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New District map with municipalities and precincts

In February, the Legislative Reapportionment Commission voted on the final maps for the new boundaries of the state House and Senate districts. The lines get redrawn every 10 years after the Census to redistribute population in an even manner. These maps were then certified by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

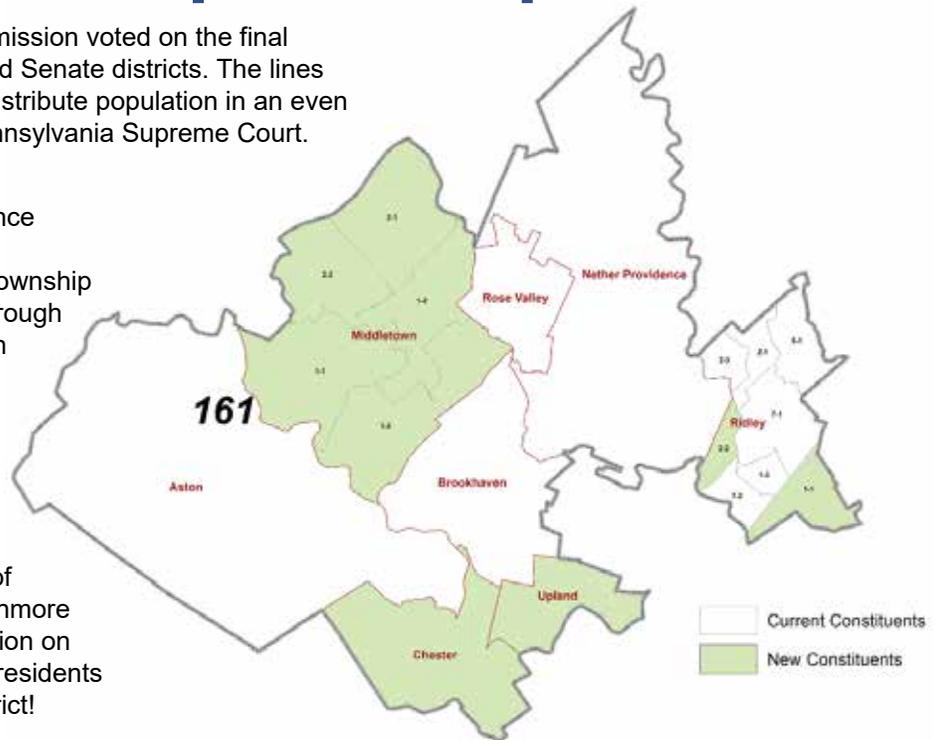
The new 161st Legislative District contains:

- Aston Township
- Brookhaven Borough
- Chester Township
- Part of Middletown Township
- Nether Providence Township
- Part of Ridley Township
- Rose Valley Borough
- Upland Borough

The following communities will no longer be in the 161st after November:

- Rutledge Borough
- Springfield Township
- Swarthmore Borough

I will continue to provide services for the residents of Rutledge Borough, Springfield Township and Swarthmore Borough until the end of the current legislative session on Nov. 30, 2022. I look forward to continuing to meet residents in the municipalities that have joined the 161st District!



State budget update

The Legislature went past the budget deadline this year but the final agreement was worth waiting for. The 2022-2023 budget includes a historic investment in Pennsylvania's public schools, including a \$44.3M increase for Delco's public schools and a \$15.5M increase for our local school districts. Seniors and people with disabilities who receive the Property Tax/Rent Rebate will receive an extra payment equal to

70% of their usual payment (you don't have to take any extra steps to get this extra payment). The budget reduces the state's corporate tax rate to benefit local businesses and makes a \$2 billion investment in the state's Rainy Day fund. To keep our kids safe, there are new investments in the School Safety and Security Committee for mental health grants and physical safety grants. Our public library systems will see an

\$11M increase. The Delaware County Health Department will see critical funding. There are historic levels of funding for environmental conservation to reduce maintenance backlogs in our state parks, preserve farmland, improve the quality of our rivers and clean up abandoned mines. Best of all, this budget was made possible without any tax increases. I was proud to cast a yes vote this year.

Legislation to ensure equitable access to contraceptives

This spring, I re-introduced legislation that would expand and protect access to contraceptives. After the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*, this bill is more important than ever.

Here's the background: during the summer of 2020, a U.S. Supreme Court decision allowed virtually any employer to opt out of the Affordable Care Act mandate to provide contraceptive coverage if they object to birth control on religious or moral grounds. That ruling endangers the health and economic security of at least 2.5 million women in Pennsylvania who depend on this coverage for access to affordable, effective contraceptives.

House Bill 2454 would protect access to this important form of health care by requiring employers and insurers in Pennsylvania to provide coverage for contraception. The medication that we are talking about is used for birth control, but it is also medication that treats many other medical conditions like endometriosis and polycystic ovary syndrome. This medication is essential for the women who take it, and we must protect access.



Abortion Access in PA

Late last month, the U.S. Supreme Court decided to overturn the landmark *Roe v. Wade* case and 50 years of legal precedent. The *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision is an attack on reproductive rights. While it is disappointing, it is not unexpected, and like many of the neighbors I have heard from, I am upset about it.



Abortion access now becomes an issue left to the states, and the state legislature will be the place where we fight to protect it. Twenty-six states have plans to ban or restrict abortion, and some of these bans and restrictions have already begun, including in neighboring states like Ohio and West Virginia, whose residents are likely to come to Pennsylvania for care.

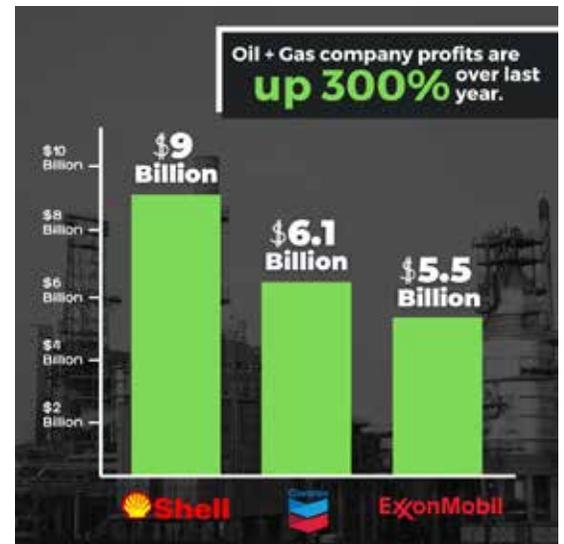
Abortion is still safe and legal in Pennsylvania today, but that could change under the next Governor and Legislature. Governor Wolf has promised to veto any anti-choice legislation that lands on his desk, but his term ends at the end of 2022. Because Governor Wolf has vetoed every abortion ban that reached his desk, there is a new strategy from the Republican leadership in Harrisburg to do an end-run around the Governor.

During late-night votes on the last voting session day in July, the state House and Senate passed a proposed constitutional amendment, Senate Bill 106, which would limit abortion rights in Pennsylvania. Constitutional amendments cannot be vetoed by the Governor. In order for them to become law, the General Assembly needs to pass identical language in two consecutive legislative sessions and then they will go on the ballot. Because Senate Bill 106 has now passed once, it could be considered and passed again in early 2023 and wind up on the ballot by the May 2023 primary election.

I have fought every abortion ban since I got to Harrisburg, and I will continue to do all I can to fight in Harrisburg to keep reproductive health care accessible and affordable. If you need more information about access to abortion care in Pennsylvania, visit www.pahouse.com/abortionaccess.

Legislative efforts to fight Inflation and Price Gouging

Many families in Delco are struggling with skyrocketing prices for gas, groceries, and many other household goods that we rely on. Companies that are raising prices for things like chicken and gasoline are using inflation as an excuse to pad their record profits. So, I have joined my colleagues in co-sponsoring two bills that would make a difference to our pocketbooks by addressing corporate greed. The Stop Price Fixing Act – House Bill 2641 – would enhance the Attorney General's ability to prosecute individuals and businesses that are artificially raising prices and taking advantage of Pennsylvanians. The End Gas Price Gouging Act – House Bill 2697 – would prevent gas companies from changing gas prices more than once in a 24-hour period and crack down on sharp price increases. I support both of these bills and hope they move this session.



Supporting those who keep us safe



I met with the PA Professional Fire Fighters to discuss the needs of first responders in PA.



It was an honor and privilege to present Brookhaven Police Chief Michael Vice, Brookhaven Council President Terry Heller and Brookhaven Mayor Denise Leslie with grant funding to support the police accreditation process that the Brookhaven Department is pursuing.



Nether Providence Police Chief David Splain joined state Sen. John Kane and me during our Shredding and Prescription Drug take-back event. More than 400 cars joined us, and we were able to gather a total of 136 pounds of unneeded medications.



I stopped by the Folsom Fire Company to recognize Chief Joe Carollo on his recent retirement. Joe served as chief of the Folsom Fire Company for 25 years.



I visited with the Chester Township Fire Company. Chester Township is being added to the 161st District under the new legislative redistricting maps.



Congratulations to Brookhaven, South Media and Middletown fire companies. All three departments are celebrating their 100th anniversary this year and I got to be part of their celebrations!



\$192K
in state grants to
10 fire and rescue
departments in
our district

The money will go toward...

the purchase of new equipment, training and certifications of staff and more!



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\$192K in grant funding awarded to Fire and EMS in the current 161st District:

- Aston Township Fire Department: \$30,000 (Fire) and \$8,325.05 (EMS)
- Brookhaven Fire & Rescue Co: \$12,848 (Fire) and \$6,659.05 (EMS)
- Folsom Fire Company No 1: \$15,000
- Garden City Fire Company No 1: \$15,000
- Holmes Fire Company Fire: \$15,000
- Milmont Fire Co No 1: \$15,000 (Fire)
- Morton-Rutledge Fire Co: \$13,000 (Fire)
- South Media Fire Company No 1: \$14,834 (Fire)
- Swarthmore Fire & Protective Assoc: \$14,976 (Fire) and \$8,206.76 (EMS)
- Woodlyn Volunteer Fire Company No 1: \$15,000 (Fire) and \$8,325.05 (EMS)



I was proud to be able to present grant funding to the South Media Fire Company for building improvements.



I teamed up with Senator John Kane to host the Wills for Heroes clinic in Brookhaven Borough. Thanks to an amazing team of pro bono lawyers, first responders and veterans were able to get their wills and other estate documents done for free. These are the folks who put their lives on the line to protect us - it was an honor to help them get these important documents to support their families.

State grants awarded in the 161st District

It's always great when state money gets reinvested in our communities, and I'm pleased to have good grant news to share this summer!

- \$1M for Nether Providence Township sidewalk installation project.
- \$148,600 to Nether Providence Township for Hepford Park playground improvements.
- \$66,400 for the Brookhaven Police Department.
- \$62,000 in Safe Schools grants to Wallingford-Swarthmore School District and Notre Dame de Lourdes School in Ridley Township.



Pet Expo success

Thank you to everyone who came out to our second Pet Expo on Saturday, May 21. We worked with rescue organizations, vendors from across Delaware County, and Providence Animal Center to help vaccinate and microchip over 70 dogs and cats. It was a fun event, and Senator Tim Kearney and I loved seeing you and your pets!



Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

\$24 worth of produce vouchers are available per person/per year for anyone who is 60 years of age and older by 12/31/2022; a resident of Delaware County; and has an income of \$15,142 (single-person household) or 33,874 (two-person household).

The program began June 1 and runs until September 30.

To apply in person, please contact your local senior center

for distribution days/times and to make an appointment. You can also apply by mail. A voucher application must be completed to receive the vouchers. Once the application is received and approved, vouchers will be mailed to the recipient. Voucher applications will be distributed upon request only and can be sent by mail or emailed.

For more program information, call (610) 534-6880.

Unclaimed Property Event Totals

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Unclaimed Property event in March. The state Treasury reported that we were able to return \$13,433.44 to residents in the district!

To see if you have any unclaimed property in PA, visit www.patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property.



Do you have a SEPTA Key Card?

If you have a SEPTA Key Senior Card that has expired, we can now renew your card in our office. SEPTA extended the expiration for all cards until the same month in 2023. If your card shows an expiration date of April 2022, it will still be honored until April 2023. If you would like to renew your card before then, please reach out to schedule an appointment. To schedule an appointment in the Folsom office, call (610) 534-6880. For Brookhaven, call (610) 447-3297.

The federal REAL ID Act has been extended in Pennsylvania until

May 3, 2023

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

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



Visit PENNDOT.GOV/REALID

Beginning May 3, 2023, 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 commercial flight or enter a federal building or military installation that requires ID.

IN THE DISTRICT



Aston Valley Baseball League was able to turn on the new field lights at Weir Park to play their first game under the lights. I worked with their Board for three years to make this project a reality.



We held our annual shred event with state Sen. John Kane.



I joined nurses, paramedics, social workers and the Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses & Allied Professionals in front of Crozer Chester Medical Center to fight for essential health care services for Delco.



Celebrating Mayor Tim Plummer's recent retirement as Mayor. He was recognized for almost 30 years of service to Rose Valley.



I joined CRC Watersheds for their stream cleanup at Crum Creek in Swarthmore.



I got to join the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to stock trout in Chester Creek in Aston Township.



I visited the Chester City PA CareerLink to meet with Kate McGeever, Executive Director of Delaware County's workforce development system, to learn about the programs and services offered to job seekers and employers in Delaware County.



I visited with a group of Brookhaven Seniors to discuss state-related issues and answer questions.



Bobby Fooskas, Brian Chieffo and Jack Henry of Troop 272 Rose Valley earned the rank of Eagle Scout.



Tommy Noller, Ben Crawford, and Carter Shelton of Troop 272 Rose Valley earned the rank of Eagle Scout.



Trey Ford and Andrew Barnett of Troop 277 attained the rank of Eagle Scout.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

CALL MY OFFICE AT (610) 534-6880 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE EVENTS.

Blood Drives

Friday, Aug. 19 | 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

South Media Fire Company

Monday, Sept. 26 | 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Brookhaven Municipal Center

Expungement Clinic

Tuesday, Sept. 6 | 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Brookhaven Municipal Center

Call the office to register.

Shred and Drug Take-Back Event

Saturday, Oct. 15 | 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Northley Middle School in Aston

Medicare Programs

Call the office to register for the virtual programs.

Medicare 101: Monday, Aug. 8 | 11 a.m.

Medigap: Wednesday, Aug. 24 | 2 p.m.

Senior Expo

Thursday, Sept. 22 | 11a.m. to 2 p.m.

Brookhaven Municipal Center

Call (610) 534-6880 or email repkrueger@pahouse.net to register!

Veterans Luncheon

Thursday, Oct. 27 | 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

American Legion in Aston

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