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Latest News

IFO Publication Looks at Reasons for Inflation...and it's NOT Ukraine!

The March 2022 issue of the Independent Fiscal Office's Monthly Economic Update examines the driving forces behind the current inflation rates and found the top sources to be the growth in transportation and shelter costs. [Click here](#) for more.

Have You Registered Yet for the 2022 Annual Conference? Don't Wait, Rates Increase April 1!

PSATS urges every township to send at least one delegate to the 2022 Annual Educational Conference and Exhibit Show. The knowledge gained can help your community save money, plan for the future, and explore new ways of serving residents. [Register by March 31](#) to avoid higher rates!

Today in History....

On March 21, 1871, Journalist Henry Morton Stanley began his famous search through Africa for the missing British explorer Dr. David Livingstone.

In the late 19th century, Europeans and Americans were fascinated by the continent of Africa. Few did more to increase Africa's fame than Livingstone, one of the United Kingdom's most famous explorers. In August 1865, he set out on a planned two-year expedition to find the source of the Nile River. Livingstone also wanted to help bring about the abolition of the slave trade, which was devastating Africa's population.

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

Learn

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

[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.



[Webinar - National Incident Management \(NIMS\) Training For Supervisors And EMCs - 4/6/22](#)

This webinar will provide an overview of each of the classes that both supervisors and EMCs must take, and will also discuss where to find each required class. Attendees of this webinar will learn not only how to obtain the training, but, more importantly, how to document that the required training was completed.



[Webinar - Active Transportation Planning In Rural Communities - 4/13/22](#)

The session will focus on Planning in Rural Communities during the development of Westmoreland County's first rural Active Transportation Plan. The Smithton Borough - Scottdale Borough Active Transportation Plan was adopted in December 2020 and provides an excellent example of how planners, local officials and county and regional partnerships, non-profits and institutional resources and state agencies can collaborate on community engagement and planning efforts.



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