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## RESCHEDULED

Acting U.S. Attorney General **Todd Blanche** signed an order reclassifying state sanctioned medical marijuana as a Schedule III drug. This move legitimizes the 40-state regulated medical marijuana programs, including Pennsylvania's. Marijuana sold and consumed for recreational purposes remains under Schedule I with administrative hearings on full rescheduling of the drug kicking off in June.

## PITTSBURGH IS ON THE CLOCK

The Steel City will be front and center tonight with the first round of the NFL Draft taking place outside of Acrisure Stadium beginning at 8pm. The three-day event had local and state officials prepping the city for weeks to ensure the thousands of visitors and future NFL players can properly experience the City of Champions. Both the Steelers and Eagles will be on the clock tonight for the first round with the 21st and 23rd respectively.

## HOT MEALS

A bipartisan U.S. bill has just been introduced and is being called the "Hot Rotisserie Chicken Act." This act would allow those participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to purchase hot meals, including hot rotisserie chicken meals. Currently, hot meals are not permitted to be purchased with SNAP. The Bipartisan bill is being supported by U.S. Senators **John Fetterman** (D-PA), **Jim Justice** (R-WV), **Shelley Moore Capito** (R-WV), and **Michael Bennet** (D-CO).

## ALL-STAR WEEK

Major League Baseball along with the Philadelphia Phillies announced the 2026 All-Star Week schedule. The events will take place in Philly from Friday, July 10th through Tuesday, July 14th. The week is to have special significance for America's 250th anniversary. Events will include the Home Run Derby, the All-Star Game, the HBCU Swingman Classic, and more.

## PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA

In honor of Earth Day and the 250th anniversary of our country, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful will be hosting clean ups in parks across the state. The clean-ups encourage volunteers to pick up litter, clean dumpsites, and help with beautification projects. Events can be scheduled through the end of May. To find an event near you, visit [2026 Pick Up Pennsylvania](#).



## Happy Birthday

- Former State Representative **Barbara McIlvaine Smith**
- **Mike Walsh**, Deputy Secretary for Administration, DCNR
- **Donna Malpezzi**, Esq., Principal, DMM Consulting
- **Laura Conrad**



## Committee Meetings

- Joint Independent Regulatory Review Commission – 10:00AM - Agenda
- Joint Medical Assistance Advisory Committee – 10:00AM
- (H) Democratic Policy – 1:00PM - Public hearing on Statute of Limitations Reform



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