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Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | What are the rules for hiring an 18-year-old student?

Find out more about hiring high school students for your township. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week.

Latest News

Second Tranche of American Rescue Plan Funds Should Be by End of Month

Watch your accounts for a deposit of your second tranche of the American Rescue Plan funds, which is expected by the end of the month from State Treasurer Stacy Garrity. It is expected that this amount will be slightly higher than your first distribution due to a small redistribution of funds from municipalities that declined these funds in 2022. Depending on the requested release date from DCED, there may be one or 2 deposits. State budgeteers may delay the larger payment until after June 30 to show a larger year-end balance for the Commonwealth.

Today in History....

On June 9, 1934, Donald Duck made his first screen debut in *The Wise Little Hen*. Usually wearing a sailor suit with a cap and a black or red bow tie, Donald Duck is most famous for his semi-intelligible speech along with his mischievous and irritable personality. He has appeared in more films than any other Disney character. Donald was also declared in 2002 by TV Guide as one of the 50 greatest cartoon characters of all time.

Legislation & Policy

Several bills that would address PSATS resolutions were passed by the House yesterday:

[HB 2157](#) 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.

Statewide, the bill would prohibit the use of consumer fireworks between the hours of 10 p.m. and 10 a.m., except for the July 4th holiday weekend and December 31. The bill would clarify that consumer fireworks may not be used on private or public property, including streets, parking lots, sidewalks, and parks, without the express permission of the entity that controls the property. The bill clarifies that consumer fireworks may not be used within 150 feet of a building or vehicle, regardless of whether the building or vehicle is owned by the consumer fireworks user. The bill would increase fines for violations from \$100 to up to \$500 for a first offense and up to \$1,000 for a subsequent offense within three years of a prior conviction.

HB 2157 would direct the 12% consumer fireworks tax to be allocated as follows: \$1.5 million to the Emergency Medical Services Grant Program; \$250,000 for online training programs for firefighters; \$1 million for loan forgiveness and tuition assistance to active volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical services providers; \$1 million for training emergency medical services personnel; \$500,000 for emergency services training center capital grants; \$500,000 for career fire department capital grants; \$250,000 for a public safety campaign on fireworks; and the remaining funds would be divided between the Fire Company Grants and Emergency Medical Services Grants (*Note: currently only one-sixth of these funds or up to \$2 million are used for Emergency Medical Services Grants and online training for volunteer firefighters.*)

[HB 2405](#) would create county programs to **remove obstructions and address flood-related hazards in streams through emergency maintenance permits** in consultation with their county conservation district.

[HB 2406](#) would **create a small stream maintenance project permit for the mitigation of flood-related hazards** of less than 250 linear feet or an area of less than one acre in size, reviewed and issued by county conservation districts.

[HB 2408](#) would **eliminate the requirement for a permit** when conducting maintenance activities on a culvert.

[HB 2409](#) would **eliminate the requirement for a permit to remove flood-related hazards** from streams that are deemed to be an emergency by a state or county.

[HB 2410](#) would **clarify that permits are not required for stream maintenance activities** conducted within 50 feet or less upstream or downstream from a bridge or culvert.

[HB 2411](#) would require the state Department of Environmental Protection to **provide an annual report on flooding and stream maintenance** and restoration in Pennsylvania.

The House also passed [HR 179](#), which would urge Congress to direct the Federal Emergency Management Agency to update its per capita impact indicator to **better provide disaster assistance to communities** impacted by flooding and other disasters.

[SR 285](#) was reported out of the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee. The resolution would direct the Joint State Government Commission to **conduct an assessment and analysis of Pennsylvania's public and private recycling infrastructure and operations**, review recycling investment strategies adopted by other states, including public-private partnerships and industry-managed product collection strategies, and provide suggestions for legislative changes.

[HB 2398](#) was reported out of the House Transportation Committee and would **regulate highly automated vehicles** and authorize testing conditions for them, including platooning.

Learn

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

Flagger Training

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

[6/10/22 - Erie County](#)

[6/15/22 - Berks County](#)

[6/16/22 - Carbon County](#)

[6/22/22 - Bucks County](#)



[Performing MS4 Outfall Inspections - Virtual Class - 6/23/22](#)

In this virtual class, attendees will learn a workable, effective framework for establishing a hierarchy for outfall inspections, a protocol for performing inspections in the field, and method for inspecting documenting and addressing potential illicit discharges.



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](#)

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