

## Protecting Yourself from Cybercriminals

By Senator Scavello

**PEN ARGYL** - October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, a good time to brush up on the tips for staying one step ahead of criminals intent on stealing your personal information and committing other online crimes.

There are four easy ways to protect yourself online:

**Think Before You Click:** If a link looks a little off, think before you click. It could be an attempt to get sensitive information or install malware.

**Update Your Software:** If you see a verified software update notification, act promptly and turn on automatic updates.

**Use Strong Passwords:** Use passwords that are long, unique and randomly generated. Use password managers to generate and remember different, complex passwords for each of your accounts. A passwords manager will encrypt passwords, securing them for you.

**Enable Multi-Factor Authentication:** You need more than a password to protect your online accounts, and enabling MFA makes you significantly less likely to get hacked.

You can find more detailed information on these and other cybersecurity issues in this Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency public toolkit.

## National CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS Month



## Woman of the Year

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give me a fresh perspective and great appreciation for their experiences. The Lehigh Valley is better for having organizations like Third Street to support women in their darkest hour,” states the global philanthropist and entrepreneur.

During her career, Elaine has been inducted into the Lehigh Valley Business of the Year Hall of Fame, as well as earned the Trailblazer Award from The Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, Athena Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award, Lehigh Valley Business Women of Influence Award, Woman of Merit and Pennsylvania’s 50 Best Women in Business Award, and most recently, the Lehigh Valley Business Icon Success and Leadership Award.

New this year, renowned author, jewelry designer and humanitarian herself, Kendra Scott has designed a signature piece exclusively for the Red Shoe Luncheon. Attendees who participate in the wine pull will have the opportunity to win a hand-crafted piece by Kendra Scott, who will also have a “pop-up” store at the event.

In addition to welcoming Elaine to the program, BW NICE™ is pleased to share its 2022 program lineup:

**Keynote speaker:** Dr. Leahna Cooney, Medical Director, Transitional Trauma Unit 5A, General Surgery, Trauma Surgery at Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN)

**Impact Speakers:** Jacque Cooper, Domestic Abuse Survivor; Victoria Alercia, Domestic Abuse Survivor & Licensed Therapist

**Emcee:** Valerie Bittner, Model, Actress, Voice Artist & Officiant

**Entertainment:** Todd Patnaude, Classical Guitar Musician; DJ Brad Scott, 2022 “LV Style Best of” Winner

**Self-Defense Demo:** Bob Hollinger, 8th Degree Black Belt Martial Artist

**Distinguished Guest:** Susan Wild, United States House Representative

The Red Shoe™ provides attendees with opportunities to network, shop among local vendors, partake in live and silent auctions, hear from inspirational speakers and enjoy a delicious lunch, high-end wine pull, a strolling fashion show and much more. Gently used clothing donations will also be accepted for YWCA’s Perfect Fit.

The Red Shoe™ Luncheon and Fashion Show will take place on Friday, October 14th 10:00am - 2:00pm at Northampton Country Club, 5049 William Penn Hwy, Easton, PA. Tickets can still be purchased at the event website: <https://qrco.de/redshoetix>.



## Wolf Vetoes Bill that Could Prevent Parole for Violent Offenders

By Rep. Joe Emrick

**BANGOR** - Legislation inspired by the murder of an 8-year-old boy at the hands of a paroled violent offender has been vetoed by Gov. Tom Wolf.

House Bill 146, also known as Markie’s Law, was named after Markie Mason, an 8-year-old boy who was brutally stabbed to death by a man who was paroled at the end of his minimum sentence for homicide, even after being convicted of committing two separate assaults of other inmates while in prison.

The bill would have postponed consideration of a violent inmate’s parole an additional 24 months following the inmate’s minimum release date for each conviction of a violent offense while incarcerated. In addition, it would have suspended consideration of an inmate’s parole an additional 12 months if the inmate attempted to escape, smuggled contraband, or retaliated or intimidated witnesses while incarcerated.

The bill passed with significant bipartisan support in both the House and Senate. In his veto message, the governor claims the legislation is “misguided and does not promote public safety.”

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