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October 7, 2021

Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | What are PSATS' resolutions and why are they important?

At the Annual Business Meeting on October 15th 2021, members will debate and vote on more than 75 resolutions that will determine what legislation PSATS will support and oppose. Be sure to attend so your township's voice is heard! Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. (1:47)

Latest News

PEMA Announces Millions Available for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) announced the new FEMA Disaster Mitigation Grants, called the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. This program helps communities implement hazard mitigation measures to reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future disasters. Phase 1 letters of intent must be sent to PEMA by October 15, and phase 2 letters of intent must be sent to PEMA by December 3. Subrecipient applications will be accepted October 18 until January 7 for phase 1 and from January 10 to February 28 for phase 2.

To learn more about the program and determine if your township meets the eligibility requirements, [click here](#). [Sample forms](#), including the letter of intent, can be found on this site as well. Direct questions and letters of intent to PEMA at RA-Shazmitoff@pa.gov.

PA American Water Awards \$500 Grants to Fire Companies

Pennsylvania American Water has awarded 100 fire companies grants of \$500 each through its Firefighting Support Program. The grants are a thank-you for the valuable service fire departments provide to the community.

Pennsylvania American Water President Mike Doran said, "Water systems and fire departments work collaboratively to deliver community fire protection, and we are proud to support the men and women who serve our local fire departments." [Click here](#) to see if your fire department was one of the recipients.

Law Firm Holding Right-to-Know Law Webinar

The law firm of Nauman Smith will hold a free webinar on Wednesday, October 13, from noon to 1 p.m. on Addressing Frequent Issues under the Right-to-Know Law. The session will provide helpful tips on resolving common issues in the public records process. The session will include Nauman Smith attorneys Craig Staudenmaier and Josh Bonn; Elizabeth Wagenseller, executive director of the Office of Open Records; and Scott Coburn, PSATS education director and legal counsel. To learn more or register, [click here](#).

PennDOT Virtual Innovation Days

Registration for the PennDOT Virtual Innovation Days event is now open. This FREE event is scheduled for Nov. 2-4, 2021, featuring 12 sessions over the course of the 3-day event. For additional details, including the complete event schedule and registration link, please go to the [PennDOT website](#).

[Click here](#) for a flyer for PennDOT Virtual Innovation Days.

QuickBooks for Beginners Now Virtual - 10/12 & 10/19

The QuickBooks Beginners classes on 10/12 and 10/19 are going to one virtual option. The one day class is now going to a two half-day class. The first half of the virtual class will be held the morning of the 12th and the second half of the virtual class is being held on the morning of the 19th. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Today in History

On October 7, 1913, Henry Ford's entire Highland Park, Michigan automobile factory is run on a continuously moving assembly line when the chassis—the automobile's frame—is assembled using the revolutionary industrial technique. A motor and rope pulled the chassis past workers and parts on the factory floor, cutting the man-hours required to complete one "Model T" from 12-1/2 hours to six. Within a year, further assembly line improvements reduced the time required to 93 man-minutes. The staggering increase in productivity effected by Ford's use of the moving assembly line allowed him to drastically reduce the cost of the Model T, there by accomplishing his dream of making the car affordable to ordinary consumers.

Be sure to join us in Hershey for PSATS' Centennial Celebration Dinner, which takes place next Thursday evening, October 14! [Click here](#) to learn more and to register!

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

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).

[10/18/21 - Lawrence County](#)

[10/21/21 - Lancaster County](#)

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

[11/17/21 - Berks County](#)



2021 Engineers Virtual Fall Seminar

This full-day virtual seminar is designed to meet the educational interests and busy schedules of

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consulting engineers by providing a focused overview of important issues of interest to municipal engineers and their local government clients. In addition to the opportunity to learn from and engage in dialogue with highly regarded faculty members, attendees will receive handout materials and certificate of attendance.

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CDL - Probable Cause Training for CDL Supervisory Personnel - Virtual Training

This workshop addresses these federal requirements by providing supervisory personnel with a working understanding of the federal CDL regulations, including on-the-job probable cause procedures.

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CMV/CDL Records Management - Virtual Training

This virtual training workshop will review CMV/CDL employee and vehicle paperwork, including pre-employment inquiries regarding a CDL applicant's records in the FMCSA Clearinghouse; requests for CMV driver's license information from PennDOT; annually reviewing each CDL drivers records in the Clearinghouse; CMV daily vehicle inspection, maintenance, and repair reports; the employer's required policy on CDL drug and alcohol testing; and a general overview of all the CDL regulations.

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