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## **Mentions**

Republican Herald: Schuylkill County companies awarded \$175K to switch to electric vehicles  
<https://www.republicanherald.com/2026/05/31/schuylkill-county-companies-awarded-175k-to-switch-to-electric-vehicles/>

## **Climate Change**

El Niño and the ongoing dryness are likely to affect summer temperatures in Philly  
<https://www.inquirer.com/weather/summer-weather-forecast-philadelphia-el-nino-20260601.html>

## **Conservation and Recreation**

Lancaster Online: Pa. to raise minimum legal trout size to protect wild brook trout  
[https://lancasteronline.com/sports/outdoors/pa-to-raise-minimum-legal-trout-size-to-protect-wild-brook-trout-column/article\\_af847eec-ef32-4526-bf12-3f55e6544a34.html](https://lancasteronline.com/sports/outdoors/pa-to-raise-minimum-legal-trout-size-to-protect-wild-brook-trout-column/article_af847eec-ef32-4526-bf12-3f55e6544a34.html)

NorthcentralPA.com: Seven new ATV connector route designations added in Tioga County  
[https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/seven-new-atv-connector-route-designations-added-in-tioga-county/article\\_798e1fc6-a802-470b-bbf7-1049ff288be6.html](https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/seven-new-atv-connector-route-designations-added-in-tioga-county/article_798e1fc6-a802-470b-bbf7-1049ff288be6.html)

WNEP: A fishing derby for all kids held in Lehighton  
<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/carbon-county/fishing-derby-for-all-kids-held-lehighton-carbon-county/523-b47d7eb6-51d0-4c39-b6ed-f6646115a129?tbref=hp>

Lehighvalleylive: Bright flowers that foil deer and disease  
<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/outdoors/2026/05/bright-flowers-that-foil-deer-and-disease-georges-plant-pick-of-the-week.html>

## **Data Centers**

Hearing For Controversial Data Center On Schuylkill River Scheduled  
<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/plymouthwhitemarsh/first-hearing-date-set-plymouth-twp-data-center-proposal>

Times-Tribune: Valley View challenges Project Scott, Project Gravity data center campuses  
<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2026/05/29/valley-view-challenges-project-scott-project-gravity-data-center-campuses/>

Morning Call: A data center is proposed in south Allentown. Here is what we know about the plan  
<https://www.mcall.com/2026/05/29/allentown-data-center-proposed-emmaus-avenue/>

Standard Speaker: Butler planners to begin work on data center rules June 1  
<https://www.standardsspeaker.com/2026/05/29/butler-planners-to-begin-work-on-data-center-rules-june-1/>

Pennlive: Pa. data center neighbor charged with terroristic threats over comments at board meeting  
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2026/05/pa-data-center-neighbor-charged-with-terroristic-threats-over-comments-at-board-meeting.html>

WITF: Pa. Sen. Katie Muth introduces bill to prevent data centers from becoming public utilities  
<https://www.witf.org/2026/06/01/pa-sen-katie-muth-introduces-bill-to-prevent-data-centers-from-becoming-public-utilities/>

ABC27: Pennsylvania lawmakers introduce bills targeting data center development  
<https://www.abc27.com/pennsylvania-politics/pennsylvania-lawmakers-introduce-bills-targeting-data-center-development/>

## **Energy**

NorthcentralPA.com: Electric rates on the rise again  
[https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/electric-rates-on-the-rise-again/article\\_d5965328-181e-4bfd-a0cf-e8ecbb3b9cb1.html](https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/electric-rates-on-the-rise-again/article_d5965328-181e-4bfd-a0cf-e8ecbb3b9cb1.html)

Peco workers vote to authorize a strike, but have not stopped working  
<https://www.inquirer.com/business/peco-workers-union-strike-vote-result-20260530.html>

PECO workers vote to authorize strike on Saturday, union says  
<https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/peco-workers-vote-to-authorize-strike-on-saturday-union-says/4410007/>

PECO bills going up for some customers; workers prepare for a possible strike  
<https://www.audacy.com/kywnewsradio/podcasts/d81566608e783ef09f28df4e28074880/episodes/peco-bills-going-up-for-some-c-8422525>

Limerick Generating Station Full Siren Test Is Monday  
<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/limerick/limerick-generating-station-full-siren-test-monday>

## **Vector Management**

Mosquito Season Begins In Philly Region  
<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/warminster/mosquito-season-begins-philly-region>

## **Waste**

WNEP: One person's trash is another's trophy at the 'Garbage Olympics' in Lackawanna County  
<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/lackawanna-county/one-persons-trash-anothers-trophy-the-garbage-olympics-lackawanna-county/523-4030f099-56d9-488b-8be3-10871c03562c?tbref=hp>

## **Water**

Gettysburg Times: Borough sees repair bill for damaged storm pipe  
[https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/borough-sees-repair-bill-for-damaged-storm-pipe/article\\_8c6bcc1a-1c4c-4c23-bebd-941198a804a6.html](https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/borough-sees-repair-bill-for-damaged-storm-pipe/article_8c6bcc1a-1c4c-4c23-bebd-941198a804a6.html)

WOLF: New study finds PFAS contamination widespread throughout Delaware River Basin  
<https://fox56.com/news/local/new-study-finds-pfas-contamination-widespread-throughout-delaware-river-basin>

## **Miscellaneous**

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Muncy Creek Township supervisors to issue decision on chicken and solar farm at meeting on June 25  
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2026/05/muncy-creek-township-supervisors-to-issue-decision-on-chicken-and-solar-farm-at-meeting-on-june-25/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Attorney's concerns include water, proximity of proposed egg farm in Muncy Creek Township  
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2026/05/attorneys-concerns-include-water-proximity-of-proposed-egg-farm-in-muncy-creek-township/>

Lewistown Sentinel: County report details water, energy demands  
<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2026/05/county-report-details-water-energy-demands/>

Times Leader: First phase of the Nanticoke/West Nanticoke Bridge project underway  
<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1743924/first-phase-of-the-nanticoke-west-nanticoke-bridge-project-underway>

Falcon Recovery Milestone Reaches 100 Hatchlings in Harrisburg  
<https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/pennsylvania/falcon-recovery-milestone-reaches-100-hatchlings-in-harrisburg/>

June 9th Penn State Webinar Explains How Bucks County Residents Can Help Scientists Track Wildlife, Water Quality, and More  
<https://bucksco.today/2026/06/penn-state-extension-community-science-webinar/>