



STATE REP. JENNIFER O'MARA

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165TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



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Dear Neighbor,

It's hard to believe that 2019 is already coming to an end. This past year has been full of change for me as I completed my first year in the legislature. Serving as your state Representative has been the honor of a lifetime. It has been profoundly rewarding and personally fulfilling. I am immensely grateful this holiday season for you putting your faith in me to serve our community in this role.

Since December 2018, I have been working hard to bring public service back to politics. My first goal was to build a team that is focused on constituent services and community outreach. My second goal was to make it so everyone in the area thinks of my district office when they need help, no matter what issue they are facing. I'm thrilled to report that my team and I have been in contact with thousands of residents throughout our district and that has truly been the highlight of our year. Our mission has remained the same day in and day out — to serve every person in the 165th with dignity, empathy and a positive attitude. I am proud of the work we have completed on your behalf this year. This newsletter is both an update on the last six months and a recap of some of our biggest accomplishments throughout the year.

My staff and I look forward to continuing to serve the residents of the 165th Legislative District in 2020. We also want to take this time to wish you and your family a joyous holiday season, along with a happy and healthy new year.

Warm regards,

Jennifer O'Mara

Grants Awarded To The 165th

It is with great joy that I announce our community has received more than \$3.5 million in grants during my first year as your state representative, starting with:

June 13 – \$1.4 million for countywide services in Delaware County, helping families, women and victims of abuse.

Sept. – \$60,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development awarded to the Morton police force for station upgrades.

Sept. 9 – \$40,000 to the Radnor Police Department to purchase body cameras.

Sept. 12 – \$623,963 for countywide services in Delaware County to reduce gun violence and provide aid to victims of abuse.

Sept. 17 – \$125,000 to Veteran's Memorial Park in Marple Township to increase ADA-accessibility of playground equipment.

Sept. 17 – \$250,000 to Friends of Smedley Park in Springfield to help rehabilitate and realign Springfield Trail.

Nov. 1 – \$158,493 from the Pennsylvania Department of Education awarded to Cabrini University in Radnor to help redesign its early childhood education curriculum.

Nov. 1 – \$16,304 from the Pennsylvania Department of Education awarded to Eastern University in St. Davids to help develop a strong system-wide infrastructure.

Nov. 14 – \$200,000 to Veteran's Memorial Park in Marple Township to rehabilitate and further develop the park.

Nov. 14 – \$250,000 to Meadowgreen Park in Springfield to be used toward upgrading its sports field and further develop the park.

Nov. 14 – \$232,000 to The Forge to Refuge Trail in Radnor, which will be used to improve the trail, including the construction of approximately 0.3 miles of trail from Radnor-Chester Road to I-476.

Dec. 17 – \$227,000 for PennDOT light improvements at Powell Road and Saxer Avenue.

Legislative Update

In September, my house resolution urging state agencies to use sensitive language related to suicide, HR 399, moved unanimously out of the House.



I shared my story about losing my father to suicide as a teenager on Suicide Awareness Day (Sept. 25) at the state Capitol.



In Harrisburg and in our community, I've been working toward ending the mental health stigma.

Working for You



I'm excited to update you on all the progress I've made within my first year working for you as your State Representative. The numbers in the chart above give you a snapshot of some of the ways I've served our community since I was sworn in on Jan. 1, 2019.

Federal-State Task Force

Rep. Frank Farry and I joined a local congressman to use our experiences in the Congressional Fire Services Caucus and Pennsylvania House Fire and Emergency Services Caucus to launch a groundbreaking federal-state task force focusing on first responders. This task force addresses the immense budgetary challenges and workforce shortages facing our fire and EMS companies throughout the commonwealth.



It is our task force's priority to recruit, retain, and protect our country's bravest men and women.

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Strengthening the Veterans' Trust Fund Bill

STARTING IN 2020, Pennsylvanians can donate to the Veteran's Trust Fund using their individual Pennsylvania state income tax return.

Help ensure our veterans receive the services they need.

Working For You in the 165th

Meeting and connecting with so many community members was another great part about completing my first year serving as your state Representative. Thank you to everyone who came out to my events and took the time to meet with me. I'm already mapping out my events calendar for 2020, so I hope to see you again soon!



July 25 –
Broomall Spotted Lanternfly
Interactive Awareness



Aug. 8 – Radnor
Spotted Lanternfly
Interactive Awareness



Aug. 20 –
Springfield
Senior Expo



Aug. 21 – Morton Firearms
Legislation Town Hall



Sept. 26 –
Behavioral Health Open House



Sept. 27 – Marple Senior Breakfast



Sept. 28 – Identity Theft &
Paper Shred Event



Oct. 5 –
Springfield Walk & Talk



Oct. 10 – Springfield
Delaware County
Business and
Professional Women's
Monthly Meeting



Oct. 12 – Radnor
Walk & Talk



Oct. 25 –
Morton Senior Breakfast



Nov. 11 – Broomall
Veteran's Breakfast



Nov. 16 – Broomall Veterans' Expo

My Capitol is Your Capitol

Nothing makes me feel more at home than having people from Delaware County accompany me in the Capitol. Over the last few months, I've had the great honor of welcoming some extraordinary guests to the House chamber and recognizing them for their outstanding achievements.



I recognized Springfield High School's girl's lacrosse team on the House floor for winning their first PIAA championship last June.



Oct. 23 – Victoria's Law

Left: Marple Newtown High School student Hunter Hammock completed his Junior Initiative Project and got a behind-the-scenes look at what it's like to be a legislator for a day.



Political science students from my alma mater, West Chester University, visited the Capitol to observe legislative processes first-hand.



I welcomed an additional title-winning lacrosse team to the Capitol last October; Cabrini University's men's lacrosse team won their school its first NCAA championship this year.



I presented Mrs. Elizabeth Landes, a biology teacher at Marple Newtown High School, with a citation in recognition of her earning a Milken Educators Award; otherwise known as the Oscars of teaching!



A Love for Life founder Christine Edmonds and board member Anne Marie Hughes were recognized for their tremendous contributions to pancreatic cancer research.

On the Road

This summer, I had an opportunity to hit the road on your behalf. In July, I represented Pennsylvania at the 2019 Emerging Legislative Leaders Program, which is a national, bipartisan legislator training program. In August, I traveled to Altoona for a hearing on the PA railroad industry with a pitstop in Harrisburg for a Public Higher Education Funding Commission meeting. In September, I made my way to Pittsburgh to participate in FireOps101 training.

Toward the end of the program, I learned more about one of our country's founding fathers, Thomas Jefferson. I learned that Jefferson was a life-long learner and valued education above all, which greatly aided in his success.



I was humbled to meet so many phenomenal leaders at the Emerging Legislative Leaders Training Program.



Sept. 4 – FireOps101



Aug. 27 – Public Higher Ed. Commission Meeting

Upcoming Events

Springfield Senior Breakfast:

Jan. 17 • 10 a.m. – noon

Springfield Township Building

50 Powell Road, Springfield PA 19064

Financial Literacy Event:

Jan. 23 • 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Morton Borough Hall

500 Highland Ave., Morton, PA 19070

Spotted Lanternfly

Interactive Awareness:

Jan. 29 • 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

400 Lynbrooke Road, Springfield, PA 19064

REAL ID Event:

Feb. 13 • 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Radnor Township Building

301 Iven Road, Wayne, PA 19087

Telephone Town Hall:

Feb. 20 • 7 p.m.

Wherever you are! Call my office at 610-544-9878 if you would like to register your cellphone to receive the call.

Radnor Senior Breakfast:

Feb. 21 • 10 a.m. – noon

Wayne Senior Center

108 Station Road, Wayne, PA 19087



Don't Wait REAL ID Oct. 1, 2020

REAL ID was enacted by the federal government to implement minimum security measures for state-issued IDs and will go into effect in PA on Oct. 1, 2020.

Do I need a Real ID to Drive?

No. You don't need a Real ID to drive, but it will replace your driver's license.

Do I need a Real ID to fly?

Not necessarily. To board a domestic flight, REAL ID or another federally accepted form of ID, such as a passport, will be required.

How much does a Real ID cost?

Your first application will cost \$30 plus a photo ID renewal fee. Every four years, you will only be required to pay a renewal fee.

How do I get a Real ID?

You must visit a PennDOT Driver's License Center. You will be required to present the following documents:

- **One** proof of identity
- Your **Social Security** card
- **Two** proofs of residency
- **Proof** of legal name changes (if applicable)

My district office can assist you with the Real ID application process!



STATE REP. O'MARA MORTON BOROUGH MOBILE OFFICE HOURS

Third Thursday of Each Month | Noon to 4 PM
500 Highland Ave. Morton, PA 19070
610-543-4565



STATE REP. O'MARA RADNOR TOWNSHIP MOBILE OFFICE HOURS

First Thursday of Each Month | Noon to 4 PM
301 Iven Ave. Wayne, PA 19087
610-688-5600 ext. 177



VSO

My district office has a Veteran Service Officer available monthly who can help with VA Claims, reducing property taxes, and identifying education benefits. If you are a veteran and interested in speaking with a VSO, please contact my office to make an appointment.



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Every two weeks, I email an e-newsletter to inform my subscribers on important news, upcoming events, and legislative updates pertaining to our community! You can sign up to receive my bi-weekly e-newsletter on my website:

www.pahouse.com/OMara.

You also can follow me on social media, which is regularly updated with information from Harrisburg and events right here in Delaware County.

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Ways my district office can serve you:

- SEPTA Senior ID Cards
- Explain the REAL ID application process
- Provide you with Pennsylvania state tax forms
- Print out federal tax forms whenever possible
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate forms
- Notarize and process applications for disability parking plates and placards
- Help you find and claim unclaimed money in your name through the Pennsylvania Treasury
- Provide you with any state form or brochure
- Schedule tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- Provide you with recognition from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding local accomplishments and milestones, including:
 - Milestone birthdays
 - Military recognition
 - Retirement
 - Athletic team recognition
 - Condolences
 - Community involvement

