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Latest News

PSATS Conference Registrations Nearly 1,700 First Day

The 2022 Annual PSATS Educational Conference and Exhibit Show opened registration will nearly 1,700 registrations for the April 24-27 event. 75% of available hotel rooms have been booked and the Hershey Lodge sold out within the first half hour. Registrants should watch for the re-launch of "The Insider", a weekly conference newsletter that arrives in your email every Tuesday morning.

USDA Has Low-Interest Loans for Water, Wastewater Projects

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has available historically low interest rates of 1.25% to 2.125% for loans from the Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program. The funds can be used to help build, expand, and repair your community's drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and sanitary solid waste disposal systems. Projects must be located in a municipality with 10,000 people or less.

For more information about the program, contact the Office of Water and Environmental Programs at 717-237-2188, or [click here](#).

And the Winner Is.....

We can't get there without you. Do you know a township supervisor, manager, or secretary who has demonstrated outstanding leadership to improve their community? Nominate them for the PSATS President's Leadership Award. There is a separate award for supervisors and a different award for Manager/Secretary. The deadline for nominations is January 31. For more information, guidelines, and an

entry form, [click here](#). The awards will be presented at the PSATS 2022 Annual Conference in Hershey in April.

Today in History....

On January 12, 1904, Henry Ford sets a land-speed record of 91.37 mph on the frozen surface of Michigan's Lake St. Clair. He was driving a four-wheel vehicle, dubbed the "999," with a wooden chassis but no body or hood. Ford's record was broken within a month at Ormond Beach, Florida, by a driver named William K. Vanderbilt; even so, the publicity surrounding Ford's achievement was valuable to the auto pioneer, who in June of the previous year had incorporated the Ford Motor Company, which would eventually go on to become one of America's Big Three automakers.

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The House will be in session today, January 12. Watch the session live [here](#).

The following bill passed the House yesterday:

[HB 2148](#) would authorize local governments to **voluntarily place legal notices** on a website, in addition to the required newspaper advertisement. If the newspaper failed to timely publish the advertisement, the ad placed on the website, along with proof of publication and payment to the newspaper, would satisfy the legal requirements for advertising.

Gov. Tom Wolf **vetoed Senate Concurrent Regulatory Review Resolution 1** (*Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative*). The Senate has 30 calendar days or 10 legislative days, whichever is longer, to vote to override the veto.

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

[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.



[Duties of a Zoning Hearing Board](#)

Topics to be covered include procedures for deciding variances and special exceptions, handling hearing-related questions, Ethics Act requirements and much more.

[2/22/22 - Chester County](#)

[3/3/22 - Butler County](#)

[3/8/22 - Cumberland County](#)



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[2022 PAAZO Spring Educational Forum - 4/24/22](#)

This educational forum explores issues that zoning officers and planning and zoning officials face on a regular basis, and discusses effective strategies to address them.



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