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Township Video News



TVN's Training Tuesday | You won't want to miss PSATS' March classes!
Spring is in the air with PSATS' March calendar! Make sure to use your Webinar PowerPass each Wednesday and learn more on topics regarding public safety, planning and zoning, administration, and public works!

Latest News

Happy Liquid Fuels Day!

Townships that timely filed for their LF funds will receive an electronic deposit today or their check will be mailed. PSATS will participate in a PennDOT press conference later today stressing the need for this vital funding to local government's ability to maintain roads and bridges.

Other March 1 Moments

Today is also Shrove Tuesday, aka Fat Tuesday, aka Fastnacht Day, when bakeries, grocery stores and churches sell the deep-fried doughnuts in a pre-Lenten tradition.

PSATS Resolutions Committee also meets today to prepare for our upcoming April Conference. Additionally, PSATS welcomes another new staff member to our Communications team. Chris Brady, an accomplished author comes from a 20 year plus career in newspapers, most recently as Managing Editor of the Standard Journal newspaper.

Township Officials Have Opportunity to Tell PennDOT What Electric Vehicle Data to Post

Township officials may take a short survey to provide input to the state Department of Transportation about what electric vehicle (EV) technology information is provided on the department's website. PennDOT is designing its EV website to update content and make more resources available.

As part of this process, PennDOT would like to hear your thoughts on what information should be provided. Please take a few minutes to complete PennDOT's short [EV Website Stakeholder Survey](#) and let PennDOT know what data, tools, or other resources should be provided on the new EV webpage. The survey will be open until early next week.

Treasury Updates ARP Compliance and Reporting Guidance

Late yesterday, the U.S. Treasury Department released an updated Compliance and Reporting Guidance for the American Rescue Plan funds. PSATS staff will review to determine any critical information. To view the updated guidance, [click here](#).

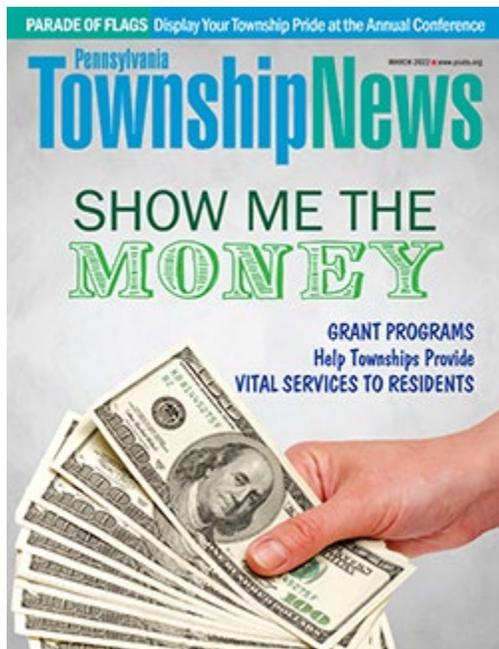
ARP Cyber-fraud Expands to Fake Phone Calls

PSATS continues to receive reports about suspicious emails claiming to be SAM.gov registration renewals. Keep in mind that fake sites will claim that users need to pay a fee to renew their information. This is not true! We are now hearing of suspicious phone calls also being made by actors claiming to "help" townships with their SAM.gov registration for a fee.

Please remember that the System for Award Management (SAM) is a **100% free** government website. The U.S. government will **never** send an email requesting payment to register or update information.

These suspicious emails are coming from many different email addresses and some are being sent to the chair of the board of supervisors. Remember that email from the federal government will come from a **.gov** or a **.mil** email domain. Look at both the sender's display name and the sender's email address to verify if it is a legitimate email. If you are suspicious, **do not respond or click on any links**.

Please note that SAM.gov registrations **needs to be renewed each year**. When you receive an official email telling you to renew, which will come from a .gov domain, check your original registration email, which will have your township's SAM.gov expiration date.



Digital Version Now Available!

Township News Looks at Grants and Other Funding

Townships are known for getting a dollar's worth out of every dime, but when large projects come along, they can use some help. In the March cover story, the News looks at some of the many grant and funding programs available to townships from state and federal agencies. This month's issue also includes articles on how to manage police misconduct, incorporate time-tested principles into modern police departments, participate in the inaugural Parade of Flags at the upcoming Annual Conference, and earn PMGA points at conference workshops.

Subscribers to the News can access a digital copy by signing in to www.psats.org and clicking on "Digital Publications" under "My PSATS Profile." Not yet a subscriber? You can check out the free cover article [here](#) and learn how to subscribe to the News [here](#).

Today in History....

On March 1, 1872, President Grant signed the bill creating the nation's first national park at Yellowstone on March 1, 1872. Early in 1872, Congress moved to set aside some 2 million acres of public land straddling the future states of Wyoming, Montana and Idaho as America's first national park. The Yellowstone Act of 1872 designated the region as a public "pleasuring-ground," which would be preserved

“from injury or spoilation, of all timber, mineral deposits, natural curiosities, or wonders within.”

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.



Effective Township Administration: Steering Your Township Through Difficult Situations - 4/24/22

Elected and appointed officials are often asked to solve problems that are either not within their authority to solve or where the proposed “solution” might create negative unintended consequences for the municipality. Navigating these difficult issues requires skill, diplomacy and, often patience.



[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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