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With members of Newtown Square Fire Company on International Firefighters' Day; one of four stops we made to deliver our gratitude (in the form of fresh-baked cookies from Catherine's Kitchen) to some of the 168th's bravest!

Dear Neighbor,

There is always something happening in the 168th Legislative District! These past few months have been busy, and I am grateful to all the neighbors, businesses, advocates, and public service groups who have taken time out of their schedules to meet with me and/or my staff to discuss issues important across our communities. We are listening!

I'll be spending a lot of time in Harrisburg as we move into budget season and will be working full time to ensure we have a budget which includes some of our most important priorities - education funding and school construction, healthcare access and ID/A services, support for fire, EMS and police, large and small

business support, upgrades to our roads and bridges, and investments in the environment. With more than \$6 billion in the commonwealth's Rainy Day Fund, we will be looking to continue to make investments in our communities which benefit us now and for the future.

Make sure you keep updated with everything happening in district and in Harrisburg by subscribing to my bi-weekly e-newsletter at my website www.repborowski.com. We look forward to serving you!

In service,

BRINGING HOME TAXPAYER MONEY TO THE 168TH!

One of my favorite parts of being a state representative is advocating for state dollars to come back to our communities! This past winter I collaborated with fellow Delco legislators to advocate for COVID-19 ARPA H2O and Small Water & Sewer funding for projects in Middletown and Newtown Square.

I was so thrilled to present a \$1.9 million check to the Middletown Township Sewer Authority with Rep. Leanne Krueger and Sen. John Kane to fund improvements for the Heibron-Knowlton

Pump Station and pay for generators at five pump stations in Middletown.

In Newtown Square, Sen. Tim Kearney and I presented \$227,500 to the Board of Supervisors and wonderful Public Works Department. This grant funding will be used for stormwater management along Sawmill Road. It is such a joy to be able to help our townships keep our communities strong and running smoothly! Congratulations, Middletown and Newtown Townships.





HARRISBURG UPDATE

Reviving the Fire and EMS Caucus



I am doing everything
I can to help our
emergency services
first responders! A
bipartisan group of
colleagues and I
have reactivated the
House Fire and EMS
Caucus in the hopes
of finding effective
solutions to the

challenges our fire companies and emergency medical service providers are facing. Our members have very promising legislation in the works to support these neighborhood heroes and improve access and delivery of these essential services. The House Fire and EMS Caucus is also embarking on a listening tour throughout the state to find solutions that fit our commonwealth's diverse emergency services landscape.

Blue-Green Bill Package

The PA House Blue-Green Caucus, a coalition of House members who support both labor unions and the environment, has unveiled our legislative agenda—which includes several bills I've introduced! My electronic waste recycling legislation would allow all counties to participate in an e-waste recycling collection program; residents would have access to convenient collection sites at no cost to themselves or their municipalities.

It also includes the packages of bills I'm co-prime sponsoring to put needed guardrails on public water and wastewater system acquisitions to **protect consumers** from unfair rate hikes. The bills would limit acquisitions of healthy systems, ease the immediate burden on ratepayers by spreading out any costs incurred, provide the PUC with ample time to review sales, and place stringent notification requirements on both buyers and sellers from the formal inception of a sale.

PA Momnibus

The Black Maternal Health Caucus has put forth a package of bills appropriately named the PA Momnibus. These bills are focused on expanding access to maternal healthcare for all women, including doulas, blood pressure monitoring, and mental health resources. I am so honored that the bill I introduced with fellow state Reps. Liz Fiedler and Gina Curry to require screenings for postpartum depression is a part of this package.

When passed, the Momnibus legislative package will decrease maternal morbidity and mortality in Pennsylvania and address disparities that women of color face in healthcare. All Pennsylvania families deserve a healthy start, and these measures will ensure families will have the support they need to succeed.

Saving Taxpayer Money

A bill I sponsored made it to the Governor's desk to be signed into law! Now Act 50 of 2024, this legislation closes duplicative health centers in counties that previously lacked a health department. For example, in Delaware County, the PA Department of Health was providing services through a state-sponsored health center. After we set up our own health department in 2020, these services became redundant, but there needed to be legislative action to close the existing center. This small regulatory change saves taxpayer money and commonwealth resources.

Squatters

We've heard from several constituents who inquired about "squatting," and we're happy to alleviate this concern. The fact is that squatting is very rare, despite the recent, sensational attention to a few isolated cases elsewhere in the country. Squatters do not have rights superior to homeowners, and the law in PA does not give rights to strangers moving into a property. Some conflate this with procedures for tenants who fail to pay rent, and/or with "adverse possession," an arcane theory of law that does not apply to squatting.

IN THE DISTRICT





We **celebrated our district's veterans** in November with pancakes and sharing resources at The Barn at Tyler Arboretum. A great morning of honoring their service!



The Delaware County Veterans Memorial served as the only PA stop for the **Wreaths Across America** convoy as they made their way to Arlington National Cemetery. I was so honored to join in the recognition of our Gold Star families, veterans, and current service members.



My office was thrilled to serve as a collection site for Sen. Tim Kearney's **Diaper Drive**. People were so unbelievably generous in donating diapers and formula to benefit Delco's WIC offices. The over 10,000 diapers collected through our joint efforts went to good use for local families.



My office was overwhelmed by the generosity of local residents during our MLK Day clothing drive benefitting The Wardrobe in Lansdowne. We donated over three carloads of business and casual wear ready to be shopped by those looking for work or just ready to revamp their closet.



Marie and I had the pleasure of visiting CADES adult day program in Newtown Square where we met the wonderful people with physical/intellectual disabilities who utilize the program, as well as the staff and leadership team delivering this necessary care and enrichment. We discussed ways we can improve staffing and delivery of care.

Emergency management professionals in Delaware County can now take their leadership to new heights through the CLIMB program instituted by Villanova University's College of Professional Studies. In this program, first responders develop communication. leadership, inclusion, motivation, and building collaboration skills. I was so happy to help kick off this program with my colleagues in county government.





It was wonderful to gather our community partners together and share resources on how they can better access funding at our **Grant Seminar!** We had state and local government experts and a nonprofit consultant (my sister!) give guidance on what programs are available and how to maximize organizational potential. We want to bring your money back to the 168th District!



We helped more than 100 neighbors **shred documents and get rid of old medication** with state Sen. Amanda Cappelletti's office in March. A special thank you to J&K Shredding and the Delaware County District Attorney's Office and for everyone's patience as we dealt with some technical issues.



I am always excited to stop by **Fair Acres**, especially when they get to show off improvements made for residents like the three newly renovated floors in their high-rise residence. State-of-the-art accommodations for state-of-the-art residents and staff!



I put my wellies on and helped our very own Delco Anglers stock the Darby Creek with 4,000 of their locally raised brook trout. Stop by my office to get your fishing license and hit the waterways!



I had the honor of attending the **Eagle Scout Court of Honor** for **Radnor Troop 284** & **Radnor 284 Trailblazers**. This impressive group of young women and men have worked incredibly hard for many years to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. I am in awe of all they have done, and the projects they completed to benefit our communities; and truly amazed at how they manage it all with grace and poise far beyond their years.



I helped kick off **Broomall Newtown Baseball's** season by joining my colleagues state Reps. Jennifer O'Mara and Greg Vitali in honoring the 15-year-old team's Babe Ruth PA Championship in 2023. Good luck to all the teams this year and play ball!

If you have seen the beautiful hanging flower baskets lining West Chester Pike, that is the hard work of the **Newtown Square in Bloom** team and the public works department. I was so proud to present them with a Community Pride Award from Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful honoring their dedication to beautifying Newtown Square.



I got to hang out with some of the district's finest furry friends at the **Pet Expo** my office hosted with state Sen. Tim Kearney. Providence Animal Center provided low-cost vaccines and brought some pups looking for forever homes. We had vendors from all over Delaware County showing off their pet services. A special thank you to Newtown Presbyterian Church for serving as our venue!



UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAM DEADLINES



Learn more about Medicare from a trained PA MEDI counselor! This intro to Medicare includes detailed information about Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage, Medigap, Part D, various rules and regulations surrounding Medicare and assistance programs.

Call or email us to RSVP!

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DISTRICT OFFICE SERVICES

My Office Can Help With:

- PACE & PACENET prescription assistance for seniors
- Voter registration forms & absentee ballot applications
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program forms
- PA Higher Education Assistance Agency applications
- PA 529 College Savings Plans
- Requests for state informational materials
- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Obtaining birth or death certificates
- PennDOT problems & questions
- · Questions about state agencies
- Citations from the PA House of Representatives for outstanding local accomplishments & family milestones
- SEPTA Senior Keys
- Notary services for state documents

...and much more. Just ask!

Our PA MEDI Counselor has appointments on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 9 a.m. – noon to assist those currently or soon-to-be enrolled in Medicare (or another state-related healthcare program). These counselors are trained experts on Medicare & Medicaid, plus supplemental

A PA MEDI COUNSELOR CAN HELP YOU TO:

- · Understand Medicare eligibility & enrollment
- Understand what services are covered under Medicare Parts A and B and your Medicare Summary Notice
- Understand your Medicare Prescription Drug (Part D) benefit
- Make informed choices about Medicare coverage options, Medigap policies and Medicare Advantage Plans
 and more!



insurance programs and prescription drug plans. At no cost, they can help you find and enroll in the best program that suits your needs, as well as financial assistance programs that may be able to help you pay for your premium, deductible, and co-pays.

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