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Latest News

Last Day to File Township Nomination Petitions is March 7

Tuesday, March 7 is the final day for individuals to file nomination petitions for township offices that appear on the ballot in the 2023 municipal elections. Watch for a request soon from PSATS asking you to share information for which positions are on the ballot in your township and who has filed nominating petitions for 2023.

Shapiro Budget Address Tomorrow, Previews Tax Credit Plan

Gov. Josh Shapiro will hold his first budget address tomorrow before a joint session of the House and Senate. On Friday, Shapiro provided a preview of a [three-year tax credit incentive of up to \\$2,500 for newly certified teachers, nurses, and police officers](#) that he plans to discuss as part of his budget address. The intent is to help address the workforce shortage in these professions that the commonwealth faces.

2023 Transportation Performance Report Available

The Commonwealth's [2023 Transportation Performance Report](#), created by the State Transportation Commission and the Transportation Advisory Committee, is now available for review. This report explains the progress and needs of Pennsylvania's transportation system, covering topics of safety, mobility, preservation, accountability, funding, and freight. Nationally, pedestrian related fatalities increased by 5% last year. Of note in the state report:

- Local road fatalities have remained relatively constant but increased slightly during COVID-19. The number of local road fatalities statewide totaled 214 in 2021.
- Local bridges are improving, with the number rated "poor" now under 1,800. However, extensive investment is required to bring local bridges into a state of good repair.
- In 2022, 70 municipalities received over \$37.9 million to support traffic

signal upgrades to increase safety and mobility statewide through PennDOT's "Green Light-Go" program.

Legislation & Policy



The state Senate and House of Representatives will be in voting session today. [Click here](#) to view the proceedings. The House adopted rules last week and committee members are expected to be appointed soon.

Learn

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

[You Can't Say That! - From Hiring To Firing And Everything In Between - 3/14/23](#)

These days what you say can get you in trouble. Using best practices, the Eckert Seamans team will explain what municipal employers can (and cannot) say in the workplace and which conversations can and will get employers in legal trouble.

[Tracking Township Performance With Data - 3/15/23](#)

In this webinar, we will discuss best practices for obtaining and analyzing data, identify reasonable KPIs that coincide with the level of detail available to your township, and additional tools that will assist you in developing other KPIs.



Understanding, Managing & Paying For Stormwater Management - 3/22/23

This webinar is designed to provide participants with current information on ways to pay for current and ongoing sustainable stormwater management including new projects and the operation and maintenance of existing stormwater practices and infrastructure.



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.



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