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## Latest News

### **State Treasurer Says All ARP Funds Disbursed**

State Treasurer Stacy Garrity announced that the final payments under the American Rescue Plan, totaling more than \$490 million, have been disbursed to more than 2,400 municipalities. Click here for [an interactive map of the payments](#).

### **Inflation Continues to Rise as Gasoline Prices Drop Below \$4/gallon**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics released the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers today, which rose 0.1% in August. Over the last 12 months, the “all items” index increased 8.3%. The U.S. Consumer Price Index report for August showed:

The food index increased 11.4% over the last year, the largest 12-month increase since May 1979. The index for electricity increased by 15.8%, the biggest 12-month increase since 1981. The index for natural gas increased 33% in the latest 12 months.

Price increases for shelter, food, and medical care were the largest of many contributors to the total increase. The overall data would have been worse without a big drop in gasoline prices during the month of August. The gasoline index fell 10.6% in August following a 7.7% drop in July, but it was still 25.6% higher than a year earlier.

The announcement triggered the stock market to lose nearly 1,300 points, the largest single-day drop since the pandemic began. The continuing inflation increases the chance that the U.S. Federal Reserve will sharply increase interest

rates at its meeting next week. Click here to [read more from the Bureau of Labor Statistics](#).

**Reminder: DCNR Funding Opportunity – ATV and Snowmobile Program**

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is accepting applications for the fall grant round of the [All-Terrain Vehicle \(ATV\) and Snowmobile Program](#). Grant funding is available for projects proposing land acquisition, planning, development, rehabilitation, maintenance, equipment purchase, or educational programs for ATV or snowmobile trails and facilities.

Townships can apply for this funding until **September 30** through [DCNR's online grant application portal](#).

**DCNR Announced Wildfire Assistance Grants**

The Wolf Administration announced that \$762,414 in grants have been awarded to volunteer fire companies in rural areas that have less than 10,000 people. The funding may be used for training and equipment purchases directly related to fighting brush and forest fires. Click here to [see if your fire department received a grant](#).

**Today in History...**

On September 14, 1982, Princess Grace of Monaco — the Pennsylvania-born former film star Grace Kelly, whose movie credits include *The Country Girl* and *Rear Window* — died at the age of 52 from injuries suffered after her car plunged off a mountain road near Monte Carlo. During the height of her Hollywood career in the 1950s, Kelly became an international icon of beauty and glamour.

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## Legislative & Policy



The House will be in session today, September 14. Watch the session live [here](#).

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## Learn

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



### **2022 PAAZO Fall Seminar**

In the PAAZO Fall Seminar, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics pertinent to your duties as a municipal Zoning official.

[10/13/22 - Montgomery County](#)

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