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Latest News

Farm Show Is Back...But No Municipal Officials Day

The PA Farm Show is back as a live event in 2022 after a Covid Cancellation last year. However, there will not be a municipal officials' event at the Farm Show this year. Events start Thursday, January 6 with Opening Ceremonies outside on Saturday morning. New air handling systems, wider aisles and fewer vendors are part of the safety protocols. Masks will be available and recommended, but not required. Agriculture Secretary Russ Redding suggested that people should make personal decisions about attendance, especially if they have health or family concerns.

Webinar Series Available for FEMA Firefighting Grants

Fire departments interested in applying for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant (SAFER) should take advantage of a series of webinars being held this week and next week to help you develop your application and apply. 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. Applications are due **February 4, 2022**.

To register for a webinar, [click here](#). To learn more about this program and the steps necessary 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.

CDC Lifts Quarantine for Some

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has updated its website to provide details on its new quarantine and isolation guidance. Individuals who come into close contact with someone who has COVID-19 and have received all recommended vaccine doses and boosters, are age 5-17 and have completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines, or have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days do not need to quarantine but should wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days from the date of the last close contact. [Click here](#) for more details, including who needs to quarantine and for how long.

CDC, FDA Expand Booster Eligibility

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration have expanded the list of those eligible to receive booster shots of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to anyone 12 and older who received their second dose of one of these vaccines at least five months ago. [Click here](#) for more from the FDA and [here for the CDC](#).

Commonwealth Awards Grants to 11 Planning Projects

Gov. Tom Wolf announced the approval of 11 projects to receive grants through the Municipal Assistance Program to help with planning for zoning and updating of comprehensive plans. [Click here](#) for details, including a list of the winning projects.

Today in History....

On January 5, 1970, The bodies of dissident union leader Joseph "Jock" Yablonski, his wife, and daughter are discovered in their Clarksville, Pennsylvania, farmhouse by Yablonski's son Kenneth. The family had been dead for nearly a week, killed on New Year's Eve by killers hired by the United Mine Workers (UMW) union leadership. Yablonski's murder eventually brought down the whole union leadership and ended the widespread corruption of the union under UMW President Tony Boyle.

Learn

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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