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Latest News

Better Late Than Never? DCED Releases Block Data to Question 2020 Census Count

Townships interested in submitting a challenge to their census counts should be aware that **Census tabulation block data is now available through the Pennsylvania State Data Center**. The [Center's new report](#) walks users through important guidance about the CQR (Census Question Resolution Program) program and includes interactive data tables for users to find data for their community.

The U.S. Census Bureau is accepting requests by local officials to review their official 2020 Census housing counts for processing errors in its [2020 Census Count Question Resolution Operation](#). Through the formal review process, the bureau ensures that housing and population counts are correctly allocated to 2020 Census tabulation blocks. Challenges may be submitted **through June 30, 2023**.

Township officials should note that the CQR program will not alter redistricting data but will be used in the Census Bureau's population estimates program and for funding that uses 2020 Census data.

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

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) 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 May 4, 1966, San Francisco Giants outfielder Willie Mays hits his 512th career home run to break Mel Ott's National League record for home runs. Mays would finish his career with 660 home runs, good for third on the all-time list at the time of his retirement.

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Be Part of NATaT Virtual Fly-In May 11-12!

Township officials are encouraged to be a part of the National Association of Towns and Township's 2022 Virtual Fly-In! Presentations will be held **May 11** and PSATS staff will set up virtual visits with the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation on **May 12**. To register for the event, [click here](#). To participate in the meeting with your congressmen, please contact Joe Gerdes, PSATS Director of Government Relations, at jgerdes@psats.org or (717) 763-0930, ext 122.

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