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**Dear Neighbor,**

It is an honor serving you in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. I love meeting and connecting with the residents in Morrisville, and I'm proud to represent our community in Harrisburg. I've been working on legislation that would benefit the people of Bucks County, so I'm pleased to share that some important bills I've authored are making their way through the House. Also, I've worked with community organizations to secure grants that will help Morrisville grow and prosper.

This newsletter will provide you with an update on some of my bills in Harrisburg, other legislation that impacts our lives, and community news and events. From Morrisville's appearance on TV to my plan to help clean up the Delaware River, I have a lot of exciting news to share!

As always, please remember that my staff and I are here to serve you. Please call or stop by my district office any time if we can assist with a state service or state-related issue.

**DARE graduation  
 in Morrisville**



I left the Drug Abuse Resistance Education graduation ceremony at Morrisville Intermediate School impressed with both the students and the staff leading the program. D.A.R.E. provides children with the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs and violence. So many people need to be applauded for their work, including Morrisville Borough Police Department Officer Chris Reardon, school Superintendent Jason Harris, Principal Lynn Palumbo and all the teachers – who have done a great job guiding our students.

**Grant-funded computer training for seniors**

After working with the Morrisville Senior Servicer's board and officers, as well as current and former executive directors Clark Shuster and Scott Mitchell, I presented the senior center with a check for \$150,000 last summer.

These funds represented a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services devoted to providing job training for seniors. The senior center is putting the grant money to good use through a free job training program to help seniors.

You do not need to live in Morrisville to take advantage of this program.

For more information on the programs, or to sign up, visit <http://www.morrisvilleseniorservicer.org/p/jobs.html>.



## Morrisville on the Pennsylvania Cable Network

The Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN) featured Morrisville on its "Exploring Pennsylvania Boroughs" series. I appear in a segment with Borough Council President Debbie Smith on Morrisville's parks and how they

play an important role in making Morrisville a great community to live and work in.

This episode debuted on cable on Thursday, June 6. The episode is available online at <https://vimeo.com/340076093>.

## PennDOT to repave roads in Lower Makefield and Morrisville

PennDOT has announced the repair and resurfacing of 35 miles of state highways in Bucks County.

### Among the roads in our area are:

- Route 32 (Bridge Street/Delmorr Avenue/River Road) between U.S. 1 (Lincoln Highway) and Bedford Place in Lower Makefield and Falls townships, and Morrisville Borough.
- Trenton Avenue between Woolston Drive/Lincoln Highway and Route 32 (Delmorr Avenue) in Falls Township and Morrisville Borough.

No start dates have been announced for the area roads, but I will update you when they become available.

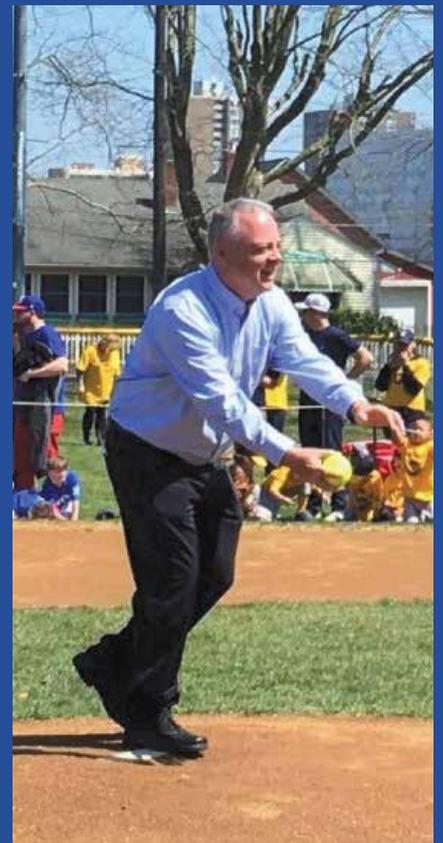
The complete list can be found at <http://bit.ly/LocalRoadPaving>.

PennDOT also has been working to repair potholes. If you see a pothole on a state road, please report it by calling 1-800-FIX-ROAD or submitting information to <https://customercare.penndot.gov/>.

And, be assured, I am continually advocating for PennDOT to resurface more roads in and around our district, which we know all too well need repair and improvement.

## Career Fair

Representatives of businesses and organizations serving our community were on hand for a fantastic Morrisville High School career fair. My office provided information on family-sustaining jobs and career opportunities for our local high school students.



## First pitch for Morrisville Little League

On a beautiful Saturday morning, I threw the ceremonial first softball pitch to launch the 2019 Morrisville Little League season. It was great to see the children of our community come together and enjoy America's favorite pastime!



Congratulations to Morrisville resident Patrick "Paddy" Getty of Washington Crossing Council, BSA Troop 3. I was delighted to present him with a citation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Here's a look at some bills I'm working on – and one that recently passed.

## Ending child marriage:

The issue of child marriage was brought to my attention in 2017 by two constituents, including Newtown Borough Councilor Tara Grunde-McLaughlin. On June 5, the bill that would prohibit marriage before the age of 18 unanimously passed the House.

I served as the bill's co-prime sponsor with Rep. Jesse Topper, R-Bedford/Fulton/Franklin, and I'm gratified that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle saw that this bill is about child protection. Studies have shown that the child is not in control of a decision to marry before 18, and a child under 18 does not have the legal rights of an adult.

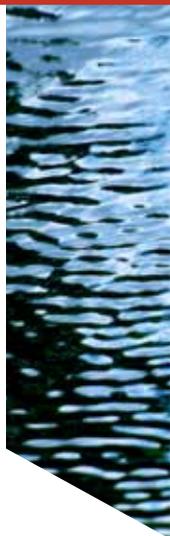
I hope my colleagues in the Senate think it is time to set the age at 18 to protect children in Pennsylvania.

The bill (H.B. 360) would repeal the current exceptions and set the minimum age at which a marriage license may be issued to 18.

## Combating plastic pollution:

Plastic, single-use water bottles are cheap and accessible, however, their convenience does not outweigh their negative environmental impact. Only 25% of all disposed plastic bottles end up getting recycled throughout the country. This means the other 75% are susceptible to polluting our local roads and waterways. In 2017, plastic bottles accounted for nearly half of all the litter collected from the Delaware River.

Reusable water bottles are a simple and eco-friendly alternative to disposable plastic bottles. I introduced a bill that is part of the "Zero Waste PA" package, which would require state buildings to install water bottle filling stations. The easy access to these water stations would make the most eco-friendly option the most convenient, thereby reducing the use of plastic bottles and helping to clean up Bucks County.



## Flood Insurance Premium Assistance Task Force:

While insurance is meant to serve as a homeowner's peace of mind, rising premiums on flood insurance can instead turn it into a financial burden. Higher premiums on flood insurance increase the overall cost of owning a home located in a flood plain.

To help all current and future homeowners, I introduced

legislation, House Bill 328, which would establish a Flood Insurance Premium Assistance Task Force. This task force would promote premium discounts and recommend programs that incentivize local governments to support flood mitigation efforts. This bill unanimously passed the House of Representatives and is on its way to the Senate.

## Establishing our state-run health care exchange:

Governor Tom Wolf signed into law House Bill 3. The historic reform allows Pennsylvania to take steps to operate its own online health insurance exchange, like the one formerly managed by the federal government.

Pennsylvania will join about a dozen states that have built and operated their own exchanges. Our state is expected to have its state-based exchange up and running as soon as Jan. 1, 2021. The move is expected to save money for those purchasing plans on the exchange, and technological advances since the federal exchange opened in 2010 will allow Pennsylvania to run the exchange more efficiently.

Supported by Democratic and Republican leaders, the law will help reduce premiums for approximately 400,000 people who purchase health insurance through the marketplace.



## Pre-existing conditions:

State Rep. Peter Schweyer, D-Lehigh, introduced a bill to prevent insurance companies from denying coverage or charging high premiums to people with pre-existing medical conditions, and I am a proud sponsor of the bill.

Pre-existing conditions, such as diabetes, asthma and pregnancy, are covered by health insurance because of safeguards written into federal law. If federal law changes, then millions of Pennsylvanians may be left without insurance coverage for these conditions. This bill would guarantee safeguards so that pre-existing conditions don't add a monetary burden or bankrupt a family who is just trying to get treatment.



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## Stay updated!

To make sure you see the latest state legislative news from Harrisburg or to keep up with programs, services, or projects and events in the district, please use these following ways to connect with me and my office.

You can follow me on Facebook at [Facebook.com/RepPerryWarren](https://www.facebook.com/RepPerryWarren). You also can follow me on Twitter @RepPerryWarren.

You also can join My Email Update List. I maintain an email list for those who wish to receive periodic email updates from me about public meetings, traffic alerts, community events, state and local programs and services, and other items of interest to the community.

If you would like to be added to that list, please email my office at [RepWarren@pahouse.net](mailto:RepWarren@pahouse.net) or visit my website at [www.pahouse.com/Warren](http://www.pahouse.com/Warren).

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### Morrisville Outreach

If you would like to meet with my staff in Morrisville, please note that we have changed our outreach hours and location in Morrisville. We now will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Morrisville Senior Servicenter. The Senior Servicenter is located at 31 E. Cleveland Ave.

Morrisville Borough has been extremely gracious, allowing us to meet residents at the very busy Borough Hall. Moving our outreach hours to the Senior Servicenter will provide convenient access and allow my staff to continue to help residents with state services.

Our new outreach hours at the new location will go into effect  
**Tuesday, Sept. 10.**

## My office can help!

- ▣ Car registrations, special tags, disability placards, titles and driver's license applications
- ▣ Information on financial assistance for higher education
- ▣ Obtaining and completing state forms of all kinds
- ▣ Unemployment compensation, disability and workers' compensation
- ▣ Problems with the Department of Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistance)
- ▣ Pennsylvania income tax questions or problems
- ▣ Complaints and problems with insurance companies
- ▣ Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding accomplishments and family milestones
- ▣ Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications
- ▣ Property Tax/Rent Rebate forms
- ▣ Problems or questions about the state lottery
- ▣ PACE cards for senior citizens
- ▣ Liquor Control Board concerns or questions
- ▣ Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- ▣ Information about state and local government agencies
- ▣ Questions about the Veterans Property Tax Exemption

**Any problem with  
state government!**