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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 - 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.



**[Webinar - What Your EMC Wants You to Know - 5/4/22](#)**

In order for any organization to be effective in emergency situations, leaders need to understand the role filled by each employee during an incident. In municipal government, the Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) plays a key role in preparedness for, mitigation of, response to, and recovery from all types of emergency incidents including weather events, infrastructure failure, and beyond.



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## Latest News

**Reminder: PSATS to Hold Town Hall on American Rescue Plan Form**

PSATS staff will host a Town Hall on Filing the ARPA Project and Expenditure Report tomorrow, April 12, at 2 p.m. and again on Wednesday, April 13, at 10 a.m. During these virtual sessions, PSATS staff will demonstrate the most efficient way to file the forms while ensuring that townships take the standard allowance for lost revenues, a one-time option that will provide maximum flexibility for use of the funds. The session will include trouble-shooting tips. [Click here](#) to register for the 2 p.m. session on April 12 and [click here](#) to register for the 10 a.m. session on April 13.

**Reminder: PRPS Offers Virtual Class on Accessible and Safe Playgrounds Tomorrow**

The Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society is offering a virtual class on Accessible and Safe Playgrounds tomorrow, April 12, at 1 p.m. This class will review the federal regulatory playground requirements in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and discuss how these elements interface with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) voluntary playground safety standard. The speakers will review ADA enforcement, recent decisions, and the critical role played by families of children with disabilities in this and other disputes. Finally, the speakers will spend time describing smart maintenance practices that

can keep your agency off the front page. PSATS members may use the partnership discount TRAIN22 at checkout for special rates. [Click here](#) to learn more or to register.

**PSATS Conference in Two Weeks! [Click here](#) for more information!**

**Today in History....**

On April 11, 1970, *Apollo 13*, the third lunar landing mission, was successfully launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, carrying astronauts James A. Lovell, John L. Swigert and Fred W. Haise. The spacecraft's destination was the Fra Mauro highlands of the moon, where the astronauts were to explore the Imbrium Basin and conduct geological experiments. After an oxygen tank exploded on the evening of April 13, however, the new mission objective became to get the *Apollo 13* crew home alive.

[Click here](#) for the latest issue of the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*!

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## Legislative & Policy



The House and Senate will be in session today, April 11. Watch the session live [here](#).

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