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*The State House and State Senate will convene at 11am.*

## GAME ON

On Saturday, June 6, Harrisburg will be hosting a summer block party on S. 3rd Street. You can expect an array of old-school arcade games, a mobile bookshop, a live band, a magician, food trucks, and beverage vendors. The festival is free to attend but make sure to bring a \$20 for the exclusive pinball lounge. *Saturday? More like all you can play day!*

## MATTER OF FACT

Harrisburg's Midtown Scholar Bookstore will be hosting an event titled "Matter of Fact," which will begin on June 9th at 6:00 PM. The bookstore, partnering with Spotlight PA, will provide an hour of conversations, panels, and presentations about free press and the issues that Pennsylvanians are currently facing in the state. Through its involvement, Spotlight PA hopes to foster community engagement and highlight the importance of journalism. Matter of Fact will be free and open to all.

## NEW DIRECTOR

**Kenneth Varhola** officially began his role as Director of Government Affairs for the PA Turnpike Commission this week. The Commission selected Varhola for his previous experience, including working as Chief of Staff for Allegheny County Council, time with the Pennsylvania Senate, and his role at Duquesne Light Company. *Welcome back to Harrisburg!*

# PLANE AND SIMPLE

The Lancaster Airport announced that there is a new daily route scheduled to take flight to Chicago. SkyWest Airlines are chartering United Express flights that began yesterday from Chicago to Lancaster, with the route returning to Chicago beginning today. The daily trip will be on a CRJ200 aircraft holding approximately 50 passengers.

## TIP-OFF AND FACEOFF

Game 1 of the NBA Finals starts tonight. The long-suffering New York Knicks, in their first Finals appearance since 1999, will face off against the San Antonio Spurs, who were last in the Finals in 2014. The Knicks are led by a trio of stars from Villanova University, **Jalen Brunson**, **Mikal Bridges**, and **Josh Hart**. San Antonio, meanwhile, will ride on **Victor Wembanyama**, the 7'4" French skyscraper. Meanwhile, the NHL Stanley Cup Finals began last night with the Vegas Golden Knights securing a Game 1 win against the Carolina Hurricanes. The Knights last appeared in the finals in 2023, while it's been 20 years since the Hurricanes had a chance at Lord Stanley.



### *Happy Birthday*

- **Nicole Stallings**, President & CEO, Hospital and Healthsystem Association of PA
- **John Micek**, Political Managing Editor, MassLive.com
- **Lauren Barr**, Energy and Regulatory Practice Lead, Bravo Group
- **Ashley Murphy**, Prosecuting Attorney, Commonwealth of PA
- **Seamus McCaffery**, Former PA Supreme Court Justice
- **Edward E. Guido**, President Judge, Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas
- **Sarah Moreland**, Associate, Saxton & Stump

### *Committee Meetings*

- (H) Appropriations – OTF – To be announced
- (H) Republican Policy – 9:00AM - Public hearing on Making Childcare Affordable for Pennsylvania Families
- (H) Human Services – 10:00AM – To consider: HB 2540
- (H) Professional Licensure – 10:00AM – To consider: HB 75, HB 76, HB 2173
- (H) Finance – 10:00AM – To consider: HB 1678 and HB 2550
- (S) Transportation – 10:15AM - To consider: HB 1830 and HB 1862
- (S) Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure – 10:30AM – To consider: HB 1646, SB 1260, and SB 1353
- (S) Finance – 10:30AM – To consider: HB 852, HB 853, and SB 576



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