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***The State House will convene at
12PM and the State Senate will
convene at 1PM***

RENT RIPOFF REFORM

Philadelphia tenants have launched the “End Rental Ripoffs” campaign to push back against excessive rental fees, with City Council expected to consider legislation addressing the issue. The fees can cover services such as trash removal, internet and shared amenities, but tenants argue they add costs without providing meaningful benefits. Tenant unions have grown across Philadelphia since the COVID-19 pandemic, with organizers pointing to recent legal and legislative victories for renters.

NEW HEIGHTS

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA will host its annual Over the Edge fundraiser on October 9th. Each participant will rappel down 18 stories of the Market Square Plaza in downtown Harrisburg. This event will raise money to support the recruiting and training of volunteers who will go on to mentor the youth.

TAKING THE CAKE

A giant cake display in downtown Lititz is helping mark a sweet milestone for the community. The display marks the 25th anniversary of the Lititz Chocolate Walk, which returns October 10 and will guide ticket holders through 32 downtown businesses offering chocolate-themed treats. [Tickets](#) cost \$55, and proceeds will benefit children's charities throughout the Lancaster area. The event

runs from 10 AM to 4 PM, giving attendees plenty of time to indulge their sweet tooth while supporting a good cause.

THINK PINK

Breast Cancer Awareness Month has begun with a splash of color at the State Capitol as the PA Breast Cancer Coalition celebrates turning the Capitol fountain pink tomorrow. The annual event aims to raise awareness of breast cancer, encourage early detection, and recognize survivors and those currently undergoing treatment. Attendees can enjoy free pink milkshakes from the PA Dairymen's Association while hearing from a bipartisan lineup of state leaders and advocates, including President Pro Tempore **Kim Ward**, Speaker of the House **Joanna McClinton**, and **Pat Halpin-Murphy**, founder and president of the coalition.

ROMO'S ROAD ENDS

Tony Romo is not returning as an NFL game analyst for CBS Sports after he was arrested on charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated. The former Dallas Cowboys quarterback was arrested in Milwaukee back in July after failing a field sobriety test. After his no contest plea, Romo took to Instagram to note that his multiple back surgeries led to his retirement as a player and reliance on alcohol, and he takes responsibility for his actions.



Happy Birthday

- Former State Representative **Jim Cox**
- Former State Representative **Mike Vereb**
- **Ken Varhola**, Director of Government Affairs, PA Turnpike Commission
- **David Kozak**, Chief of Staff, Senator Dan Laughlin
- **Timika Lane**, Judge, PA Superior Court
- **Kevin L. Boyce**, Board President, Franklin County Board of Commissioners
- **Chris "Handles" Franklin**, Coach, Harlem Globetrotters



Committee Meetings

- (H) Appropriations – OTF – To be announced
- (S) Appropriations – OTF – To consider: HB 71, SB 465, SB 995, SB 1328, SB 1410, and SB 1431
- (S) Rules and Executive Nominations – OTF – To consider: SB 468, SB 1311, SB 1408, and certain Executive Nominations
- (H) Communications and Technology – OTF – To consider: SB 806
- (H) Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness – OTF – To consider: HB 2826
- (H) Environmental and Natural Resource Protection – 9:30AM – To consider: SB 403

- (H) Judiciary – 10:00AM – Public hearing on HB 1499
- (H) Environmental and Natural Resource Protection – 10:00AM - Public hearing on the road spreading of oil and gas wastewater / DEP's "Mineral Brine" Permit
- (H) Liquor Control – 10:00AM - Informational meeting on the feedback from the NFL Draft, America 250 and World Cup special event permits that were enacted under Act 56 of 2025 and Act 8 of 2026
- (H) Children and Youth – 10:00AM - Public hearing on House Bill 2123
- (H) Labor and Industry – 10:30AM – To consider: SB 908 and SB 1260
- (S) Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness -11:00AM - Informational meeting will feature a briefing by the Civil Air Patrol and swearing in of members into the CAP Legislative Squadron
- (H) Transportation – 11:00AM - To consider: SB 1217, HB 297, HB 368, HB 1592, HB 1633, HB 2304, HB 2433, HB2810, and HR 617



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