

November 24, 2021



## **State of the Industry WEBINAR**

**Thursday, December 9, 2021  
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Plan to join BCAP's "State of the Industry" executive roundtable webinar – Thursday morning, December 9 at 10:30 a.m. – focusing on the industry's most pressing and timely issues, particularly government broadband stimulus disbursements and rural deployment.

Our roundtable panelists, taking questions from all webinar participants, will include:

- John Del Viscio – Director of Operations, Blue Ridge Communications
- Wendy Hartman – General Manager, Adams Cable Service
- Joe Taylor – Vice President & General Manager, Armstrong
- Tim Trently – General Manager, Service Electric Cablevision
- Todd Eachus (moderator) – President, BCAP

The webinar will be administered over the Microsoft Teams app.



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### ***BusinessWest (Springfield, MA)* Comcast Acquires Russell (MA) Municipal Cable TV**

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The town of Russell has a new broadband, video, and voice services provider, as Comcast announced it has acquired Russell Municipal Cable TV. Comcast plans to transition residents and businesses to its Xfinity and Comcast Business suite of services through the end of the year. "The acquisition of Russell Municipal Cable

TV gives Comcast an opportunity to provide customers in the town of Russell with access to our Xfinity and Comcast Business innovative products and services, including our broadband internet experience, with the fastest broadband speeds available to residents," said Carolyne Hannan, senior vice president of Comcast's Western New England Region, which includes Western Mass. "We have a long-standing commitment to serving the communities in the Commonwealth where our customers and employees live and work and are proud to extend that commitment to our newest community in Western Massachusetts." Comcast is now available in 248 communities across Massachusetts and employs local residents at its Xfinity Stores in Springfield and Holyoke, and in several business and technical operations centers across the state, which serve residential customers and businesses. "We chose Comcast because it is the best operator in the business with the fastest and most reliable network," said Randy Merritt, manager of Russell Cable. "They are true innovators who continuously invest in their network to meet customers' current and future needs, and we are confident this sale will ensure our customers have access to Comcast's best-in-class network, products, services, and customer experience."

## ***Philadelphia Inquirer***

### **Confusion, uncertainty, and conflict: Here's what's happening in the fight over Pa.'s election system**

More than a year after a contentious presidential race, Pennsylvania's election system remains [a political lightning rod](#). In the legislature, before courts, in local governments, and on the campaign trail, Republicans are continuing to [push an election law overhaul](#) and [raise doubts about the process](#). Even after the GOP this month [won three of four statewide judicial races](#) and recaptured some local offices in the Philadelphia suburbs, Republicans in at least one county demanded a "forensic audit" of the 2021 election — the same rhetoric used by former President Donald Trump and his allies to [baselessly question the 2020 vote](#). And in Democratic-leaning Lehigh County, officials decided to count mail ballots that arrived without handwritten dates, prompting litigation and impeachment threats from Republicans. The flurry of activity is causing confusion about how elections are supposed to work, uncertainty about what might change before next year's midterms, and ever-deepening partisan conflict.

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## ***Daily Local News (West Chester)***

### **Redrawing voting districts in Chester County not complete**

State Rep. Kristine Howard, D-167th, of Malvern, announced last week her intention to run for re-election to the state House of Representatives, where she has served since 2018, noting her past endorsements by the state's major environmental advocacy organizations, women's organizations supporting reproductive rights and equal rights, labor unions, educators, healthcare professionals, animal protection groups and more. In an email advocating electing a Democratic majority in the state House of Representatives, Howard made reference to what may happen in the future given the reapportionment process currently underway. "If redistricting is fair, I believe there is an excellent opportunity for the ship of state to change course," she said. The question remains, however, whether Howard's current district will survive that legislative redistricting process, and whether the place she now calls home will be part of any district that resembles the one she now represents. Howard is not alone.

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