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PSAB Update

From the Desk of the Director of Communications

Have you checked the PSAB web site lately? We keep the site updated with current information that you need to know. Right now, you will find details about the swine flu, stimulus programs and background information on local government initiatives such as the optional sales tax. Visit us at www.boroughs.org.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Webinars

May 27, June 3 & 10 – Municipal Secretary Training Series

Borough Officials Training & Update

May 9 - Lehigh County

Police Civil Service

May 5 - Dauphin County

May 7 - Allegheny County

Successful Project Management

May 20 - Dauphin County

May 27 - Montgomery County

May 28 - Luzerne County

June 2 - Allegheny County

Confined Space

May 26 - Lackawanna County

PMPEI Community Planning

May 4, 11 & 18 - Montgomery County

May 7, 14 & 21 - Berks & Chester Counties

For specific details visit the Training page at www.boroughs.org/training or contact Terri Dickow, Assistant Director of Education & Meetings at 800-232-7722 ext.42 or tdickow@boroughs.org.

Swine Flu Awareness

Federal health officials have determined that this swine influenza A (H1N1) virus is contagious, but it is not known how easily the virus spreads between people. The symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu.

So what can you do as a borough official? Understand the issue and related developments. PSAB is hosting a webinar Thursday, May 7 at 12 p.m. Details, including registration, is available at www.boroughs.org/training. Helpful information about the swine flu is also available on the PA Department of Health web site at www.health.state.pa.us and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>.

Broadband Needs & Concerns

The Commonwealth announced a series of public meetings across Pennsylvania to engage in public input, raise awareness, and collect comments concerning the Federal Broadband stimulus within the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Money is available through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program and the Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service, which provides loans, loan guarantees, and grants. These two programs will provide funds to assist in accelerating broadband access and deployment to unserved and underserved areas. Three public sessions are scheduled as follows:

Potter County- May 11, 2009, 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the Education Council 227 N. Main St., Coudersport, PA 16915

- RSVP to janine@pottercountyedcouncil.org or by phone at 814-274-4877
- Comments can be sent to (no later than May 8th) : Janine Morley, Potter County Education Council, 227 N. Main St Coudersport, PA 16915
- Five offsite locations will be available, please visit www.pottercountyedcouncil.org or call 814-274-4877 for more information

Central PA- May 26, 2009, 4:00pm to 6:00pm at WITF Public Media Center 4801 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111

- RSVP to www.techquestpa.com or by phone at 717-635-2172
- Comments can be sent to (no later than May 19): Technology Council of Central PA 415 Market St., suite 201, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Bedford- May 27, 2009, 4:00pm – 6:00pm at the Heartland Hall Conference Center 5564 Business 220, Bedford PA 15522

- RSVP to mreigh@sapdc.org or by phone at 814-949-6740
- Comments can be sent to (no later than May 20): Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission 541 58th St. Altoona, PA 16602

Heritage Conference

The Statewide Conference on Heritage will be held May 19-22, 2009 at the Commonwealth Keystone Building in Harrisburg, PA. The joint conference will feature workshops, sessions and speakers from the historic preservation, archaeological, heritage tourism, transportation, legislative and planning communities, including a number of nationally known speakers and subjects of state, regional and national importance. For more information, visit www.pennbyways.org.