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Latest News

Applications for RACP Now Being Accepted

The Office of the Budget is now accepting applications for the latest round of the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP). Applications are due August 19. RACP grants are for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational, and historic improvement projects. These projects, requiring a 50% match, are authorized in the Capital Budget, must have a regional or multijurisdictional impact, and generate substantial increases or maintain current levels of employment, tax revenues, or other measures of economic activity. . [Click here](#) to learn more.

PSATS Accepting Workshop Proposals for the 2023 Annual Conference

PSATS has issued a request for proposals for workshop presentations to be made at the 2023 Educational Conference & Exhibit Show, which will be held April 23-26, 2023, at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pa. (*workshops are April 24-25*). Workshops will be held on a wide variety of topics, including all aspects of township administration, planning and zoning, public safety and emergency management, and public works.

Every year, nearly 4,000 elected and appointed township officials, township employees, municipal service providers, and others attend PSATS' Educational Conference, which also includes the largest municipal exhibit show in Pennsylvania.

Interested parties must submit proposals to PSATS **by September 12, 2022**, through the following link: [Conference Workshop RFP](#). All applicants will be notified by November 28, 2022, as to whether their proposals have been accepted.

If you have any questions regarding the conference workshop RFP process for PSATS' 2023 Educational Conference & Exhibit Show, please contact Scott Coburn at 717-763-0930, ext. 171, [or scoburn@psats.org](mailto:scoburn@psats.org).

Township News Request

For the September issue of the Pennsylvania Township News, I am currently working on the second part of a three-part series on employment topics. This article will focus on succession/legacy planning to replace employees, continuity of operations plans in case of an emergency, and tips for replacing township employees in areas with declining populations.

If your township has a plan in place to replace employees or ensure operations continue to run smoothly in case of employee absence or leave, I am interested in hearing from you! I am also interested in hearing stories from townships in areas with declining populations, including any efforts the township is making to replace/recruit employees once they retire. If you have a story to share, please contact me at 717-763-0930, ext. 129 or hmartin@psats.org by Friday, July 29.

Today in History....

On July 25, 1832, The first recorded railroad accident in U.S. history occurred when four people were thrown off a vacant car on the Granite Railway near Quincy, Massachusetts. The victims had been invited to view the process of transporting large and weighty loads of stone when a cable on a vacant car snapped on the return trip, throwing them off the train and over a 34-foot cliff. One man was killed and the others were seriously injured.

Legislative & Policy



Wolf Cites Municipal Preemption Concerns When Vetoing SB 275

Gov. Wolf's veto message was published in Saturday's Pennsylvania Bulletin and cited the following reason for vetoing SB 275:

"This legislation takes away local decision-making from municipalities by preempting local control on energy matters and choices. Specifically,

the legislation would limit the tools available to local governments to address the global threat of climate change in future years and stand in the way of clean energy incentives and initiatives. As an additional matter, this bill is unnecessary as the Pa. Public Utility Commission currently regulates the provision of utility services in the commonwealth.

Further, the language of this bill is overly broad and sweeping, likely providing unintended impacts and additional litigation against municipalities across the commonwealth."

Learn

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

[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.



[Webinar - Streaming Municipal Code Enforcement With GIS/Automation - 8/10/22](#)

This webinar will demonstrate how municipalities are using simple, user-friendly GIS-based solutions to make municipal operations, such as code enforcement, more streamlined, automated, and efficient.



[Webinar - Tactics & Controls To Uncover Fraud In Your Municipality - 8/17/22](#)

This webinar will team an investigator and a CPA with experience in financial fraud examinations and forensic fraud methods to help municipal officials learn about common internal fraud schemes, as well as how to recognize weak internal systems and develop controls to prevent fraud by those who are entrusted with the finances of the municipality and its agencies.



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