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## Latest News

### **Reminder: Sign Up for COSTARS Salt Contract by March 15**

COSTARS has released the 2022-2023 Statewide Contract for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt). Interested townships can view the guidelines and submit a contract request on the [COSTARS member webpage](#) on the member information page. The submission deadline for participating in the contract is **March 15**.

### **Reminder: DCNR Accepting Applications for Recreation Grants until April 6**

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) is accepting applications for the 2022 round of Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) Grants until April 6. Projects will be selected based, in part, on how they align to the priorities outlined in DCNR's [2020-2024 Statewide Outdoor Recreation Plan](#). These priorities include community parks and recreation, land conservation, watershed restoration/rivers implementation, and trails.

All applications must be submitted electronically through [DCNR's Grants Portal](#). You can find additional grant information, project guidance documents, program policies, and instructions on the portal site.

### **PA Unemployment Rate Still Above National Average**

The state Department of Labor and Industry has announced that Pennsylvania's unemployment rate for January was 5.4%, still exceeding the national unemployment rate of 4.0%. [Click here](#) for more.

**Today in History....**

On March 14, 1950, the Federal Bureau of Investigation institutes the “Ten Most Wanted Fugitives” list in an effort to publicize particularly dangerous fugitives. The creation of the program arose out of a wire service news story in 1949 about the “toughest guys” the FBI wanted to capture.

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

**PSATS’ 2022 Annual Educational Conference and Exhibit Show opens in just six weeks! Don’t miss out ... [click here](#) to learn more and register!**

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## Learn

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

### [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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