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Happy Friday the 13th!

INVESTMENT

Yesterday it was announced that Pennsylvania has made significant investments to revitalize downtown Pittsburgh. The state invested \$3.3 million into the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, a non-profit community development organization, through the Neighborhood Assistance Program. They plan to encourage businesses to reinvest in their communities to boost the downtown Pittsburgh economy.

HISTORY

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court, while spending time in Philadelphia for oral arguments, unveiled a new historical marker commemorating the history and impact the court has had on the Commonwealth and the nation at large. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court, officially founded in 1722 with roots back to 1684, is the oldest appellate court in the nation at over 300 years old. The new marker stands at the corner of 2nd and Market Streets in downtown Philadelphia.

PHILANTHROPIC PHILLY

Yesterday, Philadelphia Mayor ***Cherelle Parker*** delivered her budget address, which totals around \$7 billion. This budget highlights some tax increases, with the intent to generate additional revenue for Philadelphia School District as well as provide additional services for unhoused and addiction services. Some proposed tax changes include a 2% increase to the hotel tax, a \$.25 detail delivery tax, and a \$.20 tax on ride shares. There are several investments in workforce development and education, SEPTA, public safety, housing, and public parks. City Council will hold numerous hearings and public comment sessions prior to the budget deadline of June 30th.

CASH OUT

Lottery players in PA should double check their tickets one last time to see if they can claim the \$400,000 prize that is expiring soon. Nobody has come forward to claim the prize from a ticket sold at a Valero in Cranberry Township. The holder of the ticket needs to claim the prize before April 3rd, or they risk losing out on the jackpot.

CHANGES

Tuesday night, it was announced that the UK is making a historical change to its House of Lords. Parliament officially voted to remove the hereditary aristocrats from the body, focusing instead on qualifications rather than bloodline. In the UK, the House of Lords is a crown appointed governmental body that scrutinizes legislation. The change comes after a long argument that the hereditary aspect was undemocratic.



Happy Birthday

Today:

- **Stephen Donaldson***, Lead Director, Medicare Grievances, Aetna
- **Tim Bittle**, PA Director, Orion Strategies
- **Charles Zogby**, Deputy State Treasurer for Fiscal Operations & Policy, PA Treasury
- **Andrew Salerno**, Senior Advisor, Government Relations, Buchanan, Ingersoll, and Rooney

Saturday:

- State Representative **Jason Ortity**
- Former State Senator **Bruce Marks**
- **Michael Consedine**, EVP, Global Head of Government Regulatory Affairs, Athene
- **Mikaela Sloan**, Magisterial District Judge, Dauphin County

Sunday:

- **Brian Shoemaker**, Corporate Counsel, State Farm Insurance
- **Ryan Boyer**, Laborers District Council Business Manager
- **Andrea Fields**, External Affairs Manager, PA Department of Environmental Protection
- **P. J. Stapleton III**, Former Chairman, Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; Partner, Weber Gallagher LLP
- **Nicholas Stoops**, Emergency Management Specialist, PEMA
- **Jim Bahorik**, County Administrator, Juniata County
- **Rhys Buxton***, Legislative Specialist, Office of Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garity



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