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Township Video News



TVN's Summer School | Lesson Two: It's time to prepare your township budget!

School's still in session for the summer! Joe Gerdes and Holly Fishel from PSATS' Legislative Department give our members a lesson on Salary Survey Plus and how to plan for your upcoming budget.

Latest News

Keystone Communities Grant Program Accepting Applications

The Keystone Communities Grant program, which encourages partnerships between public and private sectors to support local revitalization initiatives for the growth and stability of the community, is accepting applications until August 31 for a variety of grant opportunities. These include planning grants, revitalization, public improvements, and more. Townships are eligible to apply for these grants, which require a match. [Click here](#) for more. [Click here](#) for program guidelines.

Traffic Signal Modernization Grants Available

The new 2022-2023 state budget includes an additional \$5 million for grants to municipalities to install and maintain traffic signal technologies at traffic control signals that will be connected to a central location at the state Department of Transportation using the Commonwealth Communications Network. The Traffic Signal Technologies Grant program is a reimbursement program authorized by Act 54 of 2022 and administered by PennDOT. No match is required.

The program will be administered similarly to Green Light-Go. Applications will be accepted September 1 to September 30. However, a [pre-application scoping form](#) is required and may be submitted to RA-PDSignalFunding@pa.gov now. To learn more, [click here](#). Guidelines are [available here](#).

PLCB Awards \$3.4 Million in Grants to Reduce Underage, Dangerous Drinking

The Pa. Liquor Control Board announced that it will award nearly \$3.4 million to 97 schools, community organizations, municipalities, law enforcement organizations, nonprofits, for-profit organizations, and institutions of higher education through the 2022-24 Alcohol Education Grant Program which help to prevent underage and irresponsible drinking. Awardees include several townships and township police departments. [Click here](#) for a list of awardees.

Today in History....

On July 26, 1947, President Harry S. Truman created the Central Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense, the U.S. Air Force, National Security Council and the Joint Chiefs of Staff when he signed the National Security Act of 1947.

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

[Click here for more information and to register](#)

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](#)
[8/16/22 - Clinton 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.



Effective Township Administration: Steering Your Township Through Difficult Situations - 9/8/22

Elected and appointed officials are often asked to solve problems that are either not within their authority to solve or where the proposed “solution” might create negative unintended consequences for the municipality. Navigating these difficult issues requires skill, diplomacy and, often patience.



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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