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Latest News

The Morning News will return on Tuesday, January 17.

Reminder: Tax Information Form Due 1/15

Township officials are reminded that the state Department of Community and Economic Development's Tax Information Form (DCED-CLGS-2565) is due January 15, 2023. [Click here](#) to access online filing.

Wolf Administration Announces Grant Awards

As the Wolf Administration draws to a close, grant and loan awards were announced for water infrastructure, Growing Greener Plus, and recreation and conservation.

Growing Greener Plus: The state Department of Environmental Protection announced more than \$19 million in grants were awarded throughout the commonwealth to protect waterways and watersheds, reclaim abandoned mine sites, and plug abandoned oil and gas wells. Warwick Township, Lancaster County; Manchester Township, York County; and West Sadsbury Township, Chester County, received awards. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Recreation and Conservation Grants: The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources announced \$19.4 million in awards to 68 communities to help underserved and small communities with recreation and conservation efforts. These grants were funded from multiple sources, with the largest being the American Rescue Plan Act, which allowed DCNR to reduce match requirements. Townships receiving awards include Hanover Township, Beaver County; Mann Township, Bedford County; Penn Township, Cumberland County; Antrim Township, Franklin County; Spring Brook Township, Lackawanna County; Wright Township, Luzerne

County; Upper Hanover Township, Montgomery County; East Buffalo Township, Union County; North Franklin Township, Washington County; and Ligonier Township, Westmoreland County. Several other townships will see land preserved or protected in their communities from these grants. [Click here](#) for a detailed list of the awards.

Water Infrastructure: \$236 million in grant and loans awards were announced for 25 drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater projects through the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority. Several townships will benefit from these projects. [Click here](#) for details.

Legislation & Policy



Shapiro Appoints Cabinet Secretaries

Yesterday, Gov.-elect Josh Shapiro nominated four individuals for cabinet positions. Shapiro nominated Sarah Hammer, Managing Director of the Stevens Center for Innovation in Finance and Senior Fellow of the Harris Alternative Investments Program at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, as

Secretary of Banking and Securities; Rick Siger, who worked for the Obama administration and is Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to the President at Carnegie Mellon University, as Secretary of Community and Economic Development; Michael Carroll, former state representative and Democratic chair of the House Transportation Committee, as Secretary of Transportation; and Pat Browne, former state senator and Republican Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, as Secretary of Revenue. These positions are subject to Senate confirmation.

In addition, Shapiro announced that he intends to nominate Michelle Henry to be Attorney General for the balance of his term. As First Deputy, she automatically becomes Attorney General until a nomination for permanent replacement is confirmed. Henry is First Deputy Attorney General, responsible for overseeing all legal, criminal, and civil matters.

House Speaker Appoints Workgroup to Find Bipartisan Agreement, End House Gridlock

Yesterday, House Speaker Mark Rozzi [announced the formation](#) of the Speaker's Workgroup to Move Pennsylvania Forward, tasked with finding a bipartisan agreement to end gridlock in the House. The following legislators were selected: Rep. Paul Schemel, Rep. Morgan Cephos, Rep. Jason Ortity, Rep. Peter Schweyer, Rep. Valorie Gaydos, and Rep. Tim Briggs. The Workgroup will organize on Tuesday, January 17.

Learn

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

In The Line Of Fire: Best Practices In Police Department Management

A primary goal of the training is to arm the attendees with practical guidance on how to conduct a meaningful assessment of their departments to ensure compliance with federal and state law.

[1/24/23 - Chester County](#)

[2/16/23 - Lehigh County](#)

[4/23/23 - Dauphin County](#)



[2023 Township Emergency Management Spring Seminar - 4/23/23 - Dauphin County](#)

Join your EMC colleagues from around the state at this highly-interactive session, and hear informative presentations from local and state emergency management personnel and hear the latest news and information from PEMA and TEMA.



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