

## Board of Physical Therapy Electronic Newsletter Debuts

As you are now aware, the Department of State has revamped the newsletter process and now all of the board's newsletters will be more concise and more readily available, with a new edition every other month via the Internet. The bureau will no longer mail paper newsletters in an effort to provide fresh information more frequently and save time, cost and resources.

## The Right-to-Know Act and Home Addresses

The Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs is sensitive to its licensees' concerns about personal privacy. However, the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Act mandates release of information contained in a "public record" stored by that agency if a member of the public requests it.

The bureau will take all reasonable steps to safeguard personal information contained in licensure records. We realize that many licensees use home addresses on the licensure records maintained by the bureau.

However, given the uncertainty over what the Right-to-Know Act requires, neither the bureau nor the board that issues your license can guarantee the confidentiality of the address shown on your licensing record.

Therefore, if you have a personal security concern, we recommend that you consider what many our licensees have already done: use a business address or post office box number as the official address on licensure records.

Also, with the License 2000 computer system, you may indicate to the board an address for release to the public that may be different from your home address.

To further protect your privacy and identity, the bureau will only accept a request to change a licensee's address

if it is submitted in writing and includes the licensee's Social Security number, license number and the old and new addresses.

## Board Meeting Dates

- May 28
- July 23
- Sept. 24
- Nov. 19

All meetings are located in Harrisburg.

Please contact the board office at (717) 783-7134 for specific location information. A monthly [board meeting schedule](#) is also available.

## Other News:

- [Disciplinary Actions](#)
- [PA Becomes Smoke-Free](#)

## Governor's Newsletter

[Sign up now](#) to receive the weekly e-newsletter from Governor Rendell on important issues facing Pennsylvania.