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January 31, 2022

Latest News

Reminder: PennDOT, DCED, IRS Deadlines Today

Township officials are reminded that several reports and forms are due today, January 31, 2022:

- PennDOT Actual Use Report**
- DCED Report of Elected and Appointed Officials**
- W-2 and W-3 forms** are due to employees and Social Security Administration
- 1099-NEC forms** are due to vendors and the IRS

PUC Sets Producer Fees for Calendar Year 2021

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission set the Act 13 of 2012 producer fees for Calendar Year 2021, with a high of \$54,000 for horizontal wells and \$10,800 for vertical wells in producing year one and \$21,600 for horizontal and \$4,300 for vertical in producing years four to 10. These fees are significantly higher than for Calendar Year 2020 and are based on a higher annual price of natural gas. [Click here](#) for the full schedule.

COVID-19 Cases, Percent-Positivity Rate, Hospitalizations Drop for Second Week in a Row

New case rates of COVID-19 dropped for the second week in a row to 76,747, or a 32.5% drop compared to the previous week. Percent positivity also dropped for the second week in a row from 31% to 25.4%. Likewise, for the second week in a row, the [number of COVID-19 hospitalizations in Pennsylvania](#) decreased from 6,339 to

5,084, a 20% decrease. There were 1,010 new deaths were reported this week. [Click here](#) for county-specific information.

Today in History....

On January 31, 1945, the Social Security Administration issued the first Social Security check in the amount of \$22.54 to Ida May Fuller.

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PSATS' 2022 Annual Educational Conference and Exhibit Show opens in just 12 weeks! Don't miss out ... [click here](#) to learn more and register!

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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.

[Webinar - How to Handle Claims under the Heart and Lung Act - 2/2/22](#)

Many public employers do not understand their rights and liabilities under the Heart and Lung Act. As the result, improper benefits are provided and municipalities expend significant costs that may have been avoided.



[Webinar - Intergenerational Community Engagement and Planning: Values and Practices - 2/9/22](#)

In this webinar, representatives of Penn State Extension will first engage participants in a discussion of challenges they have faced and provide practices for how they can address them to the benefit of their communities.



Webinar - The Township Official in 2022: Your Role in Meeting the Challenges - 2/16/22

This session will feature discussion on some of the issues that Township officials routinely face, as well as challenges unique to the last two years.



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 - State Police and Municipal Truck Fleets - 3/2/22

During this one-hour webinar, troopers from the State Police Motor Carrier Enforcement Office will discuss a number of important requirements that all municipalities must implement in order to ensure they are conducting safe and legal commercial motor vehicle operations.



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