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Latest News

PA Safety Days Return to In-Person!

PA Safety Days are sponsored by Pennsylvania 811 and return to in-person events in 2022! Events will be held in Allentown, Altoona, Drexel Hill, Erie, Pittsburgh, Wilkes-Barre, and York. The first events will be held in [Allentown on May 17](#) and [Drexel Hill on May 19](#). Don't miss these events designed to teach attendees about safe digging practices, which are valuable for public works employees. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

Today in History...

On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson issues a presidential proclamation that officially establishes the first national Mother's Day holiday to celebrate America's mothers. Many individual states celebrated Mother's Day by 1911, but it was not until Wilson lobbied Congress in 1914 that Mother's Day was officially set on the second Sunday of every May.

[Click here](#) for the latest issue of the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Legislation & Policy

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! Seminar style presentations including one from US DOT Secretary Buttegieg will be held **May 11**. For interested parties, 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 a meeting with your member of congress or their staff, please contact Joe Gerdes, PSATS Director of Government Relations, at jgerdes@psats.org or (717) 763-0930, ext 122 by Noon Tuesday, May 10.

Learn

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

[Webinar - Managing Roadside Trees - 5/11/22](#)

This webinar will cover a wide variety of roadside tree-related issues faced by townships. The topics will include pruning roadside trees (and who is responsible for doing so), evaluating roadside trees for their potential to fail and hit roads or structures, utility pruning, selecting and planting new roadside trees, finding qualified contractors to work on trees, and creating tree committees under the Second Class Township Code.



[Webinar - Townships, HOAs and Stormwater BMPs - 5/12/22](#)

This webinar is designed to provide participants with strategies for ensuring that their Homeowner Associations (HOAs) maintain post-construction stormwater management practices, including tips for educating HOAs on the importance of stormwater management facility operation and maintenance; considerations for municipal acceptance of facilities; facility tracking and inspection; and identifying owners and responsibility.



[Webinar - Utilizing Industrial Development Authorities for Municipal Infrastructure Projects - 5/18/22](#)

Many infrastructure projects are undertaken through municipal authorities which have been organized for just that purpose-to assist local governments and community development. These projects include sewer, sewer systems and sewage treatment works, and water supply and distribution systems.



[Webinar - Communication - Getting Your Message Right - 5/19/22](#)

Municipal constituents, partners, and other stakeholders are bombarded with communications every day. How do you ensure that your message really reaches the people who need to see it when they need it? This presentation will explore the facets of communication that need to be considered and will touch on the best methods of communication for common types of messages.



[Webinar - Leveraging Your Financial Foundation For The Next Phase: Can I Ever Retire - 5/24/22](#)

If you are an experienced township employee starting to think about retirement, this webinar is for you. You will hear from representatives of PNC about a four-step checklist for planning your retirement income, and how to protect your retirement assets by safeguarding personal data.



[Webinar - Improving Stormwater BMP's & MS4 Compliance Through CBLP Certification- 5/25/22](#)

Attendees will learn about the various Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional (CBLP) certifications that are available to township officials and public works staff. CBLP, developed by a consortium of cross-Bay partners, teaches best practices for designing, installing, and maintaining the stormwater practices needed to meet MS4 requirements.





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