

## 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/Galloway](http://www.pahouse.com/Galloway), to sign up for email alerts on important information, including legislation being considered in Harrisburg. On my website, click on the "Contacts" tab at the top, then select "Sign Up For Emails" and fill in your information.

You can also keep up to date with me through my Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/RepGalloway](http://www.facebook.com/RepGalloway) and follow me on Twitter at @RepJohnGalloway.

## Mark your calendars for these upcoming senior events:

**My annual Property Tax/Rent Rebate forums will be held:**

**Friday, March 11**

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Bristol Borough Area Active Adult  
Center  
301 Wood St.  
Bristol

**Friday, April 1**

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Falls Township Senior Center  
Trenton & Oxford Valley roads  
Fairless Hills

*Please bring your 2015 income statements and receipts for property taxes or rent paid in 2015.*

### SEPTA senior pass event

**Tuesday, March 15**

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Falls Township Senior Center  
Trenton & Oxford Valley roads  
Fairless Hills

*Seniors aged 65 are entitled to ride SEPTA bus, trolley and subway service free of charge and may ride regional rail service for \$1 per trip with proof of age. The easiest way is to carry a SEPTA senior ID card that you may obtain free of charge at this event. You must bring proof of age and ID, such as a driver's license, birth certificate, passport or PACE card. You can learn more at [www.septa.org](http://www.septa.org).*

## Veterans Appreciation Dinner was a huge success

Thank you to all who attended my second Veteran's Appreciation Dinner Aug. 13 at Westaby Hall. My staff and I were proud to be able to salute 300 local veterans, from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan, and all others who bravely fought to protect our freedoms.

Special thanks to the Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans for leading the opening procession and the Hotsy Totsy Girls for their musical entertainment.

The willingness of our veterans to put their lives at risk for all Americans has given us freedom, security and the greatest nation on Earth!

The date for my 2016 dinner will be announced this summer.



**At the dinner, an empty, candle-lit table is reserved as a remembrance for those still listed as MIA or POW.**

## Route 13 travel corridor construction is underway

Long-term solutions to the traffic problems on Route 13 and the needed upgrades to the Levittown SEPTA train station are both well underway. The short-term inconveniences will lead to safer roads and a more accessible train station. I wanted to let you know where these projects stand as of February 2016:

### Route 13:

All major road work on the northern section of the highway, from Green Lane to Levittown Parkway, has been completed. Traffic is open in two lanes in both directions.

The middle section, from Green Lane to Bath Road, is currently under traffic restrictions, limiting drivers to the left lane only in each direction. Contractors are updating drainage systems, and the right lane and shoulder are being rebuilt. New curbs and sidewalks are also being installed where required. Once the righthand lanes, shoulders and sidewalks are completed, traffic will be moved to those lanes so the left lanes can be rebuilt.

The southern end of the project, from Bath Road to Route 413, has had new traffic patterns in place since late November. The contractors are installing a new drainage system in the median while rebuilding the left lane heading northbound and the right lane for those traveling southbound.

The project is still expected to be completed later this year. When it is finished, there will be two lanes of travel north and south with a wider median, as well as a pedestrian tunnel for safety and left-turn lanes to maintain traffic flow.

### Levittown train station

The overhaul of the Levittown train station, which I pushed for years, is progressing at a steady pace. The upgrades are long overdue for this station, which was built in 1953 and allowed to deteriorate for years.

Among the planned improvements are: more parking, elevators, a pedestrian overpass and accessibility enhancements.

The station serves more than 1,250 riders a day, many of them commuting for work.

Phase 1 is currently underway and involves the intersection of Route 13 and Fallsington Avenue. The intersection is being reconfigured and storm pipes and manholes are being installed. Utility poles and overhead wires are also being relocated as part of this construction phase.

Phase 2 is also underway now. This part of the project is focusing on the inbound parking lot on the south side of the station. Utilities are being relocated and storm pipes and manholes are being installed in what will be the new parking lot. Pipes for the future rain gardens are also being installed during this phase.

If you have not been to the station recently, construction that affects the parking lots has been addressed with the addition of 80 parking spaces available at St. Michael the Archangel School.

SEPTA is still waiting for required building permits before construction on the building can begin.

When the \$35 million project is completed in 2018, there will be more than 100 additional parking spaces.

## Annual Toys for the Y collection provides Christmas help to many

I was happy to use my office again in 2015 as a drop-off location for Toys for the Y, the annual Christmas toy drive for the Lower Bucks family YMCA, which collects toys, cash and gift cards to help local families have a joyful holiday season.

Your support was once again inspiring, as my office was filled with toys.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the friends and family of U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Robert Deis who have been big supporters in the past and this year. Deis is the son of Robert and Shellie Deis of Morrisville.

Even though he is stationed in California, many toys were donated in his honor.

A special thank you must also go out to the teams of Little League District 21. Their own drive added a huge number of gifts to the Toys for the Y collection drive.

All of the gifts dropped off at my office were given in the area to brighten the holidays for local children.

Each family helped by the YMCA also received gift cards enabling them to purchase a holiday dinner.



## Persian Gulf Bonus Program extended through Aug. 31, 2018

I wanted to let you know legislation signed into law late last year has extended the application period for the Persian Gulf Veterans Benefit Program through Aug. 31, 2018.

Pennsylvania veterans who served in the Persian Gulf Conflict are eligible to receive a one-time bonus of \$75 per month of qualifying active service up to a maximum of \$525.

Surviving families of military personnel who died due to injury or illness obtained while serving in the operations Desert Shield or Desert Storm are also eligible to receive an additional \$5,000.

Service members who were declared POWs during those conflicts are also eligible for a \$5,000 award.

The bonuses are available to those who served in any branch of the Armed Forces, a licensed reserve group or the Pennsylvania National Guard and served in the Persian Gulf between Aug. 2, 1990 and Aug. 31, 1991. Applicants must have been legal Pennsylvania residents at the time of their service.

More information and instruction on how to apply can be found at [www.persiangulfbonus.pa.gov](http://www.persiangulfbonus.pa.gov).