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## Latest News

### **Morning News Wins National Communications Award**

PSATS Executive Director David Sanko announced that this digital publication, the Morning News, has won a Grand Award in the 34th Annual APEX Awards for Publication Excellence.

This is the first Grand Award since 2008. PSATS has received multiple APEX Awards over the past 20 years recognizing our Township News magazine and TVN and, also this year for our Centennial Book produced to commemorate PSATS first 100 years. Copies are available at the [PSATS Store](#).

These awards are a product of a team effort with all staff contributing. Morning News project leaders include Holly Fishel, Casey Eisenhart, and Brenda Wilt. Centennial Book project leaders were formers team members Ginni Linn and Amy Bobb and current team members Brenda Wilt and Kaylin Acri.

### **PSATS Members Can Participate in Free Federal Grant Webinars**

As a PSATS member, every township is also a member of the National Association of Towns and Townships. NATaT is holding a series of federal grants webinars with grant expert Heidi Schott, Managing Director of Grant Services at The Ferguson Group, LLC. NATaT members are invited to participate.

- **Session 1: August 24, 1-2 p.m. - Grant Basics and Identification.** This presentation will provide an overview of the federal grants landscape, required registrations, how to search for federal grants and strategically position projects ahead of a solicitation. [Click here](#) to participate in the live

session on August 24.

- **Session 2: August 25, 1-2 p.m. - Grant Writing.** This session will provide an overview of common grant narrative elements with tips and tricks for writing and submitting a competitive grant application. [Click here](#) to participate in the live session on August 25.

The extensive workshop will cover grant fundamentals, including grant identification, tips for drafting a competitive application, and grant administration, along with a deep dive into how to prepare projects for funding, improve past applications, and engage project partners. TFG professionals have decades of grant experience and have helped clients secure nearly **\$3 billion in competitive federal, state, and foundation funding** for communities of all sizes since 2015. If you are unable to attend the events live, recordings will be posted on NATaT's website at [www.natat.org](http://www.natat.org) under "Member Resources."

**Reminder: 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](http://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](mailto:memberservices@psats.org).

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

**PSATS wants YOU to be a part of the Association's 2023 calendar!**

PSATS' annual calendars have been so popular that we're doing it again!

Show off your township by sending us photos to illustrate the calendar pages.

**WHAT:** PSATS 2023 Calendar

**THEME:** Township parks and recreation

**PHOTO SUGGESTIONS:**

It's summer camp and program season so it's the perfect time to get photos of your parks and recreation programs and facilities. Here are some photo ideas:

- exercise or dance programs for kids or adults;
- day camps and children's programs;
- robotics, engineering, and other STEM activities;
- playgrounds and pavilions;

- basketball, tennis, and pickleball courts;
- soccer, baseball, and football fields;
- passive recreation spaces;
- painting, drawing, and other art classes;
- inclusive or accessible playgrounds or amenities;
- swimming pools, splash pads, or other water-related facilities;
- senior citizen programs;
- hike/bike trails; or
- other parks and recreation programs your township may have.

**Note: Photos should show people using parks and rec facilities, rather than empty playgrounds, ball fields, etc.**

#### **REQUIREMENTS**

- To reproduce well in print, photos must have a resolution of at least **300 dpi at a size of 4 inches x 6 inches.**
- Please email photos as **jpeg attachments** to [KAcri@psats.org](mailto:KAcri@psats.org) by **September 16, 2022.**
- Make sure to provide your name and position, township and county, and a daytime phone number.

SNAP some photos,  
SEND 'em to PSATS, and  
SHOW OFF your township in the 2023 calendar!

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

On August 10, 1978, 1941, President Coolidge dedicates Mount Rushmore in the South Dakota Black Hills.

## Learn

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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#### **Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors**

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