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Latest News

COSTARS 2021-2022 Salt Contract Released

The state Department of General Services has released the 2021-2022 Road Salt contract with pricing and winning bidder by county and contract specification. Participating townships can view the contract by [clicking here](#), under Newsflash. The statewide average price per ton is \$65.70, which is 4% less than the prior contract year.

Questions? Contact COSTARS at 1-866-768-7827 or via email at gs-PACostars@pa.gov.

Public Hearing on Solar Development in Rural Pennsylvania Set for Next Friday

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania will hold a public hearing next Friday, October 1 at 9 a.m. at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania to explore current policy approaches to solar development in rural Pennsylvania and matters to consider when beginning and ending/decommissioning a solar project. The hearing will also be held via Zoom.

“With the expansion of the solar energy industry in Pennsylvania, rural communities and landowners are asking important questions about solar development in terms of land use policies, project implementation, and solar panel decommissioning,” said Sen. Yaw. “The Center for Rural Pennsylvania has assembled state, regional, and national experts who can speak to these issues and provide guidance to our rural communities.”

The public hearing will be held at the Shippensburg University Conference Center, 500 Newburg Rd, Shippensburg, PA 17257. To attend via Zoom, attendees are asked to register in advance by [clicking here](#). Note that Shippensburg University requires all visitors to wear a mask when indoors, except while actively eating or drinking.

Reminder: Grants Available to Address Community Violence

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency is accepting grant applications designed to reduce or prevent community violence. The \$24 million in Violence Intervention and Prevention funding will be made available to eligible applicants, including municipalities, counties, institutions of higher education, and community organizations. Applications are **due October 15**. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Be sure to join us in Hershey for PSATS' 2021 Business Meeting, which takes place in three weeks! [Click here](#) to learn more and to register!

Today in History....

On September 24, 1789, the Supreme Court of the United States was established as a tribunal made up of six justices who were to serve on the court until death or retirement. That day, President Washington nominated John Jay to preside as chief justice, and John Rutledge, William Cushing, John Blair, Robert Harrison and James Wilson to be associate justices. On September 26, all six appointments were confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Since 1869 there have consistently been nine justices on the Supreme Court. Before that, Congress routinely changed the number of justices to achieve its own partisan political goals, resulting in as few as five Supreme Court justices required by law under John Adams to as many as 10 under Abraham Lincoln.

Learn

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

Emergency Management Fall Exercise Forum

This full-day class is designed for everyone responsible for your municipality's emergency management program, including elected officials, municipal managers, road crew/public works personnel, and, most importantly, local emergency management coordinators (EMCs).



[10/28/21 – PSATS \(Cumberland Co.\)](#)

[11/4/21 – West \(Washington Co.\)](#)

[11/9/21 – East \(Montgomery Co.\)](#)

[11/18/21 – Central \(Centre Co.\)](#)

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