

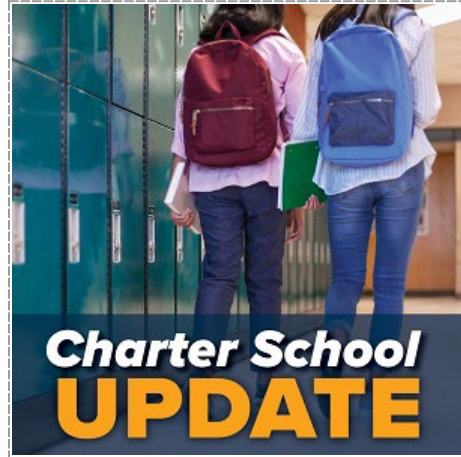
## Working for You



In addition to my service as your state representative, I was appointed to the board of the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) by former House Speaker Mike Turzai in June of 2019, where I currently serve as vice chairman. A certified public accountant, I also serve as chairman of the Audit Compliance and Risk Committee and as a member of the Investment Committee.

## **New Charter School Regulations OK'd by IRRC Despite Objections**

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) approved regulatory changes for the state's charter schools this week, despite objections by lawmakers and approximately 3,000 Pennsylvanians who signed a petition opposing the changes. The approval was granted in a 3-2 vote along party lines. Last week, the House Education Committee voted to send a letter to the Pennsylvania Department of Education expressing concern 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. Currently, there are 179 charter schools, including 14 cyber charter schools, operating in Pennsylvania.



## Supporting Small Business with One-Stop Shop

Looking to start a new small business or expand an existing one? Help is available through the Department of Community and Economic Development's Pennsylvania Business One-Stop Shop. The [online guide](#) walks you through resources available to help you plan, register, operate and grow a business in the Commonwealth. It specifically highlights resources for women-owned businesses and for veterans. Pennsylvania ranks fifth in the nation for veteran-owned businesses with more than 95,000 and has more than 300,000 women-owned businesses. Additional information



includes a basic business registration overview, tips for turning your idea into a business and naming your business, as well as an outline of local registration, permit and zoning requirements. [Check it out here.](#)

## Public Hearings Set Regarding UGI's Proposed Rate Increase

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission has scheduled two public input hearings regarding UGI's proposed rate increase. Both hearings will be by phone and are scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Under the rate increase proposed by UGI, the total average monthly bill of a residential customer using 73.1 Ccf of natural gas per month would increase from \$98.62 to \$108.01 per month, or by 9.5%. To ask questions or offer your opinions on the rate hike, you must pre-register no later than 3 p.m. Friday, April 8. [Learn more here.](#)



## State May be Holding Your Unclaimed Property



Currently, the Pennsylvania Treasury is looking for the owners of more than \$4 billion in unclaimed property – abandoned and forgotten items such as bank accounts, stocks, uncashed checks, life insurance policies, proceeds from safe deposit boxes, and much more. That’s BILLIONS of dollars waiting to be returned to the rightful owners and heirs! Last year, the state Treasury returned more than \$135.1 million in unclaimed property. To see if you have unclaimed property and to claim it, [visit here](#).

## Eaglets Arrive!



Two eaglets have hatched in the nest featured on the Hanover Bald Eagle Cam run by the Pennsylvania Game Commission and HDonTap. Look in on the eagle parents and their eaglets [anytime here](#).



## Grab That Rod and Reel!

Just a reminder that this Saturday, March 26, is Mentored Youth Trout Fishing Day across the Commonwealth. 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](#). Next Saturday, April 2, is the first day of trout season. If you haven't already, be sure to buy your fishing licenses and permits and get your gear organized. Visit the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) online at [fishandboat.com](http://fishandboat.com) or the FishBoatPA mobile app for more information.



## Pick Up Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania departments of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Transportation (PennDOT) are encouraging residents, local leaders and businesses across the state to join the "Pick Up Pennsylvania" campaign that targets litter cleanup. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful coordinates the statewide Pick Up Pennsylvania campaign each spring and fall. Gloves, trash bags and safety vests are provided by PennDOT and DEP. In addition, DEP and the Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association sponsor no- or low-cost trash disposal for registered events at participating landfills for the month of April. People interested in volunteering are invited to organize their own local event and register it at [Pick Up Pennsylvania](#) or sign up to participate in an already-registered event. So far, 290 events are registered, with an estimated 21,000 volunteers. [Learn more here](#).

