 70, or 140 minutes long and can focus on anything that would be beneficial for municipal officials and employees. We would love to see a strong contingent of Solicitors Association members participate. To access the RFP link, [click here](#).

Don't Miss PSATS QuickBooks Training Coming to You!

PSATS will host a series of QuickBooks training in locations throughout the state beginning in September. Don't miss these upcoming classes, including the following:

- Budget with QuickBooks: Learn how easily create your proposed township budget.
- QuickBooks Year-End Reports: Learn how to file all year-end taxes and reports.
- QuickBooks For Beginners: Develop a fundamental understanding of QuickBooks to assist in municipal accounting.
- Intermediate QuickBooks: Discover the benefits of the Accounts Payable-A/P and Accounts Receivable-A/R in QuickBooks.

[Click here](#) for dates and locations.

ARPA Municipal Payments Total Nearly \$484.7 Million

State Treasurer Stacy Garrity announced that the ninth batch of payments under the

American Rescue Plan Act's (ARPA) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery program has been sent to qualifying Pennsylvania municipalities.

Disbursements made this week include payments to 69 municipalities totaling \$4.8 million. Combined with previous payments, that means 2,373 Pennsylvania municipalities with populations of less than 50,000 have received more than \$484.7 million. Payment information can be found on this [interactive map](#) on Treasury's website.

Municipalities with populations of more than 50,000 were required to apply directly to the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

FHWA Safety Summit Series Available in September

The Federal Highway Administration's Every Day Counts Safety Summit Series will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday in September, beginning September 1. Participants can join for one or all five Wednesdays.

The summit will highlight Every Day Counts safety innovation and how they save lives. Topics will include Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian; Data-Driven Safety Analysis; Reducing Rural Roadway Departures, Intersection/Interchange Geometrics, and Road Diets. To register, [click here](#).

Pa. COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations Increase

27,021 new cases of COVID-19 were reported last week, a 57% increase compared to the prior week. The statewide COVID-19 total case count now stands at 1,294,730 and cases have now increased for seven weeks in a row. Despite being 5th in population, the commonwealth now ranks 39th in cases per 100,000 nationally, with Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi continuing to make up the top three. Every state reported a high rate of transmission last week.

The [number of COVID-19 hospitalizations in Pennsylvania](#) increased for the sixth week in a row to 1,768 from 1,463. 476 patients are in the ICU compared to the previous week's 391. Total deaths in Pennsylvania have reached 28,213 with 137 new deaths were reported this week.

Pennsylvania's statewide percent-positivity rate increased for the eighth week in a row from 6.9% to 7.8%. Four counties now have rates less than 5% (down from seven last week), 30 counties have rates of 5% to less than 10% (down from 46 last week), 32 counties have rates of 10% to less than 20% (up from 14 last week); and one county has a rate of more than 30%. [Click here](#) for more county-specific information.

Today in History....

On August 30, 1967, Thurgood Marshall becomes the first African American to be confirmed as a Supreme Court justice. He would remain on the Supreme Court for 24 years before retiring for health reasons, leaving a legacy of upholding the rights of the individual as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

[Click here](#) for the latest issue of the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

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

Webinar - Best Practices for "Quality of Life" Enforcement - 9/8/21

This session will cover a variety of common “quality of life” matters for townships, including managing short-term rental issues, fireworks, and numerous property maintenance challenges and will leave you with best practices to better position your township to be proactive.



Webinar - Overtime and Other Employee Pay Issues - 9/15/21

This webinar will cover a variety of employee pay-related issues, including which of your township employees are eligible for overtime pay, when employees must be paid for on-the-clock and off-the-clock work, how to calculate overtime pay and much more, and the differences between state and federal laws governing employee pay.



Webinar - Know Before You Dig - Geophysics 101 for Municipalities - 9/22/21

This presentation will provide you with a better understanding of beneficial applications for municipalities through real-life project examples and allow you to learn the benefits of using geophysics before a shovel ever hits the ground.



[Webinar - Everything You Need to Know about Township Vacancies - 9/29/21](#)

In this webinar, we will discuss all of the tricky issues that arise when a vacancy occurs on a township board of supervisors, including accepting letters of registrations (or having letters of resignation withdrawn), calculating the timing of required actions and the process for convening the vacancy board.



[Webinar - Hot Topics in Planning: Storefront Vacancies, Recovery, & Multifamily Impacts - 10/13/21](#)

In this webinar, representatives of the Montgomery County Planning Commission will cover several new and emerging areas in the planning world and their efforts to address them.



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