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COOLEST THING MADE IN PA

The Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry has been named the 2026 State Chamber of the Year, the National Association of State Chambers' highest honor. The award recognizes the chamber's work serving members and delivering significant results for Pennsylvania's business community. The PA Chamber represents more than 13,000 businesses across the state, whose input helps to advance public policy and shape the chamber's advocacy priorities. *Congratulations!*

BRIDGE TALK

PennDOT has opened up a public comment period on its plan to refurbish the Market Street Bridge, which is scheduled to begin next year and last seven years through 2034. The bridge rehabilitation effort includes plans to expand the western bridge connecting City Island to Wormleysburg from 16 spans to 17, restore the bridge's historic arches, and replace the downstream sidewalk with a separate utility bridge and a new pathway. Click [here](#) for a complete summary of the project or to submit online comments. PennDOT will also hold an in-person public meeting on Monday, August 17th at 6:00 PM at Harrisburg City Hall. Public comment closes on September 7th.

LITITZ HOUSING HOTSPOT

A Pennsylvania ZIP Code is among the hottest housing markets in the country, according to Realtor.com's 2026 rankings. The 17543 ZIP Code, which includes Lititz, Lancaster County, was ranked number seven on the list of the top ten hottest ZIP Codes in the country. The rankings are based on housing-market demand, including the number of views that properties receive on the site and how long homes remain listed.

PORTAL PROBLEMS

Philadelphia's Portal, the live video installation that connects people in the city with others around the world, is looking for a new home once again. The attraction's agreement at City Hall expires on October 31st, and organizers say they need to find a new location by the end of September to keep it in Philadelphia. The Portal, which is currently the only one in North America, links Philadelphia

with cities across Europe, South America, and Asia through a 24-hour live video feed. If no new host steps forward, organizers say the installation may have to relocate to another city.

DOOM SCROLLING

Pennsylvania Attorney General **Dave Sunday** announced yesterday that a civil lawsuit has been filed against TikTok. The lawsuit alleges that the platform misrepresents itself on the app store to allow for children to access adult content while using the app. The lawsuit also claims that TikTok intentionally works to allow for the app to be addictive for young people by offering the endless scrolling feature. On the suit, Sunday stated, "This is not an indictment against modern technology, or a scolding assessment of social media as a whole — rather, this is an action to hold accountable a company that values dollars over mental wellness."



Happy Birthday

- **Mike Brunelle**, River Front Strategies
- **Rob Ghormoz**, Vice President of Public Affairs, GSL Public Affairs
- **Melody Zimmerman**, Policy Director, United Way of Pennsylvania
- **Steven Miller**, Director of Development and Community Outreach, Centre Care
- **Alex McMahon***, Legislative Director, Highmark Wholecare



Committee Meetings

- (H) (S) Agriculture and Rural Affairs – 10:00AM – Public hearing on "Cultivating 250 Years: Pennsylvania Agriculture Past, Present and Future"
- Joint Center for Rural Pennsylvania – 3:00PM - The Board will meet to conduct regular business affairs of the Center



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