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## Township Video News



### **TVN's DaveTalk | Got questions? PSATS has got the answers!**

PSATS provides member services and benefits to help you do your job better...from basic guidelines for public access and bidding, to handling complex township issues and evolving problems. Our top job at PSATS is to provide you answers to questions BEFORE you have to ask!

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## Latest News

### **Gas Tax Holiday a Vacation From Commonsense**

As consumers, nobody likes the high gas prices, but grandstanding “tax holidays” and treating voters like they are idiots are both bad options according to a Pittsburgh newspaper. The cost to drive a mile is actually down over the past 40 years, and that has led to not enough money being invested in road and bridge maintenance and repairs. When cost to driving a mile is adjusted for inflation and fuel efficiency, the per mile cost has gone from a high of .30 cents per mile in the 80s to approaching only 20 cents per mile now. [Click here](#) for a well-reasoned warning from the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette*.

### **Reminder: Today Is the Deadline for Online Gaming Local Share Grant Applications**

Today is the deadline to submit an application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for its \$100 Million Statewide Local Share Grants. There is no local match required. Townships are eligible to apply for these grants, which can be used for many projects that improve the quality of life in their communities. Eligible uses include acquisition, construction, demolition, infrastructure, purchase of vehicles, machinery and/or equipment; planning, consulting and design costs related to planning projects; engineering; and design. Click [here](#) for the grant application.

### **Reminder: Office of Open Records Offers Daily Webinars This Week**

March 13-19 is Sunshine Week in Pennsylvania. It is a week dedicated to promoting government transparency and accountability.

In recognition of Sunshine Week, the Office of Open Records is hosting free daily webinars at 2 p.m. on various topics with limited time for questions and answers. [Click here](#) for more detailed information about the classes.

- Tuesday: Submitting Evidence**
- Wednesday: Mediations**
- Thursday: Trending Topics in the Right-to-Know Law**
- Friday: Aggregated Data**

These webinars are conducted via Microsoft Teams and you will be asked to download a small application. Please test the link prior to the webinar and speak with your IT department if you encounter issues. Watch the webinars by [clicking here to join the Microsoft Teams meeting](#).

You may also listen to the webinar audio by joining via telephone at (267) 332-8737. The Conference ID is 646 597 282#.

### **Gaming Grants Available for Police Departments**

Police departments have until April 1 to apply for Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board grants to prevent and investigate unlawful gaming in municipalities. A total of \$2 million is available to fund activities related to the identification, prevention,

deterrence, enforcement, investigation, or prosecution of activities involving unlawful gambling. For more information, [click here](#).

### **Today in History....**

On March 15, 44 B.C., Julius Caesar, dictator of Rome, was stabbed to death in the Roman Senate house by 60 conspirators led by Marcus Junius Brutus and Gaius Cassius Longinus. The day later became infamous as the Ides of March. And some think there is a lack of civility today!

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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.

### **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.



**[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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