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Latest News

ARPA Municipal Payments Total Over \$472 Million

State Treasurer Stacy Garrity announced that the sixth 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 86 municipalities totaling \$8.86 million. Combined with previous payments, that means 2,204 Pennsylvania municipalities have received more than \$472 million.

Current payment information can be found on [this interactive map](#) on Treasury's website. The map will be updated as additional payments are made after DCED approves applications that met the August 2 deadline.

Registration for Resolutions Business Meeting, Centennial Celebration is Open!

Registration for PSATS' Centennial Celebration Dinner and Annual Business Meeting opened last week so be sure to register for either or both events, which will be held at the Hershey Lodge. The Business Meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 15, and the Centennial Celebration will be held the evening before. **While these events will not replace our Annual Conference, you will not want to miss them!**

Registration: If you're going to the Resolutions Business Meeting, register at voting2021.psats.org. If you're going to the Centennial Celebration, register at PSATS100.mypli.org. If you're attending both, start at one site and finish at the

other. You will find a button at the end of the one to go to the other.

Lodging: There are still a few rooms available at the Hershey Lodge and other facilities. Overnight lodging accommodations can be made during the registration process. The HOTEL RESERVATIONS link will appear at the end of each registration. If registering for both events, you will only need to go through the hotel reservation process once.

United States Wins Most Medals at Olympics

Fielding the largest team of any country, the United States, with a strong final day finish edged out China by 1 gold medal (39 US-38 China). The US also led in Silver and Bronze medals for a total of 118 total medals to second-place finisher China with 88. [Click here](#) for the breakdown.

Pennsylvania State Police Welcomes 91 New Troopers

Col. Robert Evanchick, commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police, has announced that 91 cadets graduated from the State Police Academy in Hershey and have been assigned to troops across the commonwealth. The men and women represent the 161st graduating cadet class.

[Click here](#) to read more and to see where the new troopers were assigned.

Pennsylvania Recognized for Excellence in Sustainable Electronics Purchasing

For the second consecutive year, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been nationally recognized with the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool, or EPEAT, Purchaser Award for its commitment to preserving the environment through the purchase of nearly 67,400 units of sustainable electronics. Pennsylvania made more than \$79 million in EPEAT-qualified purchases in the Computers & Displays and Digital Imaging categories in Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The commonwealth was one of only eight states recognized with the 2021 EPEAT Purchaser Award.

[Click here](#) to read more.

Today in History....

On August 9, 1944, the U.S. Forest Service authorizes a forest fire prevention campaign with Smokey Bear as the mascot.

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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 - Your Personal Financial Foundation - Session 3 - 8/9/21

In this webinar, you will learn how to leverage your current financial situation to better position you to achieve your goals.



Webinar - Steps to Take After the Audit - 8/18/21

Topics covered will include what types of information to communicate with your auditor between audits, areas of focus as the board/management reviews the audit, and potential areas in which your organization can improve.



Webinar - 21st Century Solutions to Failing Septic System Infrastructure - 8/25/21

This presentation will explore the basics of septic systems, why they fail, the differences in types of septic systems, and the benefits of updating aging or over-stressed infrastructure.



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.



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