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Latest News

Service Recognition Certificates Available

As 2021 draws to a close, we know that many townships may have supervisors who are retiring or departing effective January 2, 2022, and that you might want to recognize them for their years of service to the township and your residents.

If you would like a recognition certificate from PSATS for such supervisors, please email the request to certificates@psats.org by **November 24**, and include the following information:

- Full name and position
- Township and county
- Years of service

If you have more than one supervisor departing, please provide this information for each person. There is no minimum number of years of service to qualify for the certificate. Use the same process for secretaries and managers.

Study Shows Residential Property Sales Increase in Rural PA During Pandemic

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania has released a study showing that rural Pennsylvania counties experienced a housing boom during the COVID-19 pandemic. From 2019 to 2020, there was a 7% increase in rural home sales and a 6% decrease in urban home sales statewide. The growth was particularly

pronounced in the northeast – Wayne, Pike, and Monroe counties and many of the home buyers were from New York, New Jersey, and the Philadelphia region.

“During the course of the pandemic, the Center was hearing anecdotal accounts of large influxes of new residents to rural Pennsylvania,” Sen. Gene Yaw, Center board chair, said. “To find out if there were actual numbers behind these stories, the Center analyzed residential property transfer data and found that, for the most part, these accounts had merit.”

[Click here](#) for more.

Pennsylvania, U.S. Record High Wage Growth

The Independent Fiscal Office has released a research brief showing the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis of data for total wages paid to U.S. workers. The data shows the largest annual gain since 2001, with 4.2% year-over-year growth and 1.5% growth from the prior quarter. Wages paid in September grew 9.3% on a year-over-year basis. [Click here](#) to view the brief.

Today in History.....

On November 5, 1940, Franklin Delano Roosevelt is re-elected for an unprecedented third term as president of the United States. Roosevelt was elected to a third term with the promise of maintaining American neutrality as far as foreign wars were concerned: “Let no man or woman thoughtlessly or falsely talk of American people sending its armies to European fields.”

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).

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

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



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