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Township Video News

TVN's Question of the Week | What fireworks restrictions should your township follow?
With the 4th of July around the corner, now is a great time to review the laws about setting off fireworks. Also, click here to catch up on previous Questions of the Week.

Latest News

Tips for Troubleshooting SAM.gov Renewal
Many townships are due to renew their SAM.gov registration in the coming weeks. As a reminder, townships were required to create a SAM.gov account for American Rescue Plan funding and must keep registration active to receive any future federal funds, including any funds from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law or future disaster relief. Renewals must be completed annually through the SAM.gov website, which is always 100% free.

Below are some tips for troubleshooting your renewal process:
1. **No Match Found -** SAM.gov will perform a check to find matches of existing entities that may be associated with your township. If no matches are found, you will need to submit documentation to verify your township's legal name, physical address, and date of incorporation.
2. **Validate Incorporation Date -** The Pennsylvania State Archives has a database of municipal incorporation information organized by county via an interactive map. If you encounter a request for incorporation verification, click the button to create an incident and upload a copy of your county's municipal incorporation dates from the State Archives document. This document can be used to verify the correct date and as a verification of your township's legal name. PSATS staff is not aware of any township that has its original incorporation documents or if any of these documents still exist.
3. **Validate Physical Address -** To validate your township's physical address, click the button to create an incident and upload a utility bill or a redacted bank statement. If your township has a PO box or sends mail to a different address, please make sure the documentation you are uploading has the physical address listed, not the mailing address.
4. **Requesting Personal Information -** SAM.gov users are not currently required to enter personal information or upload personal documents (*including Social Security numbers or photo identification*) to renew their entity registration. SAM.gov's new security enhancements are voluntary at this time but may become mandatory at a future date.

If you have any questions, concerns, or issues while renewing your SAM registration, please contact the Federal Service Desk at 1-866-606-8220 or go to fsd.gov. PSATS staff is also happy to discuss any concerns or questions with you, but only the Federal Service Desk will be able to help resolve issues.

Today in History....
On June 30, 1974, Soviet dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov defected from the USSR. Considered one of the world's greatest ballet dancers of all time, Soviet virtuoso Mikhail Baryshnikov choreographs his own Cold War-era defection from the U.S.S.R. after four years of planning.

Known as "Misha" to his admirers, Baryshnikov, then 26, finished a performance with the Leningrad-based Kirov Ballet in Toronto while on a Canadian tour, and then evaded his KGB handlers, disappearing into the crowd outside, hopping into a waiting car and hiding out until he was officially granted political asylum in Canada.

Soon after, he received political asylum in the United States, where he became principal dancer with the American Ballet Theatre and the New York City Ballet. He became a U.S. citizen on July 3, 1986.

Legislation & Policy

The House and Senate are expected to be in session today, June 30. Watch the session live [here](#).

Today is the deadline for completion of the 2022-2023 commonwealth budget and the General Assembly and governor appear to be rocketing toward a stalemate that will push the budget past the required deadline in the Pennsylvania Constitution.

Current predictions are that the budget will not be finished until after Independence Day.

The Senate approved the following bills yesterday:

[SB 1152](#) would **require emergency medical services providers and law enforcement officers to report all overdose incidents** to an overdose mapping system no later than 72 hours of an incident. The bill now goes to the House for consideration.

[SB 477](#) would more clearly define **which types of improvements to real property require notice to the assessment office** and increase the property valuation. The bill was amended to include provisions from another bill that would consolidate and standardize municipal code provisions that deal with **boundary change** but not mergers or consolidations. The bill would allow municipalities to adjust a municipal boundary or settle a dispute over an unclear boundary by agreement. The bill will now go to the governor.

[HB 129](#) would direct the Unemployment Board of Review to **update rules by which unemployment hearings are held.** The Board would be required to provide for a transition to holding hearings by videoconference, telephone, or other electronic means unless a party requests an in-person hearing. The bill now goes back to the House for concurrence on Senate amendments.

The House approved the following bill yesterday:

SB 1094 would require the state Department of Transportation to obtain driver record information from the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse before issuing, renewing, upgrading, or transferring a commercial driver's license. The bill now goes to the Senate for concurrence on House amendments.

Learn

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

Stormwater 101
This half-day, in-person, introductory class will educate you on the basics of municipal stormwater management, including the effects of stormwater runoff, the impacts of new development and redevelopment within your municipality, and best practices that your municipality can implement to efficiently manage stormwater without breaking your budget.

7/21/22 - Cumberland County
7/29/22 - Crawford County
8/4/22 - Montgomery County
8/12/22 - Clearfield County
8/19/22 - Lackawanna County

Flagger Training
This instructor-led Flagger Training will be conducted for individuals who have flagging responsibilities on ANY ROAD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

7/20/22 - Luzerne County
8/11/22 - Fayette County
10/25/22 - Schuylkill County
11/1/22 - Union County
11/2/22 - Clinton County

CDL - Probable Cause Training For CDL Supervisory Personnel

Participants will learn what to do if they suspect or verify that a CDL employee is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol while on duty.

9/16/22 - Fayette County
9/27/22 - Cumberland County
10/12/22 - Bucks County
10/19/22 - Butler County
11/18/22 - Berks County

CMV/CDL Records Management

This workshop will review CMV/CDL employee and vehicle paperwork

9/16/22 - Fayette County
9/27/22 - Cumberland County
10/12/22 - Bucks County
10/19/22 - Butler County
11/18/22 - Berks County

2022 PSATS Fall Engineers Virtual Seminar - 10/27/22

This full-day virtual seminar is designed to meet the educational interests and busy schedules of consulting engineers by providing a focused overview of important issues of interest to municipal engineers and their local government clients.

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