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Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | What is an agricultural security center?

Find out more about how to create an ASA (agricultural security area). Also, click [here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week.

Latest News

Townships May Apply for 2023 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence

Local governments, farms, and non-profits that developed or participated in a project between October 4, 2021, and October 11, 2022, that promotes environmental protection and stewardship in the commonwealth may apply for the 2023 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence, the state's top environmental honor. This year's spotlight is on the spirit of resistance, for entities who've transformed environmental obstacles into opportunities. Applications are due December 21. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Water Infrastructure Grants, Loans Awarded

The Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority announced \$236 million in grant and loan awards for 23 drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and non-point source projects in 15 counties. Funding for these projects comes from state funds approved by voters, Growing Greener, Marcellus Legacy funds, and federal funds. Townships received some of these awards and will benefit from others. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Got Historic Places? They Could Win You an Award

Are you proud of the work your community is doing for its historic places? Tell the Pa. State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO) about it and you might just win a 2022 Community Initiative Award.

[The Community Initiative Awards](#) recognize organizations, municipalities, agencies, individuals, and others whose work embodies the theme of Pennsylvania's statewide historic preservation plan, [#PreservationHappensHere](#).

There is no formal application or nomination procedure to be considered for a PA SHPO Community Initiative Award — simply do one of the following:

- use the [#PreservationHappensHere](#) hashtag in your social media posts;
- submit a [Preservation Success Story through PA-SHARE](#); or
- email ra-bhpmail@pa.gov.

Today in History....

On October 20, 1962, the White House press corps was told that President John F. Kennedy had a cold; in reality, he was holding secret meetings with advisors on the eve of ordering a blockade of Cuba.

Kennedy was in Seattle and scheduled to attend the Seattle Century 21 World's Fair when his press secretary announced that he had contracted an "upper respiratory infection." The president then flew back to Washington, where he supposedly went to bed to recover from his cold.

Legislation & Policy



The Senate was in session yesterday. Both chambers will return to session Monday for the final three legislative session days of the 2021-2022 session. Here is a summary of yesterday's legislative actions:

[SB 589](#) would create a **new home-rule process for distressed municipalities** to appoint a government study commission. The bill passed the Senate unanimously and will now go before the House.

[SB 1282](#) would **give land banks the same environmental liability protections** granted to municipalities for properties purchased for redevelopment. The bill passed the Senate unanimously and will now go before the House.

[HB 1546](#) would amend Title 18 (*Crimes and Offenses*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to **create the offense of endangering a public safety official**, which includes police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services officers. A person would commit the offense if they intentionally or knowingly communicated or electronically published the public safety official's image, name, Social Security number, home address, home phone number, mobile phone number, personal email, or home fax number with reckless disregard or the intent that the information will be used to threaten, intimidate, or facilitate a crime against the public safety official or their family. HB 1546 was reported out of the Senate Law & Justice Committee.

[HB 1988](#) would authorize the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) to **certify Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) campus police officers** that have completed MPOETC training. The bill would also provide for school police officer certification. HB 1546 was reported out of the Senate Law & Justice Committee.

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 Virtual Stormwater Conference

Do you have municipal clients whose stormwater management program needs some help? Do they have problems complying with their current MS4 permit? Do they want to know more about the next MS4 permit? Are they interested in learning the latest best practices for stormwater management? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then you (and they!) will want to attend either the “2022 PSATS Virtual Stormwater Conference Technical Track” or the “2022 PSATS Virtual Stormwater Conference Policy Track” as appropriate.



[Virtual Technical Track on Nov. 9](#)
[Virtual Policy Track on Nov. 10](#)

CDL - Probable Cause Training For CDL Supervisory Personnel

Participants will learn what to do if they suspect or verify that a CDL employee is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol while on duty.

[11/18/22 - Berks County](#)



CMV/CDL Records Management

This workshop will review CMV/CDL employee and vehicle paperwork.

[11/18/22 - Berks County](#)



Flagger Training

This instructor-led Flagger Training will be conducted for individuals who have flagging responsibilities on ANY ROAD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

[10/24/22 - Potter County](#)

[11/1/22 - Union County](#)

[11/2/22 - Clinton County](#)

[11/8/22 - Bradford County](#)

[11/9/22 - Cumberland County](#)

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



[2022 PSATS Fall Engineers Virtual Seminar - 10/27/22](#)

This full-day virtual seminar is designed to meet the educational interests and busy schedules of consulting engineers by providing a focused overview of important issues of interest to municipal engineers and their local government clients.



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