

PA Supreme Court Signs Off on New State House, Senate Districts

On March 16, 2022, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court gave its final approval to state legislative redistricting maps. The boundaries of state House and Senate districts, as well as U.S. congressional districts, are redrawn every 10 years in conjunction with the U.S. Census to address shifts in population and meet the “one person, one vote” principle. Barring further legal challenges, these are the maps that will be in place when voters head to the polls on Tuesday, May 17. As you know, my name will not appear on the ballot this spring as I am not seeking another term. However, I will serve as your state representative through November. To view statewide maps for the House and Senate, [visit here](#). To view the new map for the 101st Legislative District, visit RepFrankRyan.com/newdistrictmap.



Inflation: How it Affects the State Budget and Yours



This week's podcast mirrors discussions you may be having around your dinner table as gas and food prices inch upward. I take a look at inflation, how it affects our budget process, and what can be done to slow or reverse the process. [Listen here.](#)

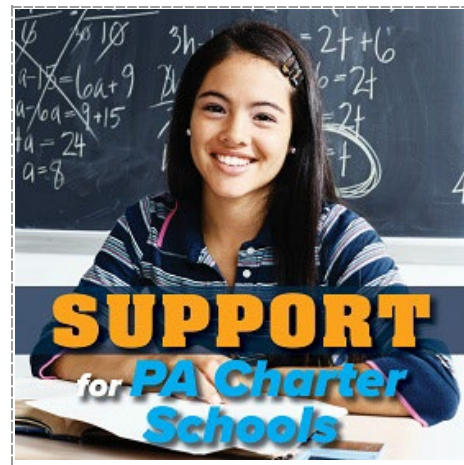
Work to Resume Next Week on North Cornwall Roundabout



The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced it is putting the finishing touches on the new roundabout at Route 241 and Rocherty Road in North Cornwall Township, Lebanon County. Weather permitting, work will begin Monday, March 21, to place additional topsoil, rock and seeding in the area around the newly constructed roundabout. The work will be performed during daylight hours and is expected to take several days to complete. Motorists may encounter temporary flagging at the intersection while this work is performed.

House Education Committee Opposes New Regulations for Charter, Cyber Charter Schools

The House Education Committee voted to send a letter to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) disapproving of the final form regulations written by PDE related to charter and cyber charter schools. PDE delivered the charter school final form regulations to the House and Senate Education committees and IRRC on Feb. 10. Committee members believe the regulations would harm the 170,000 Pennsylvania students enrolled in charter schools and the tens of thousands of students who are on a waitlist to enroll. The Senate Education Committee also expressed its disapproval of the regulations this week.



Examining PA's Teacher Shortage

The House Education Committee held a hearing this week to discuss the growing shortage of teachers in the Commonwealth's classrooms. In her testimony to the committee, Dr. Tanya Garcia, a deputy secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), noted the number of undergraduate education majors in Pennsylvania has declined by 66% since 2010. That decline, combined with the increasing rate at which teachers are leaving the profession, is making it increasingly difficult to staff classrooms, especially in rural and urban districts, as well as specific programming such as special education and STEM. Also testifying were university deans, school district officials, teachers and principals. Among the solutions discussed were encouraging more high school students to pursue an education major, particularly in post-secondary education; removing barriers to becoming a teacher; reexamining certification requirements; and offering student loan assistance and



other incentives to stay in the Commonwealth to teach. [Click here](#) to watch the hearing.

Update on Free Credit-Monitoring Services for UC Claimants

The Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) announced recently that Pennsylvania unemployment compensation (UC) claimants will soon receive correspondence with guidance to register for free credit-monitoring to ensure the safety of their personal data. L&I is offering these services amid an ongoing investigation into unusual account changes within Pennsylvania's UC system. L&I has partnered with Identity Theft Guard Solutions Inc. (IDX) to offer eligible UC claimants up to 12 months of credit monitoring, a \$1 million insurance reimbursement policy and fully managed identity recovery services. The registration process cannot be started until the claimant receives a letter from IDX.

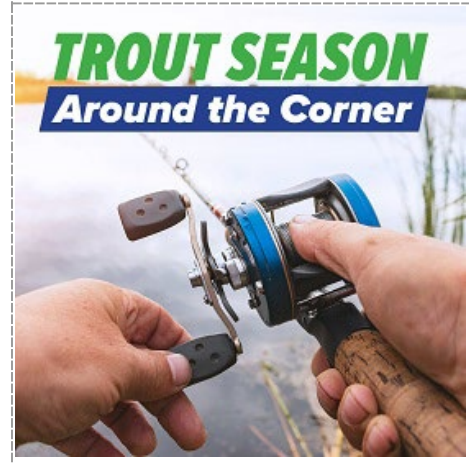


L&I is also reminding UC claimants who believe their account has experienced an unusual change to contact the department and follow these steps:

- Individuals can report suspected unemployment fraud by visiting the [UC benefits website](#) and clicking "Report Fraud" at the bottom of the page to complete and submit the Identity Theft Form. Do not log in.
- Employers should indicate the claim is fraudulent in their response to the Notice of Claim Filed.
- To report identity theft fraud related to the federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program, [please click here](#).
- To report fraud by phone, call the PA Fraud Hotline at 1-800-692-7469.

Trout Fishing Season is Almost Here!

The recent warm weather is causing many of us to THINK SPRING! For anglers, that means it's time to buy your fishing licenses and permits and get your gear organized. Be sure to check out the [Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission \(PFBC\) online](#) for licensing details and access to [trout stocking schedules](#). Information is also available on the FishBoatPA mobile app. Once again, the PFBC is hosting a single, statewide Opening Day of Trout Season on Saturday, April 2. On Saturday, March 26, the commission will hold its statewide Mentored Youth Trout Fishing Day, a great opportunity to expose a new generation of anglers to the joy of fishing. To participate, youth anglers under the age of 16 must have either a free Mentored Youth Permit or a Voluntary Youth Fishing License, which costs \$2.97. More information about the Mentored Youth Program, as well as a link to obtain a permit or license, [is available here](#).



Got Tires?



The Lebanon County Conservation District will hold a tire collection event at the Lebanon Expo Center on April 13. For more information, visit [Lebanon County](#)

[Conservation District to hold tire disposal event at Expo Center - LeebTown.](#)

Report Potholes to PennDOT



Along with the spring thaw, comes more potholes on our roads and bridges. Extreme fluctuations in temperatures, as well as an active snow season, can lead to potholes, which can be a hazard to drivers and their vehicles. You can help by reporting potholes on state-owned roads. Simply call 1-800-FIX-ROAD or [click here](#) to file a report online.