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[Trump: We cannot aid Puerto Rico 'forever'](#)

A daily compendium of environmental and political information

Thursday, October 12, 2017

A 124-year-old storm record is matched



With Tropical Storm Ophelia's transition to Hurricane Ophelia, 2017 became the first year since 1893 in which 10 Atlantic storms in a row reached hurricane strength [New York](#)

PA Environment

Westinghouse wants to reject its former CEO's employment contract Westinghouse Electric Co. is asking the bankruptcy court for permission to sever ties with its former CEO Danny Roderick by rejecting his employment contract [Power-Source](#)

Tenaska to pay for more upgrades to Westmoreland water system A \$2.85 million upgrade to a Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County water treatment plant was approved Wednesday to allow the facility to increase production for a power plant under construction in South Huntingdon [Trib-Review](#)

Middletown borough backs nuclear industry by passing resolution Middletown Borough Council by unanimous 5-0 vote Oct. 3 passed a resolution urging state lawmakers to act to save the five nuclear energy plants in Pennsylvania Island [Press and Journal](#)

Altoona Council approves state nuclear plant resolution City Council on Wednesday approved a resolution calling on the state to "support policies to preserve Pennsylvania's nuclear energy plants." [Altoona Mirror](#)

Pittsburgh's climate is changing and some are fighting back In the next 50 to 100 years, communities will not just have to react to random weather events, but brace for frequent and intense storms that are a direct result of environmental change. As temps rise in an area that already suffers from poor air quality, fighting climate change is an immediate public health issue [Post-Gazette](#)

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NJ Politics

- **Guadagno criticized for attack ad on Murphy** Lieutenant Governor, Kim Guadagno, the Republican nominee for governor, released a television ad on Wednesday that uses incendiary claims to attack Democratic nominee Phil Murphy for his plan to make New Jersey a sanctuary state — "if need be" — for undocumented immigrants [Observer](#) [NJ Advance Media](#)
>**Biden: Murphy's Goldman Sachs experience a strength** Phil Murphy's 23-year tenure at Goldman Sachs, where he rose to the top ranks, is largely perceived as a liability on the campaign trail. But Biden tried to turn it into a strength during a rally in Edison [Observer](#)
>**Murphy has 5 times more cash on hand than Lt. Gov.** Democratic gubernatorial candidate Phil Murphy has over \$5M in reserve funds, a figure that dwarfs Republican candidate Kim Guadagno's approximately \$900,000 haul, according to a report released by the state ELEC on Thursday [Observer](#)
- **NJ makes list of worst tax states** Kiplinger put New Jersey in the number 10 spot of worst tax states while 24/7 Wall St. placed it at number three [NorthJersey.com](#)

NJ Environment

- **Hunters kill 123 bears so far, add guns to their arsenal** Another 41 were brought to NJ's five check stations by 9 pm Wednesday, following 56 on Tuesday and 26 on Monday, the state Department of Environmental Protection said [NJ.com](#)
- **Pompton Lakes residents rally to oppose cleanup plan** Holding signs that said "DuPont clean up your mess" and "Don't pinch pennies on our health," a group of Pompton Lakes residents held a small rally Thursday, exhorting neighbors to voice their displeasure with a proposal to dilute contaminated groundwater beneath their homes by pumping clean water into the ground [NorthJersey.com](#)
- **NJ city issues RFP to construct car charging stations** The Jersey City Council has voted to issue requests for proposals for companies to construct and maintain charging stations for electric cars, making it the first New Jersey city to construct such stations [NJBIZ](#)
- **Teaneck to sell DPW maintenance building** The township is selling a building in the heart of the Teaneck Road business district that has been used for decades as a storage and maintenance shop by the Department of Public Works [The Record](#)
- **Franklin Council moves ahead to change zoning laws** The Borough Council introduced an ordinance Tuesday to make zoning changes to allow a development company to build a 300-unit apt. complex on vacant land off Munsonhurst Road [NJ Herald](#)
- **Video: Wayne awarded \$2.4M FEMA grant** [The Record](#)
- **Middlesex Water requests rate hike** Middlesex Water has filed a petition to increase water rates for its 61,000 customers with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities [NJBIZ](#)

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ON THIS DATE: In 1492, [Columbus reaches New World](#) Birthdays: [Ramsay MacDonald](#) (1866) [Luciano Pavarotti](#) (1935) [Hugh Jackman](#) (1935)

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These Pa. 'farmers' harvest deer urine
Deer farmers can sell urine for up to \$110 a gallon. Hunters use it to mask their scent and draw in trophy bucks [Philly.com](#)

Controlled burns to begin at Fort Indiantown Gap
Controlled burns will take place at Fort Indiantown Gap in Lebanon County over the next months or so in an effort to reduce the risk of wildfires [PennLive](#)

Grim's Orchard owners spooked about future of fall fixture after getting hit with zoning violations
Josh Grim of Grim's Orchard said he's frustrated and baffled by the action of Upper Macungie Twp. officials, who say attractions such as the corn maze and hay rides violate zoning laws [Morning Call](#)

Here's your chance to help revitalize historic Newtown Common [Bucks Local News](#)

Dallas Township receives \$75K private donation to restore park [Times Leader](#)

PA Politics

Congress 'better get it passed': Trump talks tax plan in Harrisburg
After Donald Trump's tax reform plan initially was skewered by critics as a boon for the wealthy, the president on Wednesday took a deliberate blue-collar approach to present his proposed tax cuts in the Harrisburg area [Patriot-News](#)

Pedro Cortes, Pa. secretary of state, steps down
The resignation comes a week after Republicans sent him a letter to express their 'dire concerns' about the disclosure three weeks ago that legal noncitizens in Pennsylvania had been offered the chance to vote while applying for or renewing drivers' licenses at PennDOT centers [Inquirer ABC 27](#)

Pa. must do better cybersecurity job, watchdog says
Pennsylvania's auditor general says a survey of nearly 1,000 school districts and municipalities finds that most do not employ a cyber security professional or consult with one [Associated Press](#)

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- **2-foot tidal surge, coastal flooding possible today**
This afternoon's high tide will make some roads impassable on the Shore after strong easterly winds overnight helped stockpile an inordinate amount of water along the coast [Asbury Park Press](#)
- **Atlantic City puts another piece of its boardwalk together**
Another part of the Boardwalk reconstruction is expected to be unveiled this week [Philly.com](#) [Atlantic City Press](#)
- **Small boat washes ashore Atlantic City beach**
A small boat washed ashore Thursday morning at New Hampshire Avenue, lifeguards said [Atlantic City Press](#)
- **Wood: Behind spiraling hurricane costs, human activity**
With or without worldwide warming hurricane costs will continue to spiral upward like winds near an eyewall [Philly.com](#)
- **Tittel: Christie Barnegat Bay plan better late than never**
After seven years, Gov. Chris Christie is finally starting the discussion on cleaning up Barnegat Bay [Asbury Park Press](#)
- **Appellate court blocks mining operation in Pinelands**
A state appeals court yesterday upheld a decision by the Pinelands Commission to block approval of a mining operation in Jackson Township by a local planning board [NJ Spotlight](#)
- **Asbury Park breaks ground on affordable housing**
After a few glitches, local city council members, freeholders and State Sen. Jennifer Beck break ground on The Renaissance, a new affordable housing project in Asbury Park [Asbury Park Press](#)
- **Second Cumberland County horse dies of EEE** [AC Press](#)

New York/Delaware/Nation

- **Subway delays cost New Yorkers millions annually**
A study by the city's Independent Budget Office estimated weekday subway delays resulted in \$307 million of lost work time in a 12-month period [New York Times](#)
- **FYI: The drinking water woes of early New York**
New Yorkers were exposed to yellow fever and cholera because of tainted local sources – and antics by Aaron Burr – until the Croton Aqueduct opened in 1842 [New York Times](#)
- **Delaware confirms first human West Nile case of 2017**
A 70-year-old Kent County woman is the first Delawarean to be diagnosed with the West Nile virus since 2015 [The News Journal](#)
- **AccuWeather CEO is Trump's choice to run NOAA**
Barry Lee Myers, chief executive officer of Accuweather Inc., the commercial forecasting behemoth in State College, is President Trump's choice to be the new director of the sprawling agency that oversees the National Weather Service [Philly.com](#)
- **President's power to issue Keystone permit debated in NY**
Attorneys for President Donald Trump and developer TransCanada argued Thursday in Great Falls that a federal court has no jurisdiction to hear lawsuits challenging a presidential permit for the controversial Keystone XL oil pipeline [PBS News](#) [Great Falls Tribune](#)