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Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | What is the process for appointing a CPA to perform the annual audit in place of the elected auditors?

Find out how the board of supervisors approves a motion stating their intent to appoint a CPA to perform the audit. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. (1:14)

Latest News

EMS Organizations and Individuals Recognized by Commonwealth

The Wolf Administration and the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council recognized nine individuals, groups, and organizations from across the state for their commitment and dedication to delivering the highest quality of pre-hospital medical care available to Pennsylvanians. Award categories include clinical performance, education, communications, outstanding system contributions, innovation and organization-level operations.

“Our first responders are on the frontlines of helping Pennsylvanians during a time of need,” Acting Secretary of Health Alison Beam said. “These award recipients represent thousands of public servants across the state, who dedicate their lives to helping others and providing patients with the best care possible.” [Click here](#) to view the recipients.

Today in History.....

On October 28, 1965, construction is completed on the Gateway Arch, a spectacular 630-foot-high parabola of stainless steel marking the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial on the waterfront of St. Louis, Missouri.

Completed in October 1965, the Gateway Arch cost less than \$15 million to build. With foundations sunk 60 feet into the ground, its frame of stressed stainless steel is built to withstand both earthquakes and high winds. An internal tram system takes visitors to the top, where on a clear day they can see up to 30 miles across the winding Mississippi and to the Great Plains to the west.

Legislation & Policy



The following bills of interest to townships moved forward yesterday:

[SB 275](#) would prohibit municipalities from restricting access to any energy source. The bill clarifies that it does not affect municipal land use authority under the Municipalities Planning Code or a municipality’s ability to take steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from municipal facilities and operations. The bill was passed by the Senate.

[SB 251](#) would regulate the application of fertilizer and professional fertilizer applicators to reduce excess levels of nitrogen and phosphorus. The bill includes a

homeowner education program. Local governments that choose to have employees apply fertilizer to public property, including public parks, must obtain a fertilizer application license. The local government would need to employ at least one certified public applicator to manage the fertilizer applications and to keep records of each application. Local governments that use a licensed fertilizer application business for fertilizer application would need to follow these provisions. The bill was amended and reported out of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

[SB 881](#) would create a grant program for municipalities and counties to establish Safe Exchange Zones for child custody exchanges and the exchange of goods purchased online. These zones would have to meet certain criteria, including video surveillance, and the municipality would need to have a local police department. The bill was amended and reported from the Senate Community, Economic, and Recreational Development Committee.

[HB 764](#) would amend the Child Protective Services Law to allow employers to hire employees on a provisional basis on par with the 45-day provisional hiring window that is currently authorized for childcare providers. This would include employees hired for township recreational programs. The bill was reported out of Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

[HB 1694](#) would amend the Recreational Use of Land and Water Act to provide protection from liability for volunteers and volunteer organizations who care for, preserve, or maintain land for recreational purposes recreation land and nonprofits. The bill was reported from the House Tourism and Recreational Development.

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 - 11/16/21 - Bedford County](#)

This instructor-led Flagger Training will be conducted for individuals who have flagging responsibilities on ANY ROAD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Others who would benefit from this course include: utility companies working on low volume roads, law enforcement personnel, municipal managers and elected officials (to understand the importance, and for budgeting purposes).



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