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The State House will convene at 12PM. The State Senate will convene at 1PM.

STEPPING ASIDE

Pennsylvania State Representative ***Mary Jo Daley*** announced Friday that she will not seek reelection in 2026. Representing Pennsylvania's 148th House District, she serves as the Majority Chair of the House Tourism & Economic & Recreational Development Committee and is a member of the House Rules Committee. In addition, she co-chairs the Women's Health Caucus and the Irish American Caucus.

WILDLIFE RISK RISING

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is warning residents about an increased risk of wildfire, due to dry conditions across the state. Officials say 99% of wildfires are caused by human activity, with the highest danger during spring and fall. Residents are urged to use caution when burning debris or building campfires and to ensure all fires are extinguished before leaving them unattended.

SUCCESSION

Knoebels Amusement Resort recently announced the next president of the park. ***Brian Knoebel*** succeeds his dad, ***Richard "Dick" Knoebel***, as the fourth president in the park's history, keeping the park in the family's name. This comes as Knoebels plans to celebrate its centennial anniversary next year.

SUPERMOON TONIGHT

The moon will shine brighter and appear slightly larger tonight during October's supermoon, the first of three this year. The phenomenon occurs when the full moon moves closer to Earth, appearing up to 14% bigger and 30% brighter, according to NASA. Astronomers say the difference is subtle but visible under clear skies. The next supermoon is expected in November.

SEASONAL SPIRIT

Spirit Halloween is set to open several Christmas-themed pop-up stores across the country by early November. Spirit Christmas is advertised as an extension of the company's traditional offers, including photos with Santa and a collection of festive merchandise. Having first debuted these stores last year, 30 Spirit Christmas locations will open across the Northeast and the Great Lakes region including stores in Bethel Park, Erie, Pittsburgh, and Whitehall.



Happy Birthday

- State Senator **Dawn Keefer**
- **R. Douglas Sherman**, Former Chief Counsel, PA Gaming Control Board
- **John P. Sabatina, Jr.**, Judge, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas
- **Steve Miskin**, Director of Marketing & Communications, PA State Association of Township Supervisors
- **Kevin J. Frederick**, Retired VP, Counsel, State Farm Insurance Company
- **Correale F. Stevens**, Former PA Supreme Court Justice
- **Christy Brady**, Philadelphia City Controller
- **Samantha Stefan**

Committee Meetings

- (H) Appropriations – OTF – To be announced
- (S) Appropriations – OTF – To consider: SB 507, 955 and 1040 and HB 18, 414 and 646
- (H) Children and Youth – 10:00AM - Public hearing on House Bill 1873
- (H) Aging and Older Adult Services – 10:00AM – To consider: HB 1528, HB 1894, HR 330
- (S) Communications and Technology – 10:30AM - Joint public hearing with the Senate Education committee on AI in education and workforce development
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- (H) Energy – 11:00AM - Public hearing on HB 1260



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