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Latest News

DEP Accepting Comments on Proposed PFAS Drinking Water Regulation

The state Department of Environmental Protection is collecting comments until April 27 on a proposed rule that would set maximum contaminant levels in drinking water for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and perfluorooctanoic acid. Comments may be submitted through the Environmental Quality Board's e-comment system. In addition, virtual hearings will be held the week of March 21. To learn more, [click here](#).

Broadband Funding Awarded to Southern Alleghenies

Twenty million dollars in broadband funding has been awarded to the Southern Alleghenies region. The Rural Broadband Infrastructure Expansion will deploy last-mile fixed wireless service to Bedford, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, and Mifflin counties. This funding is through the Rural Broadband Infrastructure Expansion project.

In addition, Pennsylvania is expected to receive hundreds of millions of dollars for broadband through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act over the next few years. [Click here](#) for more.

CDC Revises Mask Guidance

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has revised its mask recommendations for the prevention of COVID-19. Mask recommendations are now based on community-level spread, which is determined by hospital beds used, hospital admissions, and the number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. [Click](#)

[here](#) to learn more about the new guidance, including a tool to look up your county's COVID-19 community level.

Today in History....

On February 28, 1987, In a surprising announcement, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev indicates that his nation is ready to sign “without delay” a treaty designed to eliminate U.S. and Soviet medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe. Gorbachev and President Ronald Reagan had been wrestling with the issue of nuclear arms reduction in Europe since 1985, when they first met face-to-face to discuss the matter. The two men met in December 1987 and signed the INF Treaty, by which the Soviets eliminated about 1,500 medium-range missiles from Europe and the United States removed nearly half that number.

[Click here](#) for the most recent edition of the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

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

[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.



[Webinar - What Your Public Works Director Wants You to Know - 3/23/22](#)

Your township's public works staff have unique perspective, knowledge, history and information that greatly benefit elected officials and senior employees. Confronted daily with the challenge of solving problems with finite resources, they are your front line for issues that matter to your constituents.



[Webinar - Fair Housing Fundamentals for Townships - 3/30/22](#)

Learn from the fair housing team at the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (PHRC) about practical steps that you can take to stay in compliance with fair housing laws and promote equitable housing opportunities within your municipality.



[Webinar - Property Stormwater Retrofits and Retrofit Incentive Programs - 3/31/22](#)

This webinar will provide a look at what makes suburban and more urbanized area stormwater retrofits challenging and unique.



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