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Township Video News



TVN's Coffee & the Capitol | Rep. Pam Snyder, Deputy Whip of the Pa. Democratic Caucus: Everyone Needs Access to Broadband Service

Rep. Pam Snyder, deputy whip of the Pa. Democratic Caucus, talks about her support of legislation to expand broadband to the unserved and underserved areas of the commonwealth. The pandemic, she says, has made it all the more clear how much everyone depends on the internet for business, schoolwork, telemedicine, and more. She also hits on the topics of legal advertising and State Police funding. (8:30)

Latest News

Treasury Issues Final ARPA Municipal Payments

State Treasurer Stacy Garrity has announced that the 10th and final batch of payments under the American Rescue Plan Act's Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery program has been sent to qualifying Pennsylvania municipalities.

Disbursements made this week include payments to 72 municipalities totaling nearly \$5 million. Combined with previous payments, that means 2,445 Pennsylvania municipalities with populations of less than 50,000 have received more than \$489.7 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.

Don't Miss PSATS' Business Meeting, Centennial Celebration

Don't miss out on PSATS' Centennial Celebration Dinner and Annual Business Meeting in Hershey in October. 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](https://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: 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.

Biden Approves Federal Individual Assistance Request

President Joe Biden has approved a major disaster request for Pennsylvania following Tropical Depression Ida. The approval releases individual assistance for **Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia, and York counties** and makes the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program available on a cost-share basis to all 67 counties. Residents and business owners who sustained losses in these counties can begin applying for assistance by registering online [here](#).

Neither the federal nor state announcement indicates whether Biden has decided to approve Gov. Tom Wolf's request for public assistance for Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Fulton, Montgomery, Philadelphia, and York counties. The public assistance program provides federal assistance to municipal, county, and state

governments.

SAVE the DATE . . . PennDOT Virtual Innovation Days, Nov. 2-4, 2021.

The event will provide PennDOT employees, local government representatives, and other transportation partners and stakeholders with the opportunity to learn about and discuss transportation innovations being used across Pennsylvania.

The PennDOT Virtual Innovation Days will consist of:

- Two concurrent sessions in the morning and afternoon of each day; these sessions will also include a facilitated Q&A discussion.
- A Virtual Exhibit Hall to showcase homegrown innovations
 - Like last year's event, the exhibit hall will be housed on a subpage of PennDOT's website and will allow viewers to submit questions about the featured innovations.

[Click here](#) to see the "Save the Date" and mark your calendars to join us. Feel free to use the contents of the "Save the Date" to help spread the word and encourage participation. An official event invitation and link to register will be distributed later this month.

Please feel free to direct any questions to PennDOT's Bureau of Innovations resource account at DOTInnovations@pa.gov.

Today in History....

On September 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key pens a poem which is later set to music and in 1931 becomes America's national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." The poem, originally titled "The Defence of Fort M'Henry," was written after Key witnessed the Maryland fort being bombarded by the British during the War of 1812. Key was inspired by the sight of a lone U.S. flag still flying over Fort McHenry at daybreak, as reflected in the now-famous words of the "Star-Spangled Banner": "And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there."

Legislation & Policy



PSATS Testifies Before Joint House-Senate Local Government Committees

PSATS Director of Government Relations Joe Gerdes testified yesterday before a joint hearing of the House and Senate Local Government Committees on local government experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. Gerdes said that townships met the challenge of how to hold safe and transparent meetings with creativity in finding solutions that worked for their community. These solutions were yet the latest examples of the value of flexibility and the necessity to resist one-size-fits-all solutions.

He also asked the committees to enhance local control by providing legal advertising reform and allow local officials to determine the best way to communicate with their residents. [Click here](#) to read the testimony.

Learn

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

[Developing Your Township Budget - 9/21/21 - Virtual Training](#)

This virtual 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.



[Breaking Down Generational Differences in Order to Build Up Your Team - Virtual Class - 10/12/21](#)

This discussion will examine generational differences, as well as the unique value that each group brings to the table. It will identify some key similarities and shared beliefs that can sometimes go overlooked.



Budgets with QuickBooks

Learn how to pull years of financial data from QuickBooks and send to Excel to more easily create your proposed township budget.

[9/20/21 - Lackawanna Co.](#)

[9/28/21 - Cumberland Co.](#)



QuickBooks Year-End Reports

Learn how to print W-2s and 1099s and file all year-end taxes and reports with the Internal Revenue Service and state agencies.

[9/20/21 - Lackawanna Co.](#)

[9/28/21 - Cumberland Co.](#)



QuickBooks for Beginners

This class is designed to provide each student with a fundamental understanding and working knowledge of QuickBooks Accounting Software, and is intended to demonstrate the application of QuickBooks and QuickBooks Pro to assist in municipal accounting.

[10/7/21 - Union Co.](#)

[10/12/21 - Cumberland Co.](#)

[10/19/21 - Lehigh Co.](#)



Intermediate QuickBooks

Come learn with us as we discover the benefits of using the Account Payable-A/P and Accounts Receivable-A/R System in QuickBooks.

[10/21/21 - Montgomery Co.](#)

[10/28/21 - Centre Co.](#)

[11/12/21 - 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.



Now Virtual - 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](#)



[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 Southeast 2021 Regional Forum - 10/27/21 - Exton

PSATS Northeast 2021 Regional Forum - 11/10/21 - Wilkes-Barre

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