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Township Video News



TVN's Training Tuesday | PSATS has got the classes you need for November!
There is a lot to be thankful for with PSATS' November educational calendar! Take advantage of PSATS' Zoning Academy and HR & Labor Institute this month and use your PowerPass for webinars on the Second Class Township Code and the 2023 Organization Meeting.

Latest News

IFO Estimates 2022 Impact Fee Will Be Highest on Record

Townships that receive impact fee revenues will be interested to note that the commonwealth's Independent Fiscal Office has released its impact fee estimates for the 2022 revenues, which will be distributed in mid-2023. The IFO estimates show that the average price of natural gas on the New York Mercantile Exchange for 2022 is \$6.64 per MMBtu through November. When the price is \$6 or above, the impact fee increases significantly, along with a statutorily required inflation adjustment. As such, the 2022 impact fee estimate is \$274.8 million, a 17% increase over the 2021 revenues (which were distributed in 2022) and the highest amount on record. Click [here to read the report](#).

DCED Annual Filing Notice Mailed

The state Department of Community and Economic Development mailed its Annual Notice to File to all municipalities last week, in addition to an email notice. Township officials should look for this notice, which contains important information about upcoming required filings. The mailing addresses used were pulled from the 'Contact' position listed in townships' Report of Elected and Appointed Officials.

In addition to the Annual Notice to File, the mailing contains several informational pieces, including the Act 57 of 2022 waiver form and a boundary change letter.

If you have not received this mailing, you may download a copy of it and the tip sheets referenced in it at dc.ed.pa.gov. Call 1-888-223-6837 with any questions.

Statewide Invasive Species Impacts Survey

The Pennsylvania [Governor's Invasive Species Council](#) is conducting the first statewide Invasive Species Impacts Survey. The [survey](#) is open through November 13 and takes about 15 to 20 minutes to complete. The council is looking for general experiences — no formal expertise in the field of invasive species is required to participate.

The council is requesting input from local governments on impacts from invasive plants, insects, animals, and pathogens, including economic, environmental, recreation, or health impacts. The council is also gathering information on sources of funding for species management (or lack thereof) and intends to support a permanent statewide regional framework to manage invasive species.

Currently, there are about 300 invasive species identified by the council as having the greatest current or potential negative impacts for Pennsylvania, from plants like garlic mustard to insects like the spotted lanternfly and emerald ash borer to aquatic organisms like zebra mussels.

Today in History....

On November 1, 1952, The United States detonates the world's first thermonuclear weapon, the hydrogen bomb, on Eniwetok atoll in the Pacific. The test gave the United States a short-lived advantage in the nuclear arms race with the Soviet Union.

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](#)
[12/5/22 - VIRTUAL](#)



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](#)



[The ABCs for Elected Auditors - Virtual Class - 1/19/23](#)

In this virtual class, you will learn about the responsibilities of elected auditors under the Second Class Township Code, the nuts and bolts of conducting a thorough audit of the township's finances, how to best navigate DCED's online financial reporting requirements, and ways to ensure a healthy working relationship between the elected auditors and the township.



[Steering Through Difficult Township Situations - Virtual Class - 1/24/23](#)

Elected and appointed officials are often asked to solve problems that are either not within their authority to solve or where the proposed "solution" might create negative unintended consequences for the municipality. Navigating these difficult issues requires skill, diplomacy and, often patience.



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