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Latest News

Want to Make Sure Harrisburg Doesn't Move Forward Merging Local Governments?

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Local Government Commission, both legislative agencies of the state General Assembly, are conducting a short demographic survey of elected local officials. This is a great place to define the value of local government!

The information from this survey will help these agencies better understand who our elected municipal officials are and why they choose to serve their communities. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete, and individual responses will be kept strictly confidential. Survey results will be reported in the aggregate. [Click here](#) to complete the survey.

Survey responses are due August 31, 2021. If you have any questions or comments about the survey, please contact either Julia Frey at (717) 787-7680, jfrey@palegislature.us, or Jonathan Johnson at (717) 787-9555, email johnsonj@rural.pa.gov.

It's Salary Survey Time!

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 memberservice@psats.org or (717) 763-0930, ext. 112.

Grant Funding Available for ATV or Snowmobile Projects and Programs

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources’ Bureau of Recreation and Conservation has announced the All-Terrain Vehicle and Snowmobile Program’s fall grant round. Grant money is awarded for projects proposing land acquisition, planning, development, rehabilitation, maintenance, equipment purchases, and educational programs for ATV or snowmobile trails and facilities.

Grant applications are due by 4 p.m. on Thursday, September 30, 2021. For assistance, contact the department’s Grants Customer Service Center at (800) 326-7734, DCNR-Grants@pa.gov. [Click here](#) for more information and to apply.

Today in History....

On August 4, 1821, The Saturday Evening Post publishes its first edition. Printed on a press previously operated by Benjamin Franklin, the Saturday Evening Post was stylized after *The Pennsylvania Gazette*, also printed by Franklin.

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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