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Top DEP Stories

Sanatoga Post; Watershed Conservancy, PV Woods Win State Awards
<https://sanatogapost.com/local-winnners-governor-environmental-awards/>

Mentions

Citizens' Voice: Early detection of Lyme Disease can avoid severe symptoms
https://www.citizensvoice.com/news/early-detection-of-lyme-disease-can-avoid-severe-symptoms/article_e624189f-8f34-506c-8f38-f4d33624307c.html

Post-Gazette: Salena Zito: A governor who governs: Josh Shapiro looks back, and forward, after 100 days in office
<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/insight/2023/05/07/josh-shapiro-100-days-state-police-gettysburg-avian-flu/stories/202305070031>

East Palestine Derailment

WJAC: 'We're concerned:' PA House Committee approves bill setting new rail safety requirements
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/were-concerned-pa-house-committee-approves-bill-setting-new-rail-safety-requirements#>

Climate Change

Reuters: Democrats press Biden administration on climate impact of LNG buildout
<https://www.reuters.com/business/sustainable-business/democrats-press-biden-administration-climate-impact-lng-buildout-2023-05-08/>

WESA: In Pa., climate change threatens the state tree, bird and fish. Work is under way to help.
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2023-05-09/pennsylvania-climate-change-state-tree-bird-fish>

My ChesCo: Sudden Eviction Notice Threatens Chesco Horse Sanctuary
<https://dailyvoice.com/pennsylvania/montgomery/sudden-eviction-notice-threatens-chesco-horse-sanctuary/>

My ChesCo: Chester County Ranked Best County for Outdoor Activities in Pennsylvania
<https://www.mychesco.com/a/lifestyle/outdoor-recreation/chester-county-ranked-best-county-for-outdoor-activities-in-pennsylvania/>

Conservation and Recreation

Sun-Gazette: Designated ATV trails will open on Friday, May 26
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2023/05/designated-atv-trails-will-open-on-friday-may-26/>

Bradford Era: Champions of the Wilds named

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/champions-of-the-wilds-named/article_d98278fc-0239-555e-96f2-6e3577f2f587.html

WICU-TV: Penn State Behrend Begins Second Phase of Wintergreen Gorge Trail Improvement Project

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/48870867/penn-state-behrend-begins-second-phase-of-wintergreen-gorge-trail-improvement-project>

Philly Burbs: Vast network of trails in Bucks County continues to grow. Which ones will you set out on?

<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/lifestyle/things-to-do/2023/05/05/bucks-county-trails-to-walk-run-bike-or-explore-this-weekend/70178394007/>

Daily Local: Small Talk: Horror flick filmed on Willistown farm

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2023/05/05/small-talk-horror-flick-filmed-on-willistown-farm/>

Daily Local: What were those lights in the sky over southeastern Pennsylvania? Elon Musk knows [Video]

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2023/05/05/what-were-those-lights-in-the-sky-over-southeastern-pennsylvania-elon-musk-knows-video/>

From the Ground Up: Garden club brings home the silver

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2023/05/05/from-the-ground-up-garden-club-brings-home-the-silver/>

My ChesCo: Pennsylvania Sets Seasons for 2023-24 Migratory Game Bird Hunting

<https://www.mychesco.com/a/news/pennsylvania/pennsylvania-sets-seasons-for-2023-24-migratory-game-bird-hunting/>

Sanatoga Post: Lower Frederick Hosts Native Plant Seminar Saturday

<https://sanatogapost.com/lower-frederick-native-plants-event/>

Philadelphia Voice: Elmwood Park Zoo welcomes baby porcupine

<https://www.phillyvoice.com/elmwood-park-zoo-baby-porcupine-pecarries/>

Around Ambler: Ambler participating “No Mow May” program. Limited number of residents can register to not mow their lawns in May to help early-season pollinators

<https://aroundambler.com/ambler-participating-no-mow-may-program-limited-number-of-residents-can-register-to-not-mow-their-lawns-in-may-to-help-early-season-pollinators/>

Pittsburgh City Paper: Hike to these weird, cool, abandoned landmarks in Pittsburgh

<https://www.pghcitypaper.com/news/hike-to-these-weird-cool-abandoned-landmarks-in-pittsburgh-23837932>

Energy

Philadelphia Business Journal: Solar energy producer makes first inroads into western Pennsylvania

https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2023/05/05/aspen-power-solar-pennsylvania.html?cx_testId=39&cx_testVariant=cx_1&cx_artPos=0#cxrecs_s

WESA: Pa. electric rates to go down for some this summer

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2023-05-09/pennsylvania-electric-rates-decrease-summer>

Philadelphia Business Journal: Viewpoint: Will denial of a rail permit to haul LNG through Philadelphia kill the project?

<https://www.bizjournals.com/philadelphia/news/2023/05/07/lng-rail-philadelphia-energy-transport-solutions.html>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

Times Observer: Township to hold annual spring clean up

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2023/05/township-to-hold-annual-spring-clean-up/>

Mining

Republican Herald: Motion by Schuylkill County commissioner to rescind Tremont Twp. land sale dies

https://www.republicanherald.com/news/motion-by-schuylkill-county-commissioner-to-rescind-tremont-twp-land-sale-dies/article_715d4078-6eab-5bcf-9029-bc991ef9a359.html

Oil and Gas

Sun-Gazette: Gas main work nearly done in Williamsport

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2023/05/gas-main-work-nearly-done-in-williamsport/>

Delco Times: It's a gas: Prices at the pump in the Philly market down more than a buck from a year ago

<https://www.delcotimes.com/2023/05/08/its-a-gas-prices-at-the-pump-in-the-philly-market-down-more-than-a-buck-from-a-year-ago/>

Beaver County Radio: AAA: Gas Prices Dip in Pennsylvania

<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/aaa-gas-prices-dip-in-pennsylvania-4/>

Radiation Protection

Sun-Gazette: Naturally occurring uranium vs. new national drinking water study offers key takeaways

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2023/05/naturally-occurring-uranium-vs-new-national-drinking-water-study-offers-key-takeaways/>

Vector Management

StateImpact PA: Pennsylvania leads the nation in Lyme disease. The state is responding with new tick testing, research and education

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2023/05/09/pennsylvania-leads-the-nation-in-lyme-disease-the-state-is-responding-with-new-tick-testing-research-and-education/>

WTAE: Advocates push for Lyme disease prevention legislation

<https://www.wtae.com/article/lyme-disease-prevention-legislation-senate-bill/43831937>

Waste

Delco Times: situation in Chester the key component in water, sewer authority sales

<https://www.delcotimes.com/2023/05/07/bankruptcy-situation-in-chester-the-key-component-in-water-sewer-authority-sales/>

6ABC: Investigation: Questions raised about cleanup of 10,000 tires dumped along Delaware River

<https://6abc.com/>

Water

Daily Item: Boil water advisory in effect for Wednesday work

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/local_news/boil-water-advisory-in-effect-for-wednesday-work/article_a0d5d438-ed9f-11ed-9b67-43879f9e80af.html

WHYY: Philly's tap water has a trust problem. Did the recent contamination scare make it worse?

<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-tap-water-trust-chemical-spill-bottled-water/>

WPXI: Long John Silver's in Scott Township shut down due to 'sewage system failure'

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/allegheeny-county/long-john-silvers-scott-township-shut-down-due-sewage-system-failure/5OQR6NBTCNF4FI6H42K5S6FKIY/>

WTAE: Repair work to begin on Mount Washington road this week

<https://www.wtae.com/article/mount-washington-boggs-avenue-repair-work-starting/43829317>

Miscellaneous

The Mercury: Sheep shearing and spring charcoal burn at Hopewell Furnace set for May 13

<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2023/05/06/sheep-shearing-and-spring-charcoal-burn-at-hopewell-furnace-set-for-may-13/>

The Mercury: Eastern Berks Fire Department secures land for future firehouse

<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/local-news/>

Al Dia: Grants are now available for the NASA Postdoctoral Program (NPP)

<https://aldianews.com/en/leadership/advocacy/scientists-needed>

KDKA: Hazmat road accidents in the U.S. have more than doubled in the past decade

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/hazardous-materials-trucks/>

Philadelphia Inquirer: PPA issued 11,000 tickets for street sweeping and bike lane parking violations in its first week of enforcement

<https://www.inquirer.com/transportation/philadelphia-parking-authority-ppa-tickets-bike-lanes-street-sweeping-20230508.html>