



# The Daley News

from Representative Mary Jo Daley



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Dear Friend,

As this legislative session continues, I'm working with my colleagues to ensure that we're putting the needs of working families at the forefront of everything we do.

In recent months, the House Democrats announced our **Plan for PA**, a comprehensive plan that puts people first, supports well-paying jobs, fights for quality schools and promotes a fairer tax structure.

The plan has four components:

1. **A People First Plan for PA** that protects the safety, health, financial security, dignity and opportunity that every Pennsylvanian deserves, not just those at the top.
2. **A Jobs Plan for PA** that attracts good jobs that support families, moves the economy forward, expands opportunities for working people, and protects the financial security of the middle class.
3. **A Quality Schools Plan for PA** that gives every child access to a safe school and a quality education, and allows adults to gain the skills and training they need to do the jobs businesses are looking to fill.
4. **A Fair Taxes Plan for PA** that eases the tax burden on working people and homeowners and prevents corporations and the wealthy from exploiting the middle class.

You'll hear more about this plan as we put forward legislation to address these goals and especially as we work on next year's budget.

In this newsletter, you'll find updates on legislation and state programs, as well as events in the 148th District. To keep up with everything happening here and in Harrisburg, you can also follow me on social media – Facebook.com/RepMJDaley or on Twitter @RepMJDaley.

Feel free to contact my office if you need help with any state-related issue.

Sincerely,



## Fighting to help women and protect victims of sexual violence

In recent months, it has become clear that we need to place more of a priority on women's voices as we make policy decisions.

The #MeToo movement has drawn attention to women's struggles to simply do their jobs without being harassed, and the General Assembly passed a measure that would have severely limited women's rights to make decisions about their own pregnancies – a bill Gov. Tom Wolf thankfully vetoed.

We have to do more to help women and their families. I've been working on several bills that will help better protect the rights of women, as well as victims of sexual violence, and I'll be working to make them a priority as session continues through November.

**Helping new mothers:** The Pennsylvania Campaign for Women's Health reports that a major reason Pennsylvania women do not breastfeed as long as they would like is that their employers do not allow unpaid break time and a private, sanitary space to pump milk.

Study after study makes it clear that breastfeeding is good for both mother and baby, and we need to ensure that Pennsylvania's laws allow women sensible accommodations to continue nursing as long as they wish.

I've introduced the Workplace Accommodations for Nursing Mothers Act, which would require all Pennsylvania employers to provide a private, sanitary space for employees who need to express breast milk. It would close loopholes in the similar federal law, which doesn't apply to all employees and only applies for up to one year, when some mothers may wish to continue expressing milk beyond that time.

The bill mirrors a Philadelphia law that has been in effect since 2014. My legislation would afford all

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Pennsylvania women this option, and would help relieve the stress many mothers face when trying to return to work and continue to provide nourishment for their infants in the way they choose.

**Addressing sexual violence:** As part of the “It’s On Us PA” campaign launched by Gov. Wolf, I have introduced legislation that would require institutions of higher education to address the reality of sexual violence on campuses.

This bill would require Pennsylvania post-secondary institutions to adopt affirmative consent standards for responding to allegations of sexual violence.

In order for colleges to properly take action and impose discipline when sexual assault is reported, it’s necessary that a clear definition of affirmative consent be established. Post-secondary institutions would be required to adopt the definition of affirmative consent laid out in the bill, to serve as a guide when addressing sexual assault. This move would better protect all victims who report sexual assault.

I have also co-sponsored legislation with Rep. Brian Sims, which would require age-appropriate sexual health education in our schools across the Commonwealth. This would include concepts such as “good touch” and “bad touch” for elementary-level students, and affirmative sexual consent and sexual violence awareness at institutions of higher education. By requiring these programs in our schools, we can help students make informed and intelligent decisions about their personal lives.

## One budget complete; another on the horizon

We completed the 2017-18 state budget in October, months after the deadline. And it won’t be long until we’re back to work on the budget for next year.

The final package for the current year had some positive aspects – a significant increase in education funding, as well as additional funds to fight the opioid epidemic, for example.

But the budget didn’t address the biggest issue we face: the need for sustainable revenue that will help put Pennsylvania back on solid financial footing.

There are commonsense steps we can take to bring in that recurring revenue – namely raising the minimum wage and adopting a reasonable severance tax on natural gas drilling.

Those measures are part of the House Democrats’ Plan for PA, an effort to reduce the burden on working people and middle-class families.

We saw debate begin on a severance tax in the latter part of 2017, but unfortunately there have been efforts to hamper the bill with provisions that would be detrimental to our environment. I am hopeful that we can make progress on this important issue as our session continues.

## SEPTA Key cards

Last month, SEPTA stopped accepting Medicare Cards for free and reduced-fare rides.

At my district office in Conshohocken, we can help you apply for a SEPTA Key Senior Photo ID. Stop into the office to complete the application and have your photo taken – SEPTA will mail the card directly to you. Please call us at (610) 832-1679 if you have any questions. You can also apply for a Key card at SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market St., Philadelphia.

To recap what has changed:

- Medicare Cards and Railroad Retirement Cards are no longer accepted for senior rides.
- SEPTA will continue to accept Pennsylvania Driver’s License/Non-Driver ID Cards with magnetic strips.
- Paper Pennsylvania Reduced Transit Fare ID Cards will continue to be accepted for half-fare until further notice.
- Paper Senior Citizen Transit ID Cards will also continue to be accepted for senior rides until further notice.



Find more information at [www.septa.org](http://www.septa.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Breast Cancer Screenings

Thursday, March 15

Appointments available starting at 9 a.m.  
Screenings will be provided by Fox Chase Cancer Center’s Mobile Screening Van

Rep. Daley’s district office  
815 Fayette St., Suite 200, Conshohocken, PA 19428

### 6th Annual Senior Fair

Friday, June 22 • 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Plymouth Whitemarsh High School  
201 E. Germantown Pike, Plymouth Meeting PA 19462

Watch for more details on this event!



# Around the 148th Legislative District



*Rep. Daley stands with members of Girl Scout Troop 7286 during their visit to Harrisburg.*



*Rep. Daley presents a citation to Sandi Fryer of Colonial Neighborhood Council in Conshohocken to celebrate its 50th anniversary.*



*Rep. Daley stands with Congressman Dwight Evans and Andrea Deutsch, Narberth Mayor and owner of "Spot's - The Place for Paws" while on a small-business tour of Narberth.*



*Rep. Daley stands with Rochelle Culbreath of SEPTA at the Frontier Bus Depot in Plymouth Meeting.*



## 2017 Property Tax/Rent Rebate

June 30 is the deadline to apply for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, which could entitle you to a rebate of hundreds of dollars from last year's taxes or rent.

The program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 or older; widows and widowers age 50 or older; and people with disabilities age 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.

The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975.

My office can assist you with the application process. Please call (610) 832-1679.



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Stay connected by signing up to receive my email alerts! Visit my website at [www.pahouse.com/mdaley](http://www.pahouse.com/mdaley) and click "contact my office" at the top of the main page to sign up.

From March 16 until the primary in May, House rules stipulate that I cannot contact you unless you have agreed to let me do so. You can opt in to continue to receive my emails – just leave the box at the bottom of the sign-up form checked.

Signing up will allow you to continue to receive notices about important issues that matter to you, including:

- Updates on legislation
- News and events in the district
- SEPTA, roadway and travel alerts
- Other relevant government information

Don't forget, you can also keep up by following me on social media – [facebook.com/RepMJDaley](https://facebook.com/RepMJDaley) or on Twitter [@RepMJDaley](https://twitter.com/RepMJDaley).

## Mobile office hours

In an effort to better serve constituent needs, my staff is available on a monthly basis at the Ambler Senior Adult Activities Center and Narberth Borough Hall.

**Narberth Mobile Office**  
**First Thursday of every month**  
**11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**  
Narberth Borough Hall  
100 Conway Ave. in Narberth

**Ambler Mobile Office**  
**Third Monday of every month**  
**11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**  
Senior Adult Activities Center  
45 Forest Ave. in Ambler

**If you need help with a state-related matter, visit during those hours and come prepared with any paperwork relevant to the matter at hand.**