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## Township Video News



**TVN's PSATS Roulette | Test your trivia knowledge at the 2022 Conference!**  
Get ready for ScanTrivia at PSATS Educational Conference and Exhibit Show, scheduled April 24-27! This interactive game allows players to scan QR codes with different trivia questions about vendors, PSATS, Pennsylvania, and more! ScanTrivia is only available for members attending the 2022 Conference—information on how to pre-register is coming soon!

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## Latest News

### **Expect Higher Interest Rates**

Chair Jerome Powell said Monday that the Federal Reserve would raise its benchmark short-term interest rate faster than expected, and high enough to restrain growth and hiring, if it decides that this would be necessary to slow rampaging inflation.

At their meeting last week, Fed officials raised their key rate from near zero to a range of 0.25% to 0.5% and forecast that they would **carry out six more quarter-point hikes this year.**

At the same time, the policymakers projected that the economy would remain resilient enough to keep growing and that the unemployment rate would fall from its current level of 3.8% to 3.5%, **matching a 50-year low reached before the pandemic.**

### **Commonwealth Urges Pennsylvanians to Participate in Pick Up Pennsylvania**

The commonwealth is urging Pennsylvanians to participate in Pick Up Pennsylvania this spring. During this initiative from Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, thousands of Pennsylvanians will participate in litter and illegal dump cleanups, tree and flower plantings, recycling collections, public education programs, and more.

The state Departments of Environmental Protection and Transportation provide free trash bags, gloves, and safety vests to registered participants as supplies last. In addition, DEP and Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association are sponsoring trash disposal, at a free or reduced cost, for registered participants at participating landfills during April.

Townships can participate by holding a cleanup event and [registering here](#). Contact Michelle Dunn, KPB's program coordinator, with questions at 877-772-3673, ext. 113, or [mdunn@keeppabeautiful.org](mailto:mdunn@keeppabeautiful.org).

### **Commonwealth Flags Ordered at Half-Staff to Honor State Troopers**

Gov. Tom Wolf ordered the state flag on all commonwealth facilities, public buildings, and grounds to fly at half-staff to honor two troopers who were struck and killed by a driver in Philadelphia. [Click here](#) for more.

### **Today in History.....**

On March 22, 1893, the first women's college basketball game was played at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. With each basket counting as one point and the game lasting two 15-minute halves, a sophomore class team prevails over a freshmen team, 5-4. Men were not permitted inside the gym at the all-women college, but a crowd of fascinated women cheer on their fellow classmates from the running track of the campus gymnasium. The winning team earned a gold and white banner.

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## Learn

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

### **Basic Training for Secretaries and Administrators**

Topics covered will range from budgeting, purchasing, advertising and meeting management all the way to human resource issues and public engagement.

[3/24/22 - Chester Co.](#)

[4/7/22 - Centre Co.](#)



### **QuickBooks Tips and Tricks - Dauphin County - 4/24/22**

Join your colleagues from around the state for this newly REVISED class where Diana Patton, who has spent 30 years as a township secretary/treasurer and the last 19 years as a Certified QuickBooks Instructor and Trainer, will show you all the ways you can use QuickBooks to better serve the financial needs of your municipality.



### **Effective Township Administration: Steering Your Township Through Difficult Situations - 4/24/22**

Elected and appointed officials are often asked to solve problems that are either not within their authority to solve or where the proposed “solution” might create negative unintended consequences for the municipality. Navigating these difficult issues requires skill, diplomacy and, often patience.



[2022 Solicitors Spring Seminar - 4/25/22](#)

This seminar will cover a wide variety of emerging and important trends and issues vital to the practice of every municipal solicitor. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from experts and network with your peers from around the state.



[Newsletter Best Practices: Keeping Residents Updated Via Email & Postal Mail- Virtual Class - 4/7/22](#)

We'll examine how print/mailed communications work in tandem with email to ensure our donors are informed and engaged.



[Media Relations 101: Tips to Improve Your Communication \(1:00 p.m.\) - 4/25/22 - Dauphin County](#)

During this hands-on training session, Gavin's team of senior PR strategists will teach you ways to better leverage social channels to communicate with your constituents. This session will also focus on communications planning and media coaching, including on-camera practice, to help you more effectively communicate with the public and leverage the news media. **PSATS Conference Registrants only. Limited seating available. Please bring your cell phone.**



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