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## Township Video News



**TVN's Roulette | Best of 2022 Bloopers Part 2**  
Enjoy Part 2 of the Best of TVN's Bloopers!

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## Latest News

**Reminder: Report Broadband Connectivity Issues to FCC ASAP**

With the latest influx of funding, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is collecting broadband information from consumers to create updated maps that display fixed and mobile broadband availability, as well as lack of access. Township officials and their residents are encouraged to participate and **tell the FCC about their access issues or lack of access as soon as possible**. These maps will dictate which communities receive broadband funding.

Consumers can share their broadband experience by [filling out a short form](#) detailing their lack of connectivity and uploading supporting documents. If you have trouble filling out the webform, you can call 888-225-5322. (Editor's note: Only the federal government would ask you to upload forms to document that you don't have internet connectivity... Use the phone!)

For those with service, the FCC has a Speed Test app available that can be downloaded and run to demonstrate actual broadband speeds for both mobile and in-home broadband networks. In addition to showing your network performance test results, the app also provides the test results to the FCC as part of its [Measuring Broadband America Program](#). Click here [to learn more about the Speed Test and how to participate](#).

### **Have a Cybersecurity Concern or Story to Share?**

ATTENTION, MEMBERS! We want to hear from you about recent cybersecurity issues within your township for an upcoming article in the Pa. Township News.

Please consider any of the following questions and email your responses to [acampbell@psats.org](mailto:acampbell@psats.org) by **Friday, September 2, 2022**.

- Has your township suffered from ransomware attacks in the last two years?
- How do you train your staff to recognize phishing scams?
- Does your township employ the best internet practices when it comes to backing up information, email protocol, and using secure sites and passwords?
- Do you have a cybersecurity policy in your handbook? What led you to create one?
- What's the biggest threat for townships when it comes to cybersecurity?
- Does your township have cybersecurity insurance?
- Is it cost-effective to consider purchasing cybersecurity insurance?
- What PSATS classes, workshops, webinars, or seminars have you taken that have helped you better practice cybersecurity in your townships?

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

On August 30, 1967, Thurgood Marshall became the first African American Supreme Court Justice. Leading up to his nomination, Marshall prevailed in *Brown v. Board of Education*, resulting in the end of school segregation (which overturned a prior Supreme Court separate but equal ruling). President John F. Kennedy appointed Marshall to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit followed by a 1965 appointment by President Lyndon Johnson to the office of U.S. Solicitor General.

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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.

## [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 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](#)

## [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.



## [QuickBooks For Beginners - Virtual Class - 9/19 & 9/20](#)

This virtual class is broken out into two half-day sessions. It is designed to provide each student with a fundamental understanding and working knowledge of QuickBooks Accounting Software, and is intended to demonstrate the application of QuickBooks and QuickBooks Pro to assist in municipal accounting.



## 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](#)



## [Basic Training For Secretaries And Administrators - 10/12/22 - Chester County](#)

Topics covered will range from budgeting, purchasing, advertising and meeting management all the way to human resource issues and public engagement.



## Human Resources And Labor Management Institute

This class is a must-attend for anyone who has responsibility for HR and personnel management in their township. In this seminar, the team from Eckert Seamans will detail what to expect in human resources and labor relations.

[10/27/22 - Allegheny County](#)

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

[12/5/22 - Lycoming County](#)



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