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Happy First Day of Spring!

SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Yesterday, State Representatives *Lindsay Powell*, *Jenn O'Mara*, and *Mary Jo Daley* introduced legislation that would establish a framework for short-term rentals across the Commonwealth, House Bill 2303. This bill would empower counties to regulate short-term rentals, promote accountability through safety standards, insurance coverage, and tax compliance while also establishing countywide registries of short-term rentals. Primary sponsor Representative Powell stated, "As short-term rentals continue to grow across Pennsylvania, we have a responsibility to put common-sense safeguards in place to protect our communities." The House Tourism, Recreation, and Economic Development Committee is having a hearing on the bill next Wednesday.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As many readers know, the Broad Street Market in Harrisburg burnt down almost three years ago. This week, Harrisburg announced an update on the rebuilding project, noting that they are making significant progress highlighting repainting, rebuilding, interior changes, etc. The rebuilding project has been ongoing since September of 2025, and Harrisburg was unable to provide information on an updated completion date.

PA'S COOLEST

Get your votes in for the coolest thing made in PA. The Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry has released a March Madness style bracket for some of the Commonwealth's finest inventions to compete head to head. There are 56 brands in the running for the title of "coolest thing made in PA". **Voting** will take place on the Chamber's social media accounts with round one kicking off today.

FEEDBACK

Spotlight PA wants to hear about your experience. Specifically, its reporters are searching for stories on Pennsylvania's mental health care system. The plan is to create a storytelling event where

volunteers to share their personal experiences however they choose. The event intends to bring awareness to the mental health system in PA and highlight the areas that need improvement.

SHIP

The USS Pittsburgh, the latest U.S. Navy ship to be named after Pittsburgh, is about halfway through construction. Yesterday, U.S. Navy officers gathered to celebrate the ship's construction. USS Pittsburgh will be a San Antonio-class landing platform dock. It will be the fifth ship named after Pittsburgh.



Happy Birthday

Today:

- Former State Senator **Timothy J. Solobay**
- **Michael Driscoll**, Philadelphia City Council
- Scott Cooper, Partner, Schmidt Kramer
- **Amy Doyle***, Communications and Government Affairs Coordinator, PA Bankers Association
- **Lacey Reapsome Labs**, Marketing Director, SVN Latus Commercial Realty Group
- **Paige Shope**, Communications & Marketing Manager, Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC
- **Sean Tobin**, District Outreach Director, Congressman Brendan Boyle
- **Chris Guerrisi**, Photographer, PA Senate

Saturday:

- Former State Senator **John N. Wozniak** (70!)
- Former State Representative **Lou Schmitt**, Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Blair County

Committee Meetings

- Joint Performance-Based Funding Council – 2:00PM – Organizational meeting

- **(Very) John O'Connell**, President & CEO, Emerald Strategies Inc
- **Blade Kline**, Legislative Specialist, PennDOT
- **Michael Krentzman**, Principal/Co-President, Krentzman Metals Corp
- **Matthew Moyer**, Chief of Staff, PA Dept. of Revenue
- **Janet Diaz**, Vice President, PA Chapter of the National Organization for Women

Sunday:

- Former State Representative **Deb Kula**
- **Brittney Miller-Coyle**, Political Consultant
- **Connor Johnson**, Dauphin County Public Defender's Office
- **Jake Gery**, Chief of Staff, Senator Pat Stefano
- **Megan Semuta Wright***, VP of Sales and Marketing, Central PA Technologies, LLC
- **Brian Aiello**, VP of External Relations and Human Resources, CNX



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