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April 5, 2022

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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.

### **Basic Training for Secretaries and Administrators**

Topics covered will range from budgeting, purchasing, advertising and meeting management all the way to human resource issues and public engagement.

[4/7/22 - Centre Co.](#)



### [Newsletter Best Practices: Keeping Residents Updated Via Email & Postal Mail- Virtual Class - 4/7/22](#)

We'll examine how print/mailed communications work in tandem with email to ensure our donors are informed and engaged.



[QuickBooks Tips and Tricks - Dauphin County - 4/24/22](#)

Join your colleagues from around the state for this newly REVISED class where Diana Patton, who has spent 30 years as a township secretary/treasurer and the last 19 years as a Certified QuickBooks Instructor and Trainer, will show you all the ways you can use QuickBooks to better serve the financial needs of your municipality.



[Effective Township Administration: Steering Your Township Through Difficult Situations - 4/24/22](#)

Elected and appointed officials are often asked to solve problems that are either not within their authority to solve or where the proposed “solution” might create negative unintended consequences for the municipality. Navigating these difficult issues requires skill, diplomacy and, often patience.



[2022 Solicitors Spring Seminar - 4/25/22](#)

This seminar will cover a wide variety of emerging and important trends and issues vital to the practice of every municipal solicitor. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from experts and network with your peers from around the state.



[LL - Media Relations 101\(Learning Lab\): Tips to Improve Communication \(1:00 p.m.\) - 4/25/22 - Dauphin County](#)

During this hands-on training session, Gavin's team of senior PR strategists will teach you ways to better leverage social channels to communicate with your constituents. This session will also focus on communications planning and media coaching, including on-camera practice, to help you more effectively communicate with the public and leverage the news media. **PSATS Conference Registrants only. Limited seating available. Please bring your cell phone.**



[LL - Media Relations 101\(Learning Lab\): : Tips to Improve Your Communication \(2:45 p.m.\) - 4/25/22 - Dauphin County](#)

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## Township Video News



### TVN's Training Tuesday | Get the knowledge you need at the Conference!

Our focus for the month of April is the upcoming 2022 PSATS Educational Conference and Exhibit Show, April 24-27. With specialized learning labs and more than 80 workshops available, this is the best opportunity to gain the knowledge needed to successfully run a township.

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## Latest News

**Congressional Earmarks Are Back! WAMS from Washington.....**

Sen. Bob Casey is now accepting competitive FY23 appropriations requests for congressional earmarks. Stakeholders across Pennsylvania may submit community projects and programmatic requests to be considered for the 2023 fiscal year. This is an opportunity to request funds for important projects. **The deadline is Monday, April 25.**

There are two kinds of requests. Community project requests, sometimes called earmarks or congressionally directed spending, tend to be for a specific project in a specific location. These projects must fit within [committee guidance](#) and are subject to rigorous review.

Programmatic requests are general funding requests for national and regional programs and/or bill and report language requests that direct, encourage, or urge an agency or department to carry out an action. Programmatic requests tend to be at a higher level and not specific to a community.

Interim guidance for applicants can be found [here](#). Links to applications can be found below.

- [FY23 Programmatic Request Application Form](#)
- [FY23 Community Projects Application Form](#)

You may also contact your other federal representatives to identify their application process.

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

On April 5, 1792, George Washington exercised the first presidential veto of a Congressional bill. The bill introduced a new plan for dividing seats in the House of Representatives that would have increased the amount of seats for northern states. After consulting with his politically divided and contentious cabinet, Washington, who came from the southern state of Virginia, ultimately decided that the plan was unconstitutional because, in providing for additional representatives for some states, it would have introduced a number of representatives higher than that proscribed by the Constitution. He only used his veto pen twice in two full terms in office.



Municipal Outreach, Training, and Assistance Program

DROP-IN SESSION

# **PENNDOT ONE MAP: A FREE GIS TOOL**

APRIL 14, 2022



#### **PennDOT Connects: A Free GIS Tool Drop-In Session**

PennDOT One Map provides a free mapping platform with readily available spatial information for both state and municipal transportation assets as well as PennDOT planned projects. At this drop-In, you will learn about some of the features of One Map, what it can be used for, how to navigate it and examples of final products that municipalities can create with One Map. [Click here](#) to register.

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## Legislative & Policy



The Senate will be in session today, April 5. Watch the session live [here](#).

Yesterday, the Senate Local Government Committee approved [SB 1058](#), which would amend the Second Class Township Code to authorize the board of supervisors to adopt a resolution to **increase the compensation for elected auditors** from \$10 per hour to up to \$17 per hour for performing the annual audit and other necessary duties of office. SB 1058 would fulfill a PSATS resolution and is now before the Senate.

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