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## Township Video News



**TVN's Question of the Week | Do we need to maintain abandoned cemeteries?**  
In this week's Q&A, Katie goes over the responsibility for maintaining abandoned cemeteries. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week.

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## Latest News

### **PA Supreme Court Decision Major Zoning Win for Townships**

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled this week in *In re Appeal of Charlestown Outdoor, LLC* that municipalities do not have to change their zoning ordinances to account for later-issued government regulations or other development that may render a use impossible.

In this case, the township permitted billboards in a single zoning district that fronts the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Years after the ordinance was adopted, PennDOT added an interchange that connected a state road to the Turnpike. PennDOT regulations prohibit billboards within 500 feet of an interstate interchange. Taken together, the zoning district, the new interchange, and the 500-foot rule effectively prohibited billboards in that zoning district and, by extension, the entire township.

The billboard company challenged the ordinance as “*de facto* exclusionary” on the basis that billboards were not permitted anywhere in the township.

The Supreme Court disagreed. It stated that if the billboard company’s position prevailed, “it would impose a constitutional obligation on municipalities continuously to review and update their zoning ordinances to account for government regulations and the impact of development by third parties, and to ensure their various uses are permitted and possible in the municipality.”

Finding no such duty, the court held that “[m]unicipalities have no duty to review and revise their zoning ordinances or to rezone for a particular use where a property owner’s use is limited by third parties, including through governmental regulations beyond the municipality’s control.”

### **Reminder: Keystone Communities Grant Program Accepting Applications Until 8/31**

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 matching funds. [Click here](#) for more. [Click here](#) for program guidelines.

### **DEP Approves Nutrient Credit Tracking Tool for Wastewater Treatment Plants**

The state Department of Environmental Protection has approved the Chesapeake Bay Nutrient Tracking Tool (CBNTT) for use with the Department’s Nutrient Credit Trading Program for wastewater treatment plants and agriculture. The new tool is supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and is available for calculating nonpoint source nutrient credits. The CBNTT uses the Chesapeake Bay Model Phase 6 delivery ratios, which will be used to certify credits generated by all credit generators. To view the Pennsylvania Bulletin notice, [click here](#). To view the program website, [click here](#).

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

On August 18, 1872, Aaron Montgomery Ward produced a mail-order catalog that would launch a growing era of mail-order publications that would last more than 100 years.

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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.

### **Flagger Training**

This instructor-led Flagger Training will be conducted for individuals who have flagging responsibilities on ANY ROAD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

[9/12/22 - Cambria County](#)

[9/28/22 - Montour County](#)

[10/24/22 - Potter County](#)

[10/25/22 - Schuylkill County](#)

[11/1/22 - Union County](#)

[11/2/22 - Clinton County](#)

[11/8/22 - Bradford County](#)

[11/9/22 - Cumberland County](#)

[11/15/22 - Centre County](#)



### **Stormwater 101**

This half-day, in-person, introductory class will educate you on the basics of municipal stormwater management, including the effects of stormwater runoff, the impacts of new development and redevelopment within your municipality, and best practices that your municipality can implement to efficiently manage stormwater without breaking your budget.

[9/9/22 - Crawford County](#)

[9/23/22 - VIRTUAL CLASS](#)



### **CDL - Probable Cause Training For CDL Supervisory Personnel**

Participants will learn what to do if they suspect or verify that a CDL employee is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol while on duty.

[9/27/22 - Cumberland County](#)

[10/12/22 - Bucks County](#)

[10/19/22 - Butler County](#)

[11/18/22 - Berks County](#)



### **CMV/CDL Records Management**

This workshop will review CMV/CDL employee and vehicle paperwork.

[9/27/22 - Cumberland County](#)

[10/12/22 - Bucks County](#)

[10/19/22 - Butler County](#)

[11/18/22 - Berks County](#)



### **2022 PSATS Fall Engineers Virtual Seminar - 10/27/22**

This full-day virtual seminar is designed to meet the educational interests and busy schedules of consulting engineers by providing a focused overview of important issues of interest to municipal engineers and their local government clients.



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