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Office hours in Fountain Hill Borough Hall

Beginning on Friday, March 2, we will begin having Satellite Office Hours inside Fountain Hill Borough Hall. This will allow easier access to the services that our District Office offers to our residents in Fountain Hill, Salisbury Township and West Bethlehem who may find driving to our office in Whitehall too inconvenient. We will have a staff member there from

9 a.m. until 1 p.m. the first and third Friday of the month for the convenience of our constituents in the Southwest part of the district. If you are unsure of the Fountain Hill Satellite Office hours or days, please contact our District Office in Whitehall at 610,266,1273.

Extended evening hours in our Whitehall District Office

For the convenience of our constituents, beginning on Wednesday, February 28, our District Office located at 1080 Schadt Avenue (directly across the street from Hackman's Bible Book Store on Mickley Road) will stay open until 6 p.m. every Wednesday. Our normal hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you are unsure which Wednesday my staff is available, please call our office at 610.266.1273. As a reminder, we are located inside the ReMax building, on the far left-hand side when you walk in the front door.



New Location: 2018 Senior Fair

We will be holding our annual Senior Fair, cohosted with state Senator Lisa Boscola, on Friday, April 27 at the Whitehall Mall. There is plenty of free parking, and the mall is accessible by LANTA bus routes 103, 325 and 602.

Last year we had almost 90 vendors, and expect

most of them to be back. There will be free blood pressure screenings. free vision checks. giveaways, free refreshments and door prizes. Last vear's event drew over 500 seniors, so you don't want to miss out on this great free event!



Saquon Barkley Day in Pennsylvania



Saquon and Coplay Councilman Steve Burker

In order to honor one of the best football players and finest young men to come out of Whitehall High School recently, I will be honoring Coplay's own Saquon Barkley on Wednesday, March 14 in the House of Representatives in Harrisburg. I will be introducing and presenting Saquon with a House Resolution declaring March 14, 2018, Saquon Barkley Day in Pennsylvania. Saquon's proud parents Alibay Barkley and Tonya Johnson, along with several family members, will be present for him to receive this recognition.

Saquon chose to stay in the commonwealth and attend Penn State, where after an impressive career, he is expected to be a top pick during the NFL draft on April 26. This is our chance to honor Saquon not only for his athletic accomplishments, but as a shining example of what a young man should be: kind, unselfish, respectful and possessing the utmost integrity.

I also will be on hand when Coplay Borough holds Saquon Barkley Day on Saturday, March 24 to honor him with a parade and community festival.

Whitehall Active Senior Lifestyle

Center

Are you a senior citizen in the greater Whitehall area who is looking for some friendship, exercise, activities and a hot lunch? Then the Whitehall



Active Senior Lifestyle Center is for you! Exercise programs include Tai Chi, Chair Yoga, and Seated Strength Training. The center offers bingo every Thursday at noon, and a hot lunch each day it is open. The center is located at the West Catasauqua Community Center at West Catasauqua Park, located at 2301 Pine Street in West Catasauqua. They are open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A free hot lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. I recently stopped by to say hello and enjoy a terrific turkey and gravy lunch.

The Whitehall Active Senior Lifestyle Center is assisted by Lehigh Valley Active Life and the Lehigh County Office of Aging and Adult Services. Silver Sneaker and Silver and Fit members are welcome! Call 610.437.3700 for more information.

Catholic Schools Week

We recently celebrated Catholic Schools Week by visiting St. Elizabeth Regional School in Whitehall. I want to thank Principal Linda Schiller, the faculty, staff and students of St. Elizabeth Regional School who made me feel so welcome during my visit. I was given a guided tour of the school, where I visited third grade and presented Principal Schiller with a House Certificate to honor the occasion, which recognizes the dedication and commitment of Catholic schools to educating

our children using a faith-based curriculum. Our private schools play a vital role in our community, and strive to give our children the best education possible.



Give blood and save a life!

In January, I was proud to give blood during the Greater Lehigh Valley Area Chamber of Commerce Blood Drive. There is a serious blood shortage in the Valley, so please consider donating blood and help to save a life!







Constituent Service Guide



Last month, you should have a received a Constituent Service Guide in the mail. It listed many of the services that my District Office can help you with. There was also a Constituent Services Request Form that you can send back to request literature on various programs and information about state services. Due to an overwhelming response, we have run out of many of the booklets. We are sending out what we have in stock, and have ordered more of those that we ran out of. Please be patient, and when we receive the booklets and brochures we will get them to you!

Property Tax/Rent Rebate forms available

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program applications for the 2017 tax year are now available at my office – and my staff is ready to help you file yours for free!

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 they are based on annual income and property taxes or rent paid each year. Spouses, personal representatives or estates may file rebate claims on behalf of deceased claimants who lived at least one day in 2017 and meet all other eligibility criteria.

The deadline to apply for a rebate on property taxes or rent paid in 2017 is June 30, 2018, and the rebates normally are distributed beginning July 1. So, the sooner you file, the sooner you should receive your money!





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MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Car registrations, special tags, handicap placards, titles and driver's license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Assistance in obtaining and completing state forms of all kinds
- Voter registration and absentee ballot applications
- Unemployment compensation, disability and workers' compensation
- Birth and death certificates
- Issues with the Department of Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistance)
- Pennsylvania income tax questions or problems
- Requests for literature of all kinds bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information

- Inquiries about utilities and the Public UtilityCommission
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding accomplishments and family milestones
- Issues with insurance companies
- Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program problems or questions
- PACE prescription-drug cards for senior citizens
- Consumer complaints
- Liquor Control Board concerns or questions
- Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- Information about federal, state and local government agencies

Any state government-related matter!