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GREETINGS!

It's been a busy summer, with so much happening in Harrisburg and here at home!

We recently finalized a \$45.2 billion state budget for 2022-23 that will make important investments to benefit many Pennsylvanians. The spending plan includes a historic investment in our public schools along with funding increases to boost school security, improve access to child care, help residents with home repairs and expand affordable housing.

In other news, the boundaries of the 45th Legislative District will be changing as the new maps created by redistricting take effect.

Please keep in mind that if you need help with any state-related matter, my staff and I are here for you. Drop by our Coraopolis or Carnegie offices for assistance or give us a call at (412) 264-4260. It's been wonderful seeing so many of you while I've been home on summer recess. I enjoy the opportunity to chat with you about the issues that matter most in our communities.



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HISTORIC FUNDING FOR OUR SCHOOLS

The new state budget contains historic increases for Pennsylvania's public schools, including an additional \$525 million for basic education and an additional \$100 million for special education.

Here's the breakdown of increased Basic Education Funding for our school districts:

- ◆ Carlynton School District - \$4,946,461.
- ◆ Chartiers-Valley School District - \$5,980,128.
- ◆ Cornell School District - \$2,056,391.
- ◆ Montour School District - \$5,198,959.
- ◆ Sto-Rox School District - \$13,723,906.

This budget also helps protect students and educators in their learning environments by making significant investments in school safety and security, as well as mental health services.

When the commonwealth works to meet its obligation to adequately fund schools, it not only helps our students and educators succeed, but saves homeowners – including senior citizens on fixed incomes – from the burden of skyrocketing property taxes.

There is no better investment in our overall economic future than an investment in our public schools.



PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE

The new state budget includes \$140 million to boost the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program. Pennsylvanians who filed for the 2021 rebate will receive a one-time 70% bonus rebate between \$175-\$455 in the coming months. If you've already applied, you do not need to do anything to receive this additional payment. You'll receive it the same way that you received your original rebate, either by direct deposit or check.

If you haven't applied, don't delay! The deadline is December 31. Contact my office for assistance or visit www.mypath.pa.gov to file your application online.



KEEPING BUSY IN HARRISBURG



It was great having the 2022 PIAA 4A baseball state champions, the Montour Spartans, honored at the state Capitol in June. Congratulations!



Offering the opening prayer before Session in May.



Members of Civil Air Patrol gave an update on their efforts during a joint meeting of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness committees.



Recognizing working dogs from police and rescue units – as well as their human partners!

KEEP UP WITH THE LATEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN HARRISBURG

Each week I send out an e-newsletter with the latest information from our communities and Harrisburg, plus helpful state programs and services.

It's a great way to keep up with what's going on or find out ways that my office can help you, your family, or friends.

We're always available to help with things like unemployment compensation, veterans resources, or CHIP insurance for kids.

You can find all this and more by signing up for my weekly e-newsletter at www.RepKulik.com or find me on social media!

SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

Summer in Pennsylvania is filled with outdoor fun like fishing, boating, hiking and other activities. As a member of the House Game and Fisheries Committee, I want to keep you up to date on developments on everything from the state budget's investment in preserving our outdoor spaces to water safety this summer and getting you ready for the upcoming fall hunting season.

ARE YOU READY FOR HUNTING SEASON?

Fall will be here before you know it, and with nearly 1 million hunters in Pennsylvania, I want to make sure you're ready for every season.

New hunting licenses are now on sale at various vendor locations across the state, including the state Game Commission's regional offices and headquarters. Learn more about licenses and permits: <https://www.pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/LicensesandPermits/Pages/default.aspx>.

Licenses can also be purchased online at www.huntfish.pa.gov, the state's user-friendly licensing platform for hunters and trappers.

MORE SUNDAY HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

Mark your calendars! Pennsylvania has three Sunday hunting dates for 2022. Learn more about what game can be hunted on each Sunday, requirements on what hunters should wear and other useful information in the Hunting & Trapping digest, which is available here: <https://www.pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/Law/Pages/HuntingandTrappingDigest.aspx>.



Getting a fishing license at the Capitol.

PENNSYLVANIA'S 2022 SUNDAY HUNTING DATES

SUNDAY, NOV. 13

SUNDAY, NOV. 20

SUNDAY, NOV. 27

VISIT WWW.PGC.PA.GOV FOR ALL SUNDAY HUNTING DETAILS



BE SAFE ON PA WATERS

Summer is the perfect time to be out on the water. Whether you're having fun on a kayak, boat or jet ski, staying safe is the most important part. Keep these tips in mind:



- ◆ Always wear a life jacket.
- ◆ Never boat under the influence.
- ◆ Create a float plan.
- ◆ Take a boating safety course.
- ◆ Have proper registrations and launch permits.
- ◆ Never boat alone.
- ◆ Learn CPR and first aid.
- ◆ Know the water you are boating; check the water level and weather forecast.
- ◆ Carry a throwable flotation device to toss to someone in need.
- ◆ Maintain a proper lookout and avoid distractions.

BE BEAR WISE

Pennsylvania is home to nearly 15,000 black bears. During the summer months, it's not out of the realm of possibility for a bear to wander through your neck of the woods. Here are some ways to be proactive and keep your interaction with bears to a minimum:

- ◆ Never feed or approach bears.
- ◆ Secure food, garbage and recycling.
- ◆ Remove bird feeders when bears are active.
- ◆ Never leave pet food outdoors.
- ◆ Clean and store grills.
- ◆ Alert neighbors to bear activity.

Learn more tips at: www.bearwise.org.



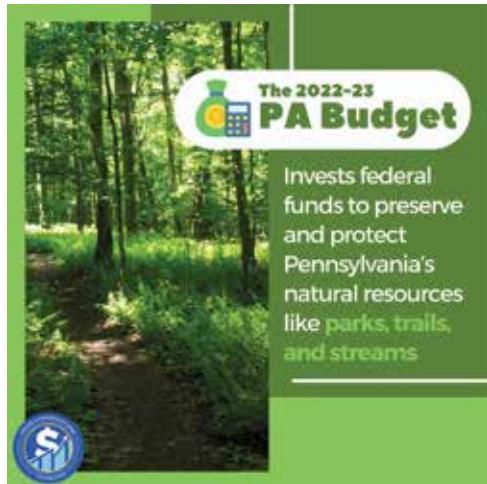
Back in March, I was invited to join officers from the state Game Commission as they tagged young black bears to monitor them and track where they travel.

PENNSYLVANIA TO ADD THREE NEW STATE PARKS

For the first time since 2005, Pennsylvania will be adding three new state parks as part of the state budget's \$56 million investment in the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The locations have yet to be determined. The COVID-19 pandemic saw a large increase in park usage and confirmed the essential role parks, forests and outdoor spaces provide for maintaining physical and mental health.

A portion of the funding will also be used for the development of Pennsylvania's first park dedicated to the use of All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and other motorized recreation vehicles.

BUDGET BENEFITS PA'S NATURAL RESOURCES



The state budget prioritizes environmental conservation and restoration with a groundbreaking \$696 million investment. Much of that money originates from federal American Rescue Plan funds, supporting \$320 million in clean water infrastructure investments as well as \$220 million in a comprehensive Clean Streams Fund to address the top sources of stream pollution in the state.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will also receive more than \$183 million in the new budget.

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will also receive \$100 million to fund the rehabilitation, repair, and development of parks and forests. The money includes grants for open space, providing waterfront access, enhancing existing parks and recreation facilities, and other beautification projects.

PENNSYLVANIA'S STATE PARKS BY THE NUMBERS

 **121** STATE PARKS

OVER **295,000** ACRES

7,000 CAMPSITES 

OVER **1,000** MILES  
OF TRAILS **56** MAJOR RECREATION LAKES

10 MARINAS **61** BEACHES

 **17** SWIMMING POOLS

BRINGING MONEY BACK TO OUR COMMUNITIES

- ◆ \$573,305 in grant funding for traffic signal improvements in Neville Township and Scott Township.
- ◆ \$154,493 grant to fund improvements to the Andrew Carnegie Free Library in Carnegie, including converting unimproved space on a partial floor into a meeting program space.
- ◆ More than \$185,000 in grant funding for the following fire and EMS companies for facility upgrades, equipment, training, recruitment and retention and revenue loss due to COVID-19 impacts:
 - ◆ Bower Hill Volunteer Fire Dept. – \$15,000.
 - ◆ Carnegie Volunteer Fire and Rescue – \$12,490.
 - ◆ Coraopolis Volunteer Fire Dept. – \$15,000.
 - ◆ East Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. – \$15,000.
 - ◆ Emsworth Volunteer Fire Co. – \$14,711.
 - ◆ Forest Grove Volunteer Fire Dept. – \$14,100.
 - ◆ Glendale Hose Co. Number One – \$13,777.
 - ◆ Kennedy Township Ind Volunteer Fire Co. – \$15,000.
 - ◆ Moon Run Volunteer Fire Dept. – \$15,000.
 - ◆ Neville Island General Volunteer Fire Dept. – \$15,000.
 - ◆ Robinson EMS – \$8,325.
 - ◆ Scott Township EMS – \$8,325.05.
 - ◆ Stowe Township Volunteer Fire Dept. – \$15,000.
 - ◆ Valley Ambulance Authority – \$8,325.

AROUND OUR COMMUNITY



Spring Shred Event.



Meet Your Public Officials Event in Coraopolis.



Memorial Day events in Robinson Township and Coraopolis.



Thanks to the East Carnegie Fire Department for hosting a food pantry event in the spring and for all of their hard work, every day!



It was a beautiful day for the Cory Jam community event.



Enjoying Bridgeville's community day!



Celebrating the opening of DeeJay's BBQ in Collier Township.



A good day at Chartiers Valley High School.



Tree planting in Carnegie.



Ceremony to honor the memory of Sergeant Scott Patton in Robinson Township.



Remembering victims of domestic violence at the Alina's Light Walk for Love.



Visiting with members of the Army Corps of Engineers at the Montgomery Locks and Dam.



Celebrating at the Carnegie Library.



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District Office Services

My team and I can help you with:

- **Property Tax/Rent Rebate**
- **Driver's License/Vehicle Registration/Real ID assistance**
- **Connect Cards**
- **Assistance for Seniors and Veterans**
- **Unemployment Compensation**
- **All other state related matters**



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STATE REP. ANITA KULIK'S **FREE SENIOR FAIR**

Wednesday, Sept. 7
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Kennedy Township
Fire Hall

Representatives from state, county and local agencies, as well as vendors, will be available to offer valuable resources and information to benefit older adults including:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate
- Prescription Assistance
- Energy Assistance
- Transportation Services

My staff and I will be on-hand to answer questions and help with state government-related programs and services.

Contact my office at 412-264-4260 for more information.