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Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | What upcoming township forms do I need to complete?

See page 70 of the December 2021 issue of the *Township News* magazine for information on when and how to file upcoming township reports. The PSATS calendar also lists this information, or visit psats.org and click the Newsroom tab. Many forms are due in January or early February.

If you are a new secretary or manager and need to register with DCED as a new user, call toll-free 1-888-223-6837 or email RA-munistats@pa.gov. For PennDOT forms, reach out to your PennDOT Municipal Services representative to be

registered to file your township's report. [Click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week!

Latest News

PSATS Sets Town Hall on Final ARP Rule

As previously reported, the U.S. Treasury released its final rule for the American Rescue Plan funding last week. PSATS staff are currently analyzing the 400-plus-page final rule in preparation for the virtual town halls scheduled for next Thursday, **January 20, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.**

The final rule contains significant new flexibility by allowing townships to opt for a standard lost revenues allowance of \$10 million to be used for general government purposes. Learn about what this means for your township, as well as broadened uses for water and sewer and pandemic-related expenses. We will also cover expectations for reporting. [Click here](#) to register for the 11 a.m. Town Hall and [click here](#) to register for the 3p.m. session!

Reminder: FEMA Accepting SAFER Grant Applications

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is accepting Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant (SAFER) applications **until February 4, 2022**. This program provides funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained firefighters available in their communities.

To learn more about this program and how to apply, [click here](#). If you have questions about the guidance materials, contact the Fire Grants Help Desk toll-free at 1-866-274-0960 or email firegrants@fema.dhs.gov.

Grants Available for Lake Improvement Projects

The Pennsylvania Lake Management Society (PALMS), with funding from the state Department of Environmental Protection, is offering mini-grants to county and state agencies, municipalities, nonprofits, and landowners to address lake-related issues of critically eroded shorelines, excess nutrient loading, and/or aquatic invasive species that degrade the quality of lakes in the commonwealth. The deadline for applications is January 28.

Through this program, a limited number of mini-grants up to \$24,000 is being offered on a competitive basis for projects to correct identified lake problems. To be considered for funding, the application must demonstrate that the project can be fully implemented and all paperwork submitted for reimbursement by October 1, 2023.

Special consideration will be given to lakes located in a watershed with an approved TMDL and/or listed on the commonwealth's 303(d) list of impaired waters. Projects that maximize funding toward implementation costs, rather than administrative costs, will receive high priority in award decisions.

Applicants must contact a [PALMS board member](#) to discuss the project idea prior to completing and submitting an application.

[Click here](#) for all the details. Contact [PALMS](#) with any questions.

Today in History.....

On January 13, 1986, NCAA schools vote to adopt Proposition 48, a controversial regulation that mandates minimum high school grades and scores on standardized college entrance exams for student-athletes to participate in sports as freshmen. Proposition 48 required incoming freshmen to maintain a 2.0 grade-point average in the core curriculum of 11 courses in English, math and sciences as well as score 700 or more on the SAT or a 15 on the ACT. The SAT and ACT are standardized college entrance exams. The proposition passed by a large margin. Leadership at Historically Black Colleges (HBU's) claimed, at the time, it would have a disproportional impact on Black male athletes.

Legislation & Policy



Yesterday, the state House of Representatives passed HB 2146, the first-ever, citizen drawn congressional redistricting map, by a vote of 110-91. The bill is now before the Senate State Government Committee. [Click here](#) to view the bill and maps.

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).



[Flagger Training - 2/24/22 - Cumberland County](#)

[Flagger Training - 4/27/22 - Pike County](#)

Webinar - Stormwater Management: An Annoying Requirement, Simplified - 1/26/22

This webinar is designed to provide participants with an overview of the challenges and best practices associated with managing a township's many stormwater-related responsibilities – in a way that is user friendly and easy to understand.



Webinar - Where We Ride: Bicycle and Pedestrian Networks and Improvements - 2/23/22

Do all streets and roads need to be “complete”? Not all do, but enough to create a network that allows bicyclists and pedestrians to travel to their regular destinations.



Webinar - What Your Public Works Director Wants You to Know - 3/23/22

Your township's public works staff have unique perspective, knowledge, history and information that greatly benefit elected officials and senior employees. Confronted daily with the challenge of solving problems with finite resources, they are your front line for issues that matter to your constituents.



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