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Latest News

PSATS Calendar Is On Its Way!

The 2022 PSATS Calendar is in the mail! This member service provides critical dates to remember for official state filings, PSATS events, and various educational opportunities. In addition, the 2022 calendar recognizes our hard-working township public works crews who work hard all year long to make their townships a better place to be. To make sure township officials have the information they need when they need it, the 2022 calendar is now also [available online](#).

Population growth sinks to record low in US

For the first time, international migration surpassed natural increases that come from births outnumbering deaths. There was a net increase of nearly 245,000 residents from international migration but only about 148,000 from new births outnumbering deaths. [Click here](#) for more.

Today in History.....

On December 22, 1968, Julie Nixon and David Eisenhower, both progeny of United States presidents, tie the knot in New York City.

Julie Nixon was the daughter of Richard M. Nixon, who was president-elect at the time of the wedding. Her groom was the grandson of Dwight D. Eisenhower, who served as America's 34th president from 1953 to 1961. Julie and David met at the Republican National Convention in San Francisco, California, in 1956 while his grandfather was campaigning for re-election. They were both eight at the time. At the convention, Julie's father was nominated as Eisenhower's running mate. The two were frequently thrown together during Eisenhower's second term and shared

the unusual experience of growing up under the spotlight of national politics. They started dating in 1967, when they were both 19.

Legislation & Policy



Check Out Proposed State House and Senate Maps

Harrisburg media group “Spotlight PA” has issued the below story. We encourage you to compare current and proposed State House and Senate districts and offer comments to Commission but also share your comments with PSATS.

“Redistricting is not just a technical map-making exercise or a political free-for-all. It’s a monumental power shift that impacts each and every Pennsylvanian.

That’s why Spotlight PA has [launched a new tool that allows you to look up and compare your current and newly proposed state House and Senate districts](#) as part of our year-long redistricting project.

By entering your address (no, we won’t keep that info), you can see the racial and voter registration makeup of the districts you live in now versus what they would look like under the proposed boundary changes.

THE CONTEXT: The maps were drafted and recently given initial approval by the Legislative Reapportionment Commission, a five-person panel made up of the four top legislative leaders from both major parties and a nonpartisan chair selected by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

As Spotlight PA previously reported, the maps [could dramatically alter the balance of political power in Harrisburg for the decade to come — with the advantage swinging to the Democrats.](#)

It’s important to note these maps are not final. They are currently under a 30-day public comment period and could be subject to legal challenges after the final vote in January. If you want to weigh in, [you can do so here](#).

Learn

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

[The Code Officials Guide to Zoning - Virtual Class - 1/18/22](#)

The 90-minute online course provides a comprehensive overview of current zoning issues and problems as they inter-relate to the UCC. Topics include: overview of the MPC, zoning requirements and difficulties, responsibilities of BCOs to meet and manage zoning challenges, permit issuance and enforcement conflicts, violation letter requirements and templates, and legal issues in zoning.



Duties of a Zoning Hearing Board

Topics to be covered include procedures for deciding variances and special exceptions, handling hearing-related questions, Ethics Act requirements and much more.

[2/22/22 - Chester County](#)

[3/3/22 - Butler County](#)

[3/8/22 - Cumberland County](#)



[Duties of a Zoning Hearing Board - 3/15/22 - Virtual Class](#)

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