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Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | We heard there's a new law affecting meeting agendas that we need to comply with. What exactly must we do?

Beginning August 29, all local government boards and commissions must comply with new agenda posting requirements. Find out what they are. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. (1:36)

Latest News

White House Releases State Fact Sheets Highlighting Impact of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

The White House has released state fact sheets that highlight the nationwide impact of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the largest long-term investment in the nation's infrastructure and competitiveness in nearly a century.

The fact sheets highlight how the historic legislation will deliver for states and territories across the country to repair roads and bridges, improve transportation options, build a network of electric vehicle chargers to accelerate the adoption of such vehicles, and help connect every American to reliable high-speed internet.

[Click here](#) to view the Pennsylvania Fact Sheet.

Governor Signs 15th Opioid Disaster Declaration

Gov. Tom Wolf signed the 15th renewal of his January 2018 opioid disaster declaration yesterday to help the state fight the opioid and heroin epidemic. This opioid disaster declaration will last 21 days or until the General Assembly takes action to extend the declaration by August 26. The governor had sent a letter to the General Assembly on July 30 stating his intent to renew the declaration and asking their leaders to consider returning to Harrisburg to extend the disaster declaration to allow for a renewal of collective efforts around the opioid crisis.

Preliminary numbers show there have been 5,063 drug overdose deaths reported for 2020 through July 21, 2021. In comparison, Pennsylvania saw 4,458 drug overdose deaths in 2019. The update reveals that 2020 ranks second to 2017, when there were 5,403 overdose deaths, the most in a single year since the opioid epidemic began. Additional overdose death reports from 2020 are expected to trickle in over the next couple of months.

For more information on Pennsylvania's response to the opioid crisis, click [here](#).

State Defers to Locals....For Now

Deferring to local control rather than one size fits all mandates from Harrisburg, the Wolf Administration has offered the following comments relative to the recent covid variants:

Pa Health Secretary Beam said the state is following the CDC's lead and is recommending, not mandating, schools require face masks.

She said the overriding goal is to keep schools open and for kids to be educated in classrooms.

Outside of schools, Beam said Pennsylvania's plan for dealing with COVID-19 continues to rely on encouraging vaccination rather than mandates, although she added "all options are on the table".

While total counts remain low, 97% of people hospitalized with COVID-19 are unvaccinated, and 99% of deaths involve unvaccinated people.

52.6% of the full Pennsylvania population is vaccinated, as are 63.2% of people 18 or older and 84% of people 65 or older.

Today in History.....

On August 5, 1914, the world's first electric traffic signal is put into place on the corner of Euclid Avenue and East 105th Street in Cleveland, Ohio.

In the earliest days of the automobile, navigating America's roads was a chaotic experience, with pedestrians, bicycles, horses and streetcars all competing with motor vehicles for right of way. Over 100 years later, the competition in municipal rights of way remains.

Learn

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

Flagger Training

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

[8/11/21 - Berks County](#)

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



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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[10/26/21](#)



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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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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