

Ohio Township Association Legislative Alert



July 14, 2017

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Recent Attorney General's Opinion



2017-021 Compatibility of Offices

Syllabus:

A person appointed by a board of township trustees as a township highway superintendent may serve simultaneously as a member of a board of township trustees of another township within the same county provided that no contract exists between the townships. If the salary of the township highway superintendent is paid completely, directly or indirectly, by federal loans or grants, and the township highway superintendent is a "State or local officer or employee" as defined in 5 U.S.C.A. §1501(4) (Thomson Reuters 2017) and 5 C.F.R. §151.101(d) (2016), a person may serve simultaneously in these two positions only if the person seeks election to the office of member of a board of township trustees in a nonpartisan election.

Federal Legislative Update



Congressional Activity

This week, House Republicans hoped to reach an agreement on spending levels for the stalled fiscal year (FY) 2018 budget resolution, which would have paved the way for a Budget Committee markup. Republicans need to pass a budget resolution for the coming fiscal year to carry out their plan to consider legislation to overhaul the tax code under reconciliation procedures. However, consensus is proving to be difficult to achieve.

Despite not having a budget resolution, the FY 2018 appropriations process is underway in both the House and Senate, with markups scheduled in both appropriations committees. As expected, much of the debate over spending levels unfolded this week when the House considered its FY 2018 \$621.5 billion National Defense Authorization Act. That level is \$72 billion higher than the \$549 billion military spending cap set by the 2011 Budget Control Act.

Grid Hackers Target Nuclear Plants

According to multiple U.S. authorities, hackers have targeted U.S. nuclear plants, manufacturing plants, and other energy facilities in the U.S. and elsewhere in a wide-ranging cyber attack campaign since at least May, according to multiple U.S. authorities. The New York Times obtained a joint report issued by the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation last week that carried an urgent amber warning, the second-highest rating for the sensitivity of the threat. According to the New York Times, the report did not indicate if the cyber attacks were an attempt at or part of a plan to cause disruptions. Among the nuclear companies targeted in the cyber attack was the Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation, which runs a nuclear power plant near Burlington, Kansas. Wolf Creek confirmed that there was

"absolutely no operation impact to Wolf Creek;" the breach only occurred in the administrative part of the system.

Are You Going to the State Fair? *Help the OTA by volunteering!*

Each year, the Ohio Township Association presents trophies and other awards for 4-H participants at the Ohio State Fair. The fair will take place July 26 - Aug. 6, and the OTA needs your help! Volunteers receive a free parking pass and free admission. If you are interested in presenting a state fair award, contact Perry Brock, OTA State Fair Committee Chairman, at lobrock1@msn.com or (304) 634-4715.



DATES/AWARDS AVAILABLE:

Thursday, July 27 - Home Decorating & Design
Thursday, August 3 - Breeding Sheep Showmanship
Thursday, August 3 - Dog Agility
Thursday, August 3 - Clothing
Saturday, August 5 - Natural Resources Day
Saturday, August 5 - Reserve Grand Champion Barrow
Sunday, August 6 - Camp Fire USA

Do You Have Unwanted Pesticides?

The Ohio Department of Agriculture will sponsor collections for farmers who want to dispose of unwanted pesticides in August. One is scheduled for Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Delaware. The second is set for Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the OSU Extension Putnam County Office in Ottawa. The collection service is free, but only farm chemicals will be accepted.

Midwest Green Fleets Forum & Expo (August 1st - 2nd)

OTA members are invited to attend the Midwest Green Fleets Forum and Expo on Aug. 1-2, 2017 in Columbus, Ohio at the Hilton Columbus Downtown. This event will bring together hundreds of fleet representatives from across the Midwest to discuss fleet best practices in expert workshops focused on how to save money and reduce emissions with alternative fuels & efficiency technologies (see more details on the agenda and registration attached and below).

As an OTA member, you are eligible to receive a special 75% fleet discount to attend this conference. This would make the cost for your members \$45 per person (a \$159 value). The OTA member code is: OTA17. For more information about the conference, please click [here](#).

Should you have any questions about the event, please contact Kathy Truong, Clean Fuels Ohio, at 614.884.7336.

OTA Holds Annual Golf Outing & Public Records Training

**August 4, 2017
Golf Club of Dublin
5805 Eiterman Road
Dublin, Ohio 43016**

If you can swing a club and/or need public records training, you are invited to the annual OTA Golf Outing and Public Records Training, an event where all proceeds benefit the OTA Scholarship Program. The

training and golf will be held at the Golf Club of Dublin on Friday, August 4th.

FREE public records training from the Auditor of State's office will also be available at 9:00 a.m. at the golf course before the golf outing! Space is limited for the training, so it is on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you would like to attend the training, please email Heather Whisman at whisman@ohiotownships.org to register.

Golf registration includes greens fees, golf cart, lunch, dinner, and prizes. Outing features hole-in-one, closet to the pin and longest drive contests. The format is a scramble and a shotgun start is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. A registration form may be downloaded by visiting the OTA's website at www.ohiotownships.org. For questions, please contact Natalie Skelley at 614.863.0045 or by email at skelley@ohiotownships.org by July 24.



2017 Golf Outing Registration Form

- 8:30 a.m.** Registration Opens for Public Records Training
- 9:00 a.m.** Public Records Training
- 12:00 p.m.** Golf Outing Check-in Opens
- 1:30 p.m.** Shotgun Start

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