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Latest News

Census Accepting Appeals

The U.S. Census Bureau is now accepting [Post-Census Group Quarters Review](#) cases. This program allows municipalities to submit new data for group quarters populations that were not counted during the 2020 Census operation. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Group Quarters program.

The Census Bureau is also 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 for both programs may be submitted **until June 30, 2023**. [Click here](#) to learn more about the different options for challenging the 2020 Census results for your township.

The **Pennsylvania State Data Center** has the data that a township will need to appeal their results. The [Center's CQR website](#) walks users through important guidance about the program and includes interactive data tables for users to find data for their community.

Pa. Township News Wants to Know

Do you have tips, tricks, and best practices for employee management? If so, we want to hear about them!

The *Township News* is featuring an article in the August 2022 issue on what are the best practices when it comes to employee management in the township.

We want to hear stories from our members on any of the following topics:

- Holding employees accountable;

- ❑ Improving personnel functions;
- ❑ Social media and communications progress;
- ❑ Confidentiality, background checks; record-keeping;
- ❑ Development in labor and employment;
- ❑ Safety and wellness checks; and
- ❑ Employee engagement.

To make sure your story is included by the deadline, please reach out to Associate Editor Ali Campbell no later than **Wednesday, June 29, 2022**.

Email acampbell@psats.org or call 717-763-0930 (ext. 109) to share your best tips, tricks, and practices for employee management!

Today in History....

On June 27, 1880, Helen Keller was born. After illness took her sight and her hearing, Helen Keller found her voice and became an advocate for the blind and deaf, an author and lecturer. Her story and the challenges she faced along with her mentor and teacher, Anne Sullivan, have been told through novels, plays, and film.

Legislative & Policy



The State Senate has cancelled session for today given the absence of a budget compromise. The House will be in session today, June 27. The General Assembly is expected to continue to work on finalizing the commonwealth's 2022-2023 budget this week. Watch the session live [here](#).

Learn

[2022 MS4 Stormwater Ordinance Updates - 6/28/22](#)

If your township has a NPDES MS4 permit, you are required to update your stormwater ordinance for consistency with the DEP's 2022 Model Stormwater Management Ordinance.



Creating Advantages in Today's Difficult Bidding Environment - 6/29/22

Supply chain issues and staffing shortages have created challenging conditions when bidding and awarding municipal projects. This thought-provoking session will provide strategies to help your township realize time and cost-efficiencies during the bidding process, all while putting in place practices that reduce the need for headache medicines.



Webinar - Municipal Policing Potpourri - 7/6/22

If your township has a police department, contracts with another department for police services, or is part of a regional police department, you will want to attend this webinar to get caught up on all of the recent laws, as well as proposed legislation, affecting municipal police departments.



Webinar - Community Park and Open Space Management Updates - 7/13/22

Join staff members from the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS), as they share recent legal updates and funding opportunities, current research activities, and operational trends impacting the parks and recreation industry, public works departments, and land managers across the commonwealth.



Webinar - The Implications of Population Decline for Townships: Tools for Managing Change - 7/14/22

This webinar will share information about declining population rates in rural Pennsylvania based on results of the 2020 Census and how these changes might affect townships.



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