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***The State House will
convene at 9 AM.***

NO MORE TRASH TORNADOES

The City of Philadelphia and District Council 33 have reached a deal to end their eight-day strike. Mayor ***Cherelle Parker*** announced that this new contract, added to last year's, will give the union workers a 14% pay increase over her 4 years of office. This news comes as the trash in the city is overwhelming, spilling into the streets and overflowing drop sites, all as we get ready for America250.

MEUSER BOWS OUT

Congressman ***Dan Meuser*** has ruled out a 2026 run for Pennsylvania governor, saying he'll stay focused on his House seat instead. Though once interested and boasting President ***Donald Trump's*** endorsement, Meuser said serving constituents remains his priority. No Republican Gubernatorial candidates have formally declared yet, although State Treasurer ***Stacy Garrity*** and State Senator ***Doug Mastriano*** have signaled interest in the race.

RUMMAGING THROUGH THE CUSHIONS

As Pennsylvania lawmakers face a hefty budget shortfall, they're eyeing trimming the long list of sales tax exemptions. From newspapers to legal services and plane parts, these carve-outs cost the state nearly \$27 billion annually, double what the sales tax currently brings in. Senate Majority Leader ***Joe Pittman*** says it's time to reexamine what's essential and what's not. While no official proposals are on the table yet, everything from

SWEET CEO SWAP

The Hershey Company has announced a new leadership change. Beginning on August 18, 2025, **Kirk Tanner** will be the company's new President and CEO. He will be succeeding **Michele Buck**, who previously shared her plans to retire earlier this year. Tanner, formerly the CEO of PepsiCo Beverages North America, brings a wealth of experience and a strong track record in the food and beverage industry. The incoming CEO expressed his excitement and gratitude, saying he's honored to lead a company he has "long admired".

Congratulations to **Dr. Kyle Kopko**, who was named the new Executive Director of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP). He comes from the Center for Rural PA, where he served as the Executive Director, and he worked as an adjunct professor at Elizabethtown College. Kyle will assume his new role in early August. *Cheers friend!*



Happy Birthday

- State Senator **Elder A. Vogel, Jr.**
- **Mark J. Haas**, Director, Governmental and Legislative Affairs, PECO Energy
- **Taylor Wamsher**, Executive Director of the Senate Law and Justice Committee, Office of Senator Laughlin
- **Peter Tartline**, Deputy Treasurer of Administrative Services, Pennsylvania Treasury
- **Elizabeth Zampogna**, PA State Education Association
- **Kendra Brooks**, Minority Leader, Philadelphia City Council, At-Large
- **Paul J. Gitnik**, Member, PA Board of Finance & Revenue
- **Kathrynann Durham**, Judge of Court of the Common Pleas, Delaware County
- **Stephen Bruder**, Policy Director, Office of Senator Costa

Committee Meetings

- (H) Appropriations – OTF - Agenda to be announced.
- (H) Liquor Control – OTF – To Consider: HB828, HB1702.
- (H) Judiciary – OTF - To Consider: HB 1176, SB 520, HR 36, HR 59, HR 189, HR 280.



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