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Dear Neighbor,

I hope you had a wonderful summer! My family, staff and I participated in numerous community events over the past few months, such as the annual Skippack Village Fourth of July Parade. I also hosted multiple legislative breakfasts for our neighbors 55 and older in each community. It was great to see familiar faces and discuss the issues impacting our communities.

In Harrisburg, we finalized a state budget that makes record investments in education. The House of Representatives also passed dozens of good bills with bipartisan support that would raise the minimum wage, create tax credits to help working families, strengthen workplace protections, protect Pennsylvanians from discrimination, provide a path to justice for survivors of childhood sexual abuse, expand property tax and rent relief for seniors, address community violence

with commonsense gun safety protections, and much more.

I'm looking forward to another busy fall and winter. My office is hosting several community events over the next few months, including our annual Senior Fair on Oct. 26 at Meadowood Senior Living.

Of course, my staff and I are ready to assist you with navigating state and local issues, such as applying for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, applying for or renewing a SEPTA Key Senior ID Card, filling out various PennDOT forms and birth or death certificate applications, fulfilling notary services for government documents, and more. We're also here to answer your questions about state and local issues and make sure government works for you. Please call or stop by our district offices Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. You can also email me any time at repbradford@pahouse.net. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve our community.



Investments in Our Community

There are so many important projects and plans in the works across our communities and I'm pleased to share that, in just the past few months, our area has been awarded more than **\$5.5 million** in grants, which will go a long way to improve our quality of life and make our communities even stronger. Here is a snapshot of recent investments in our communities:

- **Elmwood Park Zoo: \$250,000** for the zoo's accessible playground project.
- **Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery and Delaware Counties Inc.: \$400,000** for its Critical Home Repair program, which supports homeowners who are seniors, Veterans, and people with disabilities.
- **Jefferson Fire Co. No. 1: \$200,000** for equipment and vehicle support.
- **Lower Perkiomen Little League: \$63,000** for fencing and updated scoreboards.
- **Montgomery County - Department of Housing and Community Development: \$800,000** for the Your Way Home Program to provide supportive homeless prevention services and financial assistance to at-risk individuals and families.
- **Norristown Area School District: \$150,000** for its summer meal distribution.
- **Norriton Little League: \$235,000** for lighting installation and materials.
- **Perkiomen Township Municipal Authority: \$101,530** for equipment to perform inspection work for its sewer collection service.
- **Whitpain Township: \$128,320** for updated signal equipment at Jolly Road and Wentz Road.
- **Worcester Township: \$125,000** for equipment for a year-round, curbside collection program for yard waste.



Rep. Matt Bradford stopped by Norriton Fire Engine Company to check out their new electronic sign. Rep. Bradford helped secure the funding for the signage.



At the annual Family Fair, Rep. Matt Bradford got an update on Elmwood Park Zoo's playground project, which will ensure that the playground is accessible and safe for all children to play. The playground project is part of a larger redevelopment underway at the zoo.



Lower Perkiomen Little League welcomed Rep. Matt Bradford to their ballfields.



(Left to Right): Rep. Greg Scott, Norristown Area School District Superintendent Chris Dorman and Rep. Matt Bradford participate in one of the school district's summer meal distribution events.

State Budget Makes Historic Education Investments



Rep. Matt Bradford joined fellow elected officials and public school advocates to call for adequate and equitable funding for public education.

This year's state budget, which passed with bipartisan support, makes historic investments in public education and many other key areas that will help make our communities a better place – all without raising your taxes.

The 2023/24 Budget
Increases Funding for Schools in our Community

- Methacton SD**
\$11.3 Million (7.3% ↑)
- Norristown Area SD**
\$31.9 Million (18.5% ↑)
- Perkiomen Valley SD**
\$11.1 Million (7.1% ↑)
- Wissahickon SD**
\$6.4 Million (10.4% ↑)

No child should have to learn on an empty stomach. The budget provides for free universal breakfast for all public school students and expands free lunch to all 22,000 students who are eligible for reduced-price lunches.

The budget will provide an additional \$20 million for county mental health services, which not only helps those seeking support but also will help address the shortage of mental health workers.

While an increase in education funding is very good news, we still have a lot of work to do on education investments. Earlier this year, the Commonwealth Court ruled that the state has fallen short of its constitutional obligation to fairly fund all of our public schools. Further, the chronic underfunding of our schools has resulted in higher local property taxes, further harming our already overburdened taxpayers and failing our students.

We have a constitutional and moral obligation to undo this chronic underfunding of our public schools. This is a tremendous opportunity to address this underfunding while easing the taxpayer burden.

This fall, the legislature will continue working on solutions to ensure that every Pennsylvanian has access to a quality public education.

UNIVERSAL FREE BREAKFAST

119,385

MONTGOMERY COUNTY STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR FREE BREAKFAST!

More Homeowners and Renters to See Property Tax Relief



Property Tax / Rent Rebate Program

MORE people eligible, **MORE** money back!

Homeowner Income	This Year	Next Year
Up to \$8K	\$650	\$1,000
Up to \$15K	\$500	\$770
Up to \$18K	\$300	\$460
Up to \$35K	\$250	\$380
Up to \$45K	\$0	\$380

Renter Income	This Year	Next Year
Up to \$8K	\$650	\$1,000
Up to \$15K	\$500	\$770
Up to \$18K	\$0	\$460
Up to \$45K	\$0	\$380

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians 65 or older, widows and widowers 50 or older, and people with disabilities 18 or older.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program provides real relief to thousands of Montgomery County homeowners and renters, and the program is about to help even more people starting next year.

The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians 65 or older, widows and widowers 50 or older, and people with disabilities 18 or older.

Thanks to overwhelming bipartisan support in the state legislature, a new law was recently enacted that will raise the maximum rebate amount from \$650 to \$1,000 and raise the income limit to \$45,000, not including half of Social Security, for both owners and renters starting in 2024. The income limit will then rise annually based on changes in the cost of living. This means an additional 5,000 Montgomery County homeowners and renters would qualify under these new income limits.

You can apply for a rebate on property taxes or rent paid in 2022 now through Dec. 31.

Need help with the application process? We're here to help! Call or stop by my offices and my staff can assist you.

Around the Community



Rep. Matt Bradford met with neighbors from Perkiomen Township and Schwenksville Borough at his 55+ legislative breakfast. This was one of multiple breakfast meetings held over the summer in communities across Rep. Bradford's district as an opportunity to discuss the issues we all care about.



Rep. Matt Bradford stopped by the Variety Mobile Café located in the Meadowood Senior Living complex. The Mobile Café provides people with disabilities the opportunity to gain valuable work experience while making meaningful connections with local community members.



Rep. Matt Bradford and his son Zach visited the Perkiomen Township Fire Co. to check out their new thermal imaging cameras. Rep. Bradford's office helped them secure funding for these cameras, as well as a comprehensive study of their firehouse for future infrastructure upgrades.



Rep. Matt Bradford and his family participated in the annual Skippack Village Fourth of July parade.



At Reps. Matt Bradford's and Joe Webster's free document shredding event, neighbors came out to safely shred their unwanted documents. Thankfully, Jefferson Fire Co. No. 1 quickly responded to the event when one of the shredder trucks started to overheat.



Phillies Community Ambassador Milt Thompson was a special guest at Rep. Matt Bradford's Family Fair. Milt Thomas was a 1993 National League champion and a hitting coach for the 2008 World Series Championship team.

Upcoming Events

Monthly Mobile Office Hours

Residents of Schwenksville Borough

300 Main St., Schwenksville
First Thursday of each month | 10 a.m. – noon

Residents of Brandywine Senior Suites

2101 New Hope St., East Norriton
Fourth Wednesday of each month | 11 a.m. – noon

Residents of Greenfield Senior Living at Perkiomen Valley

300 Perkiomen Ave., Schwenksville
Fourth Friday of each month | 11 a.m. – noon

Residents of Brightview of East Norriton

300 E. Germantown Pike, East Norriton
Third Thursday of each month | 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Residents of Meadowood Senior Living

3205 W. Skippack Pike, Worcester
Second Monday of each month | 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

YOU ARE INVITED TO
REP. MATT BRADFORD'S

SENIOR FAIR



40+ Vendors
Free Giveaways!
Complimentary Lunch
Informative Presentations!

Thursday, Oct. 26 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Meadowood Senior Living
Schultz Community Center
3205 W. Skippack Pike, Lansdale, PA 19446

Rep. Bradford's office and dozens of vendors will be on hand to discuss the many programs and services available to seniors in our community.

RSVP required by emailing repbradford@pahouse.net or calling (610) 222-3490 with your name, address and number of people attending.

Upcoming Office Sponsored Events

Senior Fair

Thursday, October 26

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Meadowood Senior Living
3205 Skippack Pike, Lansdale, PA 19446
RSVP: (610) 222-3490 or (610) 270-1150

Financial Aid 101 Webinar

Wednesday, December 13

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Hosted by Rep. Matt Bradford and PHEAA
Virtual

More info coming soon at pahouse.com/Bradford

House Passes Comprehensive Plans to Cut Taxes, Invest in Education

House Also Approves Plan to Move Up Presidential Primary Date

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives recently voted for a responsible tax cut plan that supports working families, businesses and communities. This plan creates a more business-friendly climate while leveling the playing field, ensuring tax fairness for all businesses, and investing in our working families. This will attract companies to Pennsylvania, creating good paying jobs that will help the way for a brighter future.

It makes key investments in public transit to help hard-working families get to their jobs. It also provides relief to families who need childcare through a tax credit which not only eases the financial burden on families but also keeps childcare centers open for the workers who provide that critical care.

If we want to invest in our economy, we must invest in our working families, and this plan includes a tax credit for working

families and a tax exemption for our lowest-wage workers.

To strengthen our economy, we must improve our business climate, ensure tax fairness and invest in and keep workers in Pennsylvania. The bill we passed does all this and will result in a more equitable, more prosperous Pennsylvania.

But this was only one of the numerous accomplishments in Harrisburg. The House passed several bills to ensure we're funding important programs and services.

We voted to fund our world-class universities in order to hold the line on tuition increases and support our students. We further showed our support for public education by including funding to help schools address mental health, addressing the teacher shortage crisis through a stipend to attract our future educators, and providing funding for schools to address infrastructure repairs.



We also voted to move up the presidential primary election date. Currently, the 2024 presidential primary date conflicts with a major religious holiday – Passover – causing a potential conflict for Jewish voters in Pennsylvania between observing a holy day and participating in democracy. And, as the past few presidential election cycles have shown, Pennsylvania is a competitive state with a large, diverse population. Moving up the presidential primary would give Pennsylvania voters a stronger voice in determining presidential nominees.

We look forward to working with our colleagues in the Senate on these issues.



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We're Here to Help!

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



Do you need help with
PENNDOT?



My office can help you with



Disability placards & plates



Change of name or address



Registration renewals



Duplicate car registrations & titles



Antique or classic license plates



Personalized plates



License plate surrender



License restoration



Reduced registration fees

*For those who qualify