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Latest News

Nominate a Project for Local Government Excellence Awards

PSATS is urging townships to consider nominating a project for the 2022 Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence. These awards recognize townships and officials who have found creative ways to improve their communities. The deadline for nominations is January 3, 2022.

Townships may nominate projects in the following categories:

- Building community partnerships
- Responding to adversity
- Promoting community/economic revitalization
- Innovative community/governmental initiatives
- Fiscal accountability and best management practices
- Intergovernmental cooperation
- Information technology
- Health and wellness initiatives

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the judging criteria for each category, view past award winners, and submit a nomination.

\$4 Billion...Is Some of it Yours?

PA State Treasurer Stacy Garrity offers a reminder that the updated Pennsylvania Treasury's unclaimed property website is online and easier to use than ever after the first major upgrades in over a decade. The updated website features new tools to make it easier for Pennsylvanians to claim their unclaimed property. Treasury

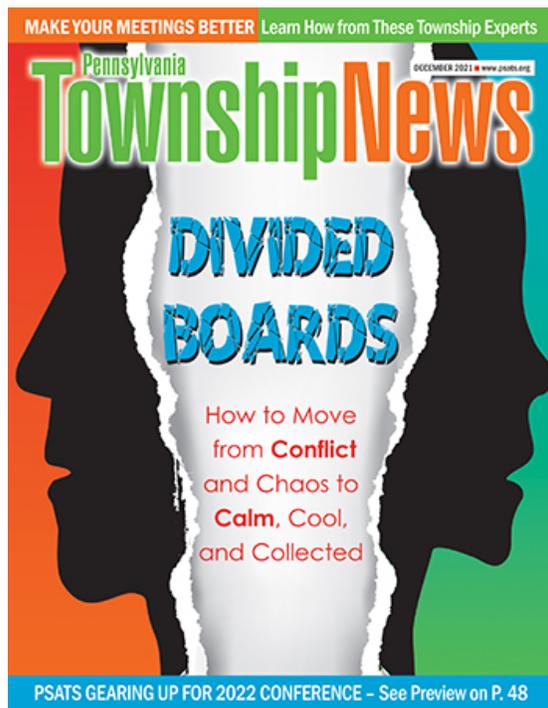
currently holds nearly \$4 billion in unclaimed property. One in ten Pennsylvanians is owed unclaimed property, and the average claim is worth \$2,000. To see if you have property waiting to be claimed with Treasury, and to start the claims process, visit patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property.

State Police Release Thanksgiving Holiday Enforcement Numbers

The Pennsylvania State Police released Thanksgiving Holiday Enforcement numbers. The PSP investigated 1,155 crashes, including five fatal collisions, in which five people were killed. 533 DUI arrests were made, as well as 10,126 speeding citations. [Click here](#) for more.

Recycling Pamphlet Available in Printer-Friendly Versions

The state Department of Environmental Protection's recently updated pamphlet *Guidelines for Recycling in Your Community* is now available in both printer-friendly and web-friendly versions. [Click here](#) to access these resources, as well as many other educational publications about recycling.



Digital Version Now Available! Township News Offers Suggestions for Dealing with a Divided Board

What should you do when elected officials disagree? The December issue of the *Township News* provides some commonsense tips for managing conflict among board members. Other articles this month explore how to have better meetings, review what emergency-related actions to take at your annual organization meeting, and highlight a resource for managing stormwater runoff. In addition, there is a sneak peek at the upcoming 2022 Annual Conference, and PSATS says goodbye to longtime News editor Ginni Linn, who is retiring after 42 years with the Association.

Subscribers to the News can access a digital copy by signing in to www.psats.org (link) and clicking on "Digital Publications" under "My PSATS Profile." Not yet a subscriber? You can check out the free cover article [here](#) and learn how to subscribe to the News [here](#).

Today in History...

On December 1, 1913, Henry Ford installs the first moving assembly line for the mass production of an entire automobile. His innovation reduced the time it took to build a car from more than 12 hours to one hour and 33 minutes.

Ford had been trying to increase his factories' productivity for years. The most significant piece of Ford's efficiency crusade was the assembly line. For instance, workers built motors and transmissions on rope-and-pulley powered conveyor belts. In December 1913, he unveiled the pièce de résistance: the moving-chassis assembly line.

Learn

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

[PSATS Zoning Academy - 12/7-9/21](#)

The PSATS Zoning Academy is a multi-day class that is focused on providing attendees with a foundational understanding of all important aspects of zoning in Pennsylvania. This class will greatly benefit newer zoning officials, those looking to become zoning officials and municipal officials and employees seeking a better understanding of zoning's impact on municipal operations.



[The Code Officials Guide to Zoning - Virtual Class - 1/18/22](#)

The 90-minute online course provides a comprehensive overview of current zoning issues and problems as they inter-relate to the UCC. Topics include: overview of the MPC, zoning requirements and difficulties, responsibilities of BCOs to meet and manage zoning challenges, permit issuance and enforcement conflicts, violation letter requirements and templates, and legal issues in zoning.



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