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The State House will convene at 12 PM and the State Senate will convene at 1PM

TAKE A HIKE

Several Pennsylvania campgrounds and beaches will close indefinitely in 2025 due to staffing shortages, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced. The agency cited safety concerns as the primary reason, emphasizing that essential operations like flood protection and emergency response will remain a priority. Impacted sites include Raystown Lake, Tioga-Hammond, and Cowanesque Lakes. Amid these closures, PA DCNR encourages the public to explore other state parks and forests which are open and ready for visitors.

I'M NOT LEAVING

U.S. Senate Democratic Leader **Chuck Schumer** has reiterated that he will not be resigning his position after voting in favor of the recently passed spending bill which ensured no government shutdown. Schumer has received significant pushback following his decision from fellow Democrats, which even led to him postponing his book tour. On his decision, Schumer stated, "I did it out of pure conviction as to what a leader should do and what the right thing for America and my party was."

LIVING RENT FREE

Canadian Prime Minister **Mark Carney** launched his campaign for Canada's April 28 snap election, vowing to defend the country's sovereignty against President **Donald Trump's** trade war and annexation threats. Trump's aggressive stance toward Canada has unexpectedly boosted Liberal poll numbers, shifting the election focus from economic

concerns to national identity. Conservative leader **Pierre Poilievre** once favored to win, now faces scrutiny over his perceived alignment with Trump despite insisting he will stand up to him.

MAKING A SPLASH

Erie's own Splash Lagoon Indoor Water Park Resort has been recognized again as one of the nation's best indoor water parks after being nominated for the Best Indoor Water Park category for USA Today's 10Best Readers' Choice Awards. The list of nominees includes 20 indoor water parks from across the country and **voting** starts today. Splash Lagoon has made it on the list numerous times in the past several years.

Congratulations to **Tabitha Gilbert***, who recently started as the new legislative assistant for the House Energy Committee with Chairwoman Fiedler. Tabi is a recent graduate from Lebanon Valley College. *We look forward to working with you!*



Happy Birthday

- **Jim J. Tricoli**, Managing Director, Raymond James
- **Jeffrey B. Miller**, Senior Counsel & Chair, Information Privacy & Cyber Security, Saxton & Stump
- **Claudia Madrigal**, Program Manager, Pennsylvania Department of Health
- **Kara Via**, Executive Assistant, Office of Senator Pittman

Committee Meetings

- Joint Legislative Budget and Finance – 8:30AM - Meeting for the following: Adopt: HR 2024-318 (Rep. Matzie), Adopt: HR 2024-481 (Rep. Abney), and Executive Session
- Joint Legislative Budget and Finance – 9AM - Committee Meeting to release two reports entitled: Senate Resolution 2023-110 & Senate Resolution 2023-169
- (H) Aging and Older Adult Services – 10AM – To consider: HB 372 and 923
- (H) Gaming Oversight – 10AM - Public hearing on HR 52 and HR 60
- (H) Game and Fisheries – 10AM - To consider: HB 103 and 159
- (H) Consumer Protection, Technology and Utilities – 11AM - Informational meeting on Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
- (S) Intergovernmental Operations – 11AM - Public

hearing on use of messaging apps with autodeletion features by public officials and employees

- (H) Gaming Oversight – 11:30AM – To consider HR 52 and 60
- (H) Appropriations – OTF - Agenda to be announced
- (S) Environmental Resources and Energy – OTF - To consider: SB 109, 349, 403 and 404



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