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Latest News

Give Your Township Access to Salary Survey Results!

Be sure to enter your township's wage and benefit data as soon as possible so that the PSATS Salary Survey Plus reports for 2022 can be released. Hundreds of townships have participated and we are nearly ready to release results, but need your help to make this product a success!

With inflation and challenges to find and keep quality employees, townships should participate to find out how other townships most like theirs are compensating employees and what benefits they are providing. Please be sure your designated staff (*PSATS Salary Survey Plus Processor*) **enters your township's data by August 17** so that results can be released.

To access Salary Survey Plus, log onto psats.org and look under "My PSATS" for "Salary Survey Plus." If you have any issues accessing the survey or need to change the township official who is designated to enter data (*the PSATS Salary Survey Plus processor*), email memberservices@psats.org.

Questions about the survey? Need help with a report? Email salarysurveyplus@psats.org or call (717) 763-0930, ext. 126, for Katie Lizza or ext. 138 for Holly Fishel.

PA Turnpike Commission Approves 5% Toll Increase for 2023

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission approved a 5% toll increase for 2023 for all E-ZPass and Toll by Plate customers. The new rates take effect January 8, 2023. The most common toll for a passenger vehicle will increase from \$1.70 to

\$1.80 for E-ZPass customers and from \$4.10 to \$4.40 for Toll by Plate customers. [Click here](#) for more.

PA Supreme Court Upholds Mail-in Balloting

The state Supreme Court rejected a challenge to mail-in balloting. The court ruled 5-2 that the General Assembly is endowed with great legislative power and is subject only to express restrictions in the Pennsylvania Constitution. The court found no restrictions in the Constitution on the General Assembly's ability to create universal mail-in voting. [Click here](#) to read the decision.

PA Joins Robocall Task Force

Pennsylvania has joined an Anti-Robocall Litigation Task force of 50 attorneys general to investigate and take action against the telecommunications companies responsible for bringing a majority of foreign robocalls into the United States. The bipartisan nationwide task force has one goal: to cut down on illegal robocalls.

The task force intends to accomplish this goal by focusing on bad actors in the telecommunications industry that appear to be turning a blind eye to foreign telephone traffic for financial reasons. [Click here](#) for more.

Do You Know a Conservation Leader?

[WeConservePA](#) is accepting nominations for the Local Government Conservation Leadership and Lifetime Conservation Leadership Awards. The deadline for nominations is **September 30**.

The **Local Government Conservation Leadership Award** recognizes the critical importance of local government leadership to the success of land conservation initiatives in Pennsylvania. Click [here](#) to submit nominations.

The **Lifetime Conservation Leadership Award** recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to conservation in Pennsylvania over the course of their life. WeConservePA honors at most one person with this distinction each year. Since it was established in 2004, the award has honored both conservation professionals and volunteers for their commitment to and leadership in conservation. Click [here](#) to submit nominations.

The awards will be presented at the annual Pennsylvania Land Conservation Conference in Reading April 26-28, 2023.

Today in History...

On August 3, 1492, From the Spanish port of Palos, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus set sail in command of three ships—the *Santa Maria*, the *Pinta* and the *Nina*—on a journey to find a western sea route to China, India and the fabled gold and spice islands of Asia. On October 12, the expedition sighted land, probably Watling Island in the Bahamas, and went ashore the same day, claiming it for Spain

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



2022 PAAZO Fall Seminar

In the PAAZO Fall Seminar, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics pertinent to your duties as a municipal Zoning official.

[9/13/22 - Cumberland County](#)

[10/13/22 - Montgomery County](#)

[11/17/22 - Butler County](#)



[**The Role of the Planning Commission - York County - 9/14/22**](#)

In this class, you will learn the integral role that the planning commission plays in the short- and long-term development of the township and the quality of life of its residents.

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