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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.

[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.



[Webinar - Managing Roadside Trees - 5/11/22](#)

This webinar will cover a wide variety of roadside tree-related issues faced by townships. The topics will include pruning roadside trees (and who is responsible for doing so), evaluating roadside trees for their potential to fail and hit roads or structures, utility pruning, selecting and planting new roadside trees, finding qualified contractors to work on trees, and creating tree committees under the Second Class Township Code.



[Webinar - Townships, HOAs and Stormwater BMPs - 5/12/22](#)

This webinar is designed to provide participants with strategies for ensuring that their Homeowner Associations (HOAs) maintain post-construction stormwater management practices, including tips for educating HOAs on the importance of stormwater management facility operation and maintenance; considerations for municipal acceptance of facilities; facility tracking and inspection; and identifying owners and responsibility.



Latest News

PUC Recognizes Safe Digging Month

April is [National Safe Digging Month](#), and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission is reminding anyone involved in excavation projects of the importance of calling 811 before beginning a project and allowing three business days for facility owners to locate and mark lines before digging begins.

According to the most recent PUC data, about 40% of all line “hits” are caused by failure to contact PA One Call by calling 811 before excavation or failing to wait the required three business days before projects may begin. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Pennsylvania Receives Funds for Communities in Allegheny National Forest

Pennsylvania has been awarded \$2.88 million to support rural public schools, roads, and other municipal services through the federal Secure Rural Schools Program. The funds will be received by communities in the Allegheny National Forest. A portion of these funds may be used for rural roads and schools. [Click here](#) to learn more and [click here](#) for the press release.

Reminder: DCNR Accepting Applications until May 12 for Grants to Fight Wildfires

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is accepting applications to help Pennsylvania’s rural communities increase protection from wildfires. Funded through federal grants, this money helps fire companies in rural areas or communities with fewer than 10,000 residents with training and equipment purchases directly related to fighting forest and brush fires. **Grant applications must be submitted electronically and are due May 12.**

Priority is placed on projects that include wildfire suppression equipment and protective clothing. Grants may also be used for purchasing mobile or portable radios, installing dry hydrants, wildfire prevention and mitigation work, training wildfire fighters, or converting and maintaining federal excess vehicles. Grants are on a cost-share basis and cannot exceed 50% of actual expenditures. The maximum grant is \$12,500. [Click here](#) for more information.

Today in History....

On April 18, 2012, Dick Clark, the TV personality and producer best known for hosting “American Bandstand,” an influential music-and-dance show that aired nationally from 1957 to 1989 and helped bring rock ‘n’ roll into the mainstream in the late 1950s, died of a heart attack at age 82. The clean-cut, youthful-looking Clark, dubbed “America’s Oldest Teenager,” also was the longtime host of the annual telecast “New Year’s Rockin’ Eve” and headed an entertainment empire that developed game shows, awards shows, talk shows, made-for-TV movies and other programs.

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