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SPRING 2019

SEPTA Levittown Train Station Update

We have come a long way and we are now in the final stages of SEPTA's Levittown Train Station project. Construction has recently begun on phase three of the station project in Tullytown, while opening a crosswalk over the tracks and closing the pedestrian tunnel underneath. Phase three includes construction of an elevator to and from the crosswalk, finishing a new station building and completing site work on inbound and outbound parking lots off Fallsington and Oxford avenues.

These lots will remain closed for the duration of this project, and the expected completion date is now estimated for Spring 2019. Levittown Station will have a new modern facility and will become wheel-chair accessible. This station's reconstruction supports the residents of Lower Bucks County and provides a safe and affordable option for mass transit, which translates to access to jobs.



COMMERCE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

As we marked the 203rd legislative session in January, I was named the Democratic Chairman of the House Commerce Committee. I am honored to chair this committee as we work toward an economy that works for everyone in Pennsylvania. We must continue our efforts to create more jobs that allow hard-working Pennsylvanians to support their families and make sure we are looking out for the best interests of residents – not the best interests of big corporations.

We are committed to reviewing and deliberating legislation involving the banking and financial services industries, economic development agencies and programs, and housing agencies and programs, as well as providing legislative oversight for regulations proposed for those areas of the economy.



NEW LEGISLATION

In an effort to take action against harassment and discrimination in the workplace, I have gathered bipartisan support for a new bill that would require employers in Pennsylvania to adopt written policies and procedures for preventing harassment, discrimination and retaliation.

The hard-working sons and daughters of Pennsylvania's families deserve to work in an environment where they feel valued and safe, which is why I am proposing this legislation. As legislators it is our responsibility to provide clarity on these issues, which can result in a happier and more productive workplace for both employees and employers. Many family members, friends and coworkers have had to suffer in silence prior to the #MeToo and Time's Up movements.

Shedding a light on these issues has been an important step in exposing the harassment and discrimination that people experience at work, but more action is needed if we are going to make our workplaces welcoming to all employees across our commonwealth.



Around our Community

Thanksgiving Food Drive- Many Thanks!

Thank you to our constituents who participated in our Thanksgiving for the United Way food drive and Toys for the Y collection program. We collected 445 pounds of food, including 19 turkeys. Residents around our area also helped to provide holiday gifts and cards to 381 families and a total of 912 children. Your generosity enables us every year to help deserving families.



Rep. Galloway with Lori Sullivan, YMCA Giving Tree Coordinator.



Rep. Galloway with Ellen Murray.

Senior Expo

Government agencies, nonprofits and local businesses joined my 12th annual Senior Expo. We were able to provide to our senior residents and their families valuable information on state programs and services, along with health screenings. Another successful expo!

Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program



Applications for the 2018 tax year are now available in my district office. It's free to apply and my staff can help!

The program, which permits many state residents to receive rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2018, is open to 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, since 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 2018 and meet all other eligibility criteria.

The deadline to apply is June 30, so please stop by our office if you have any questions.

Upcoming Event

5th Annual Shredding Event

Please join us on Saturday, May 11 from 9-noon at the parking lot of Westaby Hall, 425 Hood Blvd. for our Shredding Event. This is a great opportunity to properly dispose of unwanted documents in a secure way. We will also utilize this event as a drop-off for canned goods to donate to the local food pantry.

Saturday, May 11

9 a.m. – noon

**Westaby Hall, 425 Hood Blvd.
Fairless Hills**

Veteran's Dinner

It was my honor to host my 5th Annual Veteran's Appreciation Dinner. My staff and I were able to recognize those who have served our country and those who continue to serve domestically and abroad. Special thanks to Martin Solar, WWII veteran and Iwo Jima survivor; the late Francis Stead, Korean War veteran; and Toby Oriolo, Navy veteran.

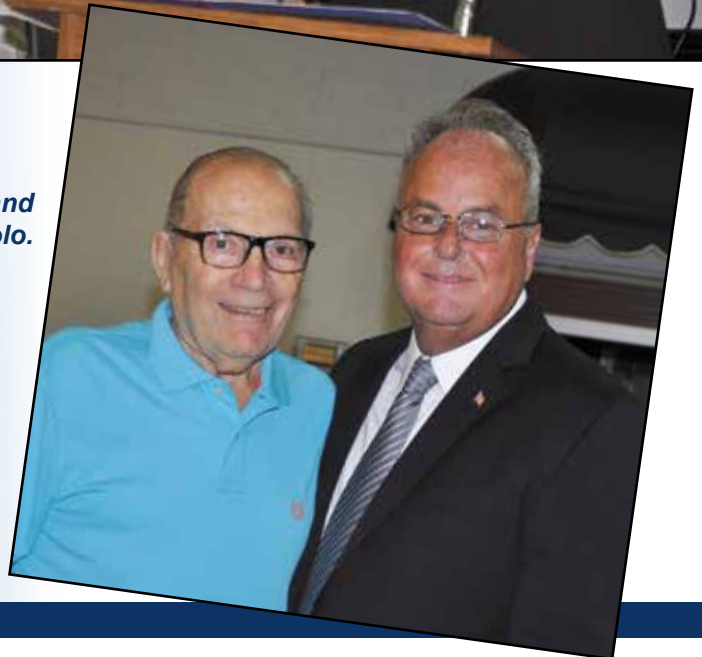


Rep. Galloway and Martin Solar, WWII Iwo Jima survivor.



Rep. Galloway and Francis Stead.

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Push Out The Pusher update

Almost two years ago, Bucks County District Attorney Matt Weintraub and I created the Push Out The Pusher program. This effort is designed to engage the community to help police and other officials identify and prosecute those responsible for our existing drug crisis. I am proud to report that this program continues to make good on its agenda, especially with the recent takedown of drug resellers in Lower Bucks County.

Thanks to several Lower Bucks police departments, Bucks County Detectives Drug Strike Force and vital information received through the Push Out The Pusher campaign, a case was built to bring to justice all those involved. We will continue to do all we can to keep our communities safe.

The Bucks County Crime Stoppers Tip Line is 215-345-DRUG (3784).

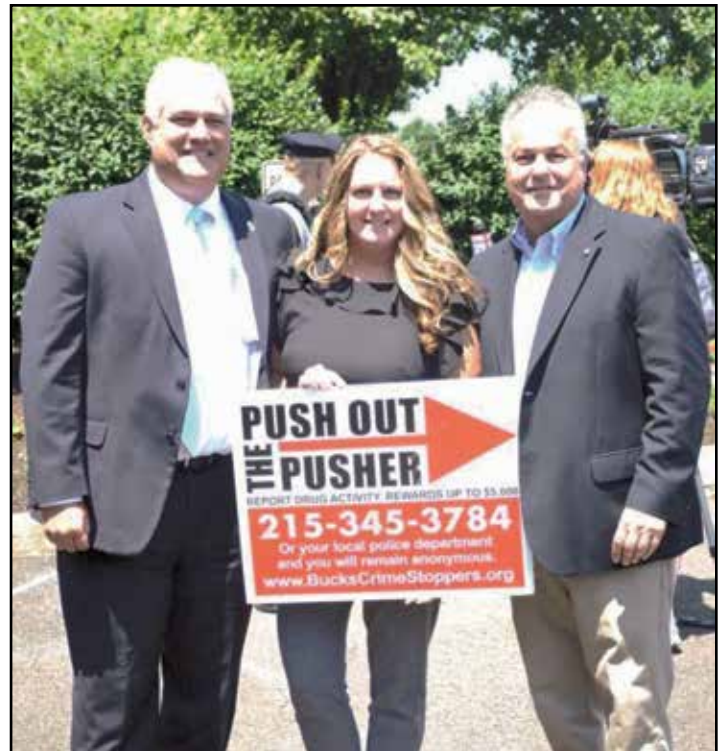
Bucks County resources for treatment and recovery:

- Approval of Care Department – 215-773-9643
- Family Support – The Council of Southeast PA
1-800-221-6333
- Recovery Centers – The Council of Southeast PA
1-800-221-6333 www.bucksrecoveryhouses.com

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



Rep. Galloway with Bucks Co. District Attorney, Matt Weintraub and staff member Melanie Bidlingmaier.

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and you will remain anonymous.
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