

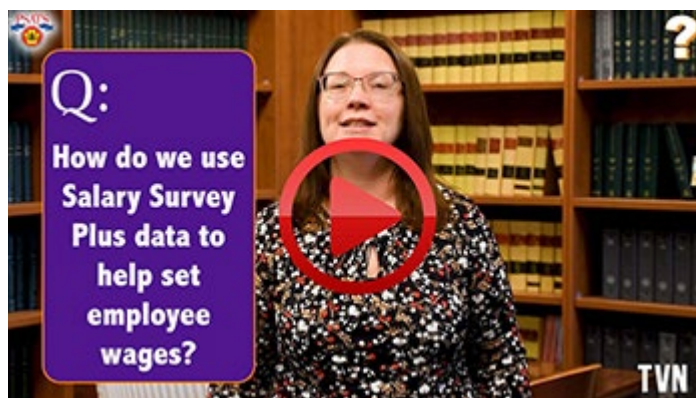
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## Township Video News



### **TVN's Question of the Week | How do we use Salary Survey Plus data to help set employee wages?**

Holly goes over the importance of why townships are encouraged to participate in PSATS' Salary Survey Plus. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week.

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## Latest News

### **Help Available for Residents Concerned About Heating Bills**

Does your township have residents concerned about their ability to pay to heat their home this winter, or how they will afford their utility bills in a time of high inflation? Please let concerned residents know that help is available through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which is now open for the winter heating season. LIHEAP helps ensure children, older Pennsylvanians, people with disabilities, and low-income families keep their homes heated through the winter while making ends meet.

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission encourages residents and business owners concerned about utility bills to first call the utility directly to ask about available assistance. Many utilities operate customer assistance programs, in addition to LIHEAP assistance. Utilities can help enroll consumers in assistance programs, guide them to other available resources, and discuss new payment plan options to address overdue balances to help residents and business owners move forward.

Pennsylvanians can apply for LIHEAP and other public assistance programs online at [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us) or by phone toll-free at 1-866-550-4355. On-site County Assistance Office (CAO) services are available if clients cannot access online services or need help that cannot be accessed through the COMPASS website, the myCOMPASS PA mobile app, or by calling the Customer Service Centers at 1-877-395-8930.

### **Does Your Township Have a Historic Barn in Need of Repair?**

The [Historic Barn and Farm Foundation of Pennsylvania](#) (HBFF) has funding available for a matching grant program to encourage maintenance and repair of historic barns and outbuildings throughout Pennsylvania. Barn owners who are Pennsylvania residents and current HBFF members are eligible to apply by December 1, 2022 (please note that this deadline was extended from November 1, although the original date is still listed on application materials).

Matching grant awards of up to \$2,500 will be distributed as a reimbursement after project completion. Eligible buildings must be at least 50 years old, have originally served an agricultural use, and retain a significant degree of historic character and materials.

For questions or application assistance, contact Michael J. Cuba, Chair, HBFF Barn Preservation Grant Committee, at [michael@transomhpc.com](mailto:michael@transomhpc.com), (860) 389-2873, or visit the HBFF [grant program page](#).

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

On November 10, 1903, the patent office awarded U.S. Patent No. 743,801 to a Birmingham, Alabama woman named Mary Anderson for her "window cleaning device for electric cars and other vehicles to remove snow, ice or sleet from the window." When she received her patent, Anderson tried to sell it to a Canadian manufacturing firm, but the company refused: The device had no practical value, it said, and so was not worth any money. Though mechanical windshield wipers were standard equipment in passenger cars by around 1913, Anderson never profited from the invention.

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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.

### **Flagger Training**

This instructor-led Flagger Training will be conducted for individuals who have flagging responsibilities on ANY ROAD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

[11/15/22 - Centre County](#)

[3/1/23 - York County](#)

[3/7/23 - Lehigh County](#)

[4/23/23 - Dauphin 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.

[11/18/22 - Berks County](#)



### **CMV/CDL Records Management**

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

[11/18/22 - Berks County](#)



### **[2023 Engineers Spring Seminar - 4/24 & 4/25, 2023](#)**

The 2023 "Spring Township Engineers Seminar" is a series of two half-day events on Monday and Tuesday mornings during the PSATS Annual Conference in Hershey. Each morning's



agenda will include important issues of interest to municipal engineers and their local government clients taught by knowledgeable and respected subject matter experts. We encourage your attendance at both of these interactive and informative sessions, each of which provides 3 PDHs per day.

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