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Latest News

Agriculture Unveils Pennsylvania Preferred Website

The state Department of Agriculture has unveiled a new PA Preferred brand website to support the increased demand for a direct connection between farmers and consumers. The new website, papreferred.com, offers Pennsylvanians the opportunity to search for PA Preferred members and their products based on location and provides a way for PA Preferred members to connect with customers and other PA Preferred businesses. An events calendar will be added soon.

“Major global events, including the pandemic and conflict in Ukraine, have made Pennsylvanians intimately more aware of where their food comes from,” said Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding. “Buying products with the blue and yellow PA Preferred checkmark means one simple thing – you’re supporting Pennsylvania farmers and producers and keeping your dollars right here at home. You can be confident that what you’re buying is grown, harvested, or produced in Pennsylvania.”

Reminder: PHFA Mixed-Use Development Projects RFP Due November 4

The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency issued a Request for Proposals for new construction or rehabilitation of mixed-use projects seeking financial support. Townships are eligible to apply for funding provided through the [Community Revitalization Fund Program](#). The deadline is **November 4**.

Mixed-use projects combine residential and retail/commercial space in the same building. These projects can serve as a catalyst for neighborhood revitalization. Examples of projects eligible for funding include:

- The rehabilitation of older or under-utilized buildings for immediate re-use to support community development goals;
- Preparing commercial build-out and business lease space;
- The design of, and structural and legal conversion of, existing buildings;
- The provision of additional units of housing by combining uses in a single, newly constructed or renovated building.

Additional information about the Community Revitalization Fund RFP is posted on the [PHFA website](#). Interested organizations can learn more by contacting Shelby Rexrode at PHFA at (717) 780-1854 or via email at srexrode@phfa.org.

Today in History....

On October 21, 1879, in his Menlo Park, NJ laboratory, Thomas Edison demonstrated the first lasting electric lightbulb. After 1,200 unsuccessful experiments that did not hold up or were short-lived, Edison made a bulb that burned 40 hours. By the end of the year, Edison would demonstrate the durable bulb to the public.

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 - Virtual Class - 12/8/22](#)

This full-day, virtual class is designed for everyone responsible for your municipality's emergency management program, including elected officials, municipal managers, road crew/public works personnel, and, most importantly, local emergency management coordinators (EMCs).



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