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FALL 2025

Dear Neighbor,

Welcome to my Fall 2025 newsletter!

My team and I have been hard at work for you. We've focused on developing and passing bills to support our families, businesses, and community organizations. This includes efforts to promote a strong local economy, advance sustainable agriculture, strengthen public education, and protect our democracy.

We are also here to provide constituent services to help you navigate state government and offer resources to help address needs you might have. We're proud to support community grants, host events, and hold mobile office hours throughout the district. Our goal is to be accessible and responsive, and to work on the issues that make our community stronger.

I invite you to contact my office anytime with your questions or concerns. You can call us at (610) 427-8782 or email us at repfriel@pahouse.net. You are also welcome to stop by our main district office, open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and our mobile office locations, available at various times through the week.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to all the community members who have reached out to share your feedback, ideas, and requests for assistance. Our work together is what makes our community strong, and I appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

Paul Friel



St Peter's Road Update



South bound detour in place
due to road deterioration



Anticipated construction from
Fall 2025 through Spring 2026



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**VISIT OUR
LOCAL OFFICES!**

MONDAY – FRIDAY | 9AM – 4:30PM

- Our District Office
68 Glocker Way, Pottstown, 19465

EVERY TUESDAY | 10AM–3PM

- In the Phoenixville Rec Center
501 Franklin Ave, Phoenixville, 19460

EVERY THURSDAY | 10AM–3PM

- Our Elverson Office
60 East Main Street Elverson, 19520

1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH | 10AM–12PM

- In the Spring City Library

2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH | 10AM–12PM

- At the Phoenixville
Area Senior Center

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My office can help you with:

- ✓ Assistance getting and filling out state forms of all kinds
- ✓ Applying for state programs such as Property Tax/Rent Rebate and PACE
- ✓ Birth and death certificates
- ✓ SEPTA Key Senior ID cards (age 65+)
- ✓ Free notary service for most documents
- ✓ Filing unclaimed property applications
- ✓ Disability parking placards/plates
- ✓ Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) information
- ✓ Problems or questions about PennDOT, including car registrations, titles, and license applications
- ✓ Complaints about state road conditions
- ✓ Public benefit applications or issues, including SNAP and Medical Assistance
- ✓ Unemployment compensation questions
- ✓ Questions about utilities or the PUC
- ✓ Problems with Pennsylvania income taxes
- ✓ Tours of the State Capitol for individuals or groups
- ✓ Citations from the House of Representatives for outstanding local accomplishments and family milestones
- ✓ Consumer complaints
- ✓ PHEAA information
- ✓ Getting paper tax forms
- ✓ Issues with professional license applications



Contact my office by stopping in, calling at (610) 427-8782, or sending a message through my website at RepFriel.com for help with these or other issues.

AROUND THE DISTRICT



Back in March we had a very successful Veterans Breakfast at the Phoenixville County Club. Thank you to everyone who attended! I am also very appreciative of U.S. Rep. Chrissy Houlahan and state Rep. Joe Webster, who are both veterans themselves, for participating and sharing their insights. The conversations were impactful. We hear the concerns with what is happening at the VA with the federal cuts and are fighting them for you.



I appreciated all of the questions and engagement at our May Town Hall! I'm also grateful to County Commissioner Marian Moskowitz and Mayor Peter Urscheler for joining me to answer questions, the Colonial Theatre for hosting, and my team for putting the event together.



In July, PA Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding joined me for our annual Farmers' Breakfast. We met with local farmers and agriculture industry folks to discuss a variety of topics impacting farms and farmers here in our community, including how the state budget is impacted by federal cuts. We also spoke about legislation to support farmers, manage food processing residuals, promote farmland preservation, and address the market impacts from policy changes and the economic pressure on farms and farmers.



We had an incredible turnout to our shredding, e-waste and food drive event. We partnered with the North Coventry Township Police Department, Sycamore International, Chester County Food Bank, and Wiggins Shredding to offer this community service. Thanks to everyone who pitched in to make it a great day!



PA IS WITHOUT A STATE BUDGET

As of this writing, Pennsylvania's budget stalemate has stretched some 90 days past the June 30 deadline.

The General Assembly is divided. The House approved a fiscally responsible budget bill in June, but the Senate has yet to act. Instead, it advanced a plan that would effectively cut resources to our schools, law enforcement, hospitals, transit, mental health services, and many other community programs from the previous year.

Shortchanging the Commonwealth – the 20th largest economy in the world – would be shortsighted and harmful, especially when the federal government is cutting resources to these programs.

...Yeah, that's a bad idea.

FEDERAL BUDGET CUTS AND YOU TOWN HALL

CO-HOSTED BY REP. JOE CIRESI,
REP. PAUL FRIEL AND THE
POTTSTOWN CHAPTER OF THE NAACP



State Rep.
Joe Ciresi



State Rep.
Paul Friel

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

TriCounty Active Adult Center
288 Moser Rd., Pottstown, PA 19464

***Extra Parking Is Available Across The Street*

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Program begins promptly at 7 p.m.

We Want Your Participation!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Growing Our Local Economy

I'm committed to making Pennsylvania an easier place to start and run a business. I believe we need to do everything we can to ensure our state is a place where people want to put down roots and create good-paying jobs. My Tradable Net Operating Loss bill (HB1129) supports our tech and biotech startups by allowing them to convert their early net operating losses to capital they can reinvest. This bill has passed out of committee and is awaiting a floor vote.

Additionally, I recently introduced a bill to establish an Office of Employee Ownership (HB1751). This office would be housed in the Department of Community and Economic Development and would help businesses that want to convert to an employee-owned model. This initiative would strengthen local businesses and protect family-sustaining jobs right here at home.

Strengthening Public Education

On the education front, I've been a part of efforts to reform how we fund our schools to ensure every student has the resources they need. This includes working to reform cyber charter tuition with HB1115 and HB1500 to ensure our tax dollars are used effectively. The House passed our comprehensive bill and sent it to the Senate in June.

I've also been working on legislation to increase transparency and efficiency in school transportation. Our bipartisan bill, HB1326, was introduced after months of collaboration with stakeholders and passed the House in June and has been sent to the Senate. If passed, this bill will help reduce the burden on schools and bus drivers while improving transparency into transportation funding.

Supporting Our Farms & Agriculture

Another top priority is ensuring our farms are strong and sustainable. I'm working hard to get my bipartisan Food Processing Residuals legislation (HB586 and HB587) to the Governor's desk this session. It passed the House last session but didn't make it to the Senate in time.

I've also introduced several other agriculture bills to promote land preservation and support new farmers. For example, the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Update (HB242), which passed the House this spring, is now in the Senate for consideration.

Protecting American Values

I believe it's a critical moment for our nation, and I'm doing my part to protect American values like the rule of law, due process, freedom of speech, and civil liberties by ensuring accountability for all public officials

To that end, I recently introduced the Officer Visibility Act. This bill would ensure that government agents are identifiable as such, requiring federal agents to wear uniforms or ID and refrain from covering their faces. It's crucial that we know who is acting in an official capacity, especially when immigration enforcement officers are detaining individuals in our communities.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

KATIE MUTH
PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATOR

PAUL FRIEL
PA State Representative

FREE co-host a **COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT and FOOD DRIVE**

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 26
10 AM – 1 PM (for until trucks are full)
Coventry Mall
352 W. Schuylkill Road • Pottstown, PA

3 BOX LIMIT PER CAR.
No binders, cardboard, large binder clips, hanging file folders, or x-rays.

WIGGIN'S SHREDDING.COM

PACS
Nurturing Food Security

Phoenixville Area Community Services will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items and new personal hygiene products including diapers and menstrual products for local families in need.

Protect your identity from theft and fraud by bringing up to three boxes of personal documents to our FREE Community Shredding Event and Food Drive, co-hosted with Sen. Katie Muth! Shredding is a great way to destroy sensitive documents, recycle and protect your personal information. For more information, call Sen. Muth's office at (610) 792-2137.

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SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

FREE PIZZA & FLU SHOTS PROVIDED

PHOENIXVILLE RECREATION CENTER
501 FRANKLIN AVE., PHOENIXVILLE, PA 19460

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Questions?
Call us at **610-427-8782**

Join me, my staff, and state, county and community vendors for our 3rd annual Senior Fair at the Phoenixville Rec Center. There will be flu shots available, plus pizza, dozens of senior-living resource tables, and my team and I there to greet you! As always, everything is free.