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***The State House will convene at
11am and the State Senate will
convene at 10am***

CAMPAIGN SUSPENSION

Thomas Johnson, Democratic candidate for State Senate in York County, suspended his campaign yesterday following an investigation into his criminal history. Johnson remains on probation for a simple assault conviction from 2024 and an incident with an ex-partner just a year earlier. He also owes more than \$2,000 in court fees. Johnson, endorsed by the Democratic Party of York County, was running against incumbent State Senator **Kristin Phillips-Hill** (R). Despite suspending his campaign, his name will still appear on the ballot.

PRE-HALLOWEEN SCARE

Yesterday, Pittsburgh Police Bomb Squad and Hazmat team were called to U.S. Senator **Dave McCormick's** office in downtown Pittsburgh following the receipt of a suspicious letter. The mail was received around 1:30 pm with a 911 call placed around 3:30 pm. After reviewing the contents of the letter, Pittsburgh Public Safety confirmed that it was non-hazardous and deemed no harm to public safety or the employees in the office.

SUITED TO BOOTED

Philadelphia City Councilmember **Mark Squilla** is a front runner to become the next leader of the Philadelphia Parking Authority, according to the Democratic City Committee. If Squilla is selected for this role, the 1st District would have a vacancy to fill. The district comprises some of the most progressive neighborhoods, including East Passyunk, Queen Village, Fishtown, and Northern

Liberties. Squilla has not yet commented on potentially joining PPA but also did not rule out the idea.

WHEN THE WIND BLOWS

Yesterday, Pittsburgh City Council voted 11-4 to approve a mandatory paid paternal leave for employers with at least 15 workers. The policy would require 12 weeks of paid paternal leave to eligible new parents. Although the room erupted in cheers following its passage, council members who voted against the measure want to consider the financial burdens on small businesses. This vote marks Allegheny County as the first in the nation to adopt such a policy. It is expected to be signed by County Executive **Sara Innamorato** shortly.

STATE OF AFFAIRS

Harrisburg Mayor **Wanda Williams** will deliver her annual State of the City address on October 26 at the Hilton Harrisburg. Hosted by the Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC, the event comes as the city advances a \$64 million downtown revitalization effort and continues work on projects such as the Broad Street Market rebuild. Admission is priced at \$75, with discount rates available for small local businesses.



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Brian Smith**
- State Representative **Frank Burns**
- State Representative **Carol Hill-Evans**



Committee Meetings

- (H) Appropriations – OTF – To be announced
- (S) Rules and Executive Nominations – OTF – To consider: SB 210, SB 416, SB 481, SB 764, SB 804, SB 1014, SB 1212, SB 1260, SB 1273, SB 1303, SB 1328, SB 1334, SB 1372, SB 1431 and certain Executive Nominations
- (S) Environmental Resources and Energy – OTF – To consider: SR 374
- Joint Local Government Commission – 9:00AM - Monthly business meeting
- (S) Law and Justice – 9:30AM - Nomination of Cheryl Schrinier to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board



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