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## Latest News

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Revenue Warns of Fraudsters Targeting Businesses**

The state Department of Revenue announced that Pennsylvania business owners are receiving fraudulent letters in the mail purporting to be from Revenue and directing them to turn over accounting records. The goal of the scam is to make the recipient believe that they are being investigated and convince them to turn over sensitive information.

The department noted that the counterfeit notice does not include a return address, which is on all department correspondence. The fraudulent notices also address the recipient as "Dear Business Owner." The department typically addresses the business owner or business by name.

If your township or a business receives such a notice, you can research the issue at [revenue.pa.gov](http://revenue.pa.gov) or reach out to the department using its [Online Customer Service Center](#).

[Click here](#) to learn more, including other tips on how to identify fraudulent activity.

### **City of Reading Exits Distressed Status**

After 15 years, the City of Reading is no longer considered distressed under Act 47. The state Department of Community and Economic Development announced yesterday that it has terminated Reading's distressed status due to significant improvements in its financial status, including reducing debt by more 33.6% over 10 years. [Click here](#) for more.

### **Today in History....**

On July 15, 1979, President Jimmy Carter addresses the nation via live television to discuss the nation's energy crisis and accompanying recession.

Carter prefaced his talk about energy policy with an explanation of why he believed the American economy remained in crisis. He recounted a meeting he had hosted at the presidential retreat in Camp David, Maryland, with leaders in the fields of business, labor, education, politics and religion. Although the energy crisis and recession were the main topics of conversation, Carter heard from the attendees that Americans were also suffering from a deeper moral and spiritual crisis. This lack of "moral and spiritual confidence," he concluded, was at the core of America's inability to hoist itself out of its economic troubles. He also admitted that part of the problem was his failure to provide strong leadership on many issues, particularly energy and oil consumption.

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## Learn

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



### **Emergency Management Fall Exercise Forum**

This class provides an interactive opportunity to engage in tabletop exercises taught by knowledgeable professionals that reflect real-world experiences and situations.

[9/15/22 – West \(Westmoreland Co.\)](#)

[9/29/22 – PSATS \(Cumberland Co.\)](#)

[10/13/22 – East \(Montgomery Co.\)](#)

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