



# THE DALEY NEWS

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## DEAR NEIGHBOR,

Serving you and communities here in Montgomery County is an honor.

The issues important to you and concerns you have with state government are important to me. As your voice in Harrisburg and in my role as Majority Chair of the House Tourism and Economic and Recreational Development Committee, as well as co-chair of the Women's Health Caucus, I am continually working to ensure a better quality of life in our communities, to safeguard women's healthcare access, and to promote more ways to generate economic and recreational opportunity in our region and state.

Please feel free to call or email my office to speak to my staff or to set up a meeting with me, or just stop in if you need help with a state government-related program or service. We are here for you.

Warmest wishes to you and your family for a happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

## PROTECTING WOMEN'S HEALTH

**PROTECT Abortion Rights**

**HOUSE BILL 1786**

**Would offer protection to people who obtain reproductive health services that are legal in Pennsylvania — including abortion.**

Women's Health Caucus Pennsylvania  
Español: *Coalicada de Saude de las Mujeres*

As co-chair of the bicameral Women's Health Caucus I was thrilled to see priorities I've championed since taking office move in the House this year.

We passed legislation I sponsored (H.B. 1786) which would further protect reproductive healthcare access in Pennsylvania by prohibiting Pennsylvania courts and authorities from cooperating with out-of-state authorities who want to criminally prosecute people who are seeking safe abortions in Pennsylvania. I am working to make sure Pennsylvania preserves access to abortion, and other critical reproductive healthcare services, for people seeking this care. The bill also protects health care providers and helps PA retain health care professionals.



## TOURISM IN 2026!

*America's 250th celebration and FIFA World Cup will be held in Pennsylvania*

In 2026, Philadelphia will host a celebration of the Semiquincentennial (250th anniversary) of the United States, and host the FIFA World Cup. In October the House Tourism and Economic & Recreational Development Committee, which I chair, held a public hearing to discuss plans for both. These celebrations will be major tourism events in Pennsylvania, so the committee is taking a great interest in the plans and how we can maximize safety and tourism revenue for the state.

Following the hearing we toured Philly's historical institutions and cultural sites to get a feel for how the 250th Anniversary celebration will take shape.

# AN IMPORTANT WIN FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY SENIORS!



## 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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The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program provides income-eligible senior citizens and people with permanent disabilities a rebate on the property taxes or rent they paid in the previous year.

I'm pleased to report that the program has been expanded in 2024 to include more people in our community, thanks to legislation I co-sponsored and voted for in June. The new law raises the income eligibility limit for both homeowners and renters to \$45,000 and raises the maximum rebate to \$1,000, allowing more seniors to stay in their homes and afford their basic necessities.

Please contact my office for more information or if you need help applying.

## Rx PROGRAM FOR SENIORS ENHANCED

Pennsylvania's prescription drug programs for seniors (PACE and PACENET) offer critical support and access to vital medications. When Social Security cost-of-living increases occur, some older residents discover they exceed income eligibility thresholds and are no longer eligible for these programs.

In December I voted for legislation, now law, that will allow these seniors to retain their benefits despite their Social Security COLA. You can learn more about PACE/PACENET online at [www.aging.pa.gov](http://www.aging.pa.gov).

If you have questions about either of these programs or need help applying, please contact my office.



**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

## HOME HEATING HELP THIS WINTER

Are you looking for help to manage your energy bills, especially during these cold winter months? The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program is open for applications. LIHEAP provides grants for paying heating bills or helps people in danger of having their heat shut off.

You can apply online at [compass.state.pa.us](http://compass.state.pa.us) or fill out a paper application with help from my office. After your application is reviewed, you will receive written notice explaining your eligibility and the amount of assistance you will receive.

## IMPROVING ROADWAY SAFETY

Pennsylvania ranks third in the nation for wildlife-vehicle collisions, which have caused injury and death and millions of dollars in damage and insurance claims. Since 2019 I have been introducing legislation to study strategies for wildlife corridors, most recently in my HR87, which was adopted in the House in May. The study by the Pennsylvania Legislative Budget and Finance Committee is due in the fall of 2024.

Along with this good news, the Biden administration recently awarded \$840,000 in funding to Pennsylvania to develop a comprehensive statewide strategic plan to address the wide-ranging challenges associated with the safe management and stewardship for wildlife crossings across the state.

Free State Representative **MARY JO DALEY**, 148th Legislative District

# VETERANS TRIBUTE LUNCH

**January 30th • 11 AM – 1 PM**  
**Spring Mill Ballroom**  
 1210 E. Hector Street  
 Conshohocken, PA 19428



## VETERANS TRIBUTE LUNCH

Veterans of the 148th District are invited to this free event, where local, regional, and state organizations will have valuable resources and information. Also join us for a personal memoir workshop.

Registration is required. Please RSVP by emailing [RepMaryJoDaley@pahouse.net](mailto:RepMaryJoDaley@pahouse.net), or by calling my District Office at 610-832-1679.

REP. MARY JO DALEY

# MEET THE REP!



**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24**  
**6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.**  
**BELMONT HILLS LIBRARY**  
 120 Mary Waters Ford Road  
 Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

Rep. Daley invites residents of the 148th Legislative District to Belmont Hills Library to chat about a variety of state government issues. If there's something on your mind, this is the time to sit down together and talk. **RSVP Required!** Please call 610-832-1679 or email to [repmaryjodaley@pahouse.net](mailto:repmaryjodaley@pahouse.net) to register in advance.

Commonwealth Representative Daley and her staff. They will be available to provide constituents with information on state government-related programs and services available. The member and staff can also assist you with government-related problems you may have.

## MEET ME IN BALA CYNWYD JAN. 24

Share your thoughts, questions, and concerns with me at my next "Meet the Rep" event on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at Belmont Hills Library, 120 Mary Waters Ford Rd, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004. RSVPs are required, so please call my office at 610-832-1679 or email [RepMaryJoDaley@pahouse.net](mailto:RepMaryJoDaley@pahouse.net) to let me know that you're coming. These meetings are always productive conversations so hope to see you there!

## IS UNCLAIMED PROPERTY WAITING FOR YOU?

The Pennsylvania Treasury is holding some \$4 billion in unclaimed property on behalf of residents. Unclaimed property is any financial asset that has been left with a bank, insurance company, business, or organization without any activity for three years. Examples include:

- Closed bank accounts.
- Uncashed checks, including, lost stocks, and bonds.
- Contents of safe deposit boxes.
- Life insurance policies.
- Expired gift cards/gift certificates.

You may receive solicitations from private companies offering to help you retrieve unclaimed property. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania does not charge a fee for retrieval of unclaimed property.

You may search for your name in the Unclaimed Property database for free by visiting

[www.PATreasury.gov/UnclaimedProperty](http://www.PATreasury.gov/UnclaimedProperty). You also can contact my office for help with your search or claiming your property.





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Please contact my office for more information on these two events I'm holding in January. Additional details are inside this newsletter.*

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Look inside for more information on an expansion of the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, my legislative work on the House Tourism and Economic and Recreational Development Committee, home heating help and more.

## MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH

- SEPTA Senior Key Cards
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications
- Birth Certificate applications
- PennDOT driver and vehicle documents
- Disability plates and placards
- Concerns about potholes and state road conditions
- Unemployment Compensation issues
- Unclaimed Property searches and forms
- Questions about Real ID
- Department of Human Services benefits (SNAP, Medical Assistance, LIHEAP)
- Consumer complaints

***any state-related issue or program!***

