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## Township Video News



In this month's Coffee and the Capitol, PSATS Legislative Director Joe Gerdes talks with Stephen Brame, the President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association, focusing on Pennsylvania's electric cooperatives and the issues that impact the quality of life in rural areas.

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## Latest News

### **PSATS Submits Comments on State Water Plan Revisions**

PSATS has submitted comments to the state Department of Environmental Protection on the Draft 2022 Pennsylvania State Water Plan. The plan identifies regional and statewide water resources priorities and recommends actions to address them. PSATS emphasized that the plan's recommendations to strengthen the link between land use and water resources management should include voluntary tools, not mandates. As the Association opposes any legislation to require water usage fees from private or public water sources, PSATS supports the recommendation to NOT require any such fees, taxes, or restrictions on private water wells in recommending that well drillers be licensed and construct wells to established standards. The Association supports restoration of funding for Act 167 stormwater plans and Act 537 sewage facilities plans. [Click here](#) to view the comments.

### **PennDOT Data Shows Roundabout Reduce Fatalities**

The state Department of Transportation data show that fatalities, injuries, and crashes decreased at about 33 locations that were previously traffic signals or stop sign intersections. The data shows that suspected serious injuries dropped by 76%, suspected minor injuries decreased by 22%, while possible/unknown severity injuries were reduced by 70%. [Click here](#) to read the press release.

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

On the evening of September 20, 1777, near Paoli, Pennsylvania, General Charles Grey and nearly 5,000 British soldiers launch a surprise attack on a small regiment of Patriot troops commanded by General Anthony Wayne in what becomes known as the Paoli Massacre. Not wanting to lose the element of surprise, Grey ordered his troops to empty their muskets and to use only bayonets or swords to attack the sleeping Americans under the cover of darkness.

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## Legislative & Policy



Both the House and Senate will be in session today, September 20. Watch the session live [here](#).

The House Transportation Committee approved the following bills yesterday: [HR 130](#) would direct the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the Department of Transportation's practices in maintaining and completing infrastructure projects.

[HB 804](#) would exempt volunteer first responders that drive their own vehicles to incidents from paying vehicle registration fees.

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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 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](#)

## **QUICKBOOKS**

[Budgets With QuickBooks - Virtual Class - 10/4/22](#)

[Payroll With QuickBooks - Virtual Class - 10/20/22](#)

[Intermediate QuickBooks - Virtual Class - 11/9 & 11/10/22](#)

[QuickBooks Year-End Reports - Virtual Class - 12/15/22](#)



## **[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](#)

## **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.

[10/20/22 - Virtual](#)

[11/10/22 - Montgomery County](#)



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