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Latest News

Reminder: Grants Available for Historic Preservation

Grant applications are being accepted for construction and project grants for historic resources that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Local governments are eligible to apply for these grants through the Keystone Historic Preservation Grant program administered by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. The deadline is March 1, 2022. The program supports projects that identify, preserve, promote, and protect Pennsylvania's historic properties for the benefit of the public and the revitalization of communities.

[Project grants](#) are available for planning and development initiatives that enhance historic preservation in communities. These include municipal planning initiatives focused on historic resources and may be used to meet building- or project-specific planning goals.

[Construction grants](#) may be used for rehabilitation, preservation, and restoration activities for historical resources that are publicly accessible and under nonprofit or local government ownership.

There's Still Time to Enter Award Programs!

Deadlines are approaching for several PSATS Award Programs. Don't miss this chance to shine a spotlight on outstanding accomplishments by individuals or your township. Upcoming awards programs and their deadlines include:

- The PSATS Youth Awards honor youth organizations that have completed community service projects in townships of the second class in the last year. Youth groups must submit their entries to their respective county association by March 1. [Click here](#) for more information.
- The Road and Bridge Safety Improvement Awards recognize townships that continued or completed road or bridge projects in 2021 to enhance safety for road travelers. Townships must submit their entries to PHIA by March 4. [Click here](#) for more information.
- PSATS' Excellence in Intergovernmental Cooperation Award recognizes townships that work with neighboring municipalities, state, or federal agencies to complete projects. Nominations are due March 11. [Click here](#) for more information. The clock is ticking ... enter today!

Today in History.....

On February 18, 1930, Pluto was discovered and announced as the ninth planet at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona, by astronomer Clyde W. Tombaugh. With a surface temperature estimated at approximately -360 Fahrenheit, Pluto was appropriately given the Roman name for the god of the underworld in Greek mythology. Pluto's average distance from the sun is nearly four billion miles, and it takes approximately 248 years to complete one orbit. In August 2006, however, the International Astronomical Union announced that Pluto would no longer be considered a planet, due to new rules that said planets must "clear the neighborhood around its orbit." Since Pluto's oblong orbit overlaps that of Neptune, it was disqualified.

PSATS will be closed for President's Day on Monday. The Morning News will return Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

Legislation & Policy

Yesterday, Gov. Tom Wolf signed [Act 12 of 2022](#) (HB 764), which amends the Child Protective Services Law to allow employers to hire employees on a provisional basis on par with the 45-day provisional hiring window that is currently authorized for childcare providers. This includes employees hired for township recreational programs. Provisional employees would have to meet certain requirements, including having applied for required background checks and affirmed in writing that they have not been convicted of any offense which would disqualify them from the employment position. Programs no longer need waivers if all criteria are met. Act 12 took effect February 17, 2022.

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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