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Latest News

Save America's Treasures Grants Available

National Park Service is offering the Save America's Treasures grants to preserve national significant properties and collections. This includes historic districts, buildings, and more. Collections include artifacts, museum collections, documents, and more. Projects require dollar-for-dollar non-federal matching shares. Townships may apply for these grants until December 14, 2021. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Department of Justice Grant Funding Available

The U.S. Department of Justice announced more than \$139 million in grant funding through the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services COPS Hiring Program. The awards provide direct funding to 183 law enforcement agencies, allowing those agencies to hire 1,066 additional full-time law enforcement professionals. These temporary funding grants will transition costs to local taxpayers over the course of several years. Congratulations to Tobyhanna Township, Monroe County, which was one of the awardees. [Click here](#) to learn more about the program.

Today in History.....

On November 19, 1863, at the dedication of a military cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln delivers one of the most memorable speeches in American history. In fewer than 275 words, Lincoln brilliantly and movingly reminded a war-weary public why the Union had to fight, and win, the Civil War.

Charged by Pennsylvania's governor, Andrew Curtin, to care for the Gettysburg dead, an attorney named David Wills bought 17 acres of pasture to turn into a cemetery for the more than 7,500 who fell in battle. After 2 hours of other speeches,

Lincoln's address lasted just two or three minutes. The speech reflected his redefined belief that the Civil War was not just a fight to save the Union, but a struggle for freedom and equality for all, an idea Lincoln had not championed in the years leading up to the war. This was his stirring conclusion: "The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."----This came to be known as The Gettysburg Address.

Learn

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

[Webinar - Vehicle Automation and What Townships Should Know - 12/1/21](#)

Join representatives of PennDOT as they share information about the current status of AV testing in Pennsylvania and what townships should know so that they and their residents can be better prepared for AVs.



[Webinar - Everything You Wanted to Know About Your VFD - But Were Afraid to Ask - 1/5/22](#)

This conversation will outline some of the forces converging on today's volunteers and will focus on offering solutions for the community and its first responders to move forward together towards adequate and affordable public safety services.



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