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Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | Is the e-TIDES system moving to a new portal?

Watch this week's Q&A to get more information on where to go online now that the Department of Revenue is retiring the e-TIDES system and moving these services to a new portal. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week.

Latest News

PA Broadband Authority Holding Webinar on FCC Map Impact, Appeals Process

The Federal Communications Commission recently released the draft of its new broadband maps and opened the mapping challenge process. PSATS urges township officials to look at the maps and share them with their residents. The maps show both fixed and mobile broadband coverage, which was submitted by broadband providers. Anyone can submit an online challenge with the new, easy-to-use maps. Click here [to view the new maps](#). **Township officials should be aware that the final version of the FCC map will directly determine the federal broadband funding that Pennsylvania and your community will receive.**

The Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority and Penn State Extension are **offering informational webinars on the FCC map on Monday, December 5** at 10 a.m. and **Tuesday, December 6**, at 2 p.m. The same information will be presented at both sessions. Learn more about the map and how it works, how the new maps will impact Pennsylvania, the challenge process, and how to submit data to Penn State and the Authority.

Here are links to register for the webinars:

- [FCC National Broadband Map & Challenge Process – Webinar 1 – Monday 12/5/22, 10-11AM](#)
- [FCC National Broadband Map & Challenge Process – Webinar 2 – Tuesday 12/6/22, 1-2PM](#)

Shapiro names Chief of Staff

Governor-elect Josh Shapiro has tapped long time confidant Dana Fritz to be his Chief of Staff. The 32 year old from the Lehigh Valley began working with him over a decade ago in the Montgomery County Commissioners office, and went to the Attorney General's office with him when he was elected there. She most recently served as the successful campaign manager for his gubernatorial bid.

myPATH Now Open for Township Use, Replacing e-TIDES

The state Department of Revenue is retiring its e-TIDES system and moving its services to the new online portal [myPATH](#). Yesterday, the myPATH site went live for employers and business users. Townships will now use myPATH to file:

- REV-1667 Annual Withholding Reconciliation Statement
- PA-501R Employer Deposit Statement of Withholding Tax
- RCT-900 Public Utility Realty Report

Townships should migrate their e-TIDES information to the new system now, as e-TIDES will soon be fully retired. First, create a myPATH profile by heading to mypath.pa.gov and then click on “Sign Up” to create a new account. Township officials can view a [video walkthrough](#) on migrating e-TIDES account information. To migrate:

- Sign into your myPATH account.
- You’ll be greeted by your profile screen. Scroll down to the Access Management box and click on the “Migrate my account access from e-TIDES” link.
- Enter your e-TIDES username and password and then click “Next.”
- The screen will display all accounts you previously had access to in e-TIDES. You can manually click the checkboxes to migrate to myPATH or simply click “Select All” to choose all accounts listed. Click “Submit.”
- The confirmation screen will appear. Click “OK” to head back to your profile screen. This transition process happens instantaneously so townships should have access to all migrated information immediately.

Please note that myPATH users will be required to set up multi-factor authentication. Two-step verification can be done through text message, email, or an authentication app. Revenue recommends setting up more than one authentication method.

To learn more, click here for the [press release](#). Click here for [detailed information on the new system](#). Need help? Contact Revenue’s call center at (717) 425-2495, ext. PATH1 (72841) or email myPATH@pa.gov. Agents are available from 8 a.m. to 6:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. An online chatbot feature is also available in myPATH.

Cabot Successor Accepts Plea, Funds Water Line Construction in Dimock Township

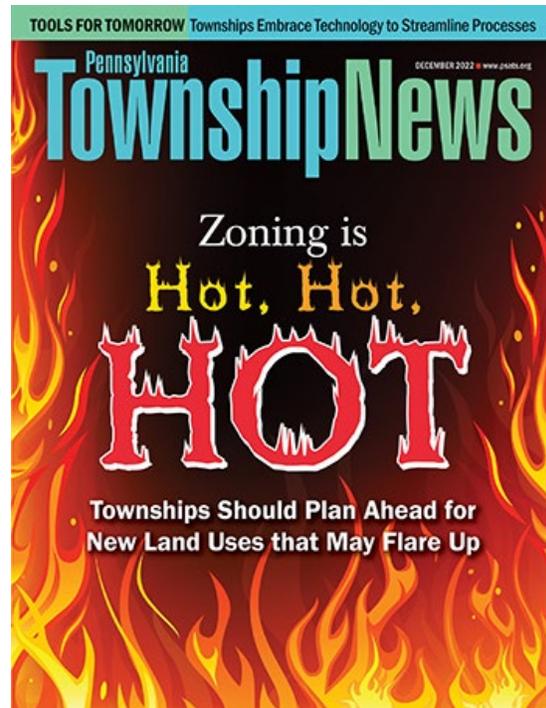
Atty. Gen. Josh Shapiro announced that Coterra Energy Inc., formerly Cabot Oil and Gas, has pleaded no contest to environmental crimes in northeast Pennsylvania. As part of the plea, Coterra will pay \$16.29 million to construct a new public water supply in Dimock Township, Susquehanna County, and payment of 75 years of water bills for impacted homeowners. Private wells were contaminated with methane pollution due to drilling activities, including a drinking water well that

exploded in January 2009. Residents were forced to travel for drinking water. Click here to [learn more](#).

Digital Edition Now Available!

Township News delves into the Hot Topics in Zoning

From solar farms to agritainment, new uses are popping up in townships and other municipalities across the commonwealth. Tips on drafting and maintaining an effective zoning ordinance along with advice from experts in municipal planning are included in the December issue of Pennsylvania Township News. This month's edition also includes features on technology tools for tomorrow as well as an overview of the 2023 PSATS Educational Conference and Exhibit Show, slated for April 23-26 in Hershey.



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Today in History....

On December 1, 1959, twelve nations, including the United States and the Soviet Union, sign the Antarctica Treaty, which bans military activity and weapons testing on that continent. It was the first arms control agreement signed in the Cold War period.

Legislation & Policy



The 2021-2022 session of the General Assembly is officially over. The new session will begin January 3, 2023. All legislation for the 2021-2022 session that did not make it to the governor's desk has now "died," including any bills reported in the Morning News or other PSATS publications during 2021 and 2022. New legislation will be introduced beginning in January and will start the legislative process from scratch.

Speaker Sets Special Election for House District 32

On the final session day, state Speaker of the House Bryan Cutler scheduled a special election to fill the vacancy in House District 32 created by the death of state Rep.-Elect Tony DeLuca for **Feb. 7, 2023**. In what may be an early indicator of the turmoil over majority status given the looming vacancies of the next few weeks, Leader McClinton disputes his authority to call the election and claims it is her responsibility. Both say the election should be as soon as possible.

"Given the prospect of an evenly divided House of Representatives, it is imperative we use the normal order of business in the House to ensure that this special election is called as soon as possible," Cutler said. "With a vacancy created now, and more likely to come, it is a fundamental obligation of the House and its Speaker to bring about predictability and certainty in representation for Pennsylvanians."

In the absence of a 102 vote majority in the new session (which starts today), the House Chief Clerk, Brook Wheeler will serve as the presiding officer according to the rules of the House.

House District 32 is in Allegheny County, which certified the election of the late DeLuca on November 28. Candidates for the office will be selected by a process designated by their respective political parties, and the winner of the special election will take office after the results are certified.

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](#)

[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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