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SNOWY STRAT STATEWIDE

Snow is falling across much of Pennsylvania this morning, bringing slick roads and slow commutes. The National Weather Service says Central PA could see 3–5 inches before noon, with pockets of freezing rain possible in the south. Western counties are bracing for up to 8 inches, while areas near Philadelphia will see more rain and a **wintry mix**. Travel conditions are expected to stay hazardous through late morning, and PennDOT has issued vehicle restrictions as school districts announced delays and closures.

REAL ID DEADLINE LOOMS

Flying without a REAL ID is about to hit travelers' wallets. TSA will begin charging a \$45 fee starting February 1st, 2026, for anyone reaching security without a REAL ID, passport, or other approved identification. The agency says the fee covers verification and tech costs and will grant access through the checkpoint for up to 10 days. TSA encourages travelers to pay online ahead of time to avoid being pulled from the security line. In Pennsylvania, a REAL ID costs a one-time \$30 fee plus the standard license renewal... *And a few hours at the DMV...*

TRUCKING ALONG

A federal review from the U.S. Department of Transportation found that 44% of 16,000 trucking schools are not compliant with government requirements and may be forced to close. The noncompliance is due to failure to meet training standards and inability to maintain accurate records. The crackdown started with news from last August of a truck driver making an illegal U-turn and causing a crash that killed three people in Florida.

AND ANOTHER ONE GONE

Congressman **Troy Nelhs** (R – Texas) has announced that he is not seeking reelection in 2026. In his announcement, he said that he wanted to spend more time with his family after discussing the matter over the holidays. After the announcement, Nelhs' twin brother **Trever** publicly stated that he plans to run for the vacant seat.

ACE

Pickleball players at the Ace Pickleball Club in East Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County, recently broke the record for longest game played at 48 hours, smashing the previous 36-hour record. While allowed short breaks over the course of the game, the group had to make up for the time spent resting. For their effort, the group raised a total of \$4,713 for local charities.



Happy Birthday

- State Senator **Kristin Phillips-Hill**
- **Mary Jo Dannels**, (ONLINE's Favorite) Author
- **Tera Barone**, Legislative Specialist, PA Department of Human Services
- **Lori A. Dumas**, Judge, PA Commonwealth Court
- **Emilie Zanders**, Leadership Research Analyst, Office of Rep. Schlossberg
- **Suzanne Filiaggi**, Councilperson, Allegheny County
- **Jacqueline A. Cook**, Chair, State Board of Finance and Revenue



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