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***The State House will convene at 11 AM for a non-voting session and the State Senate will convene at 4 PM.***

## **BACK IN TOWN**

The State Senate returns today for its first session day since the June 30th budget deadline. While the State House convened the last two weeks, the Senate kept its members home until a budget deal was closer to the finish line. Although the details of the deal remain uncertain, the Senate Appropriations committee is scheduled to consider HB 1330, a General Appropriations bill, to keep the process moving. However, additional days will still be required before the package lands on the Governor's desk.

## **PRIMARY COLORLESS**

Four independent voters have asked Pennsylvania's Supreme Court to rule the state's closed primary system unconstitutional, arguing it denies them meaningful participation in elections often decided before November. Their lawsuit claims exclusion from primaries effectively strips them of voting rights in one-party districts. Named in the suit are the Commonwealth and PA Secretary of State **Al Schmidt**. While lawmakers debate opening primaries, the court's decision on whether to hear the case could reshape how 1.4 million unaffiliated Pennsylvanians cast their votes.

## **YORK IS BACK BABY!**

Reader's Digest recently announced the 20 most beautiful main streets in America, and York City made the list! The article made note of the work to revitalize the city in the last

few decades, while also mentioning the Central Market and First Fridays event. **Sarah O'Brien**, Director of Downtown Inc. shared, "Being named one of the most beautiful Main Streets in America by Reader's Digest is a proud moment for Downtown York".

## TAILS UP

Flying out of Harrisburg International Airport just got a bit more interesting! While enjoying a cocktail before your flight, you can now visit Yuengling 1829 Bar & Grill, which is replacing the current Phillips Seafood (closed for renovations). The food will be pub style and ice cold Yuengs will be available on tap or in bottles. *Bottoms up!*

## WHISKEY ROOTS, CITY VIEWS

A 170-year-old whiskey distillery on Pittsburgh's South Shore has been reborn as a six-story entertainment hotspot. Developer **Tony Mazzarini** preserved the building's historic charm while adding Big Spring Spirits' first city distillery and bottle shop, a stylish cigar lounge, and a rooftop restaurant named The Finch with sweeping skyline views. With event spaces designed for weddings, meetings, and more, Mazzarini hopes the venue becomes a bustling hub, offering locals and visitors alike a front-row seat to Pittsburgh's vibrant cityscape and industrial heritage.



### *Happy Birthday*

- **Brian Grove**, Managing Director, FTI Consulting
- **Linda A. Fiorilla**
- **Gordon Denlinger**, Deputy Auditor General for Audits, Commonwealth of PA
- **Alison Beam**, SVP, Chief Government Affairs Officer, UPMC



### *Committee Meetings*

- (S) Appropriations – OTF – To consider: SB 460, 604, 784, 877, 878 and HB 1330
- (S) Education – OTF - To consider: SB 922, 927, 934 and HB 17, 538, 1626 and 1627
- (S) Rules – OTF - To consider certain executive nominations
- (S) Health and Human Services – OTF – To consider HB 1429 and 1527
- Joint Center for Rural Pennsylvania – 1:00 PM - Public Hearing on Rural Healthcare Provider Polices: Examples from Other Jurisdictions.
- (S) Labor & Industry - OTF - To consider HB 274



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