



January 11 - 17, 2019

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SESSION STATUS

At 11:53 a.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 the Senate stands in recess until Monday, January 28, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled.

At 11:44 a.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 the House stands adjourned until Monday, January 28, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled.

UPCOMING SESSION DAYS

House

Jan. 28, 29, 30
 Feb. 4, 5, 6, 19, 20, 21
 Mar. 11-13, 18-20, 25-27
 April 8-10, 15-17, 29, 30
 May 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 22
 June 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24-28
 Budget hearings: Feb. 11 - Mar. 7

Senate

Jan. 28, 29, 30
 Feb. 4, 5, 6
 Mar. 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27
 April 8, 9, 10, 29, 30
 May 1, 6, 7, 8
 June 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24-28
 Budget hearings: Feb. 19 - Mar. 7

WEEKLY TRANSPORTATION RECAP

Around the Rotunda

No Around the Rotunda this week.

Committee News

No Committee News this week.

Bullet.in.Points

DCNR: GRANT FUNDING FOR ATV OR SNOWMOBILE TRAIL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

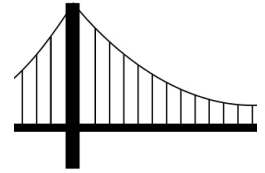
The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources made grant funding available for projects proposing land acquisition, planning, development, rehabilitation, maintenance, equipment purchase or educational programs for all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or snowmobile trails.

Grant funding will be awarded through a competitive grant application process. Applicants can apply for this funding between February 1, 2019, and March 29, 2019, through the department's online grant application portal. More information about grant opportunities is available [here](#).

Cosponsor Memos

HCO 659	Jozwiak, Barry(R)	Reduces the penalties for most cases of possession of small amounts of marijuana from a misdemeanor to a summary offense.
HCO 662	Farry, Frank(R)	Adds a sentencing enhancement to the offense of DUI Homicide by Vehicle.
HCO 676	Donatucci, Maria(D)	Prohibits the sale or transfer of a vehicle with a suspended registration or title until the entire suspension is served and all fees are paid.
HCO 682	DeLuca, Anthony(D)	Requires school districts to utilize requests for proposals when awarding transportation contracts.
HCO 684	Rothman, Greg(R)	Provides restrictions on the use of data collected from automated license plate reader systems and establishes a grant program.
HCO 714	Bullock, Donna(D)	Requires the Department of Transportation to accept an official Inmate Photo ID card as proof of the identity and date of birth for released inmates.
HCO 718	Gainey, Ed(D)	Transfers the onus of registration from individuals to the Department of State through automatic voter registration.
HCO 719	Innamorato, Sara (F)(D)	Automatically registers people to vote when they interact with PennDOT, benefit programs, or other state services.

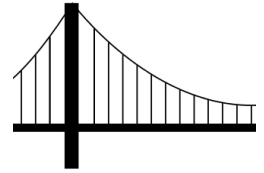




HCO 724	Donatucci, Maria(D)	Requires notice for removal of lawfully parked vehicles.
HCO 739	Rothman, Greg(R)	Permits the use of electronic power of attorney documents when ownership of a vehicle is transferred for insurance purposes.
HCO 765	Dush, Cris(R)	Clarifies the definition of maintenance work to include work performed on dirt, gravel, and low-volume road maintenance projects.
HCO 778	Toohil, Tarah(R)	Increases the penalties when a company or government agency stops its trains and blocks a roadway for an unreasonable period of time.
HCO 785	Warren, Perry(D)	Provides a tax credit to cover 50 percent of a taxpayer's toll-related expenses for the taxable year, up to \$500.
HCO 787	Masser, Kurt(R)	Authorizes the use of radar as a speed-timing device by full-time, trained municipal police officers.
HCO 788	Masser, Kurt(R)	Decreases the weight limit needed to apply for municipal and residual waste transporter authorization.
HCO 806	Emrick, Joe(R)	Addresses state oversight of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge commission.
SCO 449	Hutchinson, Scott(R)	Requires that PennDOT maintains all surface and subsurface drainage facilities connected with the state highways within boroughs and incorporated towns with populations equal to or less than 2,500 people.

Bill Actions

HB 65	Sankey, Thomas(R)	Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 3047 over the South Branch of Blacklick Creek, Blacklick Township, Cambria County, as the Private First Class Steve L. Klosz Memorial Bridge. Bill History: 01-14-19 H Filed
HB 66	Sankey, Thomas(R)	Act designating a bridge on that portion of Peg Run Road, PA Route 240, over the West Branch of the Susquehanna River, Susquehanna Township, as the United States Army Sergeant Scott O. Henry Memorial Bridge. Bill History: 01-14-19 H Filed
HB 74	Rothman, Greg(R)	Amends Titles 44 (Law & Justice) & 75 (Vehicles), codifying prohibition on political subdivisions & agencies imposing quotas on issuance of citations for offenses; for schedule of convictions; & for radar enforcement systems. Bill History: 01-14-19 H Filed



SB 43 Ward, Kim(R) (PN 20) Act designating a portion of US Route 30 in Hempfield Township, Southwest Greensburg Borough, the city of Greensburg, and South Greensburg Borough, as the J. Edward "Hutch" Hutchinson Memorial Bypass. Effective in 60 days.

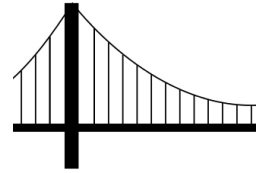
Bill History: 01-11-19 S Filed
01-11-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

SB 45 Ward, Kim(R) (PN 21) Amends the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Act further providing for emergency vehicles by waiving fees for a member of the Pennsylvania State Police for a legitimate law enforcement function and a vehicle carrying or escorting a firefighter, ambulance service or rescue squad member, law enforcement officer or armed service member killed in the line of duty. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-11-19 S Filed
01-11-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

SB 54 Williams, Anthony(D) (PN 27) The Jayanna Powell Hit-and-Run Direct Notification Act requires the Department of Transportation to develop and maintain a system that compiles information regarding vehicles that have fled the scene of a motor vehicle accident to notify motor vehicle repair facilities. In addition, after a hit-and-run accident resulting in bodily injury or death, the investigating law enforcement agency shall directly notify all motor vehicle facilities in the commonwealth via the system. Further provides for the information to be included on the system. Also requires a motor vehicle repair facility to register with the department and for duty to report. Effective in 30 days.

Bill History: 01-11-19 S Filed
01-11-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation



SB 55 Williams, Anthony(D)

(PN 28) Amends the Pennsylvania Amber Alert System Law adding a new subsection requiring the Pennsylvania State Police to establish and maintain the Jay Alert System to assist in the identification and apprehension of suspects who leave the scene of an accident which results in serious bodily injury or death. The system shall be operated by the State Police and activation of the system may be requested by law enforcement agencies when public assistance is considered expedient to the identification and apprehension of a motor vehicle operator who has fled the scene. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-11-19 S Filed
01-11-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Law and Justice

SB 62 Ward, Judy (F)(R)

(PN 34) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for veteran plates and placard. The bill establishes that a veteran whose service-connected disability is certified at 75 percent or greater, previously 100 percent, shall be issued a special registration plate designating the vehicle as belonging to a severely disabled veteran. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-14-19 S Filed
01-14-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

Upcoming Events

PA Turnpike Commission

January 18, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 831-7333

PA Public Utility Commission

January 22, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Desert Room, 400 North St., Harrisburg Consumer Advisory Council Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

PA Turnpike Commission

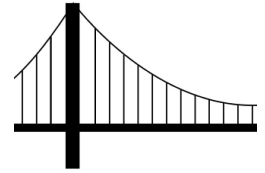
February 5, 2019 - 2:00 p.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 831-7333

PA Public Utility Commission

February 7, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

House Appropriations

February 11, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Room 140, Main Capitol Budget Hearing - Independent Fiscal Office



Senate Appropriations

February 19, 2019 - 1:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building
Budget Hearing - Independent Fiscal Office

Senate Appropriations

February 19, 2019 - 3:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building
Budget Hearing - Public Utility Commission

Senate Appropriations

February 25, 2019 - 3:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building
Budget Hearing - Dept. of Transportation

House Appropriations

February 26, 2019 - 1:00 p.m., Room 140, Main Capitol
Budget Hearing - Department of Transportation

House Appropriations

March 6, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Room 140, Main Capitol
Budget Hearing - Budget Secretary - Office of the Governor/Executive Offices

Senate Appropriations

March 7, 2019 - 3:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building
Budget Hearing - Budget Secretary/Governor's Executive Office (if necessary)

In the News

- 01-17-2019 [**PUC Approves Joint Settlement in Indiana Borough Sewer Rate Case Including...**](#)
(Press Release)

- 01-17-2019 [**PUC Appoints Sharon Behun as Community Representative to Pennsylvania...**](#)
(Press Release)

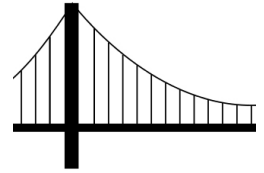
- 01-17-2019 [**PA Turnpike Commission Meeting Agenda for January 18, 2019**](#)
(Press Release)

- 01-17-2019 [**PPG Directors Announce Quarterly Dividend of 48 Cents Per Share**](#)
(Press Release)

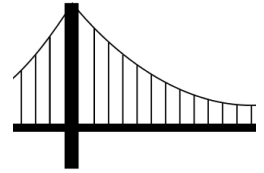
- 01-17-2019 [**PPG Announces Full-Year 2019 Financial Guidance**](#)
(Press Release)

- 01-17-2019 [**PUC Seeks Comment on Settlement Agreement with Vista Energy Marketing LP...**](#)
(Press Release)

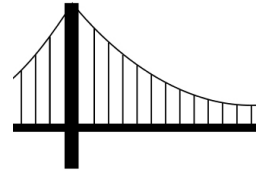
- 01-17-2019 [**PUC Approves Smaller than Requested Rate Increases for York Water; Orders...**](#)
(Press Release)



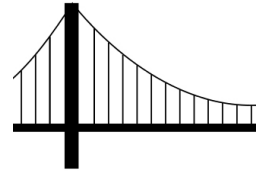
- 01-17-2019 **[Kutztown police looking for volunteers to get drunk for free](#)**
Ever wanted to have a drink on the dime of a police officer? Well, Kutztown Police have an offer that's hard to pass up. The department is asking for three volunteers to drink to the point of inebriation on April 4 to serve as subjects in a field sobriety test... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Demolition work continues at McBride Viaduct](#)**
Crews are preparing to remove spans and bridge deck sections above the CSX and Norfolk Southern railroad tracks. The McBride Viaduct's demolition could be complete within a month. Contractors from Swank Construction Co. have removed more than a third of the 80-year-old eastside bridge since work started Nov. 27, including more... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Large flag prompts changes to air traffic at Johnstown airport](#)**
The aircraft navigation network is being updated to improve safety around a giant flag in Richland Township. Airport Manager Thomas Keyes said the changes have been adjusted after the Federal Aviation Administration reviewed an L.R. Kimball survey of the 130-foot flagpole outside Gander Outdoors.... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Sharon, county prepare for winter storm](#)**
Since winter began, the eight-person road crew in Sharon has been working on shifts — one crew from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the other from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. During the non-snow season, the city's entire eight-person public works department pulls daylight shifts, said city Manager Bob Fiscus. In... - [Sharon Herald](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Line Mountain student working with Rep. Culver to pass driver safety laws](#)**
SUNBURY — A junior from Line Mountain High School who drafted mock legislation about driver safety for a class in November found himself this week thrust into the political scene. Colby Herb, a 17-year-old from Dalmatia, is now working with state Rep. Lynda Schlegel Culver, R-108, to introduce the legislation as law in order... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Circle or Square? Borough seeks public comment on design ideas for downtown](#)**
Almost a year ago, the Hanover Borough Council began the streetscape process to revitalize downtown. Now, the council is looking to hear from the public on what should happen next. The borough contracted Simone and Collins Landscape Architecture firm to look at how the downtown area could be enhanced and offer design ideas for... - [Hanover Evening Sun](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Limerick vote on truck plan angers neighbors](#)**
LIMERICK — Two controversial developments that drew a crowd of more than 70 to the Dec. 18 Limerick Board of Supervisors meeting were back on the agenda Tuesday night for crucial votes. But while opponents of the TP Trailers and Truck Equipment plan to build a... - [Phoenixville News](#)



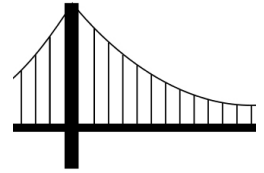
- 01-17-2019 **Norristown council considers streetlight overhaul**
NORRISTOWN — Council was presented with details of a project initiative to upgrade existing street lights and received a quarterly report from the municipal Small Business Assistance Center during Tuesday evening's regularly scheduled workshop session. The goal of the Regional Street Light Procurement Program — a regional... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)
- 01-17-2019 **North Wales recap: Talks to continue on streetlight LED conversion program**
NORTH WALES — Borough staff and council have started talks on whether to upgrade streetlights to energy-efficient LEDs. Council heard a presentation from Keystone Lighting Solutions on Jan. 8 outlining how many streetlights the borough could upgrade, and how it could... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)
- 01-17-2019 **TSA acknowledges financial stress of shutdown is forcing growing number of officers to stay home**
Faced with growing numbers of call-outs by its workers — and images of some of them lining up for food donations — leaders of the Transportation Security Administration acknowledged Wednesday that “many employees are reporting that they are not able to report to work... - [Washington Post](#)
- 01-17-2019 **Balderson will serve on Transportation Committee in House**
WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Troy Balderson has been tapped to serve on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Balderson, R-Zanesville, sought the assignment and said Wednesday that he was honored to be picked. The committee has jurisdiction over all modes of... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 01-17-2019 **Hundreds of Philly TSA agents waiting for shutdown to end, paychecks to start**
PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — President Donald Trump signed a bill that would guarantee backpay for federal employees when the government reopens. But in the meantime, many of the workers are still on the clock and feeling the squeeze. At Philadelphia International Airport, hundreds of TSA officers are working... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 01-17-2019 **Mass held for Philly officer who is still critically injured from motorcycle crash**
NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — Dozens of friends, family and colleagues packed into St. Matthew Church in Northeast Philadelphia Wednesday night for a special Mass of healing for Philadelphia Police Officer Andy Chan. A few weeks ago, Chan was critically injured while on duty when his... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 01-17-2019 **Limo drivers ask 3rd Circuit to revive lawsuit accusing Uber of violating labor laws**
PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — Area UberBLACK limo drivers and the company are now awaiting a ruling from the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia on whether the drivers can get a U.S. district judge's decision reversed. An attorney for the drivers, Ashley Keller, told the three-judge panel that... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)



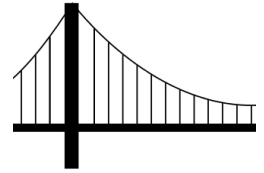
- 01-17-2019 **[Pedestrian deaths rise in Lancaster County; experts say responsibility is split between drivers, walkers](#)**
While traffic fatalities in the United States have decreased in recent years, the number of pedestrian deaths has increased, according to a 2017 report from the Governor's Highway Safety Administration. Between 2007 and 2016, pedestrian fatalities increased 27 percent, and all... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Six Pittsburghers share how they're hoping to change the future of Pittsburgh's public transit in 2019](#)**
One hallmark of a major city is a robust transit system. Think the London tubes or the Washington, D.C., Metro. This summer, the entire country of Luxembourg will become the first in the world to provide free public transit. Pittsburgh would have quite a way to go to measure up to these... - [New Pittsburgh Courier](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Some Events Canceled at Airport Due to Liability](#)**
Community events where alcohol is served—such as wedding receptions and fundraisers for the YMCA and local schools—have ceased to be held at the Bradford County Airport, after the county found out last year that its insurance policy will not cover them. The matter was discussed at the Jan.... - [Wyalusing Rocket-Courier](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Safety is the main goal of work at weigh stations](#)**
If you've cruised Interstate 81 from Greencastle to Chambersburg, you no doubt are aware of the two weigh stations — the Greencastle/Kauffman weigh station along I-81 north at mile marker 7 in Antrim Township and the Greencastle/Kauffman station at mile marker 10.5 southbound in Guilford... - [Greencastle Echo-Pilot](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Kutztown Police Department's request for volunteers to get drunk a smashing success](#)**
So, you're willing to get drunk for the sake of law and order? That's the spirits. Kutztown Borough Police Department sought three volunteers to drink hard liquor to the point of inebriation so officers could be trained how to administer field sobriety tests during traffic stops.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Shell gets approval of Ambridge Water Authority for ethane pipeline](#)**
Shell Pipeline Co. and the Ambridge Water Authority have settled on a series of measures that the pipeline company will take to protect the source of water for almost 30,000 Beaver County customers. At issue is a 97-mile ethane pipeline that Shell will build to bring the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-17-2019 **[Port Authority getting first electric buses, considering fleet for Downtown-Oakland rapid transit](#)**
Port Authority expects to have its first two electric buses by September and to begin testing them in anticipation of use on the proposed Bus Rapid Transit system between Downtown and Oakland. A committee Thursday recommended the authority board approve buying the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



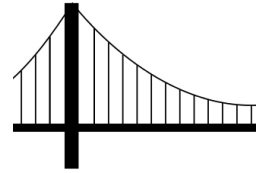
- 01-17-2019 **Mariner East pipelines can keep flowing as PUC rejects shutdown request**
The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission on Thursday upheld a judge's decision not to block operations of the controversial Mariner East pipelines after southeastern Pennsylvania residents contended they were unsafe. Administrative Law Judge Elizabeth Barnes denied an emergency request by... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-17-2019 **With two storms approaching, PennDOT faces plow-truck driver shortage**
A one-two combo punch of snowstorms, followed by a left hook of single-digit temperatures, is coming our way, and PennDOT is bracing for the impact. But they're short about 40 percent of the number of plow-truck drivers they would like to have. "This has been one of the toughest years to attract temporary... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 01-16-2019 **Blake Selected to Chair Senate Finance Committee for 2019-20 Session**
(Press Release)
- 01-16-2019 **Brewster to serve as Democratic Chair of Senate Law and Justice, Game and...**
(Press Release)
- 01-16-2019 **Public Utility Commission Meeting Agenda for January 17, 2019**
(Press Release)
- 01-16-2019 **New feature helps motorists track location of snow plows during winter storms**
(Press Release)
- 01-16-2019 **Governor Wolf Makes Nominations for Second Term Cabinet Appointments**
(Press Release)
- 01-16-2019 **Stateline Daily: A Regional Push to Clean Up Cars, Trucks and Mass Transit**
(Press Release)
- 01-16-2019 **PA Senate Democratic Caucus Releases Committee Assignments**
(Press Release)
- 01-16-2019 **Members of ABC Win Legal Battle Against PennDOT**
(Press Release)



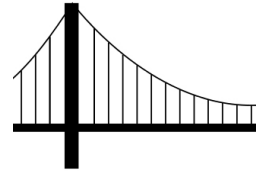
- 01-16-2019 **Don Cunningham column: You can't use Amazon and then complain about truck traffic**
My adult kids have taken to calling me The Dean. It's short for The Dean of Standards. The nickname is applied with love, but it's unclear whether it's meant to be positive. I seem to have earned it by offering unsolicited advice, or "standards," on how things should be done. They are unplanned... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-16-2019 **PennDOT begins work on Route 51/19 project near West End Circle**
Northbound lane restrictions started Tuesday on Route 51/19 in Pittsburgh's Duquesne Heights neighborhood for the installation of utilities at the Shaler Street Bridge, part of a larger project that will disrupt the area through early December. In addition to replacing the bridge, Swank Construction Co.'s \$14.55... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-16-2019 **Editorial: State must solve issue of fire police along interstates**
The Issue: Fire companies near interstate highways are struggling with long hours of traffic control. Our Opinion: Incentives to help these companies attract volunteers is one idea to consider. If state officials are going to study how to ease the burden on area fire... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 01-16-2019 **Canonsburg council addresses parking on the borough's narrow roads during a snowstorm**
Ahead of a possible weekend snowstorm, Canonsburg Borough officials are encouraging residents who live on narrow streets to park their vehicles with one set of wheels on the curb if several inches of snow falls. Getting one set of wheels off the street makes it easier for plow trucks to... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 01-16-2019 **Infrastructure instead of wall**
President Donald Trump keeps saying that he must build a wall on the southern border because he had promised to do so. But now, the wall is just one unkept promise. And the new Democratic House offers an opportunity for him to extricate himself from his partial... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 01-16-2019 **Some defendants dismissed from Masontown lawsuit over parking dispute**
Two defendants were dismissed from a federal lawsuit filed by a Masontown couple who claimed their constitutional rights were violated. Gloria and Clarence Newcomer alleged a dispute with their neighbors over street parking led to Gloria's arrest. The suit named neighbors Michele Berry and Gregory McCoy, Officers Alexis... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 01-16-2019 **Crestwood superintendent to resign following closures**
Crestwood Superintendent Joseph Gorham wished his successor and the district well after he resigns later this week. He has been on paid leave since Oct. 30 after a paperwork oversight kept some bus drivers from being fully certified and led the district to cancel... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)



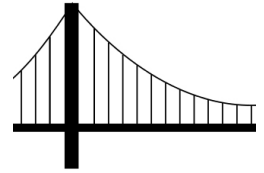
- 01-16-2019 **Wilkes-Barre DPW worker credited with detaining fleeing suspect**
WILKES-BARRE — Martin Dartoe wasn't looking to become a hero Monday night, he was just trying to do the right thing. The off-duty Wilkes-Barre Department of Public Works employee helped detain a suspect who was fleeing from state police following a traffic stop,... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 01-16-2019 **Airport authority chairman: New airline 'can fill the seats'**
The second month of Boutique Air's operation in Johnstown brought the most passengers since July 2016, making it the busiest December since 2012. "Our enplanements have taken a very positive turn," board Chairman James Loncella said during Tuesday's meeting of Johnstown-Cambria... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 01-16-2019 **Sunbury issued 198 snow removal ordinance warnings since Monday**
SUNBURY — The Sunbury Code Office issued 198 warnings to residents since Monday for snow removal from sidewalks. "We have an ordinance that 24 hours after the storm, property owners must remove snow or ice from sidewalks," said code officer Mike Rhoads said. "If... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 01-16-2019 **Hagerstown, Md., airport adds nonstop flights to Myrtle Beach**
Whether you are planning a vacation in Myrtle Beach this summer or start feeling spontaneous as the dog days drag on, the only driving you'll need to do is a quick jaunt across the Mason-Dixon Line. Allegiant Air will offer non-stop flights from Hagerstown (Md.) Regional... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)
- 01-16-2019 **Cuomo: Limousine crash where Boiling Springs man died shows need for tougher enforcement rules**
ALBANY, N.Y. — New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo says he wants to give authorities greater power to seize the license plates of unsafe or unauthorized vehicles following an upstate limousine crash that killed 20 people... - [AP](#)
- 01-16-2019 **Allendale Road project set for spring in Mechanicsburg**
Mechanicsburg's plans for reconstructing a portion of Allendale Road this year are a step closer to moving into action. Mechanicsburg Borough Council last week awarded a contract for the Allendale Road reconstruction project to Hempt Brothers Inc. for \$523,966.70.... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 01-16-2019 **A Regional Push to Clean Up Cars, Trucks and Mass Transit**
As power-plant emissions decline in the Northeast, a group of East Coast states is targeting another source of greenhouse gases: cars, trucks and mass transit. Governors from Virginia to New Jersey jointly committed last month to develop a plan to cap transportation emissions, likely by charging fuel... - [Stateline.org](#)
- 01-16-2019 **Cuomo Swooped in as L-Train Savior, but M.T.A. Rejected Similar Approach Over Safety Concerns**
The key to Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo's surprise decision this month to call off the L-train shutdown is a new repair plan that relies on a less disruptive approach to fixing the tunnel between Manhattan and Brooklyn, allowing work to be done on nights and weekends.... - [New York Times](#)



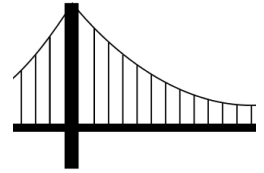
- 01-16-2019 **Truck traffic restricted on Old Forge Road**
ROUZERVILLE — Another roadway in Washington Township has recently been posted to restrict truck traffic. A sign prohibiting trucks with trailers over 45 feet in length popped up along Old Forge Road near the intersection with Buchanan Trail—and township officials were just as surprised as truck drivers when they... - [Waynesboro Record Herald](#)
- 01-16-2019 **For now, the skies remain safe, officials say, but the shutdown is stressing the nation's air safety system**
The Federal Aviation Administration is calling back thousands of furloughed inspectors to address safety concerns, and airport security checkpoints have been shut down and agents redeployed as the impacts of the nation's longest government shutdown intensify.... - [Washington Post](#)
- 01-16-2019 **Wolf's greenhouse gas reduction vow is part of a bigger regional push to cut carbon emissions | Wednesday Morning Coffee**
Good Wednesday Morning, Fellow Seekers. When he proposed slashing Pennsylvania's greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2050 last week, Gov. Tom Wolf wasn't exactly working in the proverbial vacuum. The Democrat's executive order, unveiled during an event in Pittsburgh... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 01-16-2019 **Pittsburgh investigating damage to Lawrenceville cars from salt truck**
A Pittsburgh Public Works Department salt truck sideswiped several vehicles in Lawrenceville early Sunday and the driver failed to report the mishap until Monday, a city official said. Tim McNulty, spokesman for Mayor Bill Peduto, said public works officials... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-16-2019 **PPA makes millions ticketing drivers for blocking street sweepers that rarely show**
Outside of Dr. Louis Brown's dermatology clinic in Northeast Philadelphia, a string of "no parking" signs warn drivers to stay off the block on Tuesday mornings. The parking lanes on this stretch of Rising Sun Avenue are supposed to be kept clear so city street sweepers can... - [WHYY](#)
- 01-16-2019 **Working without pay: Air traffic controllers amidst the government shutdown**
As the longest partial government shutdown drags on, Marty speaks with CHRISTOPHER PERKS, President of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association Philadelphia local, about how the people in his profession are working without pay, and the personal and professional effects this is... - [WHYY](#)
- 01-16-2019 **Timeline: The Delaware River and the Clean Water Act**
Reviving the Delaware River took decades and came about through a combination of social need, public outcry, and political will. Regional efforts like the formation of the Delaware River Basin Commission helped bring the issue of water quality to the forefront, but nothing quite had... - [WHYY](#)



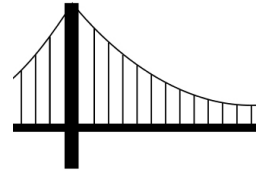
- 01-16-2019 **[Working without pay, air traffic controllers appeal to Philly travelers](#)**
It was bitterly cold and not everyone wanted to hear it. Hurrying past with their rolling suitcases, some barely stopped to say, Sorry, gotta catch a plane. Another told them he hoped the shutdown went on until the border wall got funded. But some were sympathetic. "I'm... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-16-2019 **[Paint the Walt Whitman Bridge rainbow to honor LGBTQ Philadelphians | Opinion](#)**
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- 01-15-2019 **[OneJet CEO questioned on airline's collapse in hunt for assets](#)**
Some two years ago, OneJet CEO Matthew Maguire appeared in Pittsburgh to tout two new destinations for his growing regional business airline. On Monday, Mr. Maguire was back in Pittsburgh — this time under far different circumstances, as he tried to answer queries about the collapse... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-15-2019 **[10 years later, Beaver Co. flight attendant recalls life-altering 'Miracle on Hudson'](#)**
Ten years later, Doreen Welsh still remembers the eerie quiet after the engines on US Airways Flight 1549 stopped running. The plane had just taken off from New York City's LaGuardia Airport on Jan. 15, 2009, when it struck a flock of Canada geese just northeast of the... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-15-2019 **[Gov. Tom Wolf inauguration speech could set the tone for a pragmatic second term](#)**
Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf will begin his second term Tuesday when he takes the oath of office in a chilly ceremony outside the state Capitol. The speech he delivers should at least hint at the goals he hopes to reach over the next four years and the legacy he hopes to leave in history books... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-15-2019 **[Wabtec, GE Transportation merger takes another step forward](#)**
The transaction is expected to close by the end of the first quarter of 2019, Wabtec officials said. The Department of Justice has closed its review of the pending merger of Wabtec Corporation and GE Transportation, officials at both companies announced Monday.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 01-15-2019 **[SPC seeking local input for Smart Moves for Southwestern PA plan](#)**
The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission wants to put together a regional transportation and development plan for the future, and is asking for the public to help. The SPC, which encompasses a 10-county region including Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland counties, is working on the plan "Smart... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
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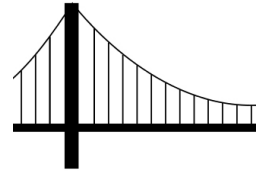
- 01-15-2019 **Jersey Shore moves ahead with alley project**
JERSEY SHORE — Borough council approved Peters Consultants, Inc. for engineering services on the Meadow Alley reconstruction project during its regular monthly meeting Monday night. The Berwick firm's bid of \$16,280 was the lowest among five bids for the project, which will include engineering design and other related work.... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 01-15-2019 **Motorists reminded to be aware of winter driving conditions**
Although it wasn't much in the way of accumulation, motorists got their first dose of winter weather on area roads Sunday morning, and by judging by the forecast, it won't be the last, as more wintry weather is expected in the coming week. PennDOT officials remind motorists to be aware of the weather conditions... - [Huntingdon Daily News](#)
- 01-15-2019 **'Welcome to Sunbury' sign not welcome on state property**
SUNBURY — A 10-year-old "Welcome to Sunbury" sign located on South Front Street is set to be removed after state officials said the sign is located on state property. "Under the Federal Highway Beautification Act, the department is required to regulate signs along approximately 1,200 miles of primary highway in... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 01-15-2019 **North Penn, Lansdale get second round of green grants**
Lansdale Borough and the North Penn School District are another step closer to going green. Both the borough and school district have announced receipt of a second round of state grants to help buy cleaner vehicles. For North Penn, the district plans to implement more than \$600,000 received... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)
- 01-15-2019 **Plows, salt at the ready for winter's weekend onslaught**
Road crews are already revving up for what is expected to be a busy – and expensive – weekend of winter weather in Mercer County. Accuweather Senior Meteorologist John Feerick said two separate storm systems are on the way to the Valley. The first storm is expected to hit... - [Sharon Herald](#)
- 01-15-2019 **Our National Emergency Turns 2**
An Ernest Hemingway character once said that he went bankrupt two ways: "Gradually and then suddenly." That may also be how Donald Trump's administration finally melts down. We are now two years into the Trump presidency. Think back to how unnerving it was, a little more than 100 weeks ago, when Sean Spicer gave his fuming... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-15-2019 **More warehouses, traffic, prompt plan to widen I-81 to 6 lanes**
Smooth sailing on Interstate 81. Imagine that. Well, PennDOT already has. If Interstate 81 becomes three lanes in both directions, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's I-81 Widening Study says the highway will meet the traffic needs projected for 2030 and bring some relief to the... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)



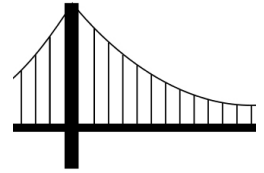
- 01-15-2019 **Renovated Bradford Airport terminal to become 'showcase' for area**
The upcoming renovation of the terminal at the Bradford Regional Airport in Mt. Alton will make the building a "showcase" for the area. This is the opinion of Ryan Dach, the director of Southern Airways Express stations and the station manager at the Southern base at the local airport.... - [Saint Marys Daily Press](#)
- 01-15-2019 **Truck traffic restricted on Old Forge Road**
ROUZERVILLE — Another roadway in Washington Township has recently been posted to restrict truck traffic. A sign prohibiting trucks with trailers over 45 feet in length popped up along Old Forge Road near the intersection with Buchanan Trail—and township officials were just as surprised as truck drivers when they... - [Waynesboro Record Herald](#)
- 01-15-2019 **Gettysburg council slows down parking changes**
Dozens of residents crammed into Gettysburg Borough Hall Monday night to hear various views about reserved parking meters. For many years, borough law permitted businesses to reserve meters at a discounted rate. Until recently, proprietors of lodging facilities were the... - [Gettysburg Times](#)
- 01-15-2019 **Eddystone glass recycling company doubles operation at former Baldwin Locomotive Works building**
AeroAggregates LLC, which in 2017 opened North America's first plant to recycle glass into a lightweight construction material, has added a second production line at its Eddystone factory, doubling capacity. The company announced Tuesday it has completed installation of a second... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-15-2019 **Number of no-show airport security screeners soars in shutdown**
The number of airport security screeners failing to show up for work around the country is soaring as the partial government shutdown goes into its fourth week... - [AP](#)
- 01-15-2019 **City to close Commercial Street next week as work to stabilize sliding hillside continues**
The geologic problems that have hampered Forward Avenue/Commercial Street will not go away anytime soon. On Tuesday, Pittsburgh's Department of Mobility and Infrastructure said it will be closing a portion of the road — a key connector between Squirrel Hill and Swisshelm Park — to vehicular traffic "during... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-15-2019 **Gannett Fleming completes third acquisition in last 6 months**
East Pennsboro Township-based engineering giant, Gannett Fleming has acquired three companies from three different parts of the country in the last six months. The most recent deal for the global company is the acquisition of Chicago-based transportation firm Bowman, Barrett &... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)



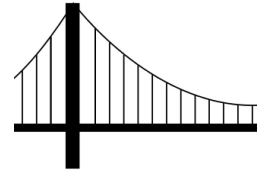
- 01-15-2019 **Joy Riders program will provide bike rides to people with limited mobility**
As soon as Karen Primm saw the video — about an Australian man who designed a tandem bicycle with a wheelchair in the front, so that his disabled wife could go out on rides with him — she knew she needed to bring something similar to Pittsburgh. Luckily for her, that exact piece of equipment — the Duet Bike — is... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-14-2019 **PennDOT Secretary Richards Named Vice Chair of National Transportation...**
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- 01-14-2019 **PennDOT Driver License, Photo Centers Closed For Martin Luther King Jr. Day...**
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- 01-14-2019 **Weekly Update: Protecting the Environment, Building Up PA's Economy...**
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- 01-14-2019 **Donjon Shipbuilding prepares for another busy winter maintenance, repair season.**
At least eight vessels are scheduled for repairs or maintenance at the east bayfront shipbuilding facility. On a recent blustery morning, heavy lake-effect snow squalls kicked up and blew across Donjon Shipbuilding & Repair's 1,250-foot long, 130-foot-wide dry dock.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 01-14-2019 **MONDAY UPDATE: Local railroad sets new freight record**
The local freight railroad authority demolished its year-old record for hauling carloads with a performance that topped even national trends. The Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority, through its system operator, the Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad, carried 9,453 carloads in 2018,... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 01-14-2019 **Landmark riverboat has deep Mon Valley roots**
Rices Landing native Walter Maund Jr.'s love of working on the river began when he was a teenager and took a job as a deckhand on a historic steamer named the W.P. Snyder Jr. Maund was taken ashore in a skiff in 1947 after working long hours on the Snyder, which went on to become a national landmark and celebrated its... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 01-14-2019 **PennDOT workers among the first to receive human trafficking training**
HARRISBURG – The state Department of Transportation is training workers to identify potential victims of human trafficking to help rescue them as criminals move them along the state's highways and other transportation systems, PennDOT Secretary Leslie Richards said last week.... - [Sharon Herald](#)



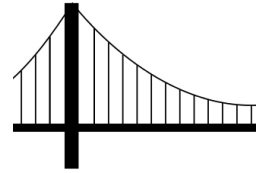
- 01-14-2019 **Route 252, Springton Reservoir dam slated for \$13M improvement project**
UPPER PROVIDENCE — Route 252 over the Springton Reservoir is slated for a major \$13 million renovation, as well as improvements and an expansion of the dam. The announcement from township Vice Chairman Kathy Heupler at council's January legislative meeting, with word that preliminary work on the major... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 01-14-2019 **\$2 million parking garage expansion in Kennett Square may be completed by year's end**
KENNETT SQUARE—A \$2 million expansion to Kennett Square's public parking garage could be ready by the end of the year. Joe Scalise, borough manager, said he met with design consultants this week, and a bid package will go out before the end of this month. The expansion of the parking garage, located at East Linden and North Union... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 01-14-2019 **PennDOT provides monthly project update**
POTTERS MILLS — With a new year underway, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation issued a mid-January update Friday, for its U.S. 322/Potters Mills Gap project in southeast Centre County. Traffic stops are expected to continue. Up-to-date information can be found on the PMG Project page at... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
- 01-14-2019 **Portion of East Third Gateway expected to begin in early March**
More than \$6 million in construction on areas east of Market Street is scheduled to begin in early March, city officials said. The timeline of construction, covering two years, with each year ending at the start of the Little League World Series in August, was relayed to four... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 01-14-2019 **Government Shutdown Across America**
From the start, it has seemed like the federal government shutdown with no end in sight. More than three weeks later, with Washington still gridlocked over President Trump's demand for a wall along the southwestern border, that is still true. But the sharpest effects of the longest shutdown in the nation's... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-14-2019 **New law could have significant impact on IndiGO**
A new state law seems likely to cause dramatic changes, perhaps by summer, in how the state's Medical Assistance Transportation Program will operate. Locally, that now involves the Indiana County Department of Human Services and the Indiana County Transit Authority, or... - [Indiana Gazette](#)
- 01-14-2019 **Carnegie Mellon inks deal to help create 'smartest airport on the planet'**
Carnegie Mellon University is partnering on a bid to make Pittsburgh International Airport "the smartest airport on the planet." The ultimate goal is to use sensors, apps and other smart technology to help travelers navigate their way with unprecedented ease — from... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-14-2019 **As oil prices rise, lowest gas prices may be in rearview mirror**
With oil prices back over \$50 per barrel, gas prices may soon bottom out and start to move higher, said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "While it doesn't seem that prices will rise very far, it looks more and more like the lowest price of the year may now be behind us," ... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



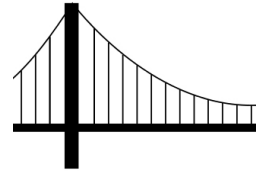
- 01-14-2019 **[Atlanta airport: More than 1 hour of waiting at checkpoints](#)**
Air travelers endured waits of more than an hour to get through domestic checkpoints at the world's busiest airport in Atlanta on Monday, the first business day after security screeners missed paychecks for the first time due to partial government shutdown... - [AP](#)
- 01-14-2019 **[Car reportedly hits three children waiting for school bus in Butler County, killing one](#)**
A car struck three children — one of them fatally — while they waited for a school bus early Monday in Butler County, according to Pittsburgh Post-Gazette news partner KDKA-TV. The crash happened just before 9 a.m. in Summit at Geibel Road and Pine Drive, KDKA-TV reported. Witnesses said the car came around a bend and hit... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-14-2019 **[For region's long-range plan, residents want technology for growth, fixes for water runoff issues](#)**
Four years ago, self-driving Ubers were still a dream and problems with flooding and water runoff seemed to happen to someone else. But as the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission develops its federally required update to its long-range transportation and economic development... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-14-2019 **[Police: SUV strikes 3 children at bus stop, killing boy, 11](#)**
Authorities say a sport utility vehicle struck three children waiting for a school bus in western Pennsylvania, killing an 11-year-old boy... - [AP](#)
- 01-14-2019 **[The 5 things we'd like to see Gov. Tom Wolf get done in his second term | Editorial](#)**
When he takes the oath of office on Tuesday morning, Gov. Tom Wolf will be officially embarking on his second, four-year term as Pennsylvania's chief executive. But that doesn't mean he has the luxury of time. As a practical matter, the York County Democrat will have, at most, 18 to... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 01-14-2019 **[Boy killed, 2 siblings injured when car hits kids waiting for bus in Butler County](#)**
One child has died and two others were flown to area hospitals after being hit by a car Monday morning while waiting for the school bus in Summit Township. The driver stopped the car at a stop sign but didn't see the three siblings, ages 11, 9 and 5, standing or sitting in the road, because of the... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-13-2019 **[Civil rights leaders seek investigation into Greyhound bus incident](#)**
A group of religious, political and civil rights leaders are pressing Greyhound for a full accounting of an incident in which a driver accosted a Homewood man on a recent bus trip. At a news conference Saturday morning, Tim Stevens, chairman and CEO of the Black Political Empowerment Project, said he is asking Greyhound Lines Inc.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



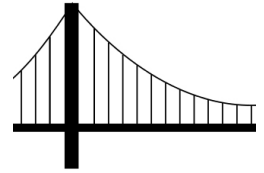
- 01-13-2019 **[The week's best reads: 12 women to meet, how government shutdown hits these Pa. workers, and more](#)**
Some weeks are busier than others. We understand that sometimes there isn't any time to take a minute to catch your breath, let alone catch up on what's going on in your community — the local or national one. So we're here to help. Every Saturday morning, we're going to round... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-13-2019 **[Will riders like plastic bus seats? Port Authority will find out](#)**
On the surface, it seems unnecessary for the Port Authority to test plastic seats on two new buses. Who wants to sit on a hard, uncomfortable surface as they're trying to wake up in the morning or wind down from a long day at work? But in reality, the plastic seats on buses that will be used out of the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-13-2019 **[Fiat Chrysler settles with Pennsylvania over emissions cheating](#)**
Fiat Chrysler and German auto parts supplier Robert Bosch will pay \$8.4 million to Pennsylvania and some \$171 million to 52 jurisdictions nationwide for selling or leasing vehicles that allegedly cheated on emissions tests, Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro announced... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-13-2019 **[Subsidized housing complexes in Squirrel Hill, elsewhere, feel the pinch of shutdown](#)**
On Friday morning, residents at Squirrel Hill's Riverview Towers shopped in the small convenience store on-site, chatted in the lobby, went to yoga class, or got their hair styled in the Silver Fox Salon. But the partial federal government shutdown is hurting the finances of... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-13-2019 **[Brian O'Neill: One man's answer to why the Chevy Volt died](#)**
I was only 200 miles into a long-planned, three-day drive to Tampa when my 18-year-old Subaru station wagon fell so much in love with the mountains of West Virginia that it decided it was a good place to die. And did. The cost of replacing the engine was more than that car was worth. So I... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-13-2019 **[Videographer finds inspiration, stories on Pittsburgh's buses](#)**
A video artist is capturing a slice of Pittsburgh's culture by talking to people he meets on public buses. Dean Bog shot his latest installment of "Port Authority Stories" in a moody black-and-white style that showcases the texture and form of his subjects.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-13-2019 **[Pipeline company buys properties near explosion site in Center Twp.](#)**
The Texas-based company that owns and operates the Revolution Pipeline that exploded in September has purchased two properties close to where the blast occurred. According to two records filed with the Beaver County Recorder of Deeds office, Energy Transfer Partners on Thursday completed the purchase of two... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 01-13-2019 **[Random Notes: FBI might deal wild card into campaign hands](#)**
Boy, it's tempting. Here at Random Notes, we love starting early speculation about future elections while the one right ahead of us remains unresolved, but we will refrain today from talking about who might serve as Scranton's next mayor. Yes, everyone was talking about Mayor Bill Courtright's future Friday... - [Scranton Times](#)



- 01-13-2019 **Roll Call: How local legislators voted on key issues last week**
Here's how area members of Congress voted during the legislative week ending Jan. 11. HOUSE \$23.2 Billion for Farms, Food, Drug Safety: The House on Jan. 10 voted, 243-183, to appropriate \$23.2 billion in fiscal 2019 for the Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration and other agencies. The House... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 01-13-2019 **Federal shutdown hits home in Erie**
Hundreds of thousands of federal workers nationwide, including in Erie, started to miss their first 2019 paychecks on Friday, the same day the partial shutdown tied the record for the longest in nation's history. As the partial government shutdown reached its third week, federal workers... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 01-13-2019 **Erie County's top place to visit? Presque Isle's beaches**
That's according to uncoveringPA.com blog, which ranked its top spots in all of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. A Pennsylvania travel blog chose the beaches of Presque Isle State Park as the top place to visit in Erie County. Jim Cheney, who owns and writes UncoveringPA.com, spent more than 300 days... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 01-13-2019 **Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway project clears major hurdle**
A major hurdle has been cleared so the final section of a major central Pennsylvania highway project can proceed. A decision by the Federal Highway Administration announced Friday allows the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to begin final design on a... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 01-13-2019 **Cumberland County official to fill vacancy on the Capital Area Transit Board of Directors**
A recent vacancy in the Capital Area Transit Board of Directors was filled this week, as Cumberland County Commissioners appointed Al Bienstock to the seat, according to a press release. Bienstock, the president of the Hampden Township Board of Commissioners, is... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 01-13-2019 **We can all make SERS stronger for Pennsylvania | Joe Torsella**
When a mechanic for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation goes to work, they don't often think about the investment management fees of the Pennsylvania State Employees' Retirement System (SERS). They shouldn't have to. It's their job to keep the vehicles operating that build our roads and... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 01-13-2019 **With hospital boom underway, there's no time to waste on Wertzville Road fixes | Editorial**
With Cumberland County's hospital boom well underway it's no longer a question of whether planners at the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation have to reset and reboot traffic patterns along Wertzville Road, but rather when and how quickly they'll get that work... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 01-13-2019 **Money for major Ohio road projects is gone; gas-tax hike proposed**
Ohio legislators and the incoming DeWine administration will start off the new year staring down a huge transportation-budget problem: The state has run out of money for major new road-construction projects. State revenue for road and bridge construction is trending in the wrong... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)



- 01-13-2019 **[It's not illegal to video chat while driving in N.J. Really, it is. | Editorial](#)**
Tooling down the New Jersey Turnpike at rush hour while binge-watching "Game of Thrones" sounds like an invitation to mass destruction. And yet no law on New Jersey's books says you can't do just that. Nor are there any prohibitions against FaceTiming with your toddler... - *Trenton Times*
- 01-13-2019 **[T.S.A. Agents Refuse to Work During Shutdown, Raising Fears of Airport Turmoil](#)**
The partial shutdown of the federal government is starting to affect air travel as a growing number of security agents are refusing to work for no pay. So far, the impact on passengers has been relatively limited. But airport workers and travelers are concerned that conditions will worsen if the... - *New York Times*
- 01-13-2019 **[Pedestrians and e-scooters are clashing in the struggle for sidewalk space](#)**
By the time John Meuleman noticed the Bird scooter on the ground outside the entrance of San Diego's SDCCU Stadium, he would later tell relatives, it was too late. The 75-year-old was already writhing on the pavement after tripping over the device, his right knee throbbing in pain,... - *Washington Post*
- 01-13-2019 **[TSA workers can expect a paycheck this week as their boss gives them a bonus](#)**
Transportation Security Administration workers who manned checkpoints on Dec. 22 will be paid, despite the federal shutdown that began the previous day, and they also will receive a \$500 bonus for working during the busy Christmas season. The payment for work that Saturday and the bonus money are an effort by TSA... - *Washington Post*
- 01-11-2019 **[PA Turnpike Seeks Private-Sector Input for Tunnel Rehabilitation](#)**
(Press Release)
- 01-11-2019 **[PHIA: PennDOT Ends 2018 with \\$2.5 billion in Contract Lettings](#)**
(Press Release)
- 01-11-2019 **[PennEnvironment: Gov. Wolf takes important step to help reduce carbon...](#)**
(Press Release)
- 01-11-2019 **[Mining could cause section of I-70 'to settle about 2 to 5 feet in some areas'](#)**
Thanks to a process called longwall mining, PennDOT officials expect that at some point in 2019, parts of Interstate 70 could sink up to five feet between the West Virginia line and the Claysville interchange in Washington County. "When longwall mining occurs, the interstate can be expected to settle... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*



01-11-2019 **[New hospital in Cumberland County advances, although Wertzville Road traffic worries linger](#)**

Penn State Health's proposed 108-bed hospital along Wertzville Road satisfied Hampden Township planners on Thursday night. Hospital officials, who still need final approval from township commissioners, said they hope to begin construction in March. As during previous discussions of the project, traffic and road safety were... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)

01-11-2019 **[Eminent domain could be used for Carlisle traffic project that includes roundabout](#)**

There is a possibility that Carlisle Borough officials will use eminent domain to take control of portions of two properties along North Hanover Street. It was a decision the local borough council made Thursday night, but Mayor Timothy A. Scott stressed that the option would be used only as a last... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)

01-11-2019 **[Commissioners approve \\$4.7 million in subsidies](#)**

BEAVER — The county commissioners approved dispersing nearly \$4.7 million in subsidies to nine local groups Thursday despite the dissent of the board's former chairwoman. The annual subsidies awarded county funding to organizations such as the Community College of Beaver County, the transit authority and the humane... - [Beaver County Times](#)

01-11-2019 **[Reading Mayor Wally Scott's hydrant idea draws fire](#)**

Reading's mayor proposed an idea to increase parking in the city and it caught the attention of the firefighting community. At City Council's strategic planning meeting Monday evening, Scott suggested a way to add parking in the city. He suggested the city could... - [Reading Eagle](#)

01-11-2019 **[Renovations closing driver license center](#)**

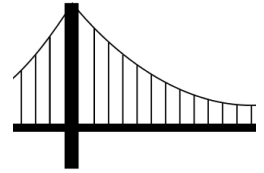
The Altoona Driver License Center at 1738A Ninth Ave. will be closed for renovations beginning at 4:15 p.m. Saturday and will reopen for both photo services and driver's licensing services on Feb. 7, according to PennDOT. There will be extended hours at the Huntingdon Driver License Center while... - [Altoona Mirror](#)

01-11-2019 **[Residents request zoning change](#)**

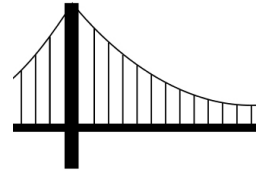
HOLLIDAYSBURG — Borough Council members were sympathetic to Blair Street residents who want help out of a residential zone eroded by state highway projects, but they were not willing to throw out the cost. Six householders on the 600 block of Blair Street are resigning themselves... - [Altoona Mirror](#)

01-11-2019 **[Gas company must remain transparent](#)**

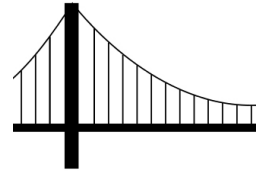
Washington County, located in the southwest corner of Pennsylvania, is not a quick ride from Blair County. However, what is happening there should evoke notice and contemplation from people here and throughout the rest of the commonwealth. For the benefit of readers who might have missed the article in... - [Altoona Mirror](#)



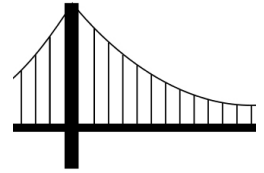
- 01-11-2019 **[Yes, \\$1.7 million worth of fentanyl was seized at the Port of Philadelphia](#)**
During his prime-time pitch for a border wall on Tuesday, President Trump said the U.S. border with Mexico is a “pipeline for vast quantities of illegal drugs including meth, heroin, cocaine and fentanyl.” Now, social media is lighting up over a report from last summer about a... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
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The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation announced that the deadline for students to submit ideas for the department’s Innovations Challenge is extended to Jan. 25. Students in grades nine to 12 are invited to explore innovative technologies and methods — aside from laws and educational campaigns... - [Lehighon Times News](#)
- 01-11-2019 **[Don’t throw stuff at workers, warns Lansford mayor](#)**
Without giving any specifics, Lansford Mayor James Romankow issued a warning that people should not throw anything at borough workers, especially snowplow drivers. The mayor said during a meeting of the borough council on Wednesday that he understands people clear parking spaces and driveways, and then have them... - [Lehighon Times News](#)
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BUCKS COUNTY >> The WalkWorks program, a collaboration between the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) and the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, has selected 11 communities, including four in Bucks County, to receive grants that will assist with the... - [Bucks Local News](#)
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MEDIA COURTHOUSE — Delaware County Common Pleas Court Judge Barry Dozor granted Widener University an immediate temporary stay Wednesday, barring the city of Chester from installing parking meters in or around campus. The order stems from a complaint and petition filed by the university to... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 01-11-2019 **[Lane restrictions planned for Ridge Pike in Limerick](#)**
LIMERICK — Limerick Township is planning lane restrictions with flagging on Ridge Pike in both directions. The restrictions will be between Lewis Road and Swamp Pike in Limerick Township, on Monday, Jan. 14, through Friday, Jan. 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 3: 00 p.m., for drainage improvement, PennDOT announced.... - [Phoenixville News](#)
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From Valley Forge to Breezewood to New Stanton, truckers, commuters and joy-riders are paying six percent more out of their pocket to drive on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The increase, effective January 6, isn’t just bothering motorists, it’s also caught the ire of the state’s chief executive, Gov. Tom... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)



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LONDON — Ford said Thursday that it would cut thousands of jobs across Europe as it struggles to reduce costs while tougher emissions rules and declining demand are hurting profits. The company, which has 68,000 workers in Europe, including through joint ventures, did not specify how many jobs it would shed, but a spokesman said... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-11-2019 **Vintage Cars With Electric-Heart Transplants**
They're classic cars fit for a concours d'elegance, a royal wedding or simply a quiet drive down a country lane. They exude vintage elegance, but lifting the hood reveals they're fueled by electricity, not gasoline. When Prince Harry and Meghan Markle quietly sped off in a 1968 E-type... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-11-2019 **Everything You Thought You Knew About Driving on Snow Was Wrong**
Ogden Nash described winter as "the season to be young, catching snowflakes on your tongue." Sure, snow days are fun for children, but for drivers, wintry weather is a hazard. The problem is that driver education classes typically gloss over what makes winter driving different and how to avoid and handle skids, said Tim... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-11-2019 **F.A.A. Unions Highlight Potential Risks to Air Safety From Shutdown**
WASHINGTON — The leaders of unions representing air traffic controllers and aviation safety inspectors warned Thursday that the partial government shutdown was hurting the safety of the nation's air travel system, another effort by the labor movement to press Washington to put federal... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-11-2019 **Fiat Chrysler's Diesel Era Ends in a Costly Settlement**
Fiat Chrysler's boldest and most recent bid to bring diesel technology to American consumers didn't last long, and in the end it wound up costing the automaker plenty. On Thursday the company agreed to pay hundreds of millions of dollars to settle lawsuits accusing it of rigging certain diesel-powered pickup... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-11-2019 **Mike DeWine nominates 13 cabinet directors; only health remains vacant**
Ohio's next governor has put together a diverse Team DeWine which he expects to begin making a difference once he takes office Monday. Mike DeWine rounded out his roster of cabinet directors on Thursday, making 13 appointments to leave only the Department of Health without a new... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 01-11-2019 **Stivers breaks with House GOP on spending bill**
WASHINGTON — Rep. Steve Stivers broke with most House Republicans on Thursday to vote in favor of a transportation and housing spending bill, saying he wanted to "send a message" that the three-week partial shutdown of the federal government should come to an end.... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)



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Fiat Chrysler Automobiles agreed Thursday to a settlement with U.S. regulators and other plaintiffs that could cost the automaker roughly \$800 million to resolve allegations that it cheated on emissions tests. The case dates to the final days of the Obama administration in early 2017,... - [Washington Post](#)
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The Air Force has agreed to accept its first KC-46A Pegasus tankers from Boeing on Thursday, marking a significant milestone in a long-troubled program that is years behind schedule and has weighed on the company's bottom line. Defense officials said the tanker was ready to begin operational testing... - [Washington Post](#)
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Members of the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) arrested 406 people for driving under the influence during the four-day New Year's holiday enforcement period from Dec. 29, 2018 through Jan. 1, 2019. The total is an increase from the 284 DUI arrests made over the holiday weekend last year,... - [Waynesburg Greene County Messenger](#)
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PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — With no end in sight for the partial federal government shut down, TSA employees missed their first paycheck on Friday. There are reports of a good number of TSA employees calling out sick around the country, leading to long lines at security checkpoints at some... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 01-11-2019 **[Winter weather: Road crews prep ahead of potential nuisance snow](#)**
With the potential for some light snow for the Lehigh Valley this weekend, local road crews were hard at work overnight pre-treating the roads in some areas. The likely reason? We're not expecting much in the way of precipitation, but it could be quick to freeze when it falls.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)



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