

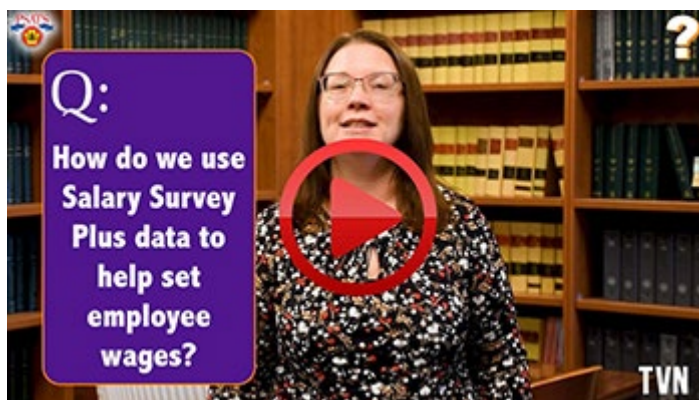
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November 17, 2022

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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

### **ASCE Releases 2022 Report Card for PA Infrastructure**

The Pennsylvania State Council of the American Society of Civil Engineers has released its 2022 Report Card for Pennsylvania's Infrastructure. A prior report was produced in 2018.

Overall, Pennsylvania received a grade of C-minus on its infrastructure, which means that the infrastructure is in fair to good condition but requires attention. Grades ranged from D-minus for wastewater infrastructure to a B-minus for aviation. Bridges received a D-plus, while roads were graded a C-minus. The in-depth report looks at current age and condition, recent and future funding, current and future capacity, operation and maintenance, and more to create a grade, along with specific recommendations by infrastructure type for how to improve. [Click here](#) to view the report card.

### **Reminder: 904 Recycling Grant Applications Due December 30**

The state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is accepting applications for the recycling programs under Section 904 of the [Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of 1988](#) until **December 30, 2022**. This application period is for eligible materials recycled and marketed in 2021. Grant funds will be awarded to municipalities based on the weight of source-separated recyclable materials recovered by municipal recycling programs and the population of the municipality as determined by the most recent decennial census.

For more information on eligible materials, supporting documentation, and application instructions, visit the [grant announcement page](#) in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* or DEP's [Recycling Performance Grants page](#).

### **DCED Accepting Input on Hurricane Ida Draft CDBG Action Plan**

On September 11, 2021, President Biden declared a major disaster for the commonwealth following the effects of Hurricane Ida from August 31, 2021, to September 5, 2021. This declaration made funding available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to provide disaster relief, recovery, restoration of infrastructure, and mitigation in the most impacted and distressed areas.

Pennsylvania was allocated \$23.152 million and must spend at least \$18,521,600 in Delaware and Montgomery Counties. Pennsylvania has designated Bedford, Bucks, Chester, and York counties as 'State-Targeted Counties' and CDBG-DR funds may be used in those areas as well.

The [Draft Action Plan](#) detailing how the funds will be used is available for public review and comment until **January 9, 2023**. Public hearings will be held through Microsoft Teams on **November 17 and 29**. [Visit DCED's Website on Hurricane Ida Disaster Recovery](#) for more information on the program and how to join the public hearings. Comments may be submitted to DCED at [RA-DCCDBG-DR@pa.gov](mailto:RA-DCCDBG-DR@pa.gov) or by phone at (717) 787-5327.

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

On November 17, 2003, the actor and former bodybuilder Arnold Schwarzenegger Was sworn in as the 38th governor of California at the State Capitol in Sacramento.

Schwarzenegger, who became a major Hollywood star in the 1980s with such action movies as *Conan the Barbarian* and *The Terminator*, defeated Governor Gray Davis in a special recall election on October 7, 2003. Prior to Schwarzenegger, another famous actor, Ronald Reagan, served as the 33rd governor of California from 1967 to 1975 before going on to become the nation's 40th president in 1980.

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## Legislation & Policy



### **Governor-Elect Shapiro Starts Transition, Appoints Advisors**

Gov.-Elect Josh Shapiro held a press conference yesterday announcing the start of the transition. He noted that several announcements are scheduled for next week, including a Transition Leadership Board, appointment of policy-area advisory committees, and an inauguration committee. He noted that individuals may apply for positions on his transition team and administration at [shapirodavis.org](http://shapirodavis.org).

In addition, Shapiro appointed three advisors for his transition. Akbar Hossain will be executive director of the transition team, Amanda Warren will be executive director of the inauguration, and Manuel Bonder will be spokesman for the transition and inauguration. Shapiro and Lt. Gov.-Elect Austin Davis will take office on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

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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.

[1/17/23 - Montgomery County](#)

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

[3/7/23 - Lehigh 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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