Going on off-fence

Citizens group presents issues with I-80 fence

By Kathy Stevens / News Editor New Jersey Herald

KNOWLTON — It would be a traffic nightmare: Two trailer trucks, traveling side-by-side through the Delaware Water Gap on Interstate 80, become wedged between concrete barriers because the highway is not wide enough.

Read the full story here: https://www.njherald.com/news/20200119/going-on-off-fence





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Bank Impostor Scam

A new scam that has emerged this summer involves criminals posing as bank representatives and offering to pick up a customer's "compromised" bank card. This scam originates over the phone with the impostor

offering to send a "senior services" agent to the house to pick up the credit card or debit card and PIN so the problem can be fixed. The crook then racks up credit card debt or drains checking accounts attached to debit cards.

Know this: banks don't have "senior service centers" from which they send bank employees to your home. If you get a call like this, hang up

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam and remember, only scammers ask you to pay with gift cards.

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Governor Wolf Promotes LVPC Executive Director Becky Bradley

By By Matt Assad, Managing Editor

LEHIGH VALLEY - Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf this month named LVPC Executive Director Becky Bradley to a committee whose job is protect the quality of the state's water supply and prepare that supply for the impacts of extreme weather.



Bradley was sworn in to the Delaware Basin Regional Water Resources Committee January 16 by Allentown District Judge Michael D. D'Amore.

The purpose of the committee it to protect the quality of the state's water supply by linking land use decisions to water management, and to improve water management for things like stormwater and waste water by reducing the damage from extreme conditions that cause floods and droughts.

"Pennsylvania's water supply is one of its greatest assets and that's why it's so important to reduce its vulnerability and manage the impacts from development, water usage and extreme weather," Bradley said. "Few things are more important than clean air and clean water. I'm honored that Governor Wolf has included me in this effort." Pennsylvania's surface water resources includes nearly 2.5 trillion gallons from 86,000 miles of rivers and streams, more than 4,000 lakes, reservoirs and ponds and 120 miles of coastal waters.

Thirty times that lies beneath the surface in groundwater aquifers that rely on more than 40 inches of precipitation each year.

With demand from thermoelectric power generators, mining operations, domestic commercial customers and agricultural users, the total withdrawal from the statewide supply is about 10 billion gallons a day.

Bradley has been LVPC Executive Director since 2013. Late in 2019, she started WorkshopLV: Water, the region's first water working group, to tackle water quality, supply, infrastructure and management issues regionwide.



Love Is In The Air

By DCNR

HARRISBURG - Love is in the air! This February, extend some Valentine's Day love to the earth and the natural resources we enjoy all year long. Here are some tips to help limit your environmental impact this Valentine's Day:

Flowers that last forever -- Instead of cut flowers, a live potted plant or even a tree is a great alternative that can provide blooms and greenery for years to come. Be sure to choose a Pennsylvania native plant!

Re-use and home-make -- Re-using wrapping paper, making your own cards, and gifts are great ways to express your feelings as well as your environmental concerns.

Cut down on single-use items -- Don't rely on one-time use, throwaway items for your festivities. Items like balloons and confetti head straight to the landfill after they are used, and often end up in forests and waterways.

Head outdoors -- There are plenty of ways to plan a romantic day in a park or forest. Hike, snowshoe, or ski to a picnic spot or warming hut. Enjoy a winter sunset on a lake or vista. Unplug from the world and connect to nature with a loved one.



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