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Township Video News



TVN's Training Tuesday | August is on fire with Regional Forums and new classes!

PSATS' August calendar is packed with some hot learning opportunities! Make sure to register for the upcoming Regional Forums, and don't forget to visit learn.psats.org for the full calendar of August classes. Members who are interested in presenting at future classes and workshops are encouraged to contact Scott Coburn at scoburn@psats.org.

Latest News

New Process Announced for Commonwealth OOR Appeals

The Pennsylvania Office of Open Records announced that beginning August 1, all appeals from commonwealth agencies under the governor's jurisdiction, with few exceptions, will be handled through a new appeals portal. All appeals, including those involving local agencies, such as townships, will ultimately be handled through that portal. A phase-in process for local appeals is expected to begin in October. To read more, [click here](#).

Wolf Administration Announces \$13 Million in Tax Credits for Farmers

The state Department of Agriculture has \$13 million in tax credits available to Pennsylvania farmers for measures to improve soil and water quality. Tax credits available through the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) program may be combined with other state programs.

Applications are being accepted from agricultural producers who implement best management practices or purchase equipment to reduce nutrient and sediment runoff, enhancing soil and improving the quality of Pennsylvania's waterways. Examples of funded projects include no-till planting and precision ag equipment, waste storage facilities, conservation plans, and nutrient management plans. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Commonwealth Releases July Revenues

The Independent Fiscal Office and state Department of Revenue have released July 2022 revenue reports and fiscal year-end totals. The state collected \$2.7 billion in July, the first month of the new fiscal year, \$4 million below prior year collections. Personal income tax revenues were up 1.4% over the prior year and sales tax increased by 1.7% over the prior year based largely on inflationary prices. Estimates for 2022-2023 are not complete and therefore are not included.

The Motor License Fund received \$240.9 million in July. The fund includes liquid fuels taxes and other license, fine, and fee revenues.

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

Today in History.....

On August 2, 1909, The United States Mint issued the first Lincoln penny to the public. On one side, the penny displayed the profile of President Abraham Lincoln along with the words "In God We Trust" and "Liberty" and the year 1909. On the flip side, two stalks of wheat graced the coin along with the phrase "E. Pluribus Unum" across the top and the words "ONE CENT" and "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" in the center.

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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