



## SENATOR STEWART J. GREENLEAF



### 12TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

Dear Friend,

*Though I have been commuting to Harrisburg for many years to attend legislative session, I never cease to be impressed with the many attractions that make the state Capitol one of Pennsylvania's premiere travel destinations. In this mailer, I share some of my favorite places and invite you to experience them as well. Whether you are in search of historical treasures or witnessing the lawmaking process firsthand, Harrisburg is a state capital that offers Pennsylvanians numerous opportunities for recreation and education.*

*History buffs can see the story of the Civil War unfold or even watch a live re-enactment at the National Civil War Museum. For bibliophiles, the State Library of Pennsylvania, one of the largest research libraries in the state, houses a vast collection of selections in such areas as state government, history, public policy, and rare books and periodicals such as the Pennsylvania Gazette published by Ben Franklin. The State Museum of Pennsylvania, a mecca for all facets of Pennsylvania history and culture, attracts more visitors than any museum between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.*

*Complete your trip by exploring Harrisburg's numerous shopping, dining and entertainment venues. With so much to see within a reasonable drive from the 12th District, Harrisburg is perfect for a day trip or weekend stay. As always, please feel free to stop by my Capitol office, room 19, East Wing.*

*Stewart J. Greenleaf*

## The State Capitol

**A**claimed by millions and the Capitol's architect, Joseph Huston, to be a "Palace of Art," President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt called it, "the handsomest building I ever saw."

The 101-year-old Capitol building officially opened on October 4, 1906, replacing a building that had been destroyed by fire in 1897. Today, with the addition of a modern East Wing built in 1987, the Capitol complex covers 5.5 acres. The outside of the five-story building is faced with

Vermont granite. The main showpiece of the interior is the Capitol Rotunda, which features a 272-foot high, 52-million pound dome, modeled after St. Peter's in Rome, and a sweeping Carrara marble staircase inspired by the staircase at the Paris Opera House.

The Capitol building serves as the center of the Executive, Legislative

and Judicial branches of our Commonwealth. Visitors can view the House of Representatives, the Senate Chamber and the Supreme Court.

*Guided tours of the Capitol are available every half hour Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. On weekends and most holidays, tours are offered at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. For groups of 10 or more, call 1-800-868-7672 or 717-787-6810 for advance reservations.*





## The Welcome Center

The Welcome Center, which was built in 1995, is located in the East Wing of the Capitol Building.

At the Welcome Center, visitors can read, listen, touch and interact with 18 colorful, informative exhibits that explore Pennsylvania's history and the legislative process.

The Welcome Center is available during the Capitol tour schedule.



## The State Library

The State Library of Pennsylvania provides information for state government and citizens while collecting and preserving our state's written heritage through materials published for, by, and about Pennsylvania.

The State Library is one of the largest research libraries in the Commonwealth, and it provides information and materials from its collections and automated resources to state government, state institutions, and the general public.

Groups interested in touring the State Library should make a reservation by calling 717-705-6272. Visitors will be given a tour of each of the Library's reading rooms: the Main Reading Room; the Law and Government Publications Reading Room; the Genealogy and Local History Reading Room; and the Newspaper Reading Room.

*The library is closed on all federal holidays, and operates during the following hours:*

*Monday, Wednesday through Saturday – 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.*

*Members of Girl Scout Troop #261 of Horsham, PA, visit with Senator Greenleaf on the Senate Floor.*



## The National Civil War Museum

Set on Harrisburg's highest elevation, the National Civil War Museum is modeled after an 1850's building of brick, with plazas and a 40' cupola. The 65,000-square-foot, two-story structure includes exhibition galleries, a gift shop, auditorium and cafeteria with banquet facilities.

The museum incorporates more than 24,000 items including collections of artifacts, manuscripts, documents, photographs, and other printed material. Exhibits encompass the time period from 1850 through 1876, so its collections vary widely in scope and years of manufacture.

This is the only museum in the United States that portrays the entire story of the

American Civil War. Equally balanced presentations are humanistic in nature without bias to Union or Confederate causes. Nowhere can you find a better understanding of the Civil War, its effect on the nation and on its people.

*Museum Hours: Wednesday –*

*Saturday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.*

*Sunday – 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.*

*Open seven days a week April 1 through Labor Day*

*Closed most federal holidays*

*Open Memorial Day, 4th of July, Veteran's Day – 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.*

For more information call 717-260-1861 or toll-free 866-258-4729.

## The Governor's Residence

Nestled along the Susquehanna River, the Governor's residence sits on a three-acre lot boasting three gardens and a beautiful view of the river. The 28,600 square-foot building is two-and-a-half stories tall and flanked by two one-story wings and a garage. The Georgian-designed structure has 32 rooms and was designed by architect George Ewing.

Governor Arthur H. James authorized the purchase of land and construction of the executive residence in 1941. However, the onset of World War II delayed those plans by 25 years.

Construction began on the residence in December of 1966, and two years later, in December of 1968, Governor Raymond P. Shafer and First Lady Jane D. Shafer moved into the residence with their daughter, Jane.

The Governor's Residence is currently inhabited by Governor Edward G. Rendell and his wife, Marjorie.

*Tours of the Governor's Residence are offered as follows:*

*April, May, June – Tuesday and Thursday – 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

*September, October – Tuesday and Thursday – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

*December – Schedule varies*

The tour is handicapped accessible and reservations are required. To schedule a tour, call 717-772-9130.

## The State Museum

The State Museum of Pennsylvania is the flagship of the state's museum system, consisting of four floors of static and rotating exhibits depicting the history of the nation and Pennsylvania. It covers all aspects of Pennsylvania's history and holds significant collections that trace back to some of America's most famous events and historical individuals.

The State Museum is the only museum in the Commonwealth where the public can experience the full expanse of the state's heritage and its connections to the national experience.

*General admission to the museum is free, and it is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays. You can reach the museum by calling 717-787-4980.*



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