Township Video News

The PSATS Webinar PowerPass gives you and your staff access to every webinar we produce in 2021. Watch and learn how your township can take advantage of this money-saving opportunity. (2:48)

Latest News

Today is the Day!
The 30-day countdown begins for the December 3rd mailing of your PSATS 2021 conference registration packet! Stay tuned for more information PSATS’ 100th Birthday celebration (1921-2021). Get ready to watch your mailbox!

Department of State Dashboard to Track Election Returns
Interested in Pennsylvania’s election returns over the next few days? Check out the Pennsylvania Department of State’s updated website to see the progress of counting in all 67 counties. The department will work with all county election offices to consolidate and post their results as soon as available, including results of mail-in ballots, in-person voting, provisional ballots, and how many ballots and precincts remain to be counted beginning at 8 p.m. on election night. Click here for more. Click here to go to the voting dashboard.

Commonwealth Makes Changes to States on Quarantine Advisory
The commonwealth has added Colorado, Louisiana, Michigan, New Mexico, Rhode Island, and Texas to the list of states that Pennsylvania residents are urged to quarantine for 14 days upon their return. To view the advisory and the current list of states on the advisory, click here.

USGS Releases Mobile Flood Tool
The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has released a new mobile tool that provides real-time information on water levels, weather, and flood forecasts in one place. The USGS National Water Dashboard provides critical information to decision makers, emergency managers, and the public during flood events. The tool can be used to issue flood and evacuation warnings, verify safe evacuation routes, and coordinate emergency response efforts. To learn more about the new tool, click here. To try it out, click here.

Legislation & Policy

Personal Delivery Device Legislation Becomes Law
SB 1199 recently became Act 106 of 2020 without Governor Wolf’s signature. Bills that are presented to the Governor must either be signed into law, vetoed, or they become law without his signature after being on his desk for ten days.

Act 106 provides for the operation of personal delivery devices, or autonomous robots, designed to deliver packages to consumers in Pennsylvania. It also authorizes local governments to prohibit such devices on local roads and pedestrian areas if they would constitute a hazard.
Learn

**2020 PAAZO Virtual Fall Seminar - 11/4/20**
In the PAAZO Virtual Fall Seminar, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics from the comfort of your office or home. Among the topics to be covered include agritainment, zoning enforcement, and a recent case update. You will also have an opportunity to interact and network with colleagues around the region. Eligible for 5 PMGA Planning/Zoning points. Eligible for 5 CZO continuing education points. [Click here](#) to register.

**Webinar - A Primer On Municipal Water Well Ordinances - 11/4/20**
Pennsylvania is one of two remaining states without water well construction standards for privately owned drinking supplies. PA DEP only has authority to regulate public water wells. As a result, the property owner takes on full responsibility for something they aren’t experienced with and have little resources to draw upon. Some municipalities have taken it upon themselves to implement an ordinance to remedy this situation. This presentation will discuss the purpose, application, standards and reporting to the elements of a water well ordinance. Some fundamentals of well construction in addition to the geology of groundwater will be included. Perhaps it’s time to consider implementing something for your township. This presentation will be given by an experienced licensed professional geologist who has intimate knowledge of groundwater and well construction techniques. Qualifies for 1.0 PMGA Public Safety Point. [Click here](#) to register.
2020 Virtual Fall Solicitors Seminar - 11/10/20
In the Solicitors (Virtual) Fall Seminar, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics from the comfort of your office or home. Topics include, public meetings and COVID-19, Act 13 issues, police reform and more! Eligible for 5 CLE credits and/or 5 Administrative PMGA points. Click here to register.

CMV/CDL Records Management - Virtual Training - 11/10/20
This virtual training workshop will review CMV/CDL employee and vehicle paperwork, including pre-employment inquiries regarding a CDL applicant's records in the FMCSA Clearinghouse; requests for CMV driver's license information from PennDOT; annually reviewing each CDL drivers records in the Clearinghouse; CMV daily vehicle inspection, maintenance, and repair reports; the employer's required policy on CDL drug and alcohol testing; and a general overview of all the CDL regulations. This class is eligible for 3 PMGA Public Works points. Click here to register.

Webinar - Best Practices For Managing Short-Term Rentals In Your Township - 11/17/20
The use of short-term rentals continues to explode around Pennsylvania and the United States. Short-term rentals can bring the benefit of economic development and tourism dollars to your community, but also challenges and complaints if not regulated in an appropriate manner. In this webinar, Shawn McGlynn will review the current state of short-term rentals in Pennsylvania and provide best practices for how to best regulate them. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Planning/Zoning Point. Click here to register.
Webinar - New PENNVEST Financing Opportunities - 11/24/20
Is your township looking for funding for water/sewer projects? In this webinar, you will learn about how PENNVEST has improved its funding methods to better accommodate all water quality projects and practices. Eligible for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. Click here to register.

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