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## Latest News

### **Reminder: Township Officials Asked to Complete Parks and Recreation Survey**

Elected and appointed township officials are strongly encouraged to take a few minutes to complete an important survey about local park and recreation services in Pennsylvania. PSATS is cooperating with the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society and Penn State's Department of Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management on this brief online survey. If you have previously completed the survey, thank you for your input! Please complete the survey **by February 28**. [Click here](#) to begin the survey.

The information you provide will help inform policy, funding, and initiatives for Pennsylvania park and recreation services. Your participation is needed to make sure townships' unique experiences and opinions are represented and your responses will be confidential.

### **Today in History....**

On February 11, 1809, The United States Patent Office issues Robert Fulton a patent for the first successful steamboat. Although the original patent record was destroyed in the 1936 US Patent Office fire, Fulton's commercial success with his North River Steamboat and Clermont spread westward.

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## Legislation & Policy

Yesterday, Gov. Tom Wolf signed [Act 10 of 2022](#) (SB 739) which establishes the Emergency Medical Services COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program. It provides \$25 million in grants from federal COVID-19 federal dollars to EMS companies for services in response to the pandemic. It will be administered by the Office of the State Fire Commissioner in consultation with the state Department of Health. This section takes effect immediately.

The act also amends the Emergency Services Loan Assistance Program to incorporate a statewide referendum and expand the program's eligibility to include nonprofit chartered fire companies and municipal-owned fire companies. This provision takes effect April 11, 2022.

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## Learn

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

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

Join your EMC colleagues from around the state at this highly-interactive session, and hear informative presentations from local and state emergency management personnel and hear the latest news and information from PEMA and TEMA.



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