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Township Video News



TVN's Roulette | It's Spooky Season!

There's only about a week left until Halloween—how are you celebrating Spooky Season this year? Check out this week's TVN Roulette for some fun ideas on how to get into the "spirit" of celebrating!

Latest News

Clean Vessel Act Grants Available for Boating Facilities

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) has announced the availability of funding through the federal [Clean Vessel Act \(CVA\) Grant Program](#) administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. CVA grant funds are available to townships that own and operate boating facilities. Applications must be submitted by **December 30, 2022**. Funding requests require a 25% match of the proposed project cost in cash or the fair market value of any in-house labor or materials or a combination thereof.

Grants awarded through this program will reimburse recipients for up to 75% of the installation cost of pump-out and dump stations, including the cost of new equipment, or the renovation or upgrading of existing equipment, as well as necessary pumps, piping, fitting, lift stations, on-site holding tanks, pier or dock modifications, signs, permits and other miscellaneous equipment needed for a complete and efficient station.

Applications and the CVA guidebook may be found on the [PFBC's website](#). Questions regarding the CVA Grant Program may be directed to Scott Bollinger at (717) 346-8196 or scbollinge@pa.gov.

Erie Access Improvement Grants Available

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) announced that applications are being accepted for the [Erie Access Improvement Program](#). Townships are eligible for this funding opportunity and the deadline for applications is **December 30, 2022**. Funding requests require a 50% match.

Funding is available to support projects that provide public fishing access or protect or improve fish habitat for Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay, their tributaries, and waters that flow into those tributaries. Projects include site acquisition, access development, expansion, rehabilitation, and other types of projects that benefit recreational fishing and public fishing access. Projects to rehabilitate existing access sites, such as construction of access roads and parking lots, or projects that bring facilities into ADA compliance are also eligible for funding.

More information about the Erie Access Improvement Program and application form can be found on the [PFBC website](#). Questions about this funding opportunity can be directed to Scott Bollinger at the PFBC Bureau of Boating at 717-346-8196 or by email at scbollinge@pa.gov.

Today in History...

On October 25, 1944, during the Battle of the Leyte Gulf, the Japanese deployed kamikaze ("divine wind") bombers against American warships for the first time. It will prove costly—to both sides.

Legislative & Policy



Both the state Senate and House will be in session today, October 25. Only two session days remain in the 2021-2022 legislative session. Watch today's session live [here](#).

[SB 1027](#) unanimously passed the House yesterday. The bill **would allow a 17-year-old to train for an interior firefighting module with live burns** if they have permission to engage from a fire chief and a parent or guardian. The minor would be required to be under the supervision of a credentialed Pennsylvania State Fire Academy Instructor. This bill would address a PSATS resolution. The bill will now go before the governor.

[HB 2210](#) passed the Senate yesterday. The bill would **amend Act 135 of 2008 to include land banks as a “party in interest” that may petition the court to become a conservator**, with the ability to bring residential, commercial, and industrial buildings into municipal code compliance when the owners of these properties do not comply with these codes. The bill will now go before the governor.

[SB 439](#) passed the House yesterday. The bill makes permanent the \$15 county fee for each deed and mortgage recorded, which is used to demolish blighted property. The bill will now go to the governor.

Learn

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

QUICKBOOKS

[Intermediate QuickBooks - Virtual Class - 11/9 & 11/10/22](#)
[QuickBooks Year-End Reports - Virtual Class - 12/15/22](#)



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.

[11/15/22 - Montgomery 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.

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



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 Lehigh Valley 2022 Regional Forum - 11/1/22 - Allentown

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