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Township Video News



TVN's Coffee and the Capitol | Talk to your township with Rep. Clint Owlett
Join Joe Gerdes, PSATS Director of Government Relations, as he interviews Pa. State Rep. Clint Owlett of the 68th Legislative District in this episode of Coffee and the Capitol.

Latest News

Census Bureau Shows Urban Center Population Losses

The U.S. Census Bureau recently released the 2021 estimates of the total population at the municipal level. Populations estimates are calculated using administrative records to estimate total population as of July 1, 2021. Urban centers like New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia are losing population dramatically as people re-settle in more affordable and safer communities. [Click here](#) to see the map.

A total of 702 municipalities in Pennsylvania saw an increase in population between 2020 and July 1, 2021. 111 municipalities did not see a population change while 1,759 municipalities declined in population. East Whiteland Township, Chester County had the greatest numeric increase at 866 and Philadelphia had the greatest population decrease at 27,546.

Pa. Township News Wants to Know

How did a PSATS education assist you in your job as a supervisor or township official? The Pa. Township News wants to know. Our August issue will feature a "Back to School" theme and one of the stories will focus on education and how PSATS helped you. Reach out to Chris Brady at cbrady@psats.org with your story, or call him at 717-763-0930, ext. 169.

Today in History...

On June 21, 1893, George Washington Gale Ferris, Jr. debuted his invention, the Ferris wheel, at Chicago's World's Columbian Exposition.

Legislative & Policy



The House and Senate will be in session today, June 21. Watch the session live [here](#).

Yesterday, the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee sent [HB 2157](#) to the full Senate for action. This bill, sponsored by Rep. Frank Farry, a former township official, would reform the Fireworks Law to **allow municipalities to enact conditions and limitations on the use and sale of consumer fireworks** that do not conflict with state law. Specifically, municipalities could require permits for the use of consumer fireworks, except for certain holidays, and prohibit the use of

consumer fireworks within a community if it is not possible to use these devices without being within 150 feet of a building or vehicle. The bill would address PSATS resolutions.

[HB 2398](#) was passed by the House and would **regulate highly automated vehicles** and authorize testing conditions for them, including platooning.

[HB 1952](#) was reported out of the Senate Community, Economic, and Recreational Development Committee. HB 1952 would identify and fund legacy infrastructure projects in each county to **celebrate the United States Semi quincentennial**, America250PA.

[SB 1135](#) was reported out of the Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee. It would create a Whole Home Repairs Fund to address blight by funding necessary repairs to homes.

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.

[6/23/22 - 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.



[PSATS 2022 Regional Forums](#)

This series of full-day educational sessions is scheduled for multiple locations statewide. Learn more about issues that matter to your community, discuss common interests with other local leaders, earn PMGA and other professional credits, and attend specialized workshops designed for township officials. This educational event will be the perfect opportunity to hear from experts on the **local issues** that matter to you and your municipality.



- PSATS Northwest 2022 Regional Forum - 8/4/22 - Erie
- PSATS Southcentral I 2022 Regional Forum - 8/31/22 - Lancaster
- PSATS Northeast 2022 Regional Forum - 9/22/22 - Tannersville
- PSATS Southwest 2022 Regional Forum - 9/29/22 - Cranberry Township
- PSATS Southeast 2022 Regional Forum - 10/6/22 - Plymouth Meeting
- PSATS Southcentral II 2022 Regional Forum - 10/11/22 - Gettysburg
- PSATS Centre Regional 2022 Regional Forum - 10/25/22 - State College
- PSATS Lehigh Valley 2022 Regional Forum - 11/1/22 - Allentown

[Click here for more information and to register](#)

Basic Training For Secretaries And Administrators - 8/23/22 - Lackawanna Co.

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



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