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## Latest News

### **Final Days to Register for PSATS Town Hall Meetings**

PSATS' four population group standing committees would like your input and feedback. This week there will be four virtual town hall meetings. One of the topics that we hope to discuss on the calls is moving electronic advertising legislation this year. It will be helpful to hear about any issues your township is experiencing, from newspaper closures to price increases, as well as examples of current costs and actual lead times running up to deadlines. We'd like to hear about your experiences with finding alternative ways of communicating with your residents. Please join us by registering at the appropriate link below:

[Under 2,000 Population: Today, Monday, March 27, from 10 to 11 a.m.](#)

[Greater Than 5,000 But Less Than 10,000 Population: Wednesday, March 29, from 10 to 11 a.m.](#)

[Over 10,000 Population: Wednesday, March 29, from 2 to 3 p.m.](#)

[Greater Than 2,000 But Less Than 5,000 Population: Friday, March 31, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.](#)

### **PA Unemployment Rate Up in February**

The [Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry](#) (L&I) recently released its preliminary employment situation report for February 2023. The Commonwealth's unemployment rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point (0.1%) over the month to 4.4% in February. The U.S. unemployment rate was up two-tenths of a percentage point from January to 3.6 percent. Pennsylvania's unemployment rate matched its February 2022 level, and the national rate was down 0.2 percentage points over the year. [Click here](#) for more.

### **Reminder: DCNR Recreation Grant Applications Due April 5**

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) is accepting applications for the 2023 round of [Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grants](#). Townships are eligible to apply, and all applications are due by **April 5** through [DCNR's Grants portal](#).

Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) grants can be used for projects related to parks, recreation, and conservation, including:

- Planning, acquisition, and development of public parks
- Recreation areas
- Motorized and non-motorized trails
- River conservation and access
- Conservation of open space
- Community and Watershed Forestry

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## Legislation & Policy



The state Senate and House Appropriations committees continue budget hearings this week with each of the state departments. The Senate Appropriations Committee will hear from the Pennsylvania State Police, Departments of Agriculture and Education, and more this week. The House Appropriations Committee will also hear from the PSP, Departments of Health and Transportation, and more. You can find the [Senate Appropriations Committee budget hearing schedule](#) and the [House Appropriations Committee budget hearing schedule](#) online, along with links to livestream these meetings.

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## Learn

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

### **Filing Your UC Quarterly Reports - 3/28/23**

This webinar will focus on the UC quarterly report filing process for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the PSATS UC Trust.



### **2023 ARPA Project And Expenditure Reports - What You Need To Know - 3/29/23**

In this webinar, Katie Lizza of PSATS will demonstrate how to access Treasury's Reporting and Compliance Portal and submit your township's ARPA-related expenditures for the period from April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023. She will also cover how to add a new project that was not entered into a 2022 report, adjust previous reports to reflect new obligations and expenditures, and answer other ARPA-related questions.



### **How To Handle Claims Under The Heart And Lung Act - 4/5/23**

This webinar, presented by Scott Blissman and Ryan Cassidy of Eckert Seamans, will help you to identify who is and is not eligible to receive the generous benefits provided under the Act, what they receive, when benefits can be terminated and how. Learn to avoid the common mistakes made by employers which result in significant liability.



### **Understanding The Sunshine Act - 4/6/23**

This webinar will take a deep dive into the Sunshine Act. Sam Wiser of Salzmann Hughes will review and discuss what there is to understand, what agencies, boards and commissions must comply with the Sunshine Act, public meeting requirements, exceptions to "Open Meetings," penalties, public comment, and much more.



### **Simplifying Your Planning And Zoning - 4/11/23**

Do you want to reduce stress and get more time back in your day? The zoning and permitting process can often be a time-consuming and paper intensive process. In this webinar, learn from representatives of Momentum ECM about how your municipality can digitize and automate these processes using Laserfiche to greatly reduce your turnaround time.



### **Chicken Or Egg? Solving The Planning Paradox Of Matching Needs And Funding - 4/12/23**

This webinar helps to solve the municipal planning paradox of matching need with funding when considering new facilities, renovations, expansions, or upgrades. The presenter, Martin Kimmel (Kimmel Bogrette Architecture + Site), is an architect and planner who has developed a unique planning process that promises an economical and expedient process to flesh out facilities projects, using targeted Project Mission and Needs Analysis, intensive research into building and site constraints, programmatic planning, 3-dimensional site and



building renderings and detailed cost estimating.

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