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Latest News

Last Day to Register to Vote in Pennsylvania

According to the PA Department of State, today is the last day to register to vote, or change your registration or address, for the upcoming General Election on November 8, 2022. You can do this in person at your county courthouse or go online at the PA Department of State voter Registration website.

Act 57 Waiver Form Now Available from DCED

[Act 57 of 2022](#) allows taxpayers who fail to receive a tax notice during their first year of occupancy to apply for a waiver from penalties and additional costs from the tax collector. The state Department of Community and Economic Development has now made a standard waiver form available. Please keep in mind that Act 57 applies to tax notices sent beginning in 2023. Click here [for the waiver form](#).

As a reminder, Act 57 also requires all municipalities that levy real estate taxes to adopt a resolution or ordinance directing their tax collector to implement its provisions. Townships have until January 9, 2023, to adopt the resolution or ordinance. As a member service, PSATS developed this [Act 57 of 2022 Model Resolution](#), which is also available here [in Word format](#).

Abandoned Mine Land and Acid Mine Drainage Grant Program

The state Department of Environmental Protection has opened the first round of funding through the [Abandoned Mine Land \(AML\) and Acid Mine Drainage \(AMD\) Grant Program](#). A total of \$103.4 million is available under this grant round and townships, councils of government, and municipal authorities are eligible to apply. Applications are due **January 13, 2023**.

Eligible projects must reclaim or enhance AML sites posing a threat to the environment and/or public health and safety. Sites must be determined to be

eligible by the Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation, entered into AML inventory systems, and, in most cases, be associated with a coal mine that was abandoned prior to August 3, 1977.

For AML/AMD grant program guidance and application instructions, please visit [DEP's website](#). Questions can be directed to RA-EPAMGrantProgram@pa.gov.

PA Unemployment Rate Drops to 4.1%

The state Department of Labor and Industry has announced that Pennsylvania's unemployment rate for September was 4.1%, down from 4.2% in August. This is the lowest rate since April 2000 and is tied for the lowest rate in records dating to 1976. The national unemployment rate dropped from 3.7% to 3.5%. Click here for [the press release](#).

Today in History...

On October 24, 1861, The first transcontinental telegraph line in the United States began operation. Only 17 months before, the Pony Express had been the fastest means of delivering a message on the frontier. With the telegraph now connecting the country from coast to coast, the iconic and short-lived era of the Pony Express came to an end.

Legislation & Policy



Both the state Senate and House will be in session today, October 24 for the final session week before the general election. Only three session days remain for both chambers. Any bills that don't make it to the governor by the end of the current session will "die" and would need to be reintroduced in the 2023-2024 session, which begins in January. Watch today's session live [here](#).

Learn

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

[Preparing Your Township For Winter Maintenance - 10/26/22](#)

In this webinar, township elected officials and staff will learn about how they can best position their townships to tackle the many issues that arise from winter maintenance of township roads.

[Using Drones For Emergency Management - 11/2/22](#)

Drones, or unmanned aerial systems (AES), are becoming a large part of public safety operations. As this trend continues, township officials and emergency managers need to understand the capabilities and strategies for UAS use for emergencies.

[Streamlining Municipal Code Enforcement With GIS/Automation - 11/9/22](#)

This webinar will demonstrate how municipalities are using simple, user-friendly GIS-based solutions to make municipal operations, such as code enforcement, more streamlined, automated, and efficient.

[What Township Records Are Confidential? - 11/16/22](#)

In this webinar, Tricia Springer, an experienced practitioner before the Office of Open Records, will provide the latest insight into what is confidential and what cannot be considered confidential in the workplace.

[Working Your Way Through The Second Class Township Code - 11/30/22](#)

Do you struggle with finding answers in the Second Class Township Code? Or, do you wonder if your township's practices actually match up with the law's requirements? Through this webinar, which will be set in a fun, game-style setting, you will become more comfortable with the Second Class Township Code and how it is organized and at the same time learn some new, or possibly forgotten, key aspects that will help you do your job in a more efficient and accurate manner.



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