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## 2020-21 state budget process kicks off

The process of creating a 2020-21 state budget officially begins this month, with Governor Tom Wolf announcing his budget proposal for the next fiscal year.

I met with the governor in the fall to discuss what my priorities are for the next fiscal year.

I will continue to fight for a raise in the minimum wage, investments in education from pre-K through college, and proper funding for environmental protection.

The House Appropriations Committee will begin holding hearings on the 2020-21 budget this month. As a member of the committee, and Democratic Chair for the subcommittee on Government and Financial Oversight, I look forward to delving more into budget details during these hearings, when we have the chance to ask questions of state departments and agencies.

I will keep you apprised as the budget process moves forward. The best way to stay informed is to sign up for my weekly emails through my website, [www.pahouse.com/krueger](http://www.pahouse.com/krueger), or follow me on social media – Facebook.com/RepLeanne or on Twitter @RepLeanne.



## Working for gun safety reform

On my first day in office, I signed onto a bill to support universal background checks for every gun sale in PA. But four years later, the Speaker still hasn't let more than the bill get to the floor for a vote.

I'm grateful to many gun safety advocates who joined the PA SAFE Caucus for a meeting in Harrisburg in January to discuss strategy for real legislative change. I will keep you up to date on our efforts.

## Pipeline permit review ban lifted in January

In January, the Department of Environmental Protection issued a \$30.6 million penalty against ETC Northeast Pipeline, related to the 2018 explosion and fire in Beaver County. It's one of the largest civil penalties collected in a single settlement.

ETC is a subsidiary of Energy Transfer Partners, the same company behind the Mariner East projects. As a result of the consent order and agreement reached, DEP also lifted a nearly year-long ban on permit reviews that had been put in place last February.

With the permit ban lifted, it is critical that we keep public safety at the forefront. We must be diligent in monitoring pipeline projects and hold companies accountable.

I will continue to keep a close eye on these developments and keep you up to date.

Earlier in the legislative session, I also spoke out against a bill that would have rammed through weak and deficient permit applications if the understaffed Department of Environmental Protection couldn't review the applications within 30 days. The pipeline accidents we've seen here in Brookhaven and Aston and in neighboring Chester County clearly demonstrate why DEP should take its time to review all applications and ensure public safety.

I will continue to monitor legislation that could impact our environment and community.

# Funding awarded in the 161st

I'm proud to help local municipalities, schools and other organizations seek state funding for projects that benefit our community. Here's a look at recent funding, through a variety of state and federal programs, awarded in and around the 161st District.

**Delaware County Technical High School** – \$50,000 for new equipment to align student training with high-demand occupations

**Nether Providence Athletic Association** – \$133,814 grant for LED lighting and bleachers at Houston Park baseball field

**Ridley Township** – \$2.29 million low-interest loan for stormwater improvements

**Wallingford-Swarthmore School District, \$20,000, and Notre Dame De Lourdes School, \$14,595** – Safe Schools Targeted Grants

**Nether Providence Township** – \$277,359 to control sediment and add a rain garden at Sapovits Park

**Delaware County Intermediate Unit** – \$15,740 Keystone Telepresence grant

**Swarthmore College** – \$56,000 to help install 14 electric vehicle charging stations on campus

**Delaware County Community College** – \$70,000 in federal funds to expand opioid preventive programs and create naloxone training for students.

**\$14.4 million** – to improve freight rail lines in Delaware County

**Be Proud Foundation** – \$150,000 for a substance use prevention program for teachers and service providers to use with students in grades 6 through 9

**Nether Providence Township** – \$500,000 to support sidewalk installation and related improvements along Providence Road

**Total: \$17.9 million**

## Get your SEPTA Key Senior ID Card through my office

Seniors 65 or older who present a SEPTA Key Senior ID Card ride for free on all SEPTA service lines within Pennsylvania.

My office can help complete the application and take your photo. Just bring a form of identification with a date of birth on it, such as a Pennsylvania driver's license or non-driver ID card, U.S. passport, or birth certificate.

SEPTA has informed my office that it is providing a one-year extension of all SEPTA Key Senior ID Cards expiring in calendar year 2020. Seniors with a card expiring in 2020 will be able to continue to ride SEPTA using their current card for 12 months

beyond the printed date of expiration. For example, cards with a May 2020 expiration date will continue to be valid for travel through May 2021.

Even though the cards won't expire in 2020, those who have a card with a 2020 expiration date can renew them at SEPTA Headquarters or the SEPTA Accessible Travel Center in Philadelphia. In the coming year, I will be working with SEPTA as they develop a process that will allow my office to handle card renewals in the future.

Contact my office at 610-534-6880 with questions or visit [septa.org](http://septa.org).

## Do you need a REAL ID?

Beginning Oct. 1, 2020, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, photo ID card, or another form of federally-acceptable identification (such as a valid passport or military ID) to board a domestic flight or enter a secure federal building or military installation.

Information about REAL ID can be found on PennDOT's website, under the REAL ID section: [www.PennDOT.gov/REALID](http://www.PennDOT.gov/REALID). Please contact my office at 610-534-6880 for help obtaining your REAL ID or with any questions or concerns.

**October 1, 2020**

**The federal REAL ID Act takes effect in Pennsylvania.**

**The best thing you can do to prepare for REAL ID is to get your documents together:**

- ✓ **Proof of identity**
- ✓ **Proof of Social Security number**
- ✓ **Two current, physical proofs of PA residency**
- ✓ **Proof of all legal name changes**

Visit **PENNDOT.GOV/REALID**

## Reach Out PA: Your Mental Health Matters

Ensuring that all Pennsylvanians have access to mental health care if they need it is incredibly important. So I'm pleased that in January, Governor Tom Wolf announced a multi-agency effort to expand resources and support for mental health and related health care priorities.

The campaign, called "Reach Out PA: Your Mental Health Matters," includes efforts to ensure access to affordable mental health care, as well as raise awareness and reduce the stigma around mental health issues.

It's critical that we make sure help is available for those who need it.

## Stay Connected

The 2020 state budget process has begun – and I can keep you up to date on that and more!

I send a weekly e-newsletter full of updates, including news from Harrisburg, events in our community, traffic alerts, state and local programs, and more.

**If you'd like to receive those emails, please visit [www.pahouse.com/Krueger/emailsignup](http://www.pahouse.com/Krueger/emailsignup).**

Please note: House rules prohibit me from sending email updates to you in the 60 days before an election in which I am a candidate, unless you opt in to keep receiving them. Leave the box on the form checked to opt in and ensure you keep receiving my updates.

## Census 2020: Make sure you are counted!

Every 10 years, the United States conducts a census. This count of U.S. residents helps determine how \$675 billion is spent by the federal government and how Pennsylvania is represented in Congress for the next 10 years.

Fill out the census if you want:

- ✓ better roads and bridges.
- ✓ kids to have better access to quality schools.
- ✓ better access to restaurants and shops.
- ✓ better public safety.

This year, it will be even easier to make sure you and your family are counted. Respond online, by paper or over the phone. The census will be printed in English and Spanish, accommodations are available for those with visual or hearing impairments, and telephone assistance will be available in 13 languages.

You should start to receive notices to complete the 2020 Census in mid-March.

Find more information at [2020Census.gov](http://2020Census.gov).



**State Sen. Tim Kearney and I hosted a discussion at the Delaware County Intermediate Unit in the fall to make sure Delaware County knows the importance of the census.**



## Recognizing school directors in January

I was pleased to introduce House Resolution 622, which designated January 2020 as School Director Recognition Month in Pennsylvania.

I visited all three of our local school boards – Ridley, Penn-Delco and Wallingford-Swarthmore – in January to offer my thanks in person.

School directors devote countless unpaid hours to decisions about district spending, policies, programs and staffing, and their leadership and advocacy play a critical role in ensuring that all children receive a quality education.

## Trout season opens April 4 in Delco

Saturday, April 4, is Regional Opening Day in Delaware County for trout season!

Statewide opening day is April 18. Visit [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com) for information on fishing licenses and more!



## Standing up for women's reproductive rights

I joined Governor Tom Wolf, other lawmakers and advocates in Philadelphia in November as he vowed to veto an unconstitutional six-week abortion ban and any other legislation that restricts women's reproductive rights.

I will continue to stand up for a woman's right to make her own medical decisions, and I'm grateful to have a governor who will, too.

# ✓ Modernizing the vote for 2020

Effective for the April 2020 Primary Election  
More info | [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com) | Register online



### More ways to vote



**No-excuse mail-in voting**  
New option to vote by mail  
Without providing an excuse



**Permanent mail-in ballot list**  
Receive applications for  
mail-in or absentee ballots  
for all elections

### More accessible elections



**More time to register**  
Deadline to register to vote is  
now 15 days before  
an election



**Extended voting period**  
Request a mail-in or absentee  
ballot up to 50 days before  
an election

**Extended deadline**  
Submit mail-in or absentee ballot  
by 8 p.m. on Election Day

## Election reform: Mail-in voting, more time to register

Legislation signed into law by Governor Wolf in October makes changes to our elections, which will go into effect for the upcoming April primary. You now have more time to register and more ways to vote. See the graphic or visit [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com) for more information.

In addition, Delaware County will have a new voting system with a voter-verifiable paper trail, to comply with a state mandate on election security. Find more information on the new system at [delcopa.gov](http://delcopa.gov).



# Photos from around our community and Harrisburg



*My first Pet Expo, held with state Sen. Tim Kearney, helped connect pet owners with tons of resources.*



*In November, along with other legislators from Delaware County, I presented a bipartisan citation to the Delaware County Intermediate Unit and United States Veterans Legacy Project to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the annual Veterans Day parade in Media.*

*I participated in a moving flag retirement ceremony hosted by the Scouts of Aston Township and the American Legion Post 926 in October. Thanks to those who brought flags to my office to ensure they were properly retired.*



*At my annual Senior Fair, we honored seniors' milestone birthdays and offered many state and local resources.*



*It is always a privilege to honor local veterans at my annual Veterans Lunch!*



*Above: It was a pleasure to join Boy Scout Troop 272 in Rose Valley, along with state Sen. Tim Kearney, for an Eagle Scout Court of Honor! Congratulations to Matthew Crawford, Will Swartzentruber and Tom Salko for achieving the rank of Eagle.*



*Left: My holiday open house is always a great chance for my staff and I to connect with community members in a fun setting!*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Telephone Town Hall

**Tuesday, February 25, 7 p.m.**

Just answer your home phone to join our discussion! Visit [pahouse.com/Krueger](http://pahouse.com/Krueger) for details on how to make sure you get the call.

### Consumer Protection Office Hours

**Thursday, March 5  
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

A representative of the Office of the Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection will hold office hours in my Folsom office! Bring your consumer questions or complaints, learn about avoiding scams and more.

### Veterans Breakfast

**Saturday, March 7**

**Herbert W. Best  
VFW Post 928**

1805 MacDade Blvd. Folsom  
Breakfast is free, but please call 610-534-6880 to sign up.

### Unclaimed Property

**Find your Pot of Gold**

**Tuesday, March 17  
Folsom Office**

701 E. MacDade Blvd.

**Thursday, March 19  
Brookhaven Office**

2 Cambridge Road

Stop by to find out if the state has your unclaimed property!

### REAL ID Town Halls

Learn about REAL ID and get your questions answered by a PennDOT representative at these information-only sessions.

**Monday, March 30  
6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

**Aston Community Center**

**Thursday, May 21st  
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**Brookhaven Borough  
Municipal Center**

### Spotted Lanternfly Info Session

**Tuesday, April 21  
6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**Helen Kate Furness  
Free Library**

100 N. Providence Road  
Wallingford

### Shred Event

**(with co-host  
Rep. David Delloso)**

**Saturday, May 16  
9 a.m. – Noon**

**Leedom Elementary School  
Parking Lot**

620 Chester Pike  
Ridley Park, PA 19078

### Property Tax/Rent Rebate Assistance Events

**Tuesday, June 16  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Folsom Office**

**Thursday, June 18  
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Brookhaven Office**

### Senior Update Events:

I will be hosting senior breakfasts and lunches throughout the district to provide updates to senior citizens regarding legislation, REAL ID, Census, and state services. Call my district office at 610-534-6880 to RSVP and obtain full details.

**Swarthmore/Rutledge:  
Friday, February 28  
9:30 a.m. (snow date 3/6)\***

**Aston:  
Friday March 20 at noon\***

**Ridley:  
Wednesday, April 22 at noon**

**Brookhaven:  
Thursday, May 21 at 9:30 a.m.**

*\*Census information sessions will be included at the Swarthmore/Rutledge and Aston events!*

