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Latest News

Reminder: Townships Receiving Small ARP Redistribution

Townships should expect to receive an email notice from the state Office of the Budget (RA-OBE-remittance@pa.gov) about the redistribution of the first tranche (2021 distribution) of the American Rescue Plan funds. These are funds from municipalities that turned down or did not file for the ARP funds last year. The redistribution of funds is based on population and appears to be about 15 to 16 cents per person from 2019 Census estimates. The email will have Assignment: NEU1A and will be from Agency: Community and Economic and will be paid out July 15, 2022.

The second distribution and an additional redistribution for 2022 is expected to be sent in August.

Encourage Residents to Stop the Spotted Lanternfly

The state Department of Agriculture is encouraging local governments to help educate Pennsylvanians on the need to slow the spread of the Spotted Lanternfly to safeguard our agricultural industries that are threatened by the bug. Agriculture has a new 2022 Spotted Lanternfly toolkit, which is available by [clicking here](#). Please feel free to share with your residents on your website and social media.

Today in History...

On July 18, 1969, shortly after leaving a party on Chappaquiddick Island, Senator Edward "Ted" Kennedy of Massachusetts drove an Oldsmobile off a wooden bridge into a tide-swept pond. Kennedy escaped the submerged car, but his passenger, 28-year-old Mary Jo Kopechne, did not. The married senator did not report the fatal car accident for 10 hours.

Learn

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

[Webinar - Vendor Oversight: Controls All Townships Must Implement - 7/20/22](#)

All entities are exposed to the risk of fraud/theft, especially those with limited resources and human capital.



[Webinar - Municipal Records Management 101 - 7/27/22](#)

Join Josh Stahlman from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission/Pennsylvania State Archives to learn the basic tenets of records management and what the Municipal Records Manual can do for you.



[Webinar - Backyard Stream Repair - 7/28/22](#)

Topics will include how streambank erosion starts, how to identify suitable restoration sites, plant selection and installation, and maintenance.



[Webinar - FEMA Grant Funding Opportunities - 8/3/22](#)

Tom Hughes, PEMA's State Hazard Mitigation Officer, will discuss numerous funding opportunities through FEMA, including the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program, which assists with hazard mitigation projects.



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