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PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

State Representative **Marla Brown** is proposing legislation aimed at providing property tax relief for Pennsylvania homeowners. Brown suggested that school districts often raise property taxes to pay off bond debt tied to major capital projects, and those increases can remain in place even after the debt is retired. Her proposal would require school districts to rescind property tax increases once the final payment on a bond's principal and interest has been made.

LIFE SCIENCES MENTORSHIP

The NIH Mentorship Modernization Act was introduced last week by U.S. Senators **Dave McCormick** (R-PA) and **Chris Coons** (D-DE). The legislation aims to strengthen mentorship for biomedical researchers in the early stages of their career by establishing consistent mentorship standards for training programs funded by the National Institutes of Health. Supporters of the bill say that stronger mentorship will help to retain promising researchers and strengthen [Pennsylvania's life sciences industry](#).

FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL

Ground has officially been broken on Pennsylvania's first permanent statewide memorial dedicated to firefighters who died in the line of duty. The memorial will be located at the 'Remember Me Rose Garden' in Somerset County and will eventually feature the names of more than 800 fallen firefighters dating back to the 1700s. State Senator **Pat Stefano** spoke at the ceremony, speaking on how the location is especially meaningful because it creates a permanent place of honor in a region already dedicated to remembrance and sacrifice.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jody Smith recently retired as Sheriff of Cumberland County, after serving for 36 years in law enforcement for the county. She first served as Deputy Sheriff, then as Deputy Chief, and finally as Sheriff starting in 2022. She was the county's first female elected Sheriff. She was also the first female Deputy Chief. Current Deputy Chief **Ron Kerr** will serve as acting sheriff until the Governor appoints a replacement. This appointee will serve until the next general election.

PIRATE GAMES

Timeline Arcade will be opening a new arcade location in Gettysburg at the end of August and will be pirate themed. This new location will be the second largest out of their locations in York, Red Lion, and Hanover. They will have 80 to 100 games to play, with classics such as pinball and Pac-Man. The location will even have a premium Iron Maiden pinball machine! Pricing for all their locations is available [here](#).



Happy Birthday

- Former State Representative **Samuel Rohrer**
- **Mike Kriner**, President & Owner, Next Generation Partners, Inc
- **Jenna Earley**, Director of Government Affairs, The DT Firm
- **John Hanley**, Owner, JFH Strategies, LLC
- **Ashley Grimm**, VP, GreyStone Power Corporation
- **Aaron Hoke**, President, National Acceptance Company
- **Katie Dannels**



Committee Meetings

- (H) Communications and Technology – 12:30PM - Informational meeting on the economic potential and cybersecurity implications of quantum technologies



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