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

Flagger Training

This instructor-led Flagger Training will be conducted for individuals who have flagging responsibilities on ANY ROAD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Others who would benefit from this course include: utility companies working on low volume roads, law enforcement personnel, municipal managers and elected officials (to understand the importance, and for budgeting purposes).



- [5/3/22 - Chester County](#)
- [5/4/22 - Fayette County](#)
- [5/17/22 - Northumberland County](#)
- [5/18/22 - Chester County](#)
- [5/20/22 - Washington County](#)
- [5/23/22 - Blair County](#)
- [6/1/22 - York County](#)
- [6/10/22 - Erie County](#)

[2022 Engineers Spring Seminar - 4/25 & 4/26, 2022](#)

The 2022 Spring Township Engineers Seminar is a 2 half-day event. Each morning's agenda includes important issues of interest to municipal engineers and their local government clients taught by knowledgeable and respected subject matter experts.



Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | When and where do we file ARP reports?

Learn the proper procedure for filing your annual Project and Expenditure Report on Treasury's portal by April 30, 2022. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week.

Latest News

Townships "Run The Table" at Governor's Awards for Excellence

Acting Secretary of Community and Economic Development Neil Weaver today recognized municipalities and local government officials for their dedication and commitment to strengthen their communities and better serve their residents.

“It’s an honor to recognize all of these local officials, governments, and organizations for their achievements over the past year,” Weaver said. “More than any other level of government, local government has the greatest impact on our day-to-day lives.

After 2 years of virtual events, the first “live” awards were dominated by townships. “It’s no wonder that when the chips are down and the odds are long, township innovation will figure out new ways to serve their residents with quality services at an affordable cost,” PSATS Executive Director Dave Sanko says. “I don’t ever recall a time when townships won so much recognition from these annual awards!

Eleven communities, two organizations, and eight individuals from across the commonwealth were recognized for excellent service as part of the 26th Annual Governor’s Awards for Local Government Excellence.

Congratulations to the following township awardees! [Click here](#) to learn more.

David R. Nyman, Supervisor, East Rockhill Twp., and Manager, Upper Makefield Twp., both in Bucks Co. Nominated by PSATS.

Cranberry Twp., Butler Co.: Promoting Community and Economic Revitalization

East Goshen Twp., Chester Co.: Innovative Community/Governmental Initiatives

Middletown Twp., Bucks Co.: Innovative Planning & Sound Land Use Practices

Worcester Twp., Montgomery Co.: Fiscal Accountability and Best Management Practices

Bradley Shaffer, President, Pa. Association of Councils of Governments (PACOG) and Township Supervisor, Buckingham Twp., Wayne Co. Nominated by PACOG.

Charles Guttenplan, Director of Planning & Zoning/Zoning Officer, Whitemarsh Twp., Montgomery Co. Nominated by Pa. American Planning Association.

Thomas Zeuner, Immediate Past President, Pa. Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA), and Former Supervisor, Northampton Twp., Bucks Co. Nominated by PMAA.

Deadline Approaching for New Report — PSATS Recording Shows You What to Do

Every township that received American Rescue Plan funds must file a Project and Expenditure Report with the U.S. Department of the Treasury by April 30.

To help you with this filing, PSATS recorded a **Town Hall on Filing the ARPA Project and Expenditure Report**, which is now available by [clicking here](#). PSATS staff demonstrated the most efficient way to file the forms, while ensuring that townships elect the standard allowance for lost revenues, a one-time option that will provide maximum flexibility for use of the funds.

Today in History....

On April 14, 1918, six days after being assigned for the first time to the western front, two American pilots from the U.S. First Aero Squadron engaged in America’s first aerial dogfight with enemy aircraft. In a battle fought almost directly over the

Allied Squadron Aerodrome at Toul, France, U.S. fliers Douglas Campbell and Alan Winslow succeeded in shooting down two German two-seaters. By the end of May, Campbell had shot down five enemy aircraft, making him the first American to qualify as a “flying ace” in World War I.

Legislative & Policy



[SB 478](#) passed the House and is now headed to the governor. The bill would allow a municipality to **enter into a contract for services when it advertises a bid for services but no bids are received**. Townships may currently enter into a contract for goods if no bids are received. SB 478 would address a PSATS resolution.

[HB 2058](#) passed the Senate and is now on the governor’s desk. If signed by Gov. Wolf, the bill would amend the Local Tax Enabling Act to **align the deadline for filing final returns for the earned income tax with the deadline for filing a Pennsylvania personal income tax return**. The bill would normally make the new filing date the same as the current April 15 filing date. If Wolf signs the bill by Friday, it will extend the deadline for the 2021 EIT filing until Monday, April 18.

[HB 978](#) was reported out of the House State Government Committee. The bill would **amend the Right-to-Know Law** to further clarify that personal financial information, such as account passwords, tax forms, benefit election forms, account information, and dependent information, is confidential. The bill would also protect township account numbers, routing numbers, credit card numbers, and PINs from disclosure. This bill would address a PSATS resolution.

[HB 2286](#) was reported out of the House Commerce Committee. The bill would **amend the Municipalities Planning Code to require zoning ordinances to permit low-impact home-based business activity** under either of two conditions: a) during a disaster emergency that renders operation of the business unsafe or impossible or b) due to loss or damage to a regular business location caused by a natural disaster or other physical destruction that renders the operation of the business in its regular location unsafe or impossible.

PSATS opposes the bill in its current form as a preemption of local land use authority. By example, the property owners would not be required to request the

use from the township. In addition, the bill would require low-impact home-based business activity to employ no more than two employees other than family members and limit:

- business activity to no more than 25% of the habitable floor area;
- retail operations to between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.;
- excess noise, vibration, glare, fumes, or odors to weekdays between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.; and
- signs and lights indicating the business activity to temporary installation only.

PSATS is concerned that these statewide, one size fits all mandates would impact the quality of life for neighbors in the community.

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