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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.

[2022 PAAZO Spring Educational Forum - 4/24/22](#)

This educational forum explores issues that zoning officers and planning and zoning officials face on a regular basis, and discusses effective strategies to address them.



Latest News

Treasury's ARP Portal Working Again, April 30 Deadline is Approaching

Yesterday's access issues with the U.S. Treasury Department's American Rescue Plan Reporting and Compliance Portal appear to have been resolved. Treasury's portal can be reached at the following link: <https://portal.treasury.gov/compliance>. Google Chrome is the preferred web browser to access the site.

Remember, every township that received funds must file an annual report by April 30, regardless of whether any funds were spent by March 31. PSATS has resources available to help you file this report, including a recorded Town Hall that walks you through the most efficient way to file the report and ensures that you take advantage of the flexibility provided by the standard allowance for lost revenues. [Click here](#) to learn more.

2022 Black Fly Spraying Program Gets Underway

The state Department of Environmental Protection's 2022 Black Fly Suppression Program is now underway. The program involves aerial and backpack spraying on roughly 1,700 stream miles in 36 counties through September 2022. Black flies interfere with the enjoyment of outdoor recreation and increased funding allows more miles of streams and river to be treated.

Prior to spraying activity, DEP notifies county and local emergency management officials. Helicopters can be seen flying over waterways and ground crews using backpack sprayers off bridges and wading in streams. Anyone concerned at the sight of a helicopter or ground personnel are encouraged to call county emergency management to verify that a black fly treatment is taking place. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Today in History....

On April 20, 1999, two teenage gunmen killed 13 people in a shooting spree at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, south of Denver. At approximately 11:19 a.m., Dylan Klebold, 17, and Eric Harris, 18, dressed in trench coats, began shooting students outside the school before moving inside to continue their rampage. By 11:35 a.m., Klebold and Harris had killed 12 fellow students and a teacher and wounded another 23 people. Shortly after noon, the two teens turned their guns on themselves and died by suicide.

Legislative & Policy



Gov. Tom Wolf signed the following acts yesterday:

[Act 15 of 2022](#) (*HB 221*) authorizes local governments to use up to 25% of revenue from the open space tax for maintenance and development of open space regardless of the method of acquisition or purchase. Act 15 takes effect June 18, 2022.

[Act 17 of 2022](#) (*HB 2058*) aligns the deadline for filing final returns for the earned income tax with the deadline for filing a Pennsylvania personal income tax return. Normally, Act 17 would make the new filing date the same as the current April 15 filing date. Act 17 took effect April 19.

[Act 18 of 2022](#) (*SB 478*) allows a municipality to enter 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. Act 18 addresses a PSATS resolution and takes effect June 18, 2022.

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