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Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | Can we purchase a piece of equipment at public auction?

Get more information about purchasing equipment from public auctions in today's Question of the Week. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week.

Latest News

National Crime Statistics Released by FBI...Feel Safer?

Yesterday, the FBI released national crime data. Despite national headlines about crime and violence setting records, that report suggests crime rates are down. The only problem is that reporting by state and local law enforcement agencies was at its lowest level in decades. Traditionally reporting exceeds 80-90% of police departments from across the country while this reporting cycle indicates only 52% fully complied. States like California, New York, Illinois and Pennsylvania were all less than 35%. Pennsylvania was less than 3% while California submitted less than 2%. Maybe there isn't crime if you don't count it? For more on the story and to see an interactive map, [click here](#).

More Than \$66 Million in Volunteer Fire Relief Aid Distributed to Municipalities

Auditor General Timothy L. DeFoor announced yesterday that his department has released more than \$66 million in volunteer fire relief aid to 2,514 municipalities. Municipalities are required to distribute these funds to volunteer firefighter relief associations, which use these funds for allowable costs, including training and recruitment and retention.

The funding comes from a 2% state tax on fire insurance premiums purchased by Pennsylvania residents from out-of-state insurance companies. The Auditor General audits the volunteer relief associations to make sure the funds were spent properly. To view the 2022 Volunteer Fire Relief distributions and pension distributions by county, [click here](#).

Reminder: DCNR Accepting Applications for Park, Recreation Grants Awards until 10/27

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is accepting applications for a special Fall 2022 grant round for Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) that was funded as part of the state's final 2022-2023 budget deal using American Rescue Plan Funds. The deadline to submit applications for the fall grant round is October 27.

For this supplemental round, **municipalities with populations of less than 5,000 need to provide only a 20% local match with no restrictions on project size**. In addition, \$8 million is available for tree planting, lawn conversion, and streamside buffers. Townships may also apply for recreation and conservation planning, land acquisition and conservation, motorized trails, non-motorized trails, rehabilitation and development of public parks, recreation facilities, greenways, and river conservation projects.

[Click here](#) for detailed information on the new C2P2 grant opportunity. [Click here](#) for FAQs on the new grant round.

PennDOT Connects Drop-In Public Engagement with Equity and Inclusion Session October 13, 2022

Successful transportation projects start with effective public engagement. The purpose for involving the public early on is to ensure their perspectives are considered and help shape the project in ways that align with a community's

priorities. Are you reaching everyone in the community? Is equity and inclusion part of your public engagement plan? Learn about equity and inclusion and strategies for involving municipal officials and the public in local transportation projects and effective decision-making.

[October 13, 2022 Noon to 1 p.m.](#)

Today in History....

On October 6, 1961, President John F. Kennedy, speaking on civil defense, advised American families to build bomb shelters to protect them from atomic fallout in the event of a nuclear exchange with the Soviet Union. Kennedy also assured the public that the U.S. civil defense program would soon begin providing such protection for every American. Only one year later, true to Kennedy's fears, the world hovered on the brink of full-scale nuclear war when the Cuban Missile Crisis erupted over the USSR's placement of nuclear missiles in Cuba. During the tense 13-day crisis, some Americans prepared for nuclear war by buying up canned goods and completing last-minute work on their backyard bomb shelters.

Learn

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

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](#)

[10/25/22 - Schuylkill 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](#)



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.

- [10/12/22 - VIRTUAL](#)
- [10/19/22 - Butler County](#)
- [11/18/22 - Berks County](#)



CMV/CDL Records Management

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

- [10/12/22 - VIRTUAL](#)
- [10/19/22 - Butler County](#)
- [11/18/22 - Berks 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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