



Bucks County Association of Township Officials

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The Tile Works of Bucks County, Doylestown Township

BCATO Broadcast Summer 2023

Don't Miss the Upcoming BCATO Fall Event: A Taste at the Tile Works



Building upon the success of last year's event, we are happy to announce the return of **A Taste at the Tile Works**. Join us for networking and fellowship, on Thursday, September 28, 2023, from 5:30 - 7 PM. Lite fare will be served. \$50.00 P/P. Sponsorships are still available. [Details here.](#)

Legislative Update

Update: The Sterling Act

Our municipal partners, townships, and boroughs have been working hard to pass resolutions seeking Sterling Act reform. The [highlighted municipalities](#) have passed resolutions supporting measures to reclaim their residents' EIT from Philadelphia. Support for Sterling Act reform is gaining momentum across

SEPA. The Montco municipalities that have passed resolutions include Bridgeport Borough, Lower Providence Twp., Montgomery Twp., and New Hanover Township. East Caln Twp., Upper Oxford Twp., and West Nantmeal Twp. of Chester County have also passed resolutions.

Update: Protecting Municipal Water and Wastewater Systems

PA Senator John Kane, representing parts of Chester and Delaware Counties, has introduced [SB 866](#), Predatory Pricing Repeal. If passed, SB866 will repeal Act 12 which Senator Kane describes as having created a "predatory pricing scheme that has allowed for-profit utilities to aggressively bid and acquire well-run and financially healthy public water and wastewater systems." And, ICYMI, [here](#) is the Inquirer's recent Editorial on the court's reversal of the sale of a municipal sewer system to Aqua PA.

Update: Amending the Burial Grounds Act

BCATO has worked with the PA Local Government Commission, a bipartisan, bicameral legislative agency of the PA Legislature, to address this long-standing issue Plumstead Township has brought forth by a [resolution](#) that has routinely been supported at the BCATO Annual Convention. [SB 887](#), recently introduced by Local Government Chair, Sen. Scott Hutchinson, seeks to repeal a portion of the Burial Grounds Act [9 Pa.C.S.A. §301] that excluded municipalities from some of the financial exceptions benefiting religious institutions.

Bucks County Update

A Letter to the Bucks County Commissioners

During the July BCATO Executive Board meeting, the board unanimously voted to adopt a [resolution](#) from the Executive Committee, urging the Bucks County Board of Commissioners to amend the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (BCWSA) articles of incorporation in an effort to secure sound financial oversight on behalf of the BCWSA ratepayers.

Save the Date BCATO Annual Convention

Join us for the BCATO Annual Convention, on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at the Northampton Valley Country Club, Richboro. Stay tuned for details.

Calling All Volunteers

The BCATO Executive Committee approved the roster of ad-hoc committees which include the addition of several new committees: Bylaws Committee, Emergency



Our 2023 Executive Board

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Services Committee, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Committee, and the Strategic Plan Committee. For a complete list of committees and volunteer opportunities visit [the BCATO website](#). If you are interested in joining a committee please email our [Executive Director](#).



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