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Latest News

Fall Election Pairings Set....Almost!

Yesterday's primary election finalized the Shapiro/Davis vs Mastriano/DelRosso race for Governor/Lt. Governor. US Senate race is still not complete with Fetterman vs. XXX as a result of 22,000 mail-in ballots in Lancaster County not able to be counted due to bar code printing errors which will cause each ballot to have to manually be recreated before being counted. Most Congressional, State Senate and State House races are also set, but a few are still too close to call until the official count starting this friday. Stay tuned for official results her or PA Department of State website.

Make Sure Your Township Has the Earliest Access to Salary Survey Results!

Be sure your designated township staff (*PSATS Salary Survey Plus processor*) enters your township's wage and benefit data by **June 30** to ensure the earliest access to all PSATS Salary Survey Plus reports for 2022! With inflation and challenges to find and keep quality employees, townships should participate to find out how other townships most like theirs are compensating employees and what benefits are provided.

Once enough data is collected, 2022 results will be released and township supervisors, managers, secretaries, and other township-authorized employees from participating townships will be able to access comparisons to 2018-2021 results, question-by-question comparisons, and reports by region, population, budget size, union status, benefits, and more! Participants can run real-time reports and comparisons with townships most like theirs. To protect anonymity, results are only

provided for questions that receive responses from at least five townships.

To access Salary Survey Plus, log onto psats.org and look under “My PSATS” for “Salary Survey Plus.” If you have any issues accessing the survey or need to change the township official designated to enter data (*the PSATS Salary Survey Plus processor*), email memberservices@psats.org.

Questions about the survey? Need help with a report? Email salariesurveyplus@psats.org or call (717) 763-0930, ext. 126, for Katie Lizza or ext. 138 for Holly Fishel.

Federal “Internet for All Initiative” Aims to Bring High-Speed Internet to Everyone

The U.S. Internet for All Initiative, part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, will provide \$45 billion to provide affordable and reliable high-speed internet for everyone by the end of the decade. The initiative will be administered and implemented by the U.S. Department of Commerce’s National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

The initiative launched with three grant opportunities:

- Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program (\$42.5 billion)
- Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program (\$1 billion)
- State Digital Equity Act program (\$1.5 billion)

NTIA is conducting a series of webinars this week and next for all interested parties to learn more about these opportunities. [Click here](#) for more information on the webinars. [Click here](#) for more about these programs.

Today in History.....

On May 18, 1917, Some six weeks after the United States formally entered the First World War, President Woodrow Wilson signed the Selective Service Act giving the U.S. president the power to draft soldiers.

Congress passed the Selective Service Act and remains in effect today. The act required all men in the U.S. between the ages of 21 and 30 to register for military service. Selective Service Local Boards stand at the ready should a draft be reactivated.

Learn

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



[Duties Of A Zoning Hearing Board - 6/22/22 - Lehigh County](#)

Topics to be covered include procedures for deciding variances and special exceptions, handling hearing-related questions, Ethics Act requirements and much more. Attendees will also learn specific, practical tips that will leave them better prepared for their next meeting or hearing.

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