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Township Video News



TVN's Coffee in the Capitol | What do Pa.'s election results mean nationally?
Join PSATS' Executive Director Dave Sanko for part two of his interview with Dr. G. Terry Madonna, Senior Fellow of Political Affairs at Millersville University. In this portion, Dr. Madonna discusses how the recent municipal Pennsylvania election results will have a national impact for both republicans and democrats.

Latest News

Better Federal Customer Service on the Way?

U.S. President Joe Biden's latest executive order aims to change the way the federal government provides service to individuals, businesses, and entities, including local governments, to make it more customer-friendly and reduce red tape. The ambitious proposal includes streamlining processes to apply for benefits, including Social Security, Medicare, and disaster assistance, creating online processes for renewing passports and paying student loans, and allowing individuals to update addresses just once with the federal government, instead of repeating the process across many agencies. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Free COVID-19 Testing Sites Available

The state Department of Health is offering free outdoor drive-up COVID-19 testing in Berks, Centre, Clinton, Jefferson, Luzerne, and McKean counties this week. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Acting Health Secretary to Leave Harrisburg

State Department of Health Acting Secretary Alison Beam will resign her position with the commonwealth at the end of the year. The governor intends to name state Department of Health Executive Deputy Secretary Keara Klinepeter to serve as the new acting secretary. [Click here](#) for more.

PennDOT Connects Newsletter

Have you signed up for the monthly PennDOT Connects Newsletter to learn more about land use and Transportation planning? [Click here](#)

To learn more about the free PennDOT Connects Municipal Resources, [click here](#).

Today in History....

On December 14, 1799, George Washington, the American revolutionary leader and first president of the United States, dies at his estate in Mount Vernon, Virginia. He was 67 years old.

Legislation & Policy



The House and Senate will be in session today, December 14. Watch session live [here](#).

Senate President Pro Tempore Jake Corman (*R-Centre County*) announced that he won't seek reelection in the Senate to focus on his run for governor.

Yesterday, the following bills of interest to townships passed the House:

[HB 2071](#) would create a **Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority** to disburse state and federal funds for the expansion of broadband to unserved and underserved areas, coordinate broadband development, and produce a statewide broadband development plan. The bill would address a PSATS resolution. HB 2071 now goes to the Senate.

[HB 2058](#) would amend the Local Tax Enabling Act to align the deadline for filing final returns for the **earned income tax** with the deadline for filing a Pennsylvania personal income tax return. Normally this filing date would be the same as the current April 15 filing date. HB 2058 now goes to the governor.

[SB 208](#) would amend the **Municipalities Planning Code** to clarify that a municipality may not require a developer to post a bond of more than 110% of the costs of the improvements. The bill would clarify that a municipality may retain 110% of the estimated cost of the remaining improvements. The bill now goes to the governor.

Learn

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

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.



2021 Solicitors Virtual Fall Seminar - 12/15/21

In the Solicitors Virtual Fall Seminar learn from experts on a wide variety of topics critical to the practice of a municipal solicitor.



2022 PSATS HR & Labor Management Institute - Virtual - 1/12/22

This virtual full-day offering is a must-attend for anyone who has responsibility for HR and personnel management in their township.



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.



Basic "Virtual" Training for Secretaries and Administrators - Jan. 27 & Feb. 3, 2022

This virtual training class will be offered in two half-day sessions. This is your opportunity to learn from acknowledged experts about all the most important issues township secretaries and managers need to know, right from the comfort of your desk. Topics covered will range from budgeting, purchasing,



advertising and meeting management all the way to
human resource issues and public engagement.

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