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Township Video News



TNV's Roulette | Asking Life's Fun Questions

Is a hot dog a sandwich? Can you wear socks with sandals? Find out what our members say to these questions (and more!) when you take a tour of the 2022 Conference with TVN Producer Ali Campbell!

Latest News

DEP Secretary McDonnell Departs Wolf Administration

State Secretary of Environmental Protection Patrick McDonnell will leave the administration in July after 25 years of service with the commonwealth. Gov. Tom Wolf announced his intention to name Ramez Ziadah, P.E. to serve as acting secretary. Ziadah served as the Executive Deputy Secretary of Programs at DEP since June 2017 and previously served as Director of the Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetlands. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Reminder: Act 13 Grants Applications Due to DCED May 31

The state Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) is accepting applications for Act 13 program grants until **May 31, 2022**. There are several specific grant programs funded from impact fees from natural gas wells under Act 13 of 2012. Click on the links below for more information about these programs.

[Abandoned Mine Drainage \(AMD\) Abatement & Treatment Program](#): Townships may apply for grants to reclaim abandoned mine wells, remediate and repair existing AMD project sites, and monitor water quality to track nonpoint source load reductions from AMD remediation projects.

[Baseline Water Quality Data Program](#): Townships may apply for grants to establish baseline water quality data on private water supplies using the Baseline Water Quality Data program.

[Flood Mitigation Program](#): Townships may apply for grants to implement flood mitigation projects.

[Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program](#): Townships may apply for funding to plan, acquire, develop, rehabilitate, and repair greenways, recreational trails, open space, parks, and beautification projects.

[Orphan or Abandoned Well Plugging Program](#): Townships may apply for grants to clean out and plug abandoned and orphan oil and gas wells, stray gas mitigation systems, and well venting projects.

[Sewage Facilities Program](#): Townships may apply for grants for costs associated with the planning work required under Act 537, the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act.

[Watershed Restoration and Protection Program](#): Townships may apply for grants to construct, expand, repair, maintain, or rehabilitate new or existing watershed protection best management practices.

Today in History....

On May 24, 1775, John Hancock was elected president of the Second Continental Congress. John Hancock is best known for his large signature on the Declaration of Independence, which he joked the British could read without spectacles. He was

serving as president of Congress upon the declaration's adoption on July 4, 1776, and, as such, was the first member of the Congress to sign the historic document.

Legislative & Policy

The House and Senate will be in session today, May 24. Watch the session live [here](#).

Yesterday, the Senate Appropriations 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 for third and final consideration.

The House Labor and Industry Committee yesterday amended and approved [HB 2268](#), which **would allow a 17-year-old to train for an interior firefighting module with live burns** if they have permission to engage from a fire chief and a parent or guardian. The minor would be required to be under the supervision of a credentialed Pennsylvania State Fire Academy Instructor. SB 1027 would address a PSATS resolution.

Learn

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

Payroll With QuickBooks

You will learn the proper way to have your Chart of Accounts set up along with Setting up Payroll items and mapping them correctly. We will learn about Employee Preferences to make setting up new employees easier. Most importantly, we will learn how to set up Payroll Liability schedules, epay and



efile forms to make it seamless when doing your payroll using QuickBooks.

[6/21/22 - Lehigh County](#)

[6/23/22 - Northumberland County](#)

[2022 PSATS Summer Solicitors Seminar - 6/23/22 - Butler County](#)

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.



[Engaging The Public - Agendas, Minutes, Public Comment & RTKL Requests - Virtual Class - 6/28/22](#)

In this virtual class, we will cover a series of common, but challenging, issues that township administrators face when working with and responding to members of the public and media and highlight ways to effectively address them.



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