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Top DEP Stories

Sunbury Daily Item: Shamokin selected for state climate program

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Mentions

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<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/2020/09/01/lead-aliquippa-water/3454818001/>

Sunbury Daily Item: Flushed face masks, wipes damaging equipment, endangering sewer workers

https://www.dailyitem.com/the_danville_news/news/flushed-face-masks-wipes-damaging-equipment-endangering-sewer-workers/article_6e0e9a14-4a6e-521c-b029-87489540af78.html

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https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/lancaster-watchdog-examining-outdoor-burning-in-earl-township-lane-markings-on-fruitville-pike/article_e329f124-d458-11ea-95b8-cfb75137fcf7.html

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<https://kdkaradio.radio.com/articles/radiocom/how-to-create-healthier-indoor-spaces>

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<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2020/09/01/clean-air-laws-helped-the-u-s-reduce-air-pollution-but-hotter-days-brought-by-climate-change-could-reverse-those-gains/>

Pittsburgh Current: The Dangerous Republican National Platform

<https://www.pittsburghcurrent.com/the-dangerous-republican-national-platform/>

Conservation & Recreation

WJET-TV: Erie Port Authority has approved a new policy to help maintain the Bluffs

<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/erie-port-authority-has-approved-a-new-policy-to-help-maintain-the-bluffs/>

Kane Republican: Penn State Extension offers new course on soils, plant nutrition for landscapers (pg 4)

<https://kanerepublican.com/sites/default/files/KR-09-02-2020.pdf>

Huntingdon Daily News: Park plans developing for vacant lot

https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/park-plans-developing-for-vacant-lot/article_d73c693c-696b-5176-84ac-860379785434.html

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<https://triblive.com/local/regional/southwestern-pennsylvania-women-honored-for-contributions-to-conservation/>

Tribune-Review: Harrison shared-use path on Springhill Road in jeopardy if township rejects maintenance pact, county says

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/harrison-shared-use-path-in-jeopardy-if-township-rejects-maintenance-pact-county-says/>

Tribune-Review: Murrysville earns conservation partnership award for 2020

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/murrysville-earns-conservation-partnership-award-for-2020/>

KDKA Radio: 1Thing: Wild & Scenic Film Festival Returns This October

<https://kdkaradio.radio.com/articles/news/1thing-wild-scenic-film-festival-returns-this-october>

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Pennlive: Solar energy project planned for Snyder County coal ash basin site

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<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2020/09/02/community-solar-proposal-getting-bipartisan-support-in-legislature/>

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Pittsburgh Business Times: Battery plant scores investment, new orders

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2020/09/01/battery-plant-scores-investment-new-orders.html>

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Next Pittsburgh: It's time to figure out the riverfront. Planning begins at Hazelwood Green with public input

<https://nextpittsburgh.com/latest-news/its-time-to-figure-out-the-riverfront-planning-begins-at-hazelwood-green-with-public-input/>

Post-Gazette: A 'funky public space': Hazelwood Green owner seeking to redevelop old industrial riverfront for recreation

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/development/2020/09/01/Hazelwood-Green-Almono-LTV-Coke-Works-recreation-riverfront-community/stories/202009010123>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Almono LP announces new riverfront planning effort for Hazelwood Green

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2020/09/01/new-master-plan-for-hazelwood-riverfront.html>

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Mining

Altoona Mirror: Mine project receives recognition

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2020/09/mine-project-receives-recognition/>

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WICU-TV: Gas Leak in Harborcreek

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/42577351/gas-leak-in-harborcreek>

WJET-TV: Gas leak in Harborcreek neighborhood causes several homes to be evacuated

<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/gas-leak-in-harborcreek-neighborhood-causes-several-homes-to-be-evacuated/>

Lancaster Newspapers: UGI settlement proposal calls for \$1.1 million penalty in 2017 explosion that killed utility worker

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The Guardian: Trump administration rule seeks to make drilling easier in national forests

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/sep/01/trump-administration-rule-drilling-national-forests>

Grist: Why won't Biden promise to ban fracking?

<https://grist.org/politics/why-wont-biden-ban-fracking-speech-pennsylvania/>

Vector Management

Pennlive: West Nile Virus found in more York County mosquitos

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<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/news/2020/09/spotted-lanternfly-expert-warns-of-dangers-of-popular-insect-trap.html>

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KDKA: Butler County Precautionary Boil Water Advisory Lifted

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/city/2020/09/01/Peduto-administration-unveils-20-year-citywide-land-use-plan/stories/202009010122>

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<https://www.pghcitypaper.com/pittsburgh/pittsburgh-announces-big-comprehensive-land-use-plan-to-be-determined-later/Content?oid=17919969>

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<https://triblive.com/local/forgingpgh-land-use-plan-to-be-developed-in-pittsburgh/>

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