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Latest News

IFO Economic Update Focuses on Fuel Prices, Gas Tax Remains Frozen

The monthly economic update from the state Independent Fiscal Office focuses on Pennsylvania fuel prices reaching the highest level on record. Data for the first two weeks of June show the average weekly price of regular gasoline for the Central Atlantic region (*Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, and Delaware*) was \$4.93 per gallon, a 60% increase from \$3.08 in June 2021 and surpassing the previous record of \$4.08 for regular gasoline in July 2008. [Click here](#) for more.

Commonwealth Preserves Farmland

The state Department of Agriculture has announced the preservation of 2,264 acres on 32 farms in 18 counties through the state's Farmland Preservation Program, which protects farms from future residential, commercial, or industrial development. The newly preserved farms are in Berks, Bucks, Centre, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Mifflin, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Perry, Schuylkill, Washington, and York counties. To learn more about the preserved farms, [click here](#).

Today in History....

On June 17, 1885, the dismantled Statue of Liberty, a gift of friendship from the people of France to the people of America, arrived in New York Harbor after being shipped across the Atlantic Ocean in 350 individual pieces packed in more than 200 cases. The copper and iron statue, which was reassembled and dedicated the following year in a ceremony presided over by U.S. President Grover Cleveland, became known around the world as an enduring symbol of freedom and democracy.

Learn

PSATS educational events will be listed as follows: Mondays – All webinars; Tuesdays – Administrative; Wednesdays – Planning/Zoning; Thursdays – Public Works; Fridays – Public Safety.



Emergency Management Fall Exercise Forum

This class provides an interactive opportunity to engage in tabletop exercises taught by knowledgeable professionals that reflect real-world experiences and situations.

[9/15/22 – West \(Westmoreland Co.\)](#)

[9/29/22 – PSATS \(Cumberland Co.\)](#)

[10/13/22 – East \(Montgomery Co.\)](#)

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