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Representing Central Montgomery County



Dear Neighbor,



It has been a busy summer in central Montgomery County! I have enjoyed seeing many friends and neighbors at events across the district over the last several months, like our senior breakfasts, family fair, and more. With the start of the school year now underway, I am proud of the new, historic state funding secured over the summer for public education. This budget sends \$850 million in new funding to all Pennsylvania school districts – the largest increase in state

history. This represents an important first step for Pennsylvania to finally begin meeting its constitutional obligation to fully fund schools and reduce property tax burdens on homeowners across Montgomery County and the commonwealth. As the

weather grows cooler and we all settle back into our routines, I will be returning to Harrisburg for our fall legislative session, where I will continue to advocate for you and your families by supporting our schools and keeping them safe, affordable childcare and housing, tax relief, and growing our local economy.

In this newsletter, you will find important community information, resources, and upcoming events that you may find useful in the coming months. I would also like to remind you that my staff and I are ready to assist you with any state-related questions or issues.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you in Harrisburg.

Warmest regards,

Pennsylvania Dependent and Child Care Enhancement Program Tax Credit

The high cost of childcare can put a huge financial burden on many families. To help alleviate this issue, the new Pennsylvania Dependent and Child Care Enhancement Program offers a state tax credit aimed at helping families offset some of their costs. Eligibility for this tax credit is based on guidelines for the federal childcare tax credit. Families earning over \$42,000 a year can expect \$180 for one child and \$360 for two children. For families earning \$15,000 or less, the credit would be \$315 for one child and \$630 for two or more children.

PA'S NEW CHILDCARE TAX CREDIT:

HOW TO GET IT

TAXES When families file their next tax return, they can claim child and dependent care expenses paid during 2022.

WHO QUALIFIES

If you're eligible for the federal tax credit, you automatically qualify for the state credit.

WHAT IT COVERS

The maximum credit is \$315 for one dependent and \$630 for two or more dependents.

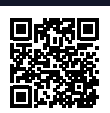
Making our Communities Safer

In addition to the \$48.7 million in federal funding provided to Pennsylvania by the Congressional Bipartisan Safer Communities Act enacted in late June, the state budget invests nearly \$400 million to make our communities safer.

These dollars will give police and other law enforcement the tools they need to fight violent crime in our communities while investing in evidence-based programs that work to prevent gun violence and address safety and security in our schools. These investments include:

➤ School Safety and Security Grants: \$95 million to help schools make physical safety investments that keep our kids safe while they learn.

- Support for local law enforcement: \$135 million to give law enforcement the tools they need to prevent and fight violent crime in our communities.
- Gun violence investigation and prosecution: \$50 million to reduce gun violence through the full prosecution of all gun crimes.
- Violence intervention and prevention: \$105 million to invest in local, evidence-based programs that prevent gun and group violence.



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Investments in our community



Variety Works has been awarded a \$2.5 million Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to support its mission to enrich the lives of children and young adults with disabilities. This was the largest grant in Variety's 87-year history! This grant is supporting the first phase of construction on the Worcester campus to create new spaces for workforce development programming at Variety.



Left: The Elmwood Park Zoo is an incredible cultural and economic asset in our Montco community. I was proud recently to celebrate a new \$100,000 state investment to support their work. Thanks to Al Zone, Jennifer Conti, Stan Huskey and Rep. Madeleine Dean for joining me!

Right: Mission Kids, located in East Norriton Township, is receiving \$367,796 to support the critical work they do with children and young adults. The state grant, which was funded through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, will focus on violence prevention.

Thank you for inviting me to tour the office and learn more about the important work being done for kids and families in our community.



Infrastructure Investments

Several grants have been awarded to East Norriton Township, Schwenksville Borough, and Whitpain Township to fund infrastructure improvements. A total of \$1.8 was made available to our community through the PennDOT "Green Light-Go" program.

DOES THE STATE HAVE YOUR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY?
LET REP. MATT BRADFORD HELP YOU GET IT BACK!

A PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF STATE RECORDS INDICATES THAT THE PA TREASURY MAY HAVE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY THAT BELONGS TO YOU!

The state Treasurer's Office has more than \$4 billion in unclaimed property, and I want to be sure you get it back! Unclaimed property is any financial asset that has been left with a bank, insurance company, or business or organization without any activity for five years.

There is no cost to search the state database to see if you have unclaimed property. Staff in my district offices can help you perform a FREE search of the unclaimed property database. Please contact my office today for assistance!

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY MAY INCLUDE:

- Closed bank accounts
- Uncashed checks, including paychecks
- Lost stocks and bonds
- Contents of safe deposit boxes
- Life insurance policies
- Expired gift card/sight certificates

It is estimated that one in 10 Pennsylvanians has unclaimed property. Every year, the Pennsylvania Treasury receives unclaimed property worth millions of dollars. Closed bank accounts, uncashed checks, lost stocks and bonds, contents of safe deposit boxes, and a variety of additional items can qualify as unclaimed property.

To find unclaimed property under your name, you can contact my office for assistance. If you do a search on your own and find property belonging to you, my office can also assist you in claiming this property, determining how much it is worth, and filing the documents needed to avoid delays. It comes at no charge to recover your unclaimed property.

PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

for residents who are permanently disabled, 50+ and widowed, or 65+

What we need from you:

EVERYONE
✓ All earned income tax forms (1099 SSI, W2s, etc.)

HOMEOWNERS
✓ Copies of all paid tax bills

RENTERS
✓ Signed form from the landlord

\$35,000
maximum household income*

*for homeowners \$15,000 maximum for renters

ON SOCIAL SECURITY?
Half of SSI/SSD income is excluded for eligibility.

I have been working hard to put money in the pockets of those who need it most. With the rising cost of housing and goods, Pennsylvanians need all the help they can get.

Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program allows Pennsylvanians aged 65 or older, widows and widowers aged 50 or older, and people with disabilities aged 18 or older to receive a property tax rebate or rent relief.

As a result of the recently passed state budget, \$140 million in additional funding is being allocated for supplemental payments to program-eligible individuals, equal to 70% of their 2021 rebate. Completing an additional application to receive these funds is not required.

Around the district and Harrisburg



We had so much fun at our Annual Family Fair! Many thanks as always to the Elmwood Park Zoo for being an awesome host and to our special guests Will D. Cat, Squad76, and the Phillies Phanatic for showing everyone a great time!

And a huge shout out to our generous sponsors who make this event possible: Philadelphia Phillies, Philadelphia Eagles, AmeriHealth Pennsylvania, PECO, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Aqua, Longwood Gardens, Einstein Health, Independence Blue Cross, Comcast, and Main Line Health.



Left: Thanks to the Pennsylvania State Police for the opportunity to tour the new barracks and training center in Skippack! Always grateful for PSP who do so much to keep our community safe.

Right: First responders, especially our volunteers, do so much for our community and deserve every bit of thanks and support we can give back to them! It was great touring Perkiomen Township Fire Company this week — a special thanks to Chief Brad Bonner for welcoming me.



The best part of my job is getting out and speaking with folks in our community. Recently, I enjoyed doing that during my annual senior breakfasts. What a great way to start my day!



Thank you to Paul Nordeman, President & CEO of Meadowood Senior Living in Worcester, for recently inviting me to the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new McClean Memory Care Center. The high quality of care that Meadowood provides is an invaluable asset to seniors, their loved ones, and our entire community!



This past spring, I welcomed Isabelle Lawler and Sydney Rosenthal from Thomas Jefferson University, both studying at the College of Pharmacy, to the Capitol. It was great speaking with them as part of Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association's Legislation Day!



Recently, I had the privilege of learning more about the good work being done at Marth's Choice Marketplace & Community Farm. What an amazing local resource for our community!



Fantastic weather and a great time was had by all at Perkiomen Township Community Day this past June!



All hands were on deck for the E-recycle event that Rep. Hanbidge and I held. It was a huge success. Thanks to all the terrific volunteers!



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Drive-Thru Electronics Recycling
 with Rep. Matt Bradford & Sen. Maria Collett

We will also be accepting diaper donations on behalf of the Mitzvah Circle Foundation

Saturday, October 8
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 or until the truck is full

Methacton High School
 1005 Kriebel Mill Road | Eagleville

Accepted items include:

- Small Appliances
- Printers
- Computers
- Laptops
- VCRs
- Miscellaneous Wire
- Metal Items

For any questions, please call Russell with Junkluggers at **215-779-1644**

State Representative Matt Bradford's
District Office Services

My team and I can help you with:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate
- Unemployment Compensation
- Disability Placards
- Notary Services
- Birth/Death Certificate applications
- SEPTA Key Senior ID Cards
- Car registration, special tags, titles/license plate applications

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Upcoming Community Events

Drive-Thru Electronic Recycling on October 8

Senator Maria Collett and I are partnering up to host a drive-electronic recycling event, for constituents, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, October 8 at Methacton High School, 1005 Kriebel Mill Road in Eagleville. You can bring small appliances, printers, laptops, VCRs, miscellaneous wire, and other random metal items to have them recycled free of charge. Unfortunately, TVs and monitors cannot be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact my office.

- Financial assistance for higher education assistance.
- Obtaining and completing state forms.
- Troubleshooting issues or delays with the Department of Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistance).
- PA state income taxes.
- Insurance company issues.
- State-issued license or certification renewals.
- PACE cards for seniors.
- Liquor Control Board questions or concerns.
- Citations honoring local people for outstanding accomplishments or milestones.
- Information about any state or local government agency.
- Veterans Property Tax Exemption inquiries.
- Maps and information about our local communities.

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