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Mentions

New Castle News: State associations support Tri-County in landfill battle

https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/state-associations-support-tri-county-in-landfill-battle/article_27a81d97-c54c-5bd9-a5dc-d8dc36631566.html

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Air

KDKA: New data shows air quality improvements across Pittsburgh area

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pittsburgh-works-together-air-quality-new-report/>

Climate Change

Lehighvalleylive: Lehigh Valley weather: Cold front brings frigid wind chills, potential snow and squalls

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WOLF: Snowstorm triggers widespread crashes, road closures across Northeastern Pennsylvania

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Bucks Independence: Doylestown Borough Climate Action Plan – comment period open, public meeting date

<https://www.bucksindependence.com/doylestown-borough-climate-action-plan-comment-period-open-public-meeting-date/>

Conservation and Recreation

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WNEP: Officials seek info on illegal killing of 8-point deer with crossbow in Susquehanna County
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Data Centers

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<https://fox56.com/news/local/mayfield-borough-passes-new-zoning-ordinance-aimed-to-proactively-regulate-data-centers>

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2025/12/10/columbia-gas-rate-increase-puc/stories/202512110046>

Lancaster Farming: No Need To Sacrifice Farmland for Energy
https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/news/no-need-to-sacrifice-farmland-for-energy-opinion/article_187e1e1d-2369-5ccf-819e-efd6de18cd1d.html

ABC27: Public expresses concern regarding proposed PPL rate increase
<https://www.abc27.com/pennsylvania/public-expresses-concern-regarding-proposed-ppl-rate-increase/>

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https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/southeastern-pa/upper-montgomery-county/residents-pack-meeting-as-pfas-concerns-grow-near-boyertown-landfill/article_8f4a27b9-b10e-4eef-a411-36fad4f83029.html#tncms-source=Homepage-Top-Stories

69 News: Public meeting tonight on decades-old Boyertown Landfill contamination

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/berks/public-meeting-tonight-on-decades-old-boyertown-landfill-contamination/article_109d7b63-0776-43de-af3d-b07ee904315c.html

Shamokin News-Item: Downtown manager: Blight inventory of city completed

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<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2025/12/11/glassport-to-address-sewage-rate-increases/>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Pittsburgh sludge disposal startup lands investment from Toby Rice

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/12/10/orbital-biocon-toby-rice.html>

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<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2025/12/city-dpw-announces-2026-recycling-changes/>

Water

Tribune-Review: Murrysville to move ahead with stormwater fee ordinance

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/murrysville-to-move-ahead-with-stormwater-fee-ordinance/>

WGAL: Vote for Pennsylvania's 2026 River of the Year, with a Lancaster County contender in the running

<https://www.wgal.com/article/vote-pennsylvania-2026-river-of-the-year/69698387>

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<https://www.wkok.com/city-of-sunbury-receives-1m-for-stormwater-project/>

WKOK: Selinsgrove weighs ending fluoride in water supply

<https://www.wkok.com/selinsgrove-weighs-ending-fluoride-in-water-supply/>

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Pennlive: Demolition of historic bridge in Cumberland County halted after permit error

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