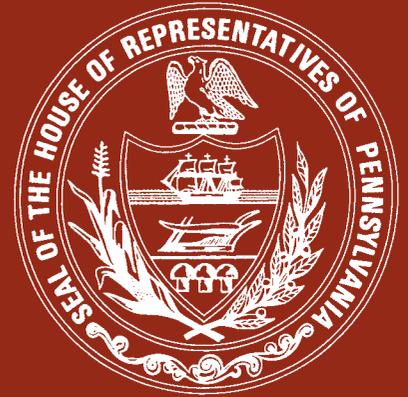


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Report

From State Representative
MIKE STURLA
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LANCASTER COUNTY COMMUNITY VACCINATION CENTER



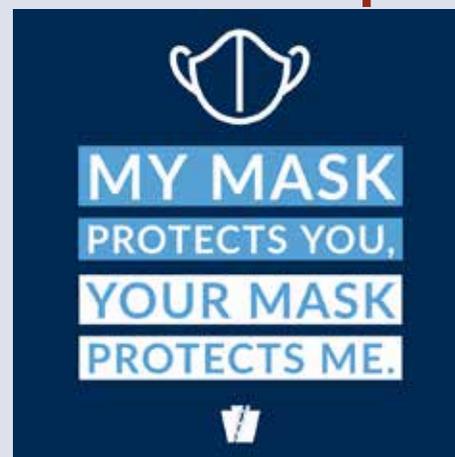
Pictured on March 11, Rep. Sturla spoke at a news conference with Gov. Tom Wolf to open the Lancaster County Community Vaccination Center at Park City Mall. To receive your vaccination, please register at www.vaccinatelancaster.org.

PA Unites Against COVID

Please visit www.pa.gov/covid to learn more about what you can do to protect yourself, your family, businesses, neighbors and our community from COVID.



Still Mask Up



Even if you are vaccinated, it is critical that everyone continue to mask up and social distance to help finally defeat this pandemic. Your sacrifices are appreciated for the community's greater good.

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Rep. Sturla took the oath for his 16th term on Jan. 5, making him the third most senior member in the House.



Sturla Named Democratic Chair of House Urban Affairs Committee

For the 2021-22 legislative session, Rep. Sturla will serve as Democratic Chair of the House Urban Affairs Committee. This committee oversees critical issues that affect Lancaster and other urban areas daily, including affordable housing, redevelopment, blight and growth management.

In addition to his committee responsibilities, Sturla will continue to work hard this session on fair education funding, a healthy environment, and Pennsylvania's economic recovery from the pandemic.



STURLA'S LEGISLATION

Rep. Sturla is introducing a variety of bills this session, such as:

- **HB 20:** Create the Pennsylvania Water Resource Act.
- **HB 810:** Require fences between livestock and streams.
- **HB 812:** Funding for higher education.
- **HB 814:** Increase grants for professional fire services.
- **HB 816:** Trauma as a factor in school funding formula.
- **HR 72:** Establish a tool to quantify trauma in schools.

He also is working on legislation that would reform cyber charter school funding, mandate a county or regional health department, establish a lead testing requirement for landlords, improve environmental justice, require conservation plans, and create a higher education promotion task force.

For more details, go to www.RepMikeSturla.com, and click on "Bills I've Introduced" under the News tab in the top right-hand corner.

ELECTION REFORM

Last November, Pennsylvania and other states were subjected to misinformation and unfounded malicious attacks on the electoral process. Even with a historic pandemic, Pennsylvania had a secure and fair election. Rep. Sturla is working to make voting easier while improving the existing election law, including allowing counties to pre-canvass their mail-in ballots sooner to avoid later false conspiracy theories.

Sturla is also a prime co-sponsor of legislation that would authorize Pennsylvania to join the agreement among the states to elect the president by national popular vote.

This agreement, commonly referred to as the "National Popular Vote Bill," if activated, would guarantee the presidency to the candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Furthermore, this agreement would take effect only when states cumulatively possessing a majority of electoral votes, equaling 270, adopt the same agreement. Currently, 15 states and the District of Columbia with 196 electoral votes have enacted this legislation.



CONESTOGA RIVER CLEAN UP ON JUNE 12

As part of Lancaster Water Week, Rep. Sturla will again co-sponsor the annual Conestoga River Clean Up on Saturday, June 12 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information and to volunteer, please email RepMikeSturla@pahouse.net or call 717-295-3157.

Help Protect Yourself From Identity Theft

NEXT SHREDDING EVENT ON JULY 10

Rep. Sturla will be hosting a Shredding Event on Saturday, July 10 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot at Clipper Magazine Stadium (650 N. Prince St.). **Only two banker's boxes are allowed per person.** Any paper can be shredded, and staples or paper clips do not need to be removed. Hard drives, tapes, solid-state drives, and other electronic media also can be shredded, but they must be removed from devices. Registration is required by emailing your name and address to RepMikeSturla@pahouse.net.



10th Annual Back to School Event on August 14-16



After consulting with the Lancaster County Contact Tracing Program, Rep. Sturla's 10th Annual Back to School Event will be held at Lancaster 'Barnstormers' Clipper Magazine Stadium (650 N. Prince St.) over three days to ensure proper social distancing: Saturday, August 14; Sunday, August 15; and Monday August 16. It will be open to K-8th grade students who live in the School District of Lancaster area.

Due to the pandemic, students will simply pick up a backpack filled with a variety of items, including uniform, shoes, supplies, books, and masks. Registration is required to ensure proper crowd safety, and you will be assigned an arrival time between 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. Since there will be no special activities this year, we are asking that only registered students and their parent or guardian be in attendance for quicker processing. **Walk-up registration will not be available, and you must register by August 9 using the above scan code or at www.RepMikeSturla.com/BackToSchool.** Information on state services, higher education and college affordability will be provided and staff will be available to answer legislative questions.



Scan here to register online today



Are you, your business or organization interested in volunteering or contributing to the event? Contact Francis Miliano in Rep. Sturla's Lancaster office at 717-295-3157 or fmiliano@pahouse.net.

VOTING DEADLINES

If you voted by mail last year and added yourself to the annual mail ballot voter list, you will be sent one application to receive ballots for every election this year. These applications will be sent each year. For the upcoming Primary Election Day on May 18, applications for mail-in and absentee ballots must be received by the Lancaster County Election Board by 5 p.m. on May 11. If you would like to vote by mail this year or register to vote, apply at www.votespa.com. First-time voters must register by May 3.



REAL ID TAKES EFFECT OCTOBER 1

Starting October 1, 2021, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, photo ID card, or another form of federally acceptable identification (such as a valid passport or military ID) to board a domestic flight, enter a federal building or enter a military base. For more information about REAL ID or to apply, visit dmv.pa.gov.



Pennie Enrollment Until August 15

Uninsured Pennsylvanians or those affected by COVID-19 have until August 15 to enroll in affordable health insurance plans at www.pennie.com.

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gets you covered.

LIHEAP EXTENDED UNTIL APRIL 30

The state's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) has been extended until April 30. Apply online at www.compass.state.pa.us or call the LIHEAP hotline at 1-866-857-7095 for more information.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The Lancaster County Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance Program is now open to help households that experienced a pandemic-related job or income loss; demonstrate a risk of homelessness; and have income that is 80% or less than the area median income.

To learn more about eligibility, visit www.lancasterhelp.rent or call their helpline at 717-590-3101. (Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)



DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF

Pictured (left to right) are Rep. Sturla's district office staff: Francis Miliano, Joe Sweeney, and Kate Freund. Greg Paulson has retired after 10 years of dedicated service as District Office Director. Rep. Sturla deeply thanks Greg for all his hard work and he has promoted Francis into this position.

SCHEDULING OFFICE APPOINTMENTS



To follow COVID guidelines and safety measures, Rep. Sturla's Lancaster office at 150 East King St. is only available for in-person appointments for specific services, since most matters can be discussed and completed via phone. If you need assistance, please email RepMikeSturla@pahouse.net or call 717-295-3157. **To ensure that staff can return all calls in a timely manner and to help avoid longer wait times for returning calls, we encourage all callers to leave only one message with your full name and phone number.**

Once an appointment is booked, staff will call one or two days before your set appointment time to confirm meeting details and complete the COVID questionnaire with you. Masks are required and must be worn to enter the office and temperature checks will be taken at arrival.

PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

While you can submit your 2020 PA 1000 Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications online at mypath.pa.gov, Rep. Sturla's office is still available to help those who prefer not to use the online option.

For assistance, please drop off the following documents in the office mailbox (pictured above) in an envelope with your full name and phone number:

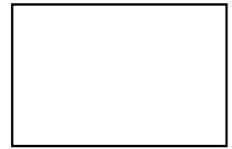
- Proof of income for 2020 (for example: if you work, W-2 or tax return; if you do not work, your letter from Social Security showing how much you received in disability payments or SSI payments).
- If you rent, your rent certificate signed by your landlord.
- If you do not rent, proof that you paid your property taxes to the city, county and Lancaster School District (this may be on your year-end mortgage summary, SS Form 1098, from your bank or mortgage company).
- Proof of identity (if this is the first time our office has helped you).
- Bank routing and account number (if you want the refund via direct deposit).

INCOME TAX DEADLINE EXTENDED

Due to the pandemic, state and federal personal income tax deadlines have been extended until May 17. You can file your state taxes at mypath.pa.gov for free.



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HERE TO SERVE YOU

Rep. Sturla's district office staff is happy to help you navigate state government programs and services. Call the 150 E. King St. office at (717) 295-3157 for free assistance.

Ayuda disponible en español

Tengo la fortuna de tener personal bilingüe listo para ayudarle con cualquier problema relacionado con el estado. Puede llamar a la oficina al (717) 295-3157 o pasar por la oficina localizada en 150 E. King St.,

MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate problems or questions
- PACE prescription-drug cards for senior citizens
- Car registrations, special tags, handicap placards, titles and driver's license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Voter registration and absentee ballot applications
- Unemployment compensation, disability and workers' compensation
- Requests for literature – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding accomplishments and family milestones
- Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications
- Liquor Control Board concerns or questions
- Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups

Sign Up for Weekly Emails

If you would like to receive weekly email updates on state government issues, go to www.RepMikeSturla.com and click on "Contact Me" under the Help & Services section in top right-hand corner. For timely updates, you can follow @RepMikeSturla on Twitter and Facebook.



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