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Township Video News



TVN's Training Tuesday | PSATS' Regional Forums start in one month!

PSATS' Regional Forums are back at eight locations across the commonwealth starting August 4 in Erie! Make sure to visit learn.psats.org for more details on two new classes: Stormwater 101 and Developing Your Township Budget.

Latest News

PennDOT Extends Deadline for Feedback on Interstate Charging Stations

The state Department of Transportation has extended the date for stakeholders to complete a survey **until Friday, July 8**, on the department's plans to place electric vehicle charging stations with federal funding. The stations will be prioritized at every 50 miles along Pennsylvania interstates, which make up [Alternative Fuel Corridors](#). [Click here](#) for the survey. [Click here](#) to learn more about PennDOT's plan for installing electric vehicle charging stations. Should they be allocating some money to municipalities for local charging stations?

Commonwealth Ends Fiscal Year Nearly 15% Over Covid Estimates

The Independent Fiscal Office and state Department of Revenue have released June 2022 revenue reports and fiscal year end totals. The state collected \$4.24 billion in June, exceeding estimates by more than 20%. State General Fund collections for the fiscal year that ended June 30 exceed estimates by more than \$6.22 billion or 14.8%. This result was due to dramatic overages in almost every tax type, including personal income tax (*16.8% over estimates for the year*), corporate net income tax (*51.5% over estimates for the year*), and sales and use tax (*11.7% over estimates for the year*.)

The Motor License Fund received \$254.2 million in June, \$7.1 million above estimate. The fund includes liquid fuels taxes and other license, fine, and fee revenues. Motor License collections for the fiscal year totaled \$2.9 billion, 1.3% above estimate.

[Click here](#) for the Independent Fiscal Office report. View the state Department of Revenue [press release here](#).

Today in History....

On July 5, 1865, President Andrew Johnson signed an executive order that confirmed the military conviction of a group of people who had conspired to kill the late President Abraham Lincoln, then commander in chief of the U.S. Army. With his signature, Johnson ordered four of the guilty to be executed.

Confederate sympathizers David E. Herold, G. A. Atzerodt, Lewis Payne, Mary E. Surratt, Michael O'Laughlin, Edward Spangler, Samuel Arnold and Samuel A. Mudd were arraigned on May 9 and convicted on July 5 for "maliciously, unlawfully, and traitorously" conspiring with several others, including John Wilkes Booth, who had assassinated President Lincoln on April 14, 1865. In addition to targeting Lincoln, the conspirators had planned to kill General Ulysses S. Grant as he led Union armies in the Civil War against the southern states. Vice President Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln to the presidency, was also one of the group's intended prey.

Legislative & Policy



The House and Senate are expected to be in session today, July 5. Watch the session live [here](#).

Reports say the General Assembly and governor are closer to resolving Pennsylvania's now overdue 2022-2023 commonwealth budget.

The House passed the following bills Friday:

[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 in 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 2157 will now go to the governor.

[HB 2097](#) would **set the minimum staffing for a Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance** in a county of the fifth, sixth, seventh, or eighth class as an emergency medical service (EMS) vehicle operator and an EMS operator that is an emergency medical technician (EMT) or above. HB 2097 will now go to the governor.

[HB 1598](#) would **amend the Flood Plain Management Act to transfer administration and oversight of the program** from the state Department of Community and Economic Development to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. This includes review and approval of municipal flood plain management ordinances. This bill would complete the transfer of responsibilities to PEMA that was incorporated into the Administrative Code in 2021. HB 1598 now goes to the governor.

[SB 251](#) would **regulate the application of fertilizer and professional fertilizer applicators** to reduce excess levels of nitrogen and phosphorus. The bill includes a homeowner education program. SB 251 now goes back 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.

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

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Developing Your Township Budget

This class will provide proven and effective methods and techniques to help new and veteran township supervisors, secretaries, treasurers, managers, road masters and public works officials develop budgets that work.

[8/8/22 - Franklin County](#)
[8/9/22 - Washington County](#)
[8/10/22 - Clarion County](#)
[8/11/22 - Luzerne County](#)
[8/24/22 - Chester County](#)



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.



2022 PSATS Fall Solicitors Seminar

This seminar will cover a wide variety of emerging and important trends and issues vital to the practice of every municipal solicitor.

[9/20/22 - Cumberland County](#)

[11/10/22 - Montgomery County](#)



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