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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

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THE 173RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT SERVING PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

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Hello Neighbor,



I hope that you are well, and that you were able to enjoy the holiday season! As a new year has begun, I wanted to share with you a recap of my first year as your state representative. Being able to serve the 173rd Legislative District here in northeast Philadelphia has been a huge honor. As someone who was raised in the Northeast, I am pleased to provide our neighbors with state services, bring state funding home, and introduce legislation that benefits our community and communities across Pennsylvania.

I look forward to continued work in 2024. If you need help with anything state government-related, feel free to contact my offices at (215) 281-3414, 8760 Frankford Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19136 or (215) 333-9760, 7104 Torresdale Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19135. You can also follow me on Facebook and Twitter.

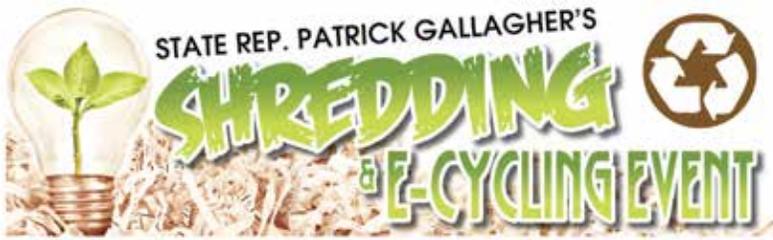
I-95 Bridge Collapse

The I-95 bridge collapse that occurred in June had a massive effect on our community, the state of Pennsylvania, and the entire northeastern United States. However, with the diligent work of Governor Shapiro, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and the Philadelphia Building Trades, we were able to get the bridge fixed within a matter of weeks and commuters were once again able to travel on this part of the I-95 corridor.

This fall I introduced a resolution that extended the emergency declaration for repair work until later this year. It is important to keep this declaration in place as long as possible, to ensure the bridge on I-95, in Northeast Philadelphia, is safe for travel. I'm proud of all the State, City, and Federal agencies that worked together, in order to address this crucial infrastructure issue.



In June, I joined Josh Shapiro, members of the building trades, local law enforcement, and elected officials for a press conference at the site of the collapsed bridge to announce it was safe to travel on again. This came only 12 days after the collapse occurred.



Are you a veteran and need help understanding your benefits?

Veteran Service Officers from a nationally recognized organization will be available to assist you in my district office.

Beginning Thursday, February 22nd and then every 3rd Thursday of the month.

Veteran Service Officers, VSOs, are nationally accredited to counsel and assist veterans and their families with service-connected disability claims, VA pension claims, veteran burial benefits, education benefits, home loan guarantees, and healthcare eligibility.

These Veteran Service Officers hold an in-depth knowledge of the Veterans Affairs (VA) compensation and entitlement process and are available to assist veterans with completing required federal paperwork applications and obtaining documents needed. Veterans themselves, VSOs work one-on-one with veterans to establish a strong working relationship and provide support while guiding them through the process of filing.

If you are in need of veterans benefit/entitlement assistance, please contact one of my district offices,

(215) 281-3414 or (215) 333-9760 to schedule an appointment with a Veteran Service Officer.

Shred Event

**May 18, 2024 at the
9:00 am to 11:30 am**

**Linden Avenue Boat Launch Parking Lot
Linden Avenue and the Delaware River**

I will be sponsoring a FREE paper shredding event. In addition, I will be providing e-recycling on-site. Protect your identity: shred your old tax documents, bank statements and other documents that contain personal information. Protect the environment, recycle your old or electronic devices. Let us help give you a greener sense of security (and organization!)

For more information, please contact or visit either of my district offices.

In the Community



Gallagher appointed to serve on the House Appropriations, Consumer Protection, Finance, Gaming Oversight, and Professional Licensure Committees

Each of these committees help move important legislation to address some of our state's most pressing issues, and I look forward to my service on each of them!

REPRESENTATIVE
Pat Gallagher

2023-2024
COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Appropriations

Consumer Protection

Finance

Gaming Oversight

Professional Licensure



Presenting a House Citation to Ken Divers, Executive Director of SEPTA Scope Program.



Mayfair Civic Association Tree Lighting 2023 at Cottman and Frankford.

State Grants Brought Home

I was proud to support more than \$1 million in state funding that was awarded to multiple organizations in our community for important projects from which we will reap benefits. Congratulations to the awardees of this funding in the 173rd District!

REP. PAT GALLAGHER
Announces

Money coming back to the district

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

\$1 Million
Russo Turf Field
\$81,846
Pleasant Hill Park

Investments into Our Community

\$50,000
awarded to St. Hubert High School for Girls

IU Nonpublic Equipment and/or Program Awardees

Good News!

Grants have been awarded to the 173rd District.

Over \$28,000
awarded to

Glen Foerd Conservation Corporation

Gallagher votes to expand Property Tax/Rent Rebates

A major expansion of the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program I co-sponsored will help more Northeast Philadelphia seniors and residents with disabilities.

Act 7 of 2023 significantly expands the Property Tax/Rent Rebate (PTRR) Program. This historic legislation delivers the largest increase for Pennsylvania seniors in nearly two decades.

Under the expansion first proposed by the Governor, nearly 175,000 more Pennsylvanians will qualify for a property tax or rent rebate. At the same time, many of the 430,000 claimants who previously qualified under the program's prior guidelines will see their rebates increase.

Here are the changes:

First, the maximum standard rebate increased from \$650 to \$1,000.

Second, the income cap for both renters and homeowners is now equal and increased to \$45,000 a year:

The income cap for homeowners increased from \$35,000 to \$45,000.



Property Tax / Rent Rebate 2024 Program Expansion

MORE people eligible, **MORE** money back!

Homeowner Income	Rebate	Renter Income	Rebate
Up to \$8K	\$1,000	Up to \$8K	\$1,000
Up to \$15K	\$770	Up to \$15K	\$770
Up to \$18K	\$460	Up to \$18K	\$460
Up to \$35K	\$380	Up to \$45K	\$380
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Questions? Contact my office for help receiving your refund!



Honoring St. Hubert's Cheerleading and Father Judge Baseball Programs. At Mayfair's 3rd Thursday Event.



MLK Day of Service 2024 with Tacony Baptist Church members and residents of the community.



National Night Out at the 8th Police District.



Grand opening for the new home of the Costello Boxing Club.

I am proud to deliver for **Every Philly Student**

I fought for and won:

- ✓ Historic funding for public schools
- ✓ Better learning technology
- ✓ More teachers in our classrooms

...and I'm just getting started

Gallagher helps secure record budget funding for education

I was proud to fight for historic education increases in the 2023-24 budget. The spending plan includes a \$567 million increase in basic education funding – the largest such increase in PA history. In addition, the budget includes \$100 million for student mental health resources and a \$46.5 million increase for a universal free school breakfast program that will ensure that 1.7 million Pennsylvania K-12 students don't start the day hungry. Beyond education, the budget boosts public safety

and violence prevention, and it allocates sustainable funding for the Pennsylvania State Police to reduce the reliance on the Motor License Fund and free up critical funding for roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure projects – all while holding the line on taxes. To be sure, no budget is perfect. But a plan that prioritizes our public schools, boosts public safety, protects taxpayers, and bolsters our infrastructure is a plan I can support.

PA Unclaimed Property

The State Treasurer's Office obtains millions of dollars in unclaimed property, and I want to make sure you get it back!

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY INCLUDES

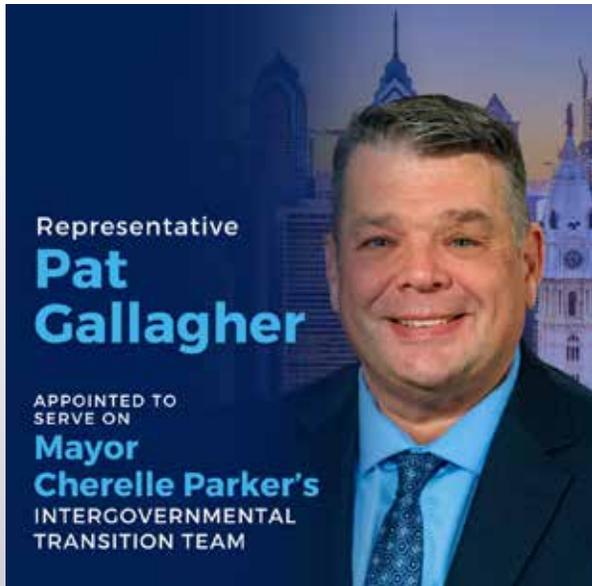
- Closed bank accounts
- Uncashed checks, including paychecks
- Stock and insurance dividends
- Contents of safe deposit boxes
- Refunds from utility providers

Search the Pennsylvania Treasury's Unclaimed Property Database
www.patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property

Your pot of gold could be waiting for you!



You can also call or visit one of my district offices, offices for help searching and claiming your property.



I am proud to have been appointed to Mayor Cherrille Parker's Intergovernmental Transition Team, that includes elected officials from local, state, and federal government. I worked with Mayor Parker before she took office and will continue working with her to address the city's most pressing issues to improve Philadelphia and the Northeast going forward.



Need Energy Assistance?

2023-2024 LIHEAP Applications are Now Open!

2023-2024 Income Guidelines

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
1	\$21,870
2	\$29,580
3	\$37,290
4	\$45,000
5	\$52,710
6	\$60,420
7	\$68,130
8	\$75,840
9	\$83,550
10	\$91,260

Each additional person \$7,710

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) can help households stay safe and warm in the winter by providing critical energy assistance services. Contact my office for more information, to see if you qualify, and to apply.



DEMOCRATS DELIVER

WHAT WE ACHIEVED:

- ✓ **Record basic education funding increase**
 - **\$175 million** for school facility improvements
 - **\$10 million** for student-teacher stipends
 - EITC Transparency and Administrative Fee Reforms
- ✓ **Increased Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit** – move from 30% to 100% of federal credit – more than tripling the state level credit
- ✓ Increased **violence intervention to \$10 million**
- ✓ **\$7.5 million for indigent defense**



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My office can help you with:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate problems or questions
- Car registrations, titles, and license application
- Disability plates and placards
- Birth and death certificates
- Unemployment compensation problems
- SEPTA Senior Fare Cards
- House citations for accomplishments and milestones
- State and federal income tax forms
- Translation services available for constituent issues
- Problems or questions involving all state agencies

And much, much more

If it's about state government, we can help!

5,592

constituent services provided, including **1000+ PennDOT services**



2,322

residents served



On Friday, November 3rd a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the reopening of the 15th Police District. I was joined by former Managing Director Tumar Alexander, Inspector Frank Bachmayer, 15th District Commander, Captain Marques Newsome and former Interim Police Commissioner John Stanford.