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Latest News

Congratulations to the Winners!

The campaign ads are finally over and there are a lot of new faces. Pennsylvanians have a new Governor and US Senator. Congrats to Governor-elect Shapiro and Senator-elect Fetterman. The PA delegation to Congress is now 9D-8R. While the US House has a new majority, the US Senate remains too close to call. In Harrisburg, the State Senate will be 28R-22D while the State House control remains too close to call.

Take time to reach out to a new legislator, even if your township is simply new to their district. Many incoming freshmen legislators may have little, if any, experience with local government or even understand what important part that townships play in providing services to your mutual constituents. Now is the time to begin to educate them on the value and role of local government.

Green Light-Go Grant Round Opens Soon, Pre-Scoping Accepted Now

PennDOT has announced the next round of funding for the [Green Light-Go: Municipal Signal Partnership Program](#). Approximately \$40 million will be available to municipalities for financial assistance to replace, synchronize, time, operate, and maintain traffic signals.

Prior to applying for funding, townships must complete and submit a [Pre-Application Scoping Form](#) to the Bureau of Operations via email to GLG@pa.gov by **December 23, 2022**.

Grant applications may be submitted beginning January 3 until **January 31, 2023**. A 20% match is required for this opportunity.

For additional information and a link to the online electronic application, visit [PennDOT's website](#). Questions may be directed to Michael Centi, Senior Traffic Control Specialist, PennDOT Bureau of Maintenance and Operations, at (717) 787-5313 or GLG@pa.gov.

Office of Open Records Solicits Input on Fee Schedules for Right-to-Know Law

Section 1307 of the [Right-To-Know Law](#) requires the [Office of Open Records](#) to establish a [RTKL Fee Schedule](#) for both state and local agencies, including townships.

Section 1310 of the RTKL requires the OOR to review that fee schedule every other year, and the OOR's biannual review has officially opened for 2022. Comments about the RTKL Fee Schedule can be submitted to FeeReviewOOR@pa.gov by November 30, 2022. PSATS will submit comments based on PSATS resolutions.

Today in History...

At dusk on November 9, 1965, one of the biggest power failures in history occurred as all of New York state, portions of seven nearby states, and parts of eastern Canada are plunged into darkness. The Great Northeast Blackout began at the height of rush hour, delaying millions of commuters, trapping 800,000 people in New York's subways, and stranding thousands more in office buildings, elevators, and trains. Ten thousand National Guardsmen and 5,000 off-duty policemen were called into service.

Legislation & Policy



Looking for Election Results?

The Pennsylvania Department of State began posting results yesterday after the polls closed. Click here for state results

<https://www.electionreturns.pa.gov/>.

Remember, the new redistricting maps are in effect for the newly elected state representatives, senators, and members of Congress. Click here to [view the redistricting maps](#).

Learn

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



2022 PAAZO Fall Seminar

In the PAAZO Fall Seminar, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics pertinent to your duties as a municipal Zoning official.

[11/17/22 - Butler County](#)



[PSATS Zoning Academy - 11/30-12/1 - Butler County](#)

This class will greatly benefit newer zoning officials, those looking to become zoning officials and municipal officials and employees seeking a better understanding of zoning's impact on municipal operations.

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