

State Representative | 162nd Legislative District

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# Dear Neighbor,

I hope your new year is off to a great start. As the 2025-26 Legislative Session begins, I'm reflecting on the work I accomplished last year alongside my fellow state lawmakers in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. I'm eager to return with renewed determination to the important initiatives that we were unable to complete last year and to champion the efforts we've yet to introduce.

In the session that just ended, we advanced legislation to secure the benefits and job protections workers deserve, protect consumers from predatory subscription service tactics, expand healthcare access — including coverage for essential services like speech therapy for stuttering and cancer screenings (breast, ovarian, and prostate) - and support first responders. By

working across the aisle, the House also secured critical state funding for local projects that strengthen our public schools (stabilizing property tax rates in the process) and fix roads, public buildings, and other infrastructure in disrepair.

Your input fuels the work I do. I've been fortunate to speak with many of you directly about your concerns and ideas, whether at one of my events, a community gathering, or simply striking up a conversation as we crossed paths.

My priorities for the new legislative session include preventing hospital closures, protecting you from price gouging by utility companies, and ensuring workers' rights and fair treatment by employers. These are policies that will enhance the quality of life for working families across Pennsylvania.

I'm looking forward to keeping you updated on my progress as I work on guaranteeing you and every Pennsylvanian fair wages, benefits, healthcare, and a dignified retirement in a community of clean air, water and land.

Thank you for your support - know that whether I'm in Harrisburg or back at home. I am always working for you. I hope to see you at one of my upcoming events - details are in this newsletter - and I encourage you to get in touch with me by visiting my office or by e-mailing me at RepDelloso@pahouse.net.

Sincerely,

State Representative David M. Delloso 162nd Legislative District

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# **Investments in the Community**

I fight for crucial grant allocations to organizations in our district with every new state budget. Here are the results of my advocacy since my last newsletter in August:

- **Darby Township** received \$250,000 to renovate Fire Station 76, built in 1925.
  - In addition, the Delaware County Redevelopment Authority was awarded a \$1.4 million grant and \$2.1 million low-interest loan for industrial redevelopment on Hook Road.
- Folcroft Borough received \$118,000 to purchase two police vehicles for the police department and fit them with patrol and emergency response equipment.
- **Glenolden Borough** received \$276,000 to coordinate urban and community forestry efforts by engaging communities in planting trees and building local environmental stewardship.
- Interboro School District received \$1 million to replace infrastructure in the high school, including outdated mechanical, electrical, and plumbing infrastructure systems. The project also involves energy efficiency upgrades and renovating classrooms to accommodate modern learning technology.
  - It also received \$500,000 to renovate the former administration building and create the new Kindergarten and Elementary Learning Academy, and
  - \$290,761 to remediate its school buildings by removing lead, asbestos, and mold.
- Ridley Park Borough received \$500,000 to repair the pedestrian footbridge over the Northeast Regional Rail Corridor.
- **Ridley Township** received \$304,000 to develop Blackrock Park, including enhancing accessibility with new parking spots and pedestrian walkways, installing lighting, and implementing stormwater management measures.
  - It also received \$250,000 to revitalize the 2000 block of E. MacDade Boulevard, including demolition of blighted structures and the addition of sidewalks, greenspace, trees and a clock tower.
- Rutledge Borough received \$300,000 to redevelop Triangle Park, including addition of a shade pavilion, accessible seating, path lighting, and pet waste stations.
  - In addition, the Central Delaware County Authority received \$500,000 to rehabilitate the sanitary sewer system that serves the borough; and
  - Morton-Rutledge Fire Company received \$150,000 to repair its station and engine hoses.
- Sharon Hill Borough received \$1,000,000 to construct a new municipal complex to house the library, police department, municipal offices and public works garage, as well as a new recreation center.
  - In addition, Chester Pike Corridor Improvements Partners received \$50,000 to improve conditions for pedestrians at various locations along Chester Pike in the borough. Updates will include safer cross walks, ADA benches, and trash receptacles.
- **Delaware County Intermediate Unit** received \$1.5 million for it to replace the roof of the Career & Technical School's Folcroft campus (as well as three more DCIU buildings).

# Legislative Update

# Leading the charge to make your government work better

I'm honored to share that I've been tapped to chair the new House Intergovernmental Affairs & Operations Committee, a leadership position that will allow me to cut through red tape and tackle issues that matter most to you and other working families.

I came to Harrisburg to fight for the people who actually keep this state running, which means going toe-to-toe with corporate interests to make sure workers – and vulnerable populations like veterans and seniors – are not left behind.

In addition to my new chairmanship, I remain an active member of caucuses focused on mental health, preventing gun violence, early childhood education, community college, and student debt relief.



# New income guidelines: Reduced Vehicle Registration for Retirees & Veterans

Thanks to a law the legislature passed last year, the income limit for retirees to be eligible for a reduced vehicle registration fee of \$11 increased from \$19,200 to \$29,906. The limit will be raised every year based upon the consumer price index.

The law also eliminates the vehicle registration fee for any veteran who: lost a limb or eye or who became partially paralyzed while serving; was captured by the enemy in any armed conflict for which the Department of Defense authorizes a campaign medal; has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, or has been awarded the Purple Heart.

You may apply for your reduced or eliminated fee at PennDOT's website (www.penndot.gov) or by visiting my office.

# Working for You

# My team and I are here help you with:

- Property tax/rent rebates
- Unemployment compensation applications
- Free notary services for state documents
- Applying for programs including CHIP, SNAP, PACE & PACENET
- Obtaining a SEPTA Senior Key Card
- Information on Real ID
- Finding out if you have Unclaimed Property
- Free, private Medicare counseling
- Obtaining veterans assistance
- Disability plates and placards
- Birth and death certificate applications
- Consumer complaints

# **Around Our Community**

Here's what I've been up to in our neighborhoods since my last newsletter!

## August

Held my annual **Back-to-School Resource Fair** at the brand-new Folcroft Community Center, where organizations like the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the Delaware County Libraries handed out information and goodies.

## September

Worked with **MacDade Bowl** on its school supply donation to Southeast Delco School District students. Bob Pescatore and his employees and family hold this annual event in memory of Catelyn Stone, a MacDade Bowl employee and educator who worked tirelessly to make sure her students had the supplies they needed.

Observed **Labor Day** at the Sheet Metal Workers' Union Hall, with thousands of union members and their families. It was good to honor people whose work keeps our country running, and to be among fellow elected officials who share my values when it comes to supporting organized labor.

### October

Attended the ribbon cutting for **Edgewood Elementary School**'s new playground, designed to be easier and more accessible to kids with disabilities. My office helped secure a grant to make this possible.

Co-hosted a public **Local Utilities Forum & Resource Expo**, where folks from PECO, AQUA, and the Public Utility Commission shared their resources and tips on how to save money on energy costs. Thanks go to Prospect Park Borough Councilman Paul K. Johnson for helping to organize this important event.

Held one of our regular **Shred Events** at Delcroft Shopping Center in Folcroft Borough, helping our neighbors safely destroy and recycle their private paper documents to avoid identity theft.











# Monthly Happenings with my Office:

### Mobile Office at Schoolhouse Senior Center

3rd Wednesday of each month | Noon – 1:30 p.m.

**②** 600 Swarthmore Ave., Folsom

# **Mobile Office at Good Neighbor Senior Center**

4th Wednesday of each month | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**②** 1035 Hook Road, Sharon Hill

# Veterans Outreach at my Ridley Park District Office

2nd Wednesday of each month – By appointment only. Call us at: (610) 534-1002

A Veteran Service Officer from the American Legion is available to advise veterans, their loved ones, and their beneficiaries to direct them on what they're entitled to as members of the Armed Services.

# Free Medicare Counseling at my Ridley Park District Office

3rd Wednesday of each month – By appointment only. Call us at: (610) 534-1002

An advisor from the PA Medicare Education Decision Insight Program (PA MEDI) is available to help residents navigate their Medicare plan options.

### November

As a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves, it's important to me to participate in their annual **Toys for Tots** program, and this year was no exception. Thank you to Ed Kenny, a district constituent, for his leadership in supporting our drive and for the generosity you have all shown for our community's young people and families in need.

Honored our neighbor Bud Lincoln's 100th birthday by presenting him with a Certificate of Recognition and celebrating with a bunch of fellow veterans at the **Schoolhouse Center** in Folsom, a vital asset for our community's seniors.





# Please contact my office for our help to determine if you qualify for any of these programs:



### December

Visited the WIC office in Upper Darby to drop off the **Diaper Drive** donations we received throughout the month. I'm grateful to everyone who donated, as well as state Sen. Tim Kearney, WIC, Nurse Family Partnership, and Maternity Care Coalition for partnering with us and to Main Line Health for their generous donation.

Witnessed Ridley High School students claim victory in the 2024 **Delco Hi-Q** competition! I'm so proud of their hard work, and it's a joy to see how local educators foster a love of learning among students.

As always, I enjoyed catching up with faces both familiar and new at my holiday **Meet** & **Greet**.







## Applications due by June 30, 2025

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program has delivered millions of dollars in rebates to thousands of seniors here in Delaware County. I'm proud to say the program is bigger and better than ever after I fought and won to expand income limits to qualify and the amount of dollars you can get back. You may now apply for a rebate for what you paid in 2024!

### 2024-2025 Income Guidelines Household Maximum Annual Income Still Need \$22,590 **Energy** \$30,660 **Assistance?** 2 3 \$38,730 LIHEAP Cash 4 \$46,800 applications

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Each additional person \$8,070

\$54,870

\$62,940

\$71,010

\$79,080

Applications for winter energy bill relief through the LIHEAP program are due by April 4, 2025.

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# Save the Date:

To learn more or register for either of the following events, please contact us at (610) 534-1002 or RepDelloso@pahouse.net.



