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Latest News

Local Government Cyber Warning!

The U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the FBI are warning organizations and local governments to beware of a possible rise in state-sponsored cyberattacks. Extra caution should be used over coming days and weeks for cyber threats to your computer systems. Financial institutions and utility infrastructure are special targets so be extra vigilant with any online banking emails or requests for account passwords. Bogus emails are most often the entry point for ransomware attacks or debilitating virus threats. A reminder to computer users and employees about not opening emails from unknown sources as well as using extra caution when confronting obvious misspellings or suspicious emails. If you have a citizen warning/alert mechanism, it does not hurt to issue a public reminder about cyberattacks. Remember you can always point your cursor to hover over the sender's email name to so if the address is real or foreign. Expect further communications from the FBI and CISA with more directions and suggestions of things to watch for. Attacks will range from very sophisticated and hard to detect (State-sponsored" attacks to amateur-like spoofs simply created in a foreign language from copycat wannabes.

Grant Applications Being Accepted for Complete Streets, Active Transportation Plans

WalkWorks is accepting grant applications from municipalities to assist with the development of Active Transportation Plans, Complete Streets policies and/or Vision Zero policies. These plans and policies establish activity-friendly routes that connect people to everyday destinations and opportunities for physical

activity. Active transportation includes walking, wheeling or biking, and public transit. Applications are due **May 13**.

Interested township officials may participate in a non-mandatory webinar about the grant program on **April 8**. For more information, including program details and applications, [click here](#). Look for “Funding Opportunity Announcement” on the right side of the page.

Today in History.....

On February 25, 1964, 22-year-old Cassius Clay shocked the odds-makers by dethroning world heavyweight boxing champ Sonny Liston in a seventh-round technical knockout. The dreaded Liston, who had twice demolished former champ Floyd Patterson in one round, was an 8-to-1 favorite. However, Clay, who would later become known as Muhammed Ali, predicted victory, boasting that he would “float like a butterfly, sting like a bee” and knock out Liston in the eighth round.

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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