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Senior Update 2015

## BUDGET 2015-2016

Gov. Tom Wolf's proposed budget is a bold plan that would greatly benefit seniors. This proposal would virtually eliminate school property taxes for residents of the Allentown School District, offering much-needed relief to the thousands of seniors living in our city.

Budget hearings wrapped up March 26. I hope that all members of the House and Senate, Democrat and Republican, will keep an open mind in the weeks and months to come so we can make a positive change for Allentown and all of Pennsylvania.

## RECYCLING EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS

Did you know that you may qualify for a \$35 rebate from the Allentown Municipal Waste and Recycling Fee? If you are 65 or older, live in the City of Allentown, own and occupy the home you live in, and have a total household income of no more than \$15,000, you can file a request for the rebate from the City Department of Finance. For a rebate form or for more information, please call the Allentown Bureau of Solid Waste at 610-437-8729.



I spoke with residents of Little Lehigh Manor Apartments about issues impacting seniors, the services my office can provide and some of my legislative priorities.

## 911 FUND

As a member of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee, I am fighting hard to make sure Allentown's 911 system can remain an independent system. Some in Harrisburg are trying to force us to join a regional system. This could increase the time it takes an ambulance, police officer or fire truck to arrive at an emergency, risking our public safety. Working with leaders from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and local leaders, I am fighting to protect our right to have an Allentown person answer a 911 call from an Allentown resident. Our public safety is too important for people in Harrisburg to play politics with.



## SENIOR FAIR

I will host my first Senior Expo this spring with Rep. Mike Schlossberg and Rep. Steve Samuelson. Come learn about services that may be available to you, all in one place. I hope to see you there!

**Friday, May 15**  
**9 a.m. – Noon**

**East Side Youth Center**  
1140 E. Clair St., Allentown, 18109

Come learn about community resources for senior citizens



## PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

My staff can help senior citizens and others who qualify for the state's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program.

Applications are now available to apply for this popular program.

Pennsylvanians 65 or older, widows and widowers 50 or older, and people with permanent disabilities 18 or older may qualify for benefits under the program. The annual income limit for homeowners is \$35,000 and \$15,000 for renters. When calculating your annual income, you only need to count 50 percent of your Social Security income, and Social Security COLAS are excluded. The maximum standard rebate is \$650.

## SAVE MONEY ON YOUR MEDICARE COVERAGE

Do you know everything you need to know about your Medicare coverage? Did you know there are programs that could help you save money on your monthly premiums? My office is here to help.

A volunteer benefits counselor is available the third Tuesday of every month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The meeting will take about an hour. To make an appointment, give my office a call at 610-791-6270.



## VETERANS OUTREACH

I invite all veterans to come meet with representatives from the American Legion and Hope for Veterans in my district office.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of every other month, the representatives can meet and assist with answering questions on benefits and services for veterans. An appointment is required; please call my office at 610-791-6270.

## FREE LANTA BUS PASSES

Folks 65 and older can ride free on LANta's fixed-route during regular operating hours. You must present either a Commonwealth I.D. or a Medicare Card. Contact LANta at 610-776-7433 to receive an application for a Commonwealth I.D. card.

## LANTA BUS ROUTE ACROSS THE STREET FROM OUR OFFICE ON SOUTH FOURTH STREET

Getting to my district office is now even easier. LANta's 104 line has both a northbound and southbound stop for the office. When you stop by, you can also pick up a bus schedule.



## WORKING FOR YOU IN HARRISBURG

I am a member of the Aging and Older Adult Services Committee, which deals with improving the lives of Pennsylvania's older population. That includes getting older Pennsylvanians dealing with mental health issues the care they need and deserve. The committee recently voted on a bill that would create a council that would make recommendations to state agencies on how to handle long-term care. My amendment to study behavioral health issues in seniors was adopted and added to the bill.



# BAND SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY AT WEST PARK

Take some time out of your day to enjoy music from members of the Lehigh Valley Musicians' Association at West Park. Here's a schedule of performances:

May 10	3 p.m.	Pioneer Band
May 17	7:30 p.m.	Salvation Army Band – with Allentown City Bands
May 24	7:30 p.m.	Marine Band
May 29	7:30 p.m.	Pioneer Band
May 31	7:30 p.m.	Municipal Band
June 5	7:30 p.m.	Allentown Band
June 7	7:30 p.m.	Marine Band
June 12	7:30 p.m.	Municipal Band
June 14	7 p.m.	Allentown Band (Flag Day)
June 19	7:30 p.m.	Marine Band
June 20	1:30 p.m.	Allentown Band
June 21	7:30 p.m.	Pioneer Band
June 28	7:30 p.m.	Marine Band
June 30	7:30 p.m.	Marine Band
July 1	7:30 p.m.	Municipal Band
July 2	7:30 p.m.	Pioneer Band
July 3	7:30 p.m.	Allentown Band
July 5	7:30 p.m.	Dave Neith Orchestra
July 10	7:30 p.m.	Bethlehem Legion Band
July 12	7:30 p.m.	Allentown Band
July 17	7:30 p.m.	Municipal Band
July 19	7:30 p.m.	Marine Band

July 25	6:30 p.m.	Municipal Band
July 26	7:30 p.m.	Allentown Band
July 31	7:30 p.m.	Allentown Band
Aug. 2	7:30 p.m.	Pioneer Band
Aug. 7	7:30 p.m.	Marine Band
Aug. 9	7:30 p.m.	Allentown Band
Aug. 14	7:30 p.m.	LeHi Val Italian-Amer. Band
Aug. 15	6:30 p.m.	Marine Band
Aug. 16	7:30 p.m.	Municipal Band
Aug. 21	7:30 p.m.	Macungie Band
Aug. 23	7:30 p.m.	Pioneer Band
Sept. 13	3 p.m.	Allentown Band
Sept. 20	3 p.m.	Municipal Band



## MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Car registrations, special tags, disability placards, titles and driver's license applications
- Assistance in obtaining and completing state forms of all kinds
- Voter registration and absentee ballot applications
- Birth and death certificates
- Problems with the Department of Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistance)
- Requests for literature of all kinds – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding accomplishments and family milestones
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the Public Utility Commission
- Complaints and problems with insurance companies
- Problems or questions about the state lottery
- PACE cards
- Consumer complaints
- Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- Information about federal, state and local government agencies

**Any problem with state government!**  
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