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Latest News

Don't Miss PSATS' Special Events!

There's still time to register for PSATS' Centennial Celebration Dinner and Annual Business Meeting! While some may be delaying their registration pending potential meeting restrictions, you are encouraged to register now to lock in group discounted hotel rates. Refunds will be available if there are governmental restrictions in place.

Business Meeting: On **Friday, October 15**, delegates (especially voting delegates) are invited to the Hershey Lodge to conduct **PSATS' 2021 Annual Business Meeting**, elect PSATS leadership, debate and vote on more than 75 resolutions that will guide state association policy, and vote on critical bylaws changes to modernize PSATS procedures post-pandemic. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. with breakfast and end by 1:30 p.m. Lunch is included. All business meeting materials were mailed to townships before Labor Day. Learn more and register at voting2021.psats.org.

Centennial Celebration Dinner: The night before, **Thursday, October 14**, the Pennsylvania Leadership Institute will host a **Centennial Celebration of PSATS' First 100 Years** at the Hershey Lodge. This fun-filled historic evening, complete with dinner and light entertainment, is not to be missed! A reception will begin at 6 followed by dinner at 7. Learn more and register at PSATS100.mypli.org.

While these events will not replace our Annual Conference, you will not want to miss them! For details, go to the websites listed above or call PSATS at (717) 763-0930.

Deadline is Next Week to Include Your Township in the 2022 PSATS Calendar!

Township public works crews operate year-round, and we'd like to see your crew in action. Get creative and show us the many ways that your public works crew keeps your township running smoothly throughout the year. **We need your photos by next Friday, September 17, 2021.**

For example, you could send photos of your crew:

- repairing or resurfacing roads;
- cleaning out ditches;
- Repairing storm damage;
- mowing along roads or in parks;
- plowing snow or spreading salt and antiskid;
- sprucing up playgrounds, benches, pavilions, or other park amenities;
- working on a sewer or stormwater management project;
- sweeping streets or collecting leaves;
- processing yard waste at a composting facility;
- repairing or replacing a bridge or culvert;
- repairing or maintaining equipment; or
- any of the many other tasks public works crews perform.

For best appearance, photos must have a resolution of at least 300 dpi at a size of 4 inches x 6 inches. Photos taken with a smartphone are fine, but be sure to send them to us as "actual size" to ensure full resolution. Color photos are best.

Email color photos as jpeg attachments to kacri@psats.org. Provide your name, position, township, county, and daytime telephone number. Identify everyone in the photo left to right, their titles or roles, and a brief description of what they're doing in the photo.

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.

Today in History....

On September 8, 1974, in a controversial executive action, President Gerald Ford pardons his disgraced predecessor Richard M. Nixon for any crimes he may have committed or participated in while in office. Ford later defended this action before the House Judiciary Committee, explaining that he wanted to end the national divisions created by the Watergatescandal. Decades later, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation presented its 2001 Profile in Courage Award to Gerald Ford for his 1974 pardon of Nixon. In pardoning Nixon, said the foundation, Ford placed his love of country ahead of his own political future and brought needed closure to the divisive Watergate affair.

