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*Dear Constituent,*

Happy New Year to you and your families! On Jan. 19, 2016 we commemorated the life, legacy and leadership of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. King, a transformational leader, represents the struggles of the past, present and future. A look at our past reminds us of the stain of racism left by segregation and discrimination. Presently, we are still haunted by those institutions and a prejudice still exists in society. Notwithstanding the challenges we face, I am confident that by working together there is nothing we cannot overcome!

Recently, an incident occurring within the 191st Legislative District made international news. Philadelphia Police Officer Jesse Hartnett was viciously attacked, but thank God he survived and is still with us today. Following that incident, we held a meeting at Bryant Elementary School and came together as a community. We all agreed the isolated incident does not represent this neighborhood and that we must address the violence and the mental health crises that occur in our midst daily. Too many men, women, boys and girls are victims of violence in our communities. Neighbors, I am asking you to join me in tackling this pervasive violence and reclaiming our community!

Dr. King was a man of peace, but he was also relentless in his pursuit of justice. Today, more than ever, we must use his example as our guide. Against all odds, the Civil Rights Movement changed the course of this country. If we come together, organize our neighborhoods and stand firmly in our convictions, I know we will, in fact, overcome!

In this newsletter, you will find resources on what can be done to improve our communities, not only for ourselves, but also for our children. Additionally, throughout the spring, I will be hosting town halls throughout the district to listen and respond to your needs. Working together, we can reclaim our community and make Dr. King's dream a reality, right here in the 191st Legislative District.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office. We are here to serve you!

Sincerely,

**Joanna E. McClinton**  
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## IMPORTANT COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION:

### PHILADELPHIA 12TH POLICE DISTRICT

65th Street and Woodland Avenue

Philadelphia, PA 19142

(215) 686-3120

*Community Relations Officer Arnold Mitchell*

**police.co\_12@phila.gov**

**Community Meeting – Every 2nd Wednesday  
of the month 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

### PHILADELPHIA 18TH POLICE DISTRICT

55th Street and Pine Street

Philadelphia, PA 19143

(215) 686-3180

*Community Relations Officer Michael Davis*

**police.co\_18@phila.gov**

**Community Meeting – Every 3rd Tuesday  
of the month 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

### YEADON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Borough Hall First Floor

600 Church Lane, Yeadon, PA 19050

(610) 623-1500

### DARBY POLICE DEPARTMENT

821 Summit St., Darby, PA 19023

(610) 586-1100

## In this New Year – Let's Organize Our Blocks by Starting a Town Watch!

### **PHILADELPHIA TOWN WATCH INTEGRATED SERVICES**

990 Buttonwood St., 4th Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19123

(251) 686-1459

*Philadelphia Town Watch Integrated*

*Services Liaison: Tara E. Smith (267) 251-8301*

**Tara.Smith@phila.gov**

# 350 SENIORS ATTEND FIRST HEALTH AND HOLIDAY FITNESS EXPO

On Dec. 22, I hosted my first Senior Holiday Health and Fitness Expo at Motivation High School.

About 350 local seniors enjoyed the event, which featured constituent services, local provider displays, holiday entertainment, music, dancing and a holiday luncheon.

Thank you to the many sponsors and participants who helped make the day a complete success. Our seniors were able to speak with local health care agencies and pharmacies, senior service groups, and financial and retail groups.

I would also like to recognize those who took part in the program, including my master of ceremonies for the event, Tyrone Sims; Pastor Samuel Moore; First Genesis Baptist Church; my performers, the Evelyn Graves Drama Ministry and Denise Green of All Bodies Love Exercise; my line dance leaders, the Dashers with Gloria Kingcade; and City Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell.

A number of federal, state and local agencies were on hand for the event, including the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, the Social Security Administration, SEPTA, Philadelphia Gas Works and Philadelphia Water Department.



## 18th District Holiday Party



On Dec. 11, my staff and I joined the 18th District Police and Precinct Captain Robin Wimberly at their annual holiday party.

In addition to the police and my staff, the children who attended from Alexander Hamilton Elementary School were greeted by Santa and Mrs. Claus! Every child received wrapped presents.

Thank you to the 18th District Police Precinct for hosting this annual event and for including my office staff.

## Holiday Basketball Tournament for Peace at the Darby Recreation Center

On the evening of Dec. 30, I co-sponsored a community basketball event at the Darby Recreation Center with state Sen. Anthony H. Williams, and community activist and artist Mont Brown.

The event was an opportunity for the youth in the community to come together in an effort to stop violence. Hundreds of youth came out to support nonviolence and enjoy an evening of fun.

Six teams were headed by local groups, activists and artists Mont Brown,

RoleModels, Lee Mazin and Leem.

Local performers PnbRock, Solis GriPower, Boone39 and Megan & Morgan Trubluе entertained during breaks in the games.

Thanks to all who played, entertained or dropped in to watch. It was a great opportunity to get together during the winter school break.



# MLK Day of Service at Bartram High School

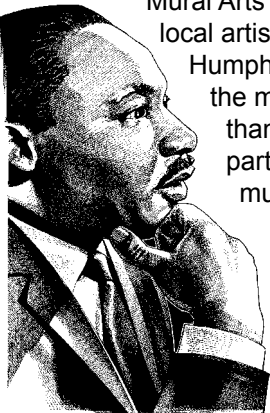
In honor of the Martin Luther King Day of Service, I hosted a community service event in partnership with the Philadelphia First Judicial District judges and employees, state Sen. Anthony H. Williams, state Rep. Jordan Harris, City Councilman Kenyatta Johnson and the Restorative Justice Guild at the City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program, by painting murals in the hallways of Bartram High School on Jan. 18.

The First Judicial District of Pennsylvania judges who participated included President Judge Sheila Woods-Skipper, Sierra Thomas-Street, Ida Chen, Abby Fletman, Idee Fox, Barbara Joseph, Barbara McDermott, Bradley Moss, Lillian Ransom, Rosalyn K. Robinson, Karen Shreeves-John and John Younge.

Volunteers from the Philadelphia Youth Commission, the Men of Bartram alumni committee and Restorative Justice Guild program at the City of Philadelphia

Mural Arts Program assisted local artist Willis "NOMO" Humphrey, who designed the murals. More than 100 volunteers participated in the mural-painting event.

Three murals were designed: one each for the front entrance and hallways,



the auditorium and the classrooms. The Mural Arts Program will hold a formal dedication ceremony for the murals in late February.

During our lunch break, I joined with a number of Bartram students and some of the judges for a question-and-answer session on youth violence, crime in our community and other topics. I expressed my opposition to mandatory minimum sentencing, which I believe limits a judge's ability to sentence each person individually. The judges spoke to the youth frankly about the criminal justice system and how to avoid it.

Many different groups came together to create a work of art to brighten Bartram students' days. The interaction between students, judges, young men currently on parole and elected officials was inspiring.

The newly painted entrance gives a bright and welcoming space to students and visitors alike. It represents a strong commitment from the students and community to make Bartram a safe and friendly learning environment.

The youth and young adults who volunteered from the Restorative Justice Guild are parolees, those serving probation who are making a positive influence in their community, one mural at a time.



**Rep. McClinton with Robyn Buseman, Dawan Williams and other participants of the Restorative Justice Guild.**



**Rep. McClinton during the lunchtime question-and-answer session.**



**Rep. McClinton stands with judges of the Philadelphia First Judicial District during the mural-painting event at Bartram High School.**

## New Year Brings New Business

On Jan. 2, I joined Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus Chairwoman Rep. Vanessa Lowery Brown, City Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell and members of the 60th Street West Market Business Association in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Sunshine Supermarket.

Any new business is good, but this supermarket fills a void in this inner-city region, which has not had a supermarket for some time.

Shopping in a community supermarket



**Ribbon-cutting at Sunshine Supermarket at 60th and Ludlow Street.**

is much easier for local residents and much more convenient when you can buy all your food and supplies in one location.

Just as importantly, this new grocery store fills a building that has been empty for at least a year.



**In December, I was honored to give the opening prayer for the House session. Speaker of the House Mike Turzai stands with me.**



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## SAVE THE DATES: Upcoming Town Hall Meetings

### Updates on State Budget • Question and Answer Sessions



*Rep. McClinton speaking at the Community Meeting at Bryant Elementary School.*



#### AGENCIES ATTENDING:

- Department of Human Services
- Pennsylvania Attorney General
- PennDOT
- Philadelphia Police District 12
- Philadelphia Water Department
- Philadelphia Streets Department
- Philadelphia Sanitation Department
- Philadelphia Licenses and Inspections Department
- Community Life Improvement Program (C.L.I.P.)

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 10

**6 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

Add B. Anderson School  
1034 S. 60th St., Philadelphia  
**Special Invitee:** City Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 31

**6 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

Southwest Leadership Academy  
7101 Paschall Ave., Philadelphia  
**Special Invitee:** City Councilman Kenyatta Johnson

Call my office at (215) 748-6712 for more information.

## STAY IN THE KNOW

I want to alert you about Pennsylvania House rules that prohibit when I can contact you leading up to a state House election.

Though you might already be receiving my email alerts, there will be a 60-day period preceding the upcoming April 2016 primary election when I will be prohibited from sending legislative emails to you, unless you have opted in to continue receiving them.

Please visit my website, [www.pahouse.com/McClinton](http://www.pahouse.com/McClinton), to sign up for email alerts on important information, including legislation being considered in Harrisburg. On my website, click on the "CONTACT" tab on the top bar and then click on the "Sign up for Emails" link and fill in your information.

My Facebook posts and Twitter feeds will remain current through the 60-day blackout period, so you can continue to follow me there.



### Important 2016 Primary Election Dates

- March 28 .... Last day to register to vote.
- April 19 ..... Last day to apply for an absentee ballot.
- April 22 ..... Last day for county election offices to receive absentee ballots.
- April 26 ..... Election Day, polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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