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Township Video News



Conference Promo Special | Join us for PSATS' 100th Conference this April!

Over the last 100 years the PSATS Conference has evolved from a small annual convention to the largest educational conference and municipal exhibit show in the state. PSATS' Annual Conference represents an opportunity for township officials to come together, network, and reaffirm their commitment to public service, township government, and the State Association. Make sure to SAVE-THE-DATES for the 2023 Conference, scheduled for April 23-26 at the Hershey Lodge! #PSATSConf23

Latest News

PA Broadband Authority Releases Statewide Broadband Plan, Surveys Municipalities

The Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority has released its Statewide Broadband Plan, which is intended to address the current and long-term broadband needs of Pennsylvanians.

“Equal access to the internet, regardless of location or income, must be provided if Pennsylvania is to remain competitive,” said Executive Director of the Authority Brandon Carson. “Broadband access affects every area of our lives – from work to education to health and safety. Closing the digital divide helps enhance our communities and fosters economic growth and innovation for all Pennsylvanians.”

The authority’s plan to expand broadband across the commonwealth focuses on the challenges and opportunities, including improving broadband service infrastructure and availability. With the current state of broadband in Pennsylvania outlined — including up to 800,000 unserved Pennsylvanians — the plan outlines the steps it will take to achieve universal broadband access and ensure Pennsylvania receives more than \$200 million in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds. [Click here](#) to read the plan.

As part of its efforts, the authority is surveying township officials to learn what plans and efforts have been made at a local level to bring broadband access to unserved and underserved areas of the commonwealth. Watch for this email survey in your inbox, which is also [available here](#). Surveys are due December 30.

Clarification: 2023 Organization Meeting Date

As a reminder, the 2023 organization meeting must be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, because Monday, January 2, 2023, is the legal holiday. The promo for the PSATS Webinar [Get Prepared for the 2023 Organization Meeting](#) incorrectly stated that the organization meeting must be held on the first Monday in January. We apologize for the inconsistency and mistake.

Revenue Unavailable By Phone, Transitioning to myPATH

The state Department of Revenue’s phone lines will be unavailable until tomorrow, November 30, as the department transitions to its myPATH portal for business taxpayers, including employer withholding. Revenue is expected to release additional information on these new features later this week. [Click here](#) to read the press release.

Today in History.....

On November 29, 1963, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed a special commission to investigate the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, which had occurred a week earlier, on November 22, 1963, in Dallas, Texas.

Legislation & Policy



Senate Session Today

The state Senate will convene today, November 29, to address procedural issues relative to the impeachment of Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner.. The Senate is not expected to consider any legislation today. As a reminder, the 2021-2022 legislative session ends tomorrow, November 30. The new session begins in January.

Sen. Gordner Resigns, Appointed Counsel for Senate Pro Tempore

State Sen. John Gordner announced his resignation from the state Senate effective tomorrow, November 30. A special election will be called by the Senate Pro Tempore to fill the remaining two years of Gordner's term in the 27th Senatorial District. Over his career in the Senate, Gordner sponsored several bills that amended the Second Class Township Code to implement PSATS resolutions. Click here for [Gordner's press release](#).

State Senate Interim President Pro Tempore Kim Ward released a statement announcing that Gordner will join her office as counsel. Click here [for the statement](#).

Learn

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

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.

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



QUICKBOOKS

[QuickBooks Year-End Reports - Virtual Class - 12/15/22](#)



[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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