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Township Video News



TVN's DaveTalk | Is it the beginning of the end...or the end of the beginning?
In the last DaveTalk for 2022, PSATS Executive Director Dave Sanko shares an important message about how public service is a continuous cycle of learning from the past while setting goals for the future.

Latest News

Township Officials Invited to Public Officials Day at Pa. Farm Show

State Secretary of Agriculture Russell C. Redding has invited township officials to attend Public Officials Day on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. This day provides opportunities for local officials to network with farmers, agricultural support organizations, industry members, and other officials from local, state, and federal government. The highlight of the day is a luncheon, which starts at 11 a.m. in the PA Preferred Banquet Hall. To view the full invitation, including other highlighted events, [click here](#). To reserve a spot at this event, [click here to register](#).

First Federal Broadband Funds Arrive in Pennsylvania; Authority Begins Hearings

Pennsylvania has received the first \$6.6 million of an expected total of more than \$100 million in federal broadband funds, which will be managed by the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority. These funds come from two programs that will help expand access to high-speed internet in Pennsylvania. [Click here](#) to read the press release.

Today, the Authority is beginning a series of listening sessions across the commonwealth to give Pennsylvanians the opportunity to learn more about the Authority, as well as gather feedback on the accuracy of the Federal Communications Commission's [broadband access map](#), which will be used to distribute federal funds to the states. Challenges to the map are due **January 13**. To learn more, including a list of dates and locations for the listening sessions, [click here](#).

DEP Issues Orders to Equitrans for Natural Gas Release in Jackson Township

The state Department of Environmental Protection recently issued orders to Equitrans L.P., which operates Rager Mountain Gas Storage Reservoir and George L Reade 1 storage well in Jackson Township, Cambria County. The facility vented natural gas uncontrolled from November 6 to November 19, when it was temporarily plugged. The orders include a requirement to conduct a third-party audit of all wells and storage fields, cease injection of natural gas into the reservoir until the audit has been completed and approved, and conduct mechanical integrity testing of each well. DEP is continuing to investigate this incident. [Click here](#) to read more.

CVS, Walgreens Opioid Settlement to Net \$2.2 Billion to PA

Attorney General and Gov.-Elect Josh Shapiro announced that agreements have been finalized with CVS and Walgreens for \$450 million to Pennsylvania. This will bring the national amount from investigations and litigation against the pharmaceutical industry for its role in the opioid crisis to more than \$54.1 billion, with \$2.2 billion coming directly to Pennsylvania. Nearly all the settlement funds must be used to remediate the opioid crisis, including prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services. The terms will now go to the states to review and approve, then to specific local governments. [Click here](#) for the press release.

Today in History...

On December 13, 2003, after spending nine months on the run, former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein was captured on. Saddam's downfall began on March 20, 2003, when the United States led an invasion force into Iraq to topple his government, which had controlled the country for more than 20 years.

Learn

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

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

In this virtual class, you will learn how to print W-2s and 1099s and file all year-end taxes and reports with the Internal Revenue Service and state agencies.



[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.



[2023 Solicitors Spring Seminar - 4/24/23](#)

This seminar will cover a wide variety of emerging and important trends and issues vital to the practice of every municipal solicitor. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from experts and network with your peers from around the state.



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