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As we enter the holiday season and the end of another year, I look back at all the amazing and wonderful things the people of our district have done in 2021. This was another challenging year, but everyone stuck together and made it through.

I want to thank all of the residents, community leaders, organizations and groups in our municipalities. Thank you to everyone from Scott Township, Carnegie, Rosslyn Farms, Pennsbury Village, Robinson Township, Kennedy Township, Coraopolis, Stowe Township, Neville Township, Ben Avon, Emsworth, Ben Avon Heights and Kilbuck Township – it has been a privilege to serve you as a member of your community! I look forward to all of the wonderful things that will happen in the new year and working with you for the betterment of our communities.

Thank you to our small business owners and employees for making our communities vibrant. Our towns offer the best in retail, restaurants, bakeries, distilleries, wineries, breweries, candy, salons and service businesses – everything we need is found in our district!

Thank you to the students, teachers, administrators, staff, coaches and parents for their hard work to keep education thriving in all of our schools. It has not been easy, but our students are succeeding this year in academics and sports, and I cannot thank enough those who keep our children fed, healthy and educated.

Thank you to all of our medical professionals for providing us the best health care in the area through these difficult times. Thank you to all of those who care for our most vulnerable adults, seniors and children. Thank you, too, to all of those who stock our shelves, drive the delivery trucks and work in demanding jobs to keep us supplied.

Thank you to all of our library workers, food bank volunteers, church volunteers and volunteer service organization members who made big differences in the lives of those they served this year.

Special thanks to all of the veterans and active military in our district for their sacrifices. And we should never forget to thank our police, EMS workers and volunteer firefighters who keep us and our communities safe.

I wish everyone a blessed New Year!

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A LOOK BACK AT 2021



I spoke at the walk and run for Alina's Light at Settlers Cabin Park to raise awareness about domestic violence and to honor Alina Sheykhet, whose life was taken by violence. I have introduced Alina's Law, which would offer some degree of protection to the victims of domestic violence.



Thank you to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Pennsylvania for giving my colleagues and me a tour of the Carnegie Club! This organization does so much great work for our young people.



Thank you to everyone who came out to the shred event I hosted in August!



I'm grateful to North Hills Community Outreach for providing fresh produce from its garden and other staples to those in need in Emsworth and the North Boroughs.



I had a great time with state Rep. Valerie Gaydos at the USO trunk-or-treat for military families in our area for Halloween!



I had the pleasure and privilege of honoring Joseph Muthu, who recently became a citizen of the United States!



Thank you to the wonderful people who joined the bus trip from our area to visit me at the state Capitol and Fort Hunter in Harrisburg this fall.



It was a beautiful day at the Robinson Township Autumn Fest!

It was a pleasure to be part of the ground-breaking ceremony for construction on the new Pittsburgh International Airport terminal building. This project is expected to spur the local economy and create jobs, as well as make the airport one of the best in the country!





I want to thank the scouts from Pack 301 for inviting me to speak to them. What a great group of young men who had so many terrific questions!

It was great to join the PA Fish and Boat Commission and other volunteers in stocking the Montour Stream Run for trout season.



It was a great privilege to be at the new AHN Montour facility in Coraopolis as the final beam was put in place!

Thank you to Robinson Township officials for allowing me to take part in the grand opening of the new Clever Park playground.

I had a fun and tasty experience judging the Focus on Renewal Haluski Contest! It was great to see the competitors put their own spin on the dish!

Happy to have been able to join some friendly faces for a morning of trash pick-up in Coraopolis.



It was wonderful to see the show of support for our veterans and first responders at the 9/11 Honor parade in Coraopolis.

It was an honor to attend the Memorial Day ceremony in Coraopolis. I was so proud to stand with these distinguished World War II veterans.

It was great to spend a morning with volunteers who came out to plant along Main Street to make beautiful Carnegie that much more beautiful!





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STAYING WARM AND SAVING MONEY



As it gets colder, energy bills tend to go up and can get expensive. I want to remind anyone who may be struggling with home heating bills that the state offers assistance to households that qualify.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program – which helps eligible renters and homeowners pay their heating bills in the form of a cash grant – is once again accepting applications.

You can find out if you're eligible for LIHEAP and apply at <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx>.

The state's weatherization assistance program can also help low-income households make their homes more energy efficient. Learn more at <https://dced.pa.gov/housing-and-development/weatherization/>.



APPLY NOW: PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

December 31 is the deadline to apply for rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2020. The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is open to individuals age 65 or older; widows and widowers age 50 or older; and people with disabilities age 18 or older.

Learn more about the program at <https://www.revenue.pa.gov>. Apply online at <https://mypath.pa.gov>. My staff is also available to help you with your application. Call my Coraopolis office at 412-264-4260 or my Carnegie office at 412-429-6310.

PENNIE OPEN ENROLLMENT

If you would like to see if you can save money on health care costs, the open enrollment period for Pennsylvania's health insurance marketplace – Pennie – runs through January 15, 2022. Learn more at <https://pennie.com> or call 1-844-844-8040.