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Township Video News



TVN's DaveTalk | The Election Results Are In!

PSATS Executive Director Dave Sanko chats with Dr. G. Terry Madonna, Senior Fellow of Political Affairs at Millersville University, about the results of the midterm election on Tuesday, November 2. Dr. Madonna discusses how issues like inflation and education were driving forces in bringing people to the polls this year and

delves into voting trends in different areas of the state, particularly in the suburbs. This interview has a follow-up portion that will air on December 14, 2021, with more information about what to expect in 2022 from the election results.

Latest News

2022 and 2023 Organization Meeting Dates

Townships' 2022 organization meeting date will be Monday, January 3, since the legal holiday for New Year's will be December 31, 2021. The Second Class Township Code requires the supervisors' organization meeting to be held on the first Monday in January unless the first Monday is a legal holiday. The board of auditors will meet on Tuesday, January 4.

In recent weeks, PSATS has received calls from township officials who are looking ahead at their calendar and asking about the 2023 organization meeting. Townships' 2023 organization meeting date will be Tuesday, January 3, 2023, because the legal holiday for New Year's will be Monday, January 2, 2023. The board of auditors will meet on Wednesday, January 4.

Right-to-Know Law, Sunshine Act Training to Be Held Thursday

The Office of Open Records (OOR) will hold its annual Right-to-Know Law and Sunshine Act training on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. This year's session, which will be held via Zoom, will include the following topics:

- How the RTKL has fared during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and lessons learned.
- A Sunshine Act update on agendas and virtual meetings.
- Case law update of the latest court decisions on the law and final determinations issued by the OOR.
- Looking ahead to RTKL in 2022.

The OOR's annual training is free. To register, visit <https://oor-training-2021.eventbrite.com>

DEP Releases Recycling Guide for Residents

The state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has released a simple guide to help residents and businesses understand recycling in Pennsylvania called "Guidelines for Recycling in Your Community." The booklet helps Pennsylvanians to recycle correctly by finding recycling programs in their area, learning their local rules, and following them to maximize the many benefits of recycling. [Click here](#) for the guide.

Today in History.....

Did the young Austrian nun named Maria really take to the hills surrounding Salzburg to sing spontaneously of her love of music? Did she comfort herself with thoughts of copper kettles, and did she swoon to her future husband's song about an alpine flower while the creeping menace of Nazism spread across central Europe? No, the real-life Maria von Trapp did none of those things. She was indeed a former nun, and she did indeed marry Count Georg von Trapp and become stepmother to his large brood of children, but nearly all of the particulars she related in her 1949 book, *The Story of the Trapp Family Singers*, were ignored by the creators of the Broadway musical her memoir inspired. And while the liberties taken by the show's writers, Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse, and by its composer and lyricist, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, caused some consternation to the real Maria von Trapp and to her stepchildren, according to many later reports, those liberties made *The Sound of Music* a smash success from the very night of its Broadway opening on November 16, 1959.

Legislation & Policy



The House will be in session today,
November 16.
Watch the session live [here](#).

Learn

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

[QuickBooks Year-End Reports - Virtual Training - Rescheduled to 12/2/21](#)

In this virtual class, you will learn how to print W-2s and 1099s and file all year-end taxes and reports with the Internal Revenue Service and state agencies.



[PSATS Boot Camp for Township Officials](#)

This three-day event was created just for you — *newly elected (or veteran) supervisors, other newly elected officials, and new secretaries/managers*. Learn the everyday tasks to running a municipality, explore the tools and resources available to help you do your job successfully, and experience real-life scenarios through discussion with experienced PSATS members. [Click here](#) for dates/locations and to register.



[The ABCs for Elected Auditors - Virtual Class - 1/20/22](#)

In this virtual class, you will learn about the responsibilities of elected auditors under the Second Class Township Code, the nuts and bolts of conducting a thorough audit of the township's finances, how to best navigate DCED's online financial reporting requirements, and ways to ensure a healthy working relationship between the elected auditors and the township.



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