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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 - 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.



**[Webinar - How to Reduce Pension Costs . . to \\$0 - 4/20/22](#)**

This webinar will give a brief background of Act 205 as it applies to townships' non-uniformed employee pension plans and then review a forward-looking thinking approach to reducing your township's future costs associated with providing employee pension benefits.



**[Webinar - Conducting Internal Investigations and Minimizing Township Liability - 4/20/22](#)**

This webinar is designed to help township supervisors and their staff identify issues that require rapid response, the process and procedures necessary to effectively address these issues and conducting an objective and thorough investigation to



ensure the safety and equal treatment of employees and constituents and to minimize liability.

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## 2022 Educational Conference & Exhibit Show



### 2022 Conference: Are YOU registered for the FREE first-timers webinar?

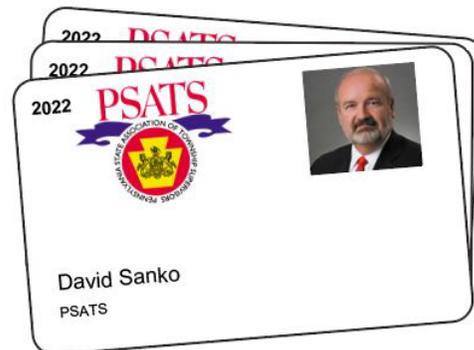
Navigating the conference can be challenging for both first-timers and seasoned attendees. Register for the First-Timers Webinar, a free online forum offered from 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30. [Click here](#) to register for the a.m. session and [here](#) for the p.m. session.

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## Latest News

### 2022 Membership Card

PSATS will again be producing the 2022 membership cards for supervisors, secretaries and managers in townships that have renewed their annual dues. If you would like your membership card to also double as a photo ID card, this can happen in one of two ways:



1. Use the current picture we have on file.

2. You can upload your new picture

Click here to sign in to [www.psats.org](http://www.psats.org). Once signed in go to “My PSATS” then “My Profile” and select “Upload Profile Image.” Click on “Select Image to Upload” and find the image you want to upload. Once you find the image, click on “Open.” Make sure your image is how you want it to appear on the membership card. The image that is uploaded will be the image that appears on your card. Please note that if you post a township building photo, cartoon character, or pet, then THAT is what would appear on your ID card. We will only send cards with a human likeness.

Photos need to be uploaded by **April 8th**.

### **11 Counties Added to Pennsylvania’s Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine Zone**

The state Department of Agriculture has added 11 counties to Pennsylvania’s spotted lanternfly quarantine zone ahead of the 2022 spring hatch. With this addition, the quarantine zone for this invasive pest is now at [45 counties](#). Adams, Armstrong, Bedford, Centre, Fulton, Indiana, Lycoming, Mercer, Snyder, Union, and Washington are the newly added counties.

“Spotted lanternflies threaten outdoor businesses and quality of life as well as grapes and other valuable crops Pennsylvania’s economy depends on,” state Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding says. “It’s up to every Pennsylvanian to be on the lookout for these bad bugs. Walk your yard, gardens, or land before spring hatch and scrape egg masses. Kill every bug. Check your vehicles before traveling to ensure you’re not transporting them to a new area for new opportunities to devastate crops and outdoor quality of life.”

Known lanternfly infestations are not widespread in the newly quarantined counties, but in scattered municipalities shown on the department’s [detailed online map](#).

The quarantine strictly prohibits the movement of any spotted lanternfly living stage, including egg masses, nymphs, and adults, and regulates the movement of articles that may harbor the insect.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the spotted lanternfly and why it is a major problem for Pennsylvania. [Click here](#) to learn more about the quarantine.

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

The state Department of Labor and Industry has announced that Pennsylvania's unemployment rate for February was 5.1%, while the national unemployment rate is 3.8%. [Click here](#) for more information. Others will say the rate has **not** gone up for 22 consecutive months.

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

At 4 a.m. on March 28, 1979, the worst accident in the history of the U.S. nuclear power industry began when a pressure valve in the Unit-2 reactor at Three Mile Island failed to close. After the cooling water began to drain out of the broken pressure valve on the morning of March 28, 1979, emergency cooling pumps automatically went into operation. Left alone, these safety devices would have prevented the development of a larger crisis. However, human operators in the control room misread confusing and contradictory readings and shut off the emergency water system. At the height of the crisis, some plant workers were exposed to unhealthy levels of radiation, but no one outside Three Mile Island had their health adversely affected by the accident. The incident greatly eroded the public's faith in nuclear power. The unharmed Unit-1 reactor at Three Mile Island, which was shut down during the crisis, did not resume operation until 1985. Cleanup continued on Unit-2 until 1990, but it was too damaged to be rendered usable again.

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