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2022 Educational Conference & Exhibit Show



2022 Parade of Flags | Dave Sanko wants to know what's on YOUR flag!
PSATS is proud to announce the Parade of Flags, a new event for our 2022 Educational Conference and Exhibit Show April 24-27 at the Hershey Lodge. Is your township ready to register? Executive Director Dave Sanko goes over some quick details in this short video.

Latest News

Happy Valentine's Day!

Townships Need to Log into Treasury Portal

The U.S. Treasury Department is asking all local governments to log into the American Rescue Plan Reporting and Compliance Portal, confirm roles, and provide required information if they have not yet done so. You can access Treasury's portal using your existing login.gov account information by [clicking here](#). ***You do not need to use an ID.me account to access the portal.***

Please note that some townships have reported that their account has been merged with that of another township, sometimes of the same name. If you see individuals in your account that are not affiliated with your township, do not recognize the DUNS number, or are unable to change roles, your account may have been accidentally merged with that of another township. If so, please send an email to Treasury at COVIDReliefITSupport@treasury.gov, and copy Katie Lizza, PSATS Policy & Research Analyst, at klizza@psats.org or call 717-763-0930.

Once you are logged in, the [Project and Expenditures Report User Guide](#) has step-by-step instructions with screenshots to assist users in navigating the portal. Each township must designate individuals to serve in three official reporting roles: Account Administrator, Point of Contact for Reporting, and Authorized Representative for Reporting. The Account Administrator is the only role that can designate the two other roles. All three roles can be held by the same individual. All individuals designated must register with login.gov before they will be given access to Treasury's portal. Please note, the first annual Project and Expenditure Report will be due April 30, 2022.

Townships will be required to provide the following documents as part of the annual filing, which your township submitted to DCED last year as part of the request for funding:

- Copy of the **signed award terms and conditions agreement**;
- Copy of the **signed assurances of compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964**; and
- Copy of actual **budget documents** validating the top-line budget total.

Large-Scale Solar Webinar Offered Tomorrow

Penn State Extension is offering a free webinar for local officials to discuss concerns and answer questions related to utility-scale solar energy systems and local ordinances dealing with solar energy. The webinar will be held **tomorrow, February 15**, at noon. To learn more or to register, [click here](#).

UCC Regulation Change Takes Effect

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission recently approved a regulatory update to the Uniform Construction Code that adopted most provisions of the 2018 International Code Council codes, as directed by the UCC Review and Advisory Council. The new regulation was advertised in the February 14 issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin and is now in effect. [Click here](#) to view the regulation.

COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations Slow for Fourth Consecutive Week

New case rates of COVID-19 dropped for the fourth week in a row to 24,766 or a 49% drop compared to the prior week. Pennsylvania's statewide percent-positivity rate also dropped for the fourth week from 18.4% to 12.7%. In addition, the [number of COVID-19 hospitalizations in Pennsylvania](#) decreased for the fourth week from 3,794 to 2,690, a 29% reduction. [Click here](#) for more county-specific information.

Today in History.....

On February 14, 1884, future President Theodore Roosevelt's wife and mother both die, only hours apart. Roosevelt was at work in the New York state legislature attempting to get a government reform bill passed when he was summoned home by his family. He returned home to find his mother, Mittie, had succumbed to typhoid fever. On the same day, his wife of four years, Alice Lee, died of Bright's disease, a severe kidney ailment. Only two days before her death, Alice Lee had given birth to the couple's daughter, Alice.

[Click here](#) for the latest issue of the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Learn

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

[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.



[Webinar - Providing for “Missing Middle” Housing Options - 3/9/22](#)

This presentation will review how Cranberry Township has worked to create greater flexibility and remove regulatory barriers imposed by typical Euclidean zoning. Specifically, the presentation will examine the Township’s recently adopted Planned Neighborhood (PN) Overlay and its elements.



[Webinar - Is Your Township PDF/A compliant? - 3/17/22](#)

In this webinar, you will learn from a panel of experts about what you need to know to help your township become PDF/A compliant at little to no cost. For those who may not be familiar with PDF/A, it is an electronic format that allows information to be preserved. This is important because the Pennsylvania State Archives and Local Government Records Committee has a policy that allows municipalities to maintain records in electronic form as long as certain requirements are met.





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