



STATE REPRESENTATIVE **Dan Deasy**

VICE CHAIRMAN, ALLEGHENY COUNTY DELEGATION

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HERE TO SERVE YOU!

WEST END

436 S. Main St., Suite 100
Pittsburgh, PA 15220
412-928-9514

BEECHVIEW

Carnegie Library
1910 Broadway Ave,
Pittsburgh, PA 15216
10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Mondays and Wednesdays

CAPITOL

323 Irvis Office Building
P.O. Box 202027
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2027
717-772-8187

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Committee on Committees
(Chairman)

Environmental Resources &
Energy
Gaming Oversight
Policy

Professional Licensure
(Secretary)

Tourism & Recreational
Development

CAUCUS MEMBERSHIPS

Animal Protection
Early Childhood Education
Firefighters & Emergency Services
Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
Pro-Life
Veterans

My Office Can Help!

Call my office at (412) 928-9514
if you need...

- Vehicle Registration
- Duplicate Vehicle Title
- Renew Driver's License
- Duplicate Birth or Death certificate
- Handicap Placard/Plate
- Notary Services (State Documents only)
- Port Authority Senior Bus Pass
- Unclaimed Property

Any issue with your state government.

Honored to serve the 27th Legislative District!

On Jan. 3, I was sworn into office for my fifth two-year term representing you – the great people of the 27th Legislative District.

I was also appointed in January to serve on the House Environmental Resources & Energy, Labor & Industry, Gaming Oversight, Tourism & Recreational Development, and Professional Licensure committees.

Each assignment enables me to delve into diverse issues. With our region's energy legacy and promise, the Environmental Resources & Energy Committee assignment puts me at the forefront of important measures and policies both affecting development and protecting resources.

Labor & Industry gives me a vantage point on matters affecting jobs, wages and benefits, and the Professional Licensure post helps me protect consumers by ensuring proper licensing credentials.

I plan to bring the issues of our legislative district to the table during all committee meetings and hearings.

While the challenges facing the legislature are many, there is every reason to be optimistic that the region's economic interests will advance and all of Pennsylvania will progress with bipartisan cooperation.

I will continue full constituent service efforts on all state-related matters. In addition, I will continue to focus on economic and job development, expanding services to senior citizens and veterans, and addressing blight and abandoned properties in our communities.

My staff and I also will take every opportunity to engage the community, including holding more public town halls concerning the heroin and opiate addiction epidemic sweeping the state. (See Page 2)

My legislative website, www.pahouse.com/Deasy, features legislative and local information, including how to contact my district and Harrisburg offices. The website enables constituents to sign up for email updates on state government and regional issues.



New Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications, help available



My district office has received Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program applications for eligible residents to begin claiming rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2016, and the staff is ready to help!

The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians 65 or older, widows and widowers 50 or older, and people with disabilities 18 or older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters. Half of Social Security income is excluded and the maximum standard rebate is \$650.

Claimants must reapply for rebates every year because rebates are based on annual income and property taxes or rent paid annually. Spouses, personal representatives or estates may file rebate claims on behalf of deceased claimants who lived at least one day in 2016 and met all other eligibility criteria.

The rebates normally are distributed beginning on July 1. So, the sooner you file, the sooner you will receive your money! The deadline to apply, for now, is June 30, 2017, but it is routinely extended until the end of the year.

Please ignore offers to assist with filing the application for a fee. My office offers help at no charge, and the Revenue Department does not charge a fee to process your application.

Deasy spotlights addiction epidemic at Town Halls

More sessions scheduled in April



I am gratified by the community response to the Heroin & Opiate Community Awareness Town Halls I sponsored in Crafton and Beechview with state Sen. Wayne D. Fontana.

The town halls presented the scope and complexity of the addiction epidemic taking a toll across our community and nation.

Residents heard the latest, eye-opening accounts of the scourge from representatives from the state Attorney General's Office, the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office, local district magistrates, the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office and Department of Human Services, local law enforcement and treatment experts.

The Allegheny County Deputy Sheriff's department also provided information about Project D.U.M.P., an initiative to help residents safely eliminate unused and unwanted medications. I thank residents who took the opportunity at the town halls to dispose of unneeded medications through the program.

We have additional town halls scheduled and they are detailed below.

The Allegheny County Sheriff's Office will be on hand at both meetings – Monday, April 10th at the Mt. Washington Senior Center and Thursday, April 20th at the McKees Rocks VFW – to collect unused medications for safe disposal.

Call my office at 412-928-9514 for more details.



Rep. Deasy and state Sen. Wayne D. Fontana sponsored Heroin & Opiate Community Awareness Town Halls in December in Beechview and Crafton. More Town Halls are scheduled in April to spotlight the addiction crisis.



Rep. Deasy joined Rep. Anita Kulik and Mrs. Karen Joyce at the retirement party for District Magistrate Dennis Joyce. Mr. Joyce served on the panel at Deasy's Town Hall meeting in Crafton on the heroin/opiate epidemic.

ADDITIONAL TOWN HALLS PLANNED

Rep. Deasy is partnering with Sen. Fontana, and Reps. Harry Readshaw and Anita Kulik to hold two additional town hall meetings on the heroin/opiate epidemic in the district.

Monday, April 10
6:00 p.m.

Mt. Washington Senior Center

Thursday, April 20
6:00 p.m.

McKees Rocks VFW – Post 418

Deasy partnering with Port Authority

Ticket machine on tap at West End office

In an effort to streamline services, the Port Authority of Allegheny County has made some changes when using bus and rail services.

On Jan. 1, the Authority implemented a flat-fare system that encompasses the entire service area. Riders pay \$2.50 a ride with a ConnectCard, or \$2.75 with cash. Riders may purchase transfers for \$1 with a ConnectCard. Transfers allow for one additional ride in any direction aboard a connecting vehicle and are valid for three hours.

The half-fare transfer price is 50 cents for riders with a Reduced Fare ConnectCard. Riders with passes do not need transfers. Transfers are not available for cash-paying customers. Cash-paying customers must pay \$2.75 for each ride.

Because riders with a ConnectCard pay a lower base ride fee, and because a ConnectCard is now required to make a transfer, I wanted to ensure that my constituents have easy access to a Port Authority machine to purchase a ConnectCard. I have worked with the Port Authority and the owners of the building where my district office is located to have a Ticket Vending Machine (TVM), installed outside of my office at 436 S. Main St., in the West End.

My office is located on the bus route, so having access for riders to reload their ConnectCard in the West End just makes sense. The TVM machine will allow riders to purchase a ConnectCard, reload a card, check their card balance, or purchase ConnectTix, which is a pre-paid pass for an individual ride.

Please note that the machine is owned and operated by the Port Authority. Any information on bus routes or about the ConnectCard will still be directed to the Port Authority at 412-442-2000 or by visiting its website at www.portauthority.org.



Rep. Deasy's eighth annual Senior Expo held in the St. Pamphilus Church Hall in Beechview proved a resounding success. Residents were treated to free health screenings, information about state programs, entertainment, exhibits and vendors, door prizes and light refreshments – all in all, a terrific good time. Please stay tuned for information about the next Senior Expo this fall.

60-day tax amnesty program opens April 21



Pennsylvania's 2017 Tax Amnesty program will be offered from April 21 through June 19, and will enable individuals and businesses to pay past-due taxes with all penalties and half of the interest waived.

More than 30 state taxes administered by the PA Revenue Department are eligible for tax amnesty, including the Personal Income Tax, Corporate Net Income tax, sales and use tax, employer withholding tax and inheritance tax.

Eligible are individuals and businesses with unpaid or underpaid state taxes as of Dec. 31, 2015, as well as taxpayers who failed to file for periods due on or before Dec. 31, 2015. A similar tax amnesty program offered in 2010 collected \$254 million.

More information, including complete eligibility requirements and restrictions, is available at www.revenue.pa.gov/taxamnesty.



Donald Scholz is Commander of the American Legion Post 496 – Langley in Sheraden. Rep. Deasy worked with the Legion and DCED to secure funds to replace the roof at the American Legion.



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Deasy sworn in for fifth term

Town Halls spotlight addiction epidemic

Property Tax/Rent Rebates

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Deasy to partner with Sen. Wayne Fontana on Shred Events

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Crafton Park

Sponsored by Rep. Deasy, Sen. Wayne Fontana & the boroughs of Crafton & Ingram

SATURDAY, MAY 13

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Green Tree Park

Sponsored by Rep. Deasy, Sen. Wayne Fontana & Green Tree Borough

Save the dates!

Protect your identity, and have personal documents shredded.

**Papers must be loose – no binder clips or paper clips.
Documents cannot be in binders.**

Guide explains responsibilities for road maintenance, traffic signals

In Pittsburgh and surrounding municipalities, roadway maintenance, traffic control and other infrastructure issues are not sole responsibilities of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

It is important that constituents know the correct authorities to whom they may express their concerns.

In Pittsburgh, street maintenance is a shared responsibility between the city and the state. PennDOT maintains the roadway between the curbs, including inlet grates. However, sidewalks, guiderails, and roadway drainage systems that exist beyond the curbs are the city's responsibility.

Likewise, all traffic control devices – including signs, pavement markings, and signals within city boundaries – are also maintained by the municipality, not the state.

A detailed guide outlining the distinct responsibilities of PennDOT, the City of Pittsburgh, and other municipalities may be found on state Rep. Dan Deasy's website, www.pahouse.com/Deasy.

