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## Latest News

### **CDBG Grant Awards Announced**

Gov. Tom Wolf announced nearly \$45 million in new Community Development Block Grant-Cares Act funding to support community improvements that will help enhance the quality of life for residents.

“This funding will allow communities to make a variety of infrastructure updates,” said Gov. Wolf. “Whether it be water and sewage systems, parks, or social services, these dollars are going to help make communities better places to live, work, and play.”

Several townships will benefit from these funds, including Marion Township, Butler County, which will receive funds for a new sewage system and Cooper Township, Clearfield County, whose municipal authority will receive funds for water distribution lines. Both townships are under consent orders from the state Department of Environmental Protection. To learn more, click here [for the press release](#).

### **Statewide Active Transportation Summit Slated: Bikes & Beyond**

The [Statewide Active Transportation Summit: Bikes & Beyond](#) will be held on Saturday, November 12, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster. This event is hosted by the Pennsylvania Downtown Center, Bicycle South Central PA, and 2022 Summit Sponsor Lancaster Bicycle Club.

Township officials and employees interested in promoting active transportation in their communities are welcome to attend. Topics include walking, biking, and accessibility, including completed active transportation improvements and examples of work underway. Attendees can select breakout afternoon sessions and enjoy a

bike tour of downtown Lancaster infrastructure or a walking tour of the F&M campus after the event concludes.

[Registration](#) includes lunch and snacks and costs \$30 per registrant until October 31, \$35 starting November 1. Questions may be directed to Marilyn Chastek at [mchastek2009@gmail.com](mailto:mchastek2009@gmail.com), or Sam Pearson at [sampearson@padowntown.org](mailto:sampearson@padowntown.org), 781-366-0726.

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

On October 26, 1775, King George III spoke before both houses of the British Parliament to discuss growing concern about the rebellion in America, which he viewed as a traitorous action against himself and Great Britain. He began his speech by reading a "Proclamation of Rebellion" and urged Parliament to move quickly to end the revolt and bring order to the colonies.

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## Legislation & Policy



Both the state Senate and House will be in session today, October 26, the final session day in the 2021-2022 legislative session. Watch today's session live [here](#).

The Senate passed the following bills yesterday:

[HB 103](#) would create a felony offense for assaulting a law enforcement officer if the person intentionally or knowingly caused or attempted to cause the law enforcement officer to come into contact with body fluids or feces. The bill now goes back to the House for concurrence on Senate amendments.

[HB 140](#) would amend the Vehicle Code to require vehicles parking along a pedalcycle lane or pedestrian plaza to park in the direction of traffic flow, parallel with their right or left wheels within 12 inches of the outside lane of the buffer area between the pedalcycle lane or plaza and parking. The bill would allow municipalities to adopt alternative regulations for parking adjacent to a plaza or pedalcycle lane. In addition, the bill would require the state on state roads and municipalities on local roads to give deference to loading for businesses and electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The bill now goes back to the House for concurrence on Senate amendments.

[HB 1546](#) would amend Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to create the offense of endangering a public safety official if a person intentionally or knowingly communicates or posts on social media, the restricted personal information of a public safety official or a family or household member of a public safety official 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. Restricted personal information would be defined as the individual's image, name, social security number, home address, home phone number, mobile phone number, personal email, or home fax number. This bill would address a PSATS resolution. The bill now goes back to the House for concurrence on Senate amendments.

[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. In addition, the bill would provide for certification of school police officers. The bill now goes back to the House for concurrence on Senate amendments.

[HB 2079](#) would amend the Uniform Construction Code to state that an otherwise prohibited refrigerant may be used if the refrigerant is permitted for the applicable use conditions by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the equipment containing the refrigerant is listed and installed in accordance with the applicable use conditions. HB 2079 will now go before the governor.

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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.



### **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.

[11/17/22 - Butler County](#)

[11/3/22 - VIRTUAL](#)



**[PSATS Zoning Academy - 11/30-12/1 - Butler County](#)**

This class will greatly benefit newer zoning officials, those looking to become zoning officials and municipal officials and employees seeking a better understanding of zoning's impact on municipal operations.



**[2023 PAAZO Spring Seminar - 4/23/23 - Dauphin County](#)**

This educational seminar explores issues that zoning officers and planning/zoning officials face on a regular basis, and discusses effective strategies to address them.

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