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Mentions

Clearfield Progress: BCI Municipal Authority to receive over \$1.8 million grant

https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/local/bci-municipal-authority-to-receive-over-1-8-million-grant/article_14714f88-bd58-11ef-91ae-a729867d2ba2.html

Air

KYW News: Philadelphia firefighters spend more than 12 hours battling Christmas Eve warehouse fire

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Philadelphia Inquirer: Philly health department warns people to avoid Frankford area after large fire

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/philadelphia-warehouse-fire-frankford-20241225.html>

Climate Change

Pennlive: Arctic is changing dramatically, and 2024 report card shows worrying trends

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Conservation and Recreation

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WFMZ: Skiers, snowboarders shred the slopes on Christmas at Bear Creek

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Drought

Philly Voice: Despite recent rain and snow, drought conditions persist as driest year since 2016 comes to a close

<https://www.phillyvoice.com/drought-rain-snow-december-2024-weather-precipitation/>

Energy

Delco Today: Start the New Year with Cold Weather Energy Savings Tips and Home Energy Efficiency Programs from PECO

<https://delco.today/2024/12/peco-cold-weather-energy-savings-tips/>

The Derrick: Energy groups pan Biden administration's LNG study

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https://www.centredaily.com/news/politics-government/article297540733.html#storylink=mainstage_card

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WHYY: Seaford aims to turn industrial legacy into a thriving community with \$3M revitalization grant

<https://whyy.org/articles/seaford-riverfront-delaware-revitalization-grant/>

Mining

DV Journal: As China Blocks Key Mineral Exports, Some Say 'Make American Mining Great Again'

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Vector Management

MyChesCo: First Severe Case of H5N1 Bird Flu in U.S. Sparks Urgent Reminder for Precautions

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Waste

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CBS21: Where to recycle your Christmas tree in York and Lancaster counties

<https://local21news.com/news/local/where-to-recycle-your-christmas-tree-in-york-and-lancaster-counties-holiday-recycling-mulch-pennsylvania-pa#>

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