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Township Video News



TVN's Training Tuesday | October is a busy month for PSATS members!

With Regional Forums, the PSATS HR & Labor Management Institute, and Affiliate Seminars, there is no shortage of learning opportunities in October! PSATS also has classes for CMV & CDL personnel, QuickBooks, Flagger Training, and more. Visit learn.psats.org to sign up for October classes today!

Latest News

New Director for Governor's Center

PSATS was recently informed that Kelly Robertson has been named the new Executive Director of the Governor's Center for Local Government Services at DCED. She is the former City Manager for the City of Duquesne.

FEMA 2022 Non-Disaster Mitigation Grants Available

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has opened Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Non-Disaster Mitigation Grants:

- [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\)](#) Notice of Funding Opportunity
- [Flood Mitigation Assistance \(FMA\)](#) Notice of Funding Opportunity

Townships are eligible to apply for funding through the PEMA as a subrecipient of the state. The application window for townships **closes on November 16**.

To start the grant application process, townships MUST submit the required [Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency \(PEMA\) Letter of Interest](#) by **October 19, 2022.** Questions regarding this opportunity may be sent to RA-Shazmitoff@pa.gov (*PA State Hazard Mitigation Office*). See below for additional information on these programs:

The [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities](#) (BRIC) program focuses on reducing or eliminating risk and damage from future natural hazards disasters, risks, and hazards, including those associated with climate change. BRIC funds may be used for capability and capacity building activities, and mitigation projects. For additional information, eligibility requirements, and application processes, please visit [FEMA's website](#) on applying for BRIC funding and refer to FEMA's [BRIC Fact Sheet](#).

The [Flood Mitigation Assistance](#) (FMA) program will have \$800 million (*up from \$160 million last year*) available nationally. FMA funds may be used for projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the National Flood Insurance Program including: project scoping, technical assistance, community flood mitigation projects, and individual structure/property-level flood mitigation projects. For additional information, eligibility requirements, and application processes, please visit [FEMA's website](#) on applying for FMA funding.

State September Revenues Exceed Projections....Again!

The Independent Fiscal Office and state Department of Revenue have released September 2022 revenue reports. The state collected \$4.2 billion in September, the third month of the fiscal year, 11.1% above IFO's official estimate. Fiscal year-to-date General Fund Collections total \$9.8 billion, or 2% above estimate. The monthly overage is attributed primarily to strong corporate net income tax and personal income tax collections.

A \$2.1 billion deposit into Pennsylvania's Rainy Day Fund was made in September in accordance with the 2022-2023 state budget.

The Motor License Fund received \$252.8 million in September, \$34.3 million above estimates. Year-to-date revenues are 1.3% above estimates. The fund includes liquid fuels taxes and other license, fine, and fee revenues. Click here [for the IFO report](#) and here for [Revenue's press release](#).

Today in History...

On October 4, 1861, President Abraham Lincoln observed a balloon demonstration near Washington, D.C. Both Confederate and Union armies experimented with using balloons to gather military intelligence in the early stages of the war, but the balloons proved to be dangerous and impractical for most situations.

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 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

[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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