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The State House and State Senate will both convene at 9:30am.

FLOWERY ADDITION

Yesterday, the Avenue of the Arts debuted its new landscaped median in front of the Kimmel Center. A project that has been underway as part of a much larger vision [plan](#); the new median is down South Broad Street from Spruce to Pine. Beyond the beauty of the new median, it is meant to create traffic calming measures and allows for safer U-turns by drivers. Next spring, the Avenue of the Arts will begin beautification on the rest of the block, including new sidewalks, additional traffic calming, and pop-up performance spaces.

COPS AND CATALOGS

Harrisburg City Council voted on Tuesday to move forward with plans for a new police substation in the Uptown Plaza shopping center to boost police presence in the area. In the same meeting, the Council approved auctioning off the remaining items former Mayor **Steve Reed** purchased using city funds with the intention of curating several museums. As a result, Council members will soon be presented with a list of the mysterious artifacts that have been left in various parts of the city for years.

PARENTAL LEAVE DEBATE

The Allegheny County Board of Health is developing a policy that would require all employers to offer a minimum of 18 weeks of paid parental leave. Critics argue that the County cannot afford the measure, while others say that such policy decisions should be made at the state level. On Monday,

a panel was held of opponents who demanded transparency regarding the costs of the proposal. The policy is expected to be revised before a final decision is made.

TRUMP IN CARLISLE

President **Donald Trump** is set to make an appearance next month at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle on July 15. The president will be arriving for day two of U.S. Senator **Dave McCormick's** Pennsylvania Defense and Innovation Summit, where top military leaders, Cabinet officials, and executives from companies like Lockheed Martin and Palantir are also set to appear. According to Senator McCormick, Trump will discuss new investments and partnerships in the defense industry in his remarks. A specific point of emphasis will be creating new Pennsylvania jobs and attracting more corporations to the Commonwealth.

SALE

The Pittsburgh Penguins are set to receive a new owner. The NHL Board of Governors has unanimously approved the sale of the Pens to the Hoffmann Family of Companies, a Florida-based private equity firm which owns nearly 120 brands across 30 countries. **Geoff Hoffmann**, who serves as CEO of Hoffmann Family Cos., will be the new governor of the Penguins. The sale price is expected to be around \$1.75 billion. The now-previous owners, Fenway Sports Group, purchased the team from then-owner and franchise legend **Mario Lemieux** for \$900 million in 2021. The Hoffmann's also own the Florida Everglades, a minor league hockey team which is now a candidate to become the Penguins' new AA-affiliate team, replacing the Wheeling Nailers.



Happy Birthday

- Former State Representative **Chris King**
- **Mike DeVanney**, Founding Partner, Cold Spark Media
- **Patrick J. Geho**, Director of Public Affairs, Washington County, PA
- **John Baer**, Political Columnist, PennLive



Committee Meetings

- (H) Appropriations – OTF – To be announced
- (S) Appropriations – OTF – To consider: HB 1667
- (H) Judiciary – OTF – To consider: HB 1434, HB 2273, SB 45, SB 111, SB 1235, and SB 1259
- Joint Medical Assistance Advisory Committee – 10:00AM - Meeting



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