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Township Video News



TVN's PSATS Roulette | Flag FAQs: How can you show off your township pride?

PSATS is planning a special Parade of Flags at the 2022 Conference to help celebrate and recognize our member townships. Learn more about this event and the FAQs to review before you get started. More information on the 2022 Parade of Flags is coming your way soon!

Latest News

Reminder: Townships Urged to Complete Critical Lawsuit Survey

Township officials are urged to complete a critical survey that could help provide the data necessary to keep lawsuits and liability insurance from getting even more expensive for all townships. Due to a Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision, the state legislature must determine how the current caps on local and state government lawsuits should be increased, expanded, or adjusted or the court will do so. As part of this, the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee is studying the impact of lawsuits on local governments and what would happen if the current \$500,000 cap on damages were to be increased. Although only a very few extreme cases would suggest increasing the cap, everyone's insurance costs will go up. Insurance premiums would be the newest unfunded mandate, and we need your participation in this survey to show that any increase can push communities closer to fiscal distress.

Your input is central to this report. By taking a few minutes to complete this anonymous online survey, you can help ensure that any increases are as moderate as possible and based on real data. [Click here](#) to respond to the survey, which will close **February 28**.

Clarification on Links to Treasury Portal

Some townships have reported issues with the links to the U.S. Treasury Department's American Rescue Plan Reporting and Compliance Portal that was provided in yesterday's Morning News. If you have issues, we recommend accessing Treasury's *Login.gov User's Guide* by [clicking here](#).

The very first link in the User's Guide will take you to Treasury's Login.gov portal, which says "Department of the Treasury is using Login.gov to allow you to sign in to your account safely and securely." If you landed on a login.gov page without this message, you will need to try again using the link in the User's Guide to access your Township's Treasury Portal. Please note that the second link will take you to id.me and you do not need an id.me account to access the Treasury Portal.

The User's Guide will show how to login to your account and take the first steps to link with your township's Treasury Portal. Then use the [Project and Expenditures Report User Guide](#), which has step-by-step instructions with screenshots to assist users in navigating the portal.

If you have technical issues or believe your township's account may have been accidentally merged with another township, 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.

Today in History.....

On February 15, 1903, toy store owner and inventor Morris Michtom places two stuffed bears in his shop window, advertising them as Teddy bears. Michtom had

earlier petitioned President Theodore Roosevelt for permission to use his nickname, Teddy. The president agreed and, before long, other toy manufacturers began turning out copies of Michtom's stuffed bears, which soon became a national childhood institution.

Learn

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

Basic Training for Secretaries and Administrators

Topics covered will range from budgeting, purchasing, advertising and meeting management all the way to human resource issues and public engagement.

[3/22/22 - Cumberland Co.](#)

[3/24/22 - Chester Co.](#)

[4/7/22 - Centre Co.](#)



[QuickBooks Tips and Tricks - Dauphin County - 4/24/22](#)

Join your colleagues from around the state for this newly REVISED class where Diana Patton, who has spent 30 years as a township secretary/treasurer and the last 19 years as a Certified QuickBooks Instructor and Trainer, will show you all the ways you can use QuickBooks to better serve the financial needs of your municipality.



[2022 Solicitors Spring Seminar - 4/25/22](#)

This seminar will cover a wide variety of emerging and important trends and issues vital to the practice of every municipal solicitor. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from experts and network with your peers from around the state.



[Demystifying Grant Seeking: Tools & Tips for Success - Virtual Class - 3/10/22](#)

Join fundraising master trainer, Chad Barger, CFRE, for a session focused on seeking grant support for township projects and programs. The session begins with an overview of the role of grant funding in an organization and the prerequisites for seeking grant support.



[QuickBooks for Beginners - Virtual Class - 3/10 & 17/22](#)

This virtual class is broken out into two half-day sessions. It is designed to provide each student with a fundamental understanding and working knowledge of QuickBooks Accounting Software, and is intended to demonstrate the application of QuickBooks and QuickBooks Pro to assist in municipal accounting.



[Newsletter Best Practices: Keeping Residents Updated Via Email & Postal Mail- Virtual Class - 4/7/22](#)

We'll examine how print/mailed communications work in tandem with email to ensure our donors are informed and engaged.



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