

The Gallagher Gazette

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Hello Neighbor,

I hope you and your family had a safe and enjoyable summer.

As your State Representative, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve our community. Over the past several years, I've had the privilege of meeting so many wonderful residents, helping neighbors resolve issues with state agencies, and working to make our communities stronger, safer, and an even better place to call home.

Whether my office is assisting with a state program, helping a senior apply for benefits, or advocating for legislation in Harrisburg, my focus is always on delivering the kind of responsive service you deserve. Hearing from you—your concerns, ideas, and experiences—helps guide the work I do every day.

Thank you for the trust you've placed in me. It is an honor to represent our district, and I remain committed to working hard, listening to your concerns, and standing up for our community. If my office can ever be of assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're always here to help.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. I hope you find it informative, and I look forward to keeping you updated on the work we're doing together to serve our community.

Pat Gallagher

Protect Yourself from Financial Scams



Older adults are often targeted by financial scams, including fake IRS or Medicare calls, contractor fraud, identity theft, investment scams, and “grandparent emergency” scams.

In May, I joined 8th Police District Community Relations Officer Cinnamon Hill and FBI Community Outreach Specialist Tanya Jeter at Delaire Landing to help educate seniors about elder fraud and ways to protect themselves from financial exploitation.

Resources:

FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center

Scan Here



PA Department of Aging

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PA Attorney General Email
seniors@attorneygeneral.gov

I'm proud to support every student in our district — whether they attend a public or private school. The state budget we passed this year retains the \$680 million for the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program (OSTC). This allows students in need the opportunity to receive scholarship funding to attend schools like Father Judge, St. Hubert's, Nazareth Academy and their feeder parish grade schools.

I was also proud to help pass \$1.5 billion in basic education funding for the School District of Philadelphia — this is a \$157 million increase from last year's budget, and it does this without raising your taxes. This will help provide better schools with greater resources for our public school students.



Property Tax Assistance Programs for Philadelphia Homeowners

The City of Philadelphia offers several programs to help eligible homeowners reduce or manage their property tax bills:

- **Homestead Exemption**
- **Longtime Owner Occupants Program (LOOP)**
- **Senior & Low-Income Tax Freeze**
- **Real Estate Tax Installment Plan**
- **Real Estate Tax Deferral Program**

For more information, you can contact Councilman Mike Driscoll's Office at (215) 683-9220 or the Philadelphia Department of Revenue at (215) 686-6442.



Update

LIHEAP INFORMATION

You may qualify for help paying your PGW, PECO, or home heating oil bill

LIHEAP is expected to open in early November. Check online at pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/liheap for more information, especially as we get closer to the heating season, or contact my office.



Rhawn Street after paving

Smoother Roads for Our Community

A long-awaited repaving project on Rhawn Street and Holme Avenue was completed this spring by PennDOT and Anderson Construction.



Rhawn Street before paving

The project included the resurfacing of 4.8 miles of Rhawn Street, from State Road to Pine Road, and a 2-mile stretch of Holme Avenue, from Roosevelt Boulevard to Academy Road.

For anyone who regularly travels these roads, the difference is immediately noticeable. What were once rough, uneven streets with bumps and deteriorating pavement have been transformed into smooth, safer roadways that provide a much more comfortable drive for residents, commuters, school buses, and emergency vehicles alike.

I will continue working with state and local partners to advocate for additional transportation investments that keep our neighborhoods connected and our roads safe for everyone.



2026 General Election Calendar & Voter Information

Tuesday
Nov. 3,
2026

Election Day

Monday
Oct. 19,
2026

Last Day to Register

Tuesday
Oct. 27,
2026

Last Day to file for Mail-in or Absentee Ballot

Money Brought Back to the District



Holy Family

\$200,000 for EMS Training & Education Institute on campus.

\$950,000 in state funding for major new investments on the University's Northeast campus.

\$1.75 Million for Philadelphia Rebuild of Russo Park renovations.

\$500,000 for St Hubert's to renovate the auditorium lobby and entrance, the cafeteria, bathrooms, a dance center, and music room.



Celebrating Dr. Hubert B. Barnes on 40 years as a pastor at Star of Hope Baptist Church of Tacony.



Honoring St. Katherine's Volunteers

I had the privilege of presenting a citation to St. Katherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church for receiving Volunteer Faith Based Organization of the Year.



I was on hand to honor Dave Schafer, who is retiring after an incredible 50 years of teaching. Dave started his career at Conwell-Egan and spent his last 33 years shaping the minds and hearts of young women at St. Hubert Catholic High School for Girls.



Mayfair Community Cleanup

In April, my office joined staff from Councilmember Mike Driscoll's office, Melinda Mulvenna and Mayfair community members to clean up the Mayfair Community Playground. It was a very successful cleanup as we removed 28 bags of trash!



Elliott-Lewis Mechanical Services Institute

It was an honor to be at Father Judge High School for the ribbon cutting of the Elliott-Lewis Mechanical Services Institute at the Father Judge Career Pathways Academy. I look forward to seeing the excellent opportunities this institute provides to students for years to come!

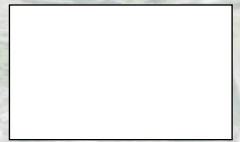


It was wonderful visiting Dumpling Grounds Day Care Center where I got to read to the kids and see the tremendous work that their staff does for the next generation!



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My Office Assists With

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate
- SEPTA Senior Fare Cards
- PENNDOT Forms
- Reduced \$12 Vehicle Registration for Retired Individuals earning less than \$30,778
- Birth and Death Certificates
- Unclaimed Property
- Unemployment Compensation Issues
- Veterans' Issues

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Public Safety Legislation

- **HB 2474**, which closes gaps in mandatory reporting for suspected child abuse. Voted YES on May 6, 2026.
- **HB 2540**, which requires DHS to create more secure chip-enabled EBT cards. Voted YES on June 15, 2026. Became law in Act 21 of 2026.
- **HB 1859**, which prevents people experiencing a mental health emergency from possessing firearms. Voted YES on September 30, 2025.
- **HB 156**, which requires carbon monoxide alarms in Child Care Centers. Voted YES on April 9, 2025.
- **SB 375**, which requires AEDs for heart attacks at all PIAA/Public School Events. Voted YES on April 27, 2026.
- **HB 2400** (2026/27 Budget). I voted YES on July 12, 2026 for several major investments in Public Safety:
 - **\$16.2 million** in funding to train 380 new State Police Troopers.
 - **\$11.5 million** in new funding for the BOOST program that engages children in after school activities and student support.
 - **\$62.1 million** for the Violence Intervention and Prevention Program, which invests in community organizations tackling gun violence.
 - **\$4.5 million** to support survivors of domestic abuse with emergency services.
 - **\$12 million** (80% increase) for Rape Crisis Centers.



Breast and Prostate Cancer Awareness Event

I am partnering with Jefferson Health's Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center and City Councilman Mike Driscoll to host a mobile cancer screening event for Northeast Philadelphia residents.

Mobile Cancer Screening Unit

Prostate Cancer Screening
Thursday, November 12
10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Mammogram Screening
Friday, November 13
9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Mammogram screening space is limited. **Contact my office for more information or to reserve a screening time slot.**

