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Latest News

Don't Miss Out on PSATS Mini Boot Camps!

If you have been appointed as a supervisor or staff member in the last year or since the 2021 election and are looking to get caught up on your new township responsibilities, join PSATS for one of three one-day Mini Boot Camps in March. Sessions will be offered in Clarion on **March 11** and Lewisburg and Allentown on **March 18**.

Topics to be covered in the Mini Boot Camps include the authority and powers of township boards, personnel management, the Right-to-Know Law, Sunshine Act and Ethics Act, public safety/emergency management, basic budgeting/finance, internal and external communications, and more.

For more information or to register, go to <https://learn.psats.org/>.

Reminder: Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Applications Due March 1

The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC) is accepting applications for the Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Program until March 1. Two categories of grants are available:

[Keystone Historic Preservation Construction Grants](#) are for rehabilitation, preservation, and restoration activities for publicly accessible historic resources. Awards will range from \$5,000 to \$100,000 and require a 50% cash match.

[Keystone Historic Preservation Project Grants](#) are for planning and development initiatives that enhance historic preservation, including municipal planning focusing on historic resources or building- or project-specific planning goals. Awards will range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 and require a 50% cash match.

For more information about the Keystone Grant Program, please view the webinars available on PHMC's [YouTube channel](#), or contact Karen Arnold, program manager, at kaarnold@pa.gov or (717) 783-9927.

Legislation & Policy



The state House of Representatives met yesterday in Special Session. The House adopted [rules of procedure](#) for the Special Session, including creation of a single committee made up of five legislative leaders to have jurisdiction over special session legislation, the House Childhood Sexual Abuse Victims Justice Committee.

The House will meet today in non-voting Special Session.

Learn

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



[Fundamentals Of Zoning – The Why And How Of Zoning - 3/15/23 - Cumberland County](#)

This workshop explains why we have zoning, how we implement it, and the tools it affords townships to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare. The workshop is intended to educate both the newest supervisors and the ones who have seen it all.



Duties Of A Zoning Hearing Board

From making decisions on contentious public issues to learning the ins and outs of the Municipalities Planning Code, being a member of a zoning hearing board can be a challenge. Attend this class to be better prepared for the next meeting or hearing.

[3/15/23 - Erie County](#)

[3/23/23 - Monroe County](#)

[3/28/23 - Lancaster County](#)



[2023 PAAZO Spring Seminar - 4/23/23 - Dauphin County](#)

This educational seminar explores issues that zoning officers and planning/zoning officials face on a regular basis, and discusses effective strategies to address them.

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