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53RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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# STATE REPRESENTATIVE STEVE MALAGARI

WORKING FOR THE PEOPLE



Scan the QR Code to sign up to receive my e-mail newsletter, typically sent out 2-4 times per month.



## INVESTING in our FUTURE

### DEAR NEIGHBOR,

A community is more than just a group of people who live in the same place. It's a network of care, cooperation, and shared values. It means helping each other in times of need and sharing in our joy during moments of celebration. Community is vital. It's valuable. And it requires work and attention to create and maintain.

My belief in the importance of community guides my work every day. I've worked hard to secure funding for local schools, libraries, health centers, and other essential services. I've supported legislation that strengthens the day-to-day lives of working families, seniors, and small business owners alike.

I've also made it a priority to create opportunities for us to come together. The events I've hosted throughout the district aren't about

policy - they're about people. They offer a chance to connect, discover resources, and learn how we can better support one another.

And when I'm not hosting, I'm attending. I make it a point to be present at community events so I can hear directly from you. Your concerns, ideas, and hopes shape the work I do every day.

Read on to find out more about what is happening in our community and all the ways in which my office can work for you.

Sincerely,

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### THE 2025-26 STATE BUDGET

Governor Shapiro signed our balanced, bipartisan 2025-26 state budget into law in mid-November, which, unfortunately, is significantly past its June 30th due date. During this impasse, my House colleagues and I spent quite a few nights and weekends in Harrisburg to put forth solutions - we sent three different budget proposals to the Senate before they put a proposal to a vote. But critically, we stayed at the negotiating table, putting *people over politics* and passing a balanced, bipartisan budget that **invests in our Commonwealth**.

In the wake of federal funding cuts that are impacting families across our community, it was very important to me to **preserve the state services people rely on most**. As the only state in the Northeast with a growing economy, this budget invests in our schools, infrastructure, and

people to further our economic successes and ensure that this growth benefits all of us.

Our final budget provides **\$2.27 billion** in additional funding over last fiscal year, representing a **4.7% increase** for our schools, roads, businesses, and much more. It doesn't raise taxes or tap into PA's \$8 billion Rainy Day Fund - it even adds a new tax *break*, the **Working Families Tax Credit**, which gives working people an automatic 10% match of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit. That can amount to **\$1,000 or more back** every single year for working families with children.

I'm proud of what we were able to accomplish, and I look forward to the impact these efforts will have on our community.



## MY LEGISLATION

### H.B. 1063 protects online shoppers from “Grinch Bot” fraud

Since my last newsletter in July, I’ve introduced a new piece of legislation. In October, the House passed my proposal to prevent scalpers from using software to buy items online in bulk for the sole purpose of reselling them at exorbitant prices.

Consumers like you have the right to a fair marketplace, and I first introduced this measure two years ago because it is the

state legislature’s duty to help protect it. The bill targets a type of software used by modern scalpers called a “Grinch Bot,” which bypasses online sales platforms’ controls to automatically buy products in bulk and then resell them at prices far higher than the original seller intended.

House Bill 1063 would stop Grinch Bots by making it illegal to use software that bypasses sales platforms’ security measures and other technological controls designed to enforce purchasing limits. The bill is now eligible for consideration by the Senate.

## BRINGING YOUR TAX DOLLARS HOME

I am proud to have helped bring more than \$1 million back into our district so far this year! These grant funds will support community institutions, enhance education, provide services for seniors, and help keep our neighborhoods safe.

### This includes:

- \$325,000 to fund STEM education and after school programs at **North Montco Technical Career Center** and the **North Penn Boys & Girls Club**.
- \$282,000 to improve **local roads and storm water management** in Lansdale.
- \$142,000 to support and improve

local senior centers including **Generations of Indian Valley, The Spark Center** and **Jaisohn Wellness Center**.

- \$108,000 for our local **fire & EMS services**.
- \$100,000 for historic preservation of the **Lansdale Freight House**.
- \$55,000 to help the **Lansdale VFW** renovate their facility.



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2023–24 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## RECOGNITION FOR LEGISLATIVE EFFECTIVENESS

I’m honored to be recognized as one of Pennsylvania’s most effective legislators in a recent analysis by the Center for Effective Lawmaking. I became a state legislator to be a voice for my community in Harrisburg, and I’ve worked to turn ideas from neighbors into real policy solutions. I’m proud of what we’ve been able to achieve through bipartisan compromise, made possible by the support of my staff and my community. None of this would have been possible without you!

## MY TEAM IS BUSY WORKING FOR YOU!

My team makes it easy to access state services! Our Lansdale office is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You are also welcome to schedule an appointment at our Souderton office by calling (267) 768-3671.

We’re also happy to bring our services into the community with remote office hours. You can find us at Spark Senior Center, Generations of Indian Valley, Souderton Mennonite Homes, the Hatfield Jame Masjid, and BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Hatfield.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Veterans won’t want to miss my new **Veterans Expo**, which will connect you with benefits and state services exclusively for those who served. Light lunch will be served from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/MalagariVetsFair](http://bit.ly/MalagariVetsFair) to reserve your spot.



And mark your calendars for our **Shred and E-Waste Event**, June 6th (more info to come!) and **Family Fest with Senator Collett**, June 20th, 12 - 2 p.m. at Rotary Park in Souderton.

## SO FAR THIS YEAR WE’VE COMPLETED:

- ✓ 6,609 “caseworks,” i.e. actions taken to help a constituent navigate or resolve an issue with a government agency or public service
- ✓ 881 SEPTA passes issued and renewed
- ✓ 419 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program applications processed



# PHASE II OF THE 309 CONNECTOR IS OPEN

Phase 2 of the 309 Connector is officially open! Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Secretary Mike Carroll joined the celebration to cut the ribbon on this important second phase of the infrastructure project.

The Connector Project is designed to create a direct link between the PA Turnpike's Lansdale Interchange and PA 309, improving roadway

safety, reducing congestion, and facilitating the efficient movement of people and goods between these key corridors.

As the regional economy continues to grow, this project offers much-needed roadway capacity to support both residents and businesses.

For more information and to follow the project's progress, visit [www.pa309connector.com](http://www.pa309connector.com).



# SERVING OUR COMMUNITY, ONE EVENT AT A TIME



We once again partnered with the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Phi Beta Omega Chapter for our **Shredding and E-Waste** event. Not only did we help the environment, but we also collected more than 400 pounds of food for local food banks! We served more than 400 cars!



Our second annual **Family Fest** with Senator Maria Collett was a blast! Thank you to everyone who joined us in Rotary Park to learn more about state services for families while having fun with activities like lawn games, archery and face painting.



Senator Collett and I also partnered for our first **Pet-A-Palooza**. Held during Hatfield Township's annual Dog-A-Poolooza, we got to hang out with some furry friends while helping connect people with pet-related resources.



Our annual **Senior Fair** is always our biggest event of the year! More than 400 people attended this year to visit with more than 70 organizations offering resources.

# STATE-RELATED REMINDERS

## PRIMARY ELECTION: MAY 19

As we approach the **Primary Election on Tuesday, May 19**, here is some key information to remember:



**2024 PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**IMPORTANT DATES**

- MAY 4 Last day to register to vote in the primary election  
[vote.pa.gov/Register](http://vote.pa.gov/Register)
- MAY 12 The deadline to apply for absentee or mail-in ballot.  
[vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot](http://vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot)
- MAY 19 Election Day: Polls are open from 7am - 8pm. Completed mail ballots must be received by 8pm.

[vote.pa.gov](http://vote.pa.gov)

**Find your polling place TODAY**

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# PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE: APPLY BEFORE DEC. 31

To ensure that as many Pennsylvanians as possible receive the relief they are entitled to, the deadline for older adults and Pennsylvanians with disabilities to apply for rebates on rent or property taxes paid in 2024 was extended to December 31.

Funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery, Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program supports homeowners and renters across the state. The program provides a rebate ranging from \$380 to \$1,000 for eligible older adults and people with disabilities 18 and older. For tax year 2024, the maximum household income is \$46,520, with only half of Social Security income counting toward the limit. You can pick up an application booklet or get in-person help at my office or apply online at [mypath.pa.gov](http://mypath.pa.gov). Please contact us at (267) 768-3671 to schedule an appointment.

NOW OPEN

**Property Tax / Rent Rebate Applications**  
Giving money back to PA renters and homeowners

Homeowner & Renter Income	Max Rebate
Up to \$8,270	\$1,000
Up to \$15,510	\$770
Up to \$18,610	\$460
Up to \$46,520	\$380

Extended until **December 31, 2025**

# SNAPSHOTS WITH STEVE



I had a great time at our annual **Veterans' Brunch** surrounded by good food and even better people!



It was a humbling experience visiting **The Wall That Heals** memorial in Montgomery Township.



Learning about **VMSC Emergency Medical Services'** new Pre-Hospital Whole Blood program.



Congratulations to those who were honored at the **Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce's** annual awards luncheon!



Breaking tile to kick off the renovations of the **North Penn High School** pool.



Enjoying **Lansdale Day!**



Learning the ropes (literally!) at the **Steamfitters Local Union 420** training facility.



It was a pleasure being the guest reader at the **Indian Valley Public Library**.



Stopped by **West Broad Elementary** to speak about my job as a State Representative.



Congratulations to **The Sunflower Brigade** on the ribbon-cutting of their brand-new Art Studio and Play Center in Lansdale.



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Ring in the **Tamil New Year** with the **Tamil Association of Greater Delaware Valley** at **Pennedale Middle School**.



Honored to join the **Philip Jaisohn Memorial Foundation** at their **AAPI Heritage Month Festival!**



I welcomed the **North Penn Knights Ice Hockey team** to the chamber to celebrate their first ever state championship win, and the **North Penn Knights Boys Swim team** for cinching the state title!



Helping a resident at **Souderton Mennonite Home**.



I was honored to celebrate the groundbreaking of **Lansdale Freight House** with **Discover Lansdale**.



Celebrating **Pride Month** at the **Lansdale Pride Walk**.



Visited **Mary Kabala** to wish her a happy 100th birthday!



Touring **Village Handcrafted Cabinetry** in Lansdale.



Congratulations to **Teagan Prince**, of Hatfield, on earning the rank of **Eagle Scout**.



Honoring **Boy Scout Troop 401** in the Borough of **Souderton** for their 100th anniversary.



Always a fun time at **Souderton's Third Fridays!**



It was a great time at the **Bangladeshi American Cultural Festival** in Hatfield.



Spreading joy at the **Souderton Holiday Parade**.