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## Dear Neighbors,

Now more than halfway through my first year as your state representative, I wanted to reach out with news and information, as well as an official introduction.

I am Napoleon Nelson, a resident of Cheltenham since 2003. Before my election to this office last fall, I served on the Cheltenham School Board, where I was chairman of the Finance and Personnel committees, as well as president of the board. In 2017, I served as Cheltenham's Finance Officer, and then was appointed to the board of trustees for the Montgomery County Community College in 2018.

With a B.S. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, I am a finance professional with experience in investment analysis, planning and analysis, and corporate strategy.

Most importantly, of course, is that I married my high school sweetheart, Shareese, in 2002, and we have two wonderful teenage children who are incredibly active in school, the community and youth sports.

All of this has shaped my role as state representative, where I serve on the Children & Youth, Aging & Older Adult Services, Education, Finance, and Policy committees. I'm also budget equity chair of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus, and I recently launched the Emerging Technologies Caucus.

Whether it's here in the 154th Legislative District or working out of the state Capitol in Harrisburg, I want to always be looking for solutions that benefit everyone. I am honored to serve this community and work every day to keep students, seniors, business owners, working families, incarcerated residents and faith leaders in my mind. Legislation is hard, but caring is not.

My outstanding staff and I work out of our district office at 115 E. Glenside Ave., Suite 8, in Glenside. Our office is open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and we can be reached via phone (215-572-5210) or email ([RepNelson@pahouse.net](mailto:RepNelson@pahouse.net)).



Within these pages, you will learn more about some of the legislation I'm working on, about upcoming events and the various services my office provides and can assist you with, and you'll get a sense of what I've been up to since taking the oath of office on Jan. 5, 2021.

I am proud to be a voice for the people. I work for you. My office is your office.

Thank you for the honor,  
**Napoleon**



**Napoleon**  
*By the numbers*

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**NAPOLEON NELSON**  
154TH DISTRICT



**Legislation**

**3** Bills Sponsored **250** Bills Co-Sponsored

2,148 services have been provided from our District Office including:

<b>589</b> Labor & Industry	<b>104</b> PennDOT	<b>65</b> SEPTA Senior ID Cards Processed
<b>42</b> Department of Revenue	<b>38</b> Department of State	<b>28</b> Department of Human Services

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**EVICTIION MORATORIUM  
EXTENDED  
UNTIL OCTOBER 3, 2021**

**NEW APPLICANTS MUST:**

- ✓ Contact your landlord and explain the facts - continue to make the best effort to pay
- ✓ Earn less than \$99,000 (single) or \$198,000 (filing jointly) in 2020
- ✓ Be unable to make housing payments due to job loss or slowdown, or due to health-related issues or expenses
- ✓ Live in a county experiencing substantial or high rates of COVID-19 spread

*If you've already applied and are covered you are still protected.*  
Visit [dhs.pa.gov/ERAP](https://dhs.pa.gov/ERAP) to apply for Emergency Rental Assistance.



## Working For You

Being a state representative means wearing many hats. Among the most obvious is writing and voting on legislation. Here are some of my bills and resolutions:

**Blockchain Technology Bill Package:** This spring, I formed the bipartisan Emerging Technologies Caucus with the purpose of helping our legislature keep pace with rapid tech growth. This summer, I introduced H.B. 1370 and H.R. 121 as a Blockchain



Technology Bill Package, which would establish a two-year financial technology sandbox program and a blockchain working group tasked to create a master plan for the growth of the blockchain industry in Pennsylvania, including developing appropriate recommendations for new laws and regulations.



**Establishing County Jail Oversight Boards:** I introduced H.B. 343 to close a loophole and require counties of the Second Class A, such as Montgomery County, to establish a county jail oversight board in a similar fashion

*The Emerging Technologies Caucus aims to help the legislature keep pace with innovation and advancement. And it also provides opportunities to test out new and interesting technology!*

to counties of the second class. These oversight boards have the authority to make significant changes regarding how jails in their respective counties operate. In short, it would allow greater accountability in our criminal justice system.

**Increasing Access to Cancer Screenings:** Undergoing regular screening tests is the most reliable way to detect cancer early, when it's small and hasn't yet spread. Regular tests may find breast, cervical and colon cancers early, when treatment is likely to work best. Lung cancer screening is recommended for some at high risk. So, I've introduced legislation to expand the age eligibility for low-income uninsured and underinsured individuals to access cancer screenings, ensuring access to these crucial services and providing a better chance of beating cancer for many more at-risk individuals.



*Working in Harrisburg to find reasonable solutions to the problems before us.*

# Around the District ... and Beyond!



*In March, I spoke out in support of Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders who were far too often the subject of hate, violence and harassment as the COVID-19 pandemic evolved. There is no room for bigotry.*



*Celebrating Independence Day with some friends.*



*Helping spread the word about the safe COVID-19 vaccination.*



*Serving on the House Education Committee, where I'm able to put my experience on the Cheltenham School Board to good use.*



*Our state Capitol building is a truly awe-inspiring place to work. Come visit sometime!*



*A Juneteenth celebration with Montco Vice Chair Ken Lawrence Jr. and Rep. Nancy Guent.*



*In Washington, D.C., fighting for free and fair elections with U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar and Rep. Nancy Guent.*



*Fighting for small businesses and workers at a We The People rally, because I don't believe our 2021-22 state budget did enough to protect them.*



*Toxic schools should not still exist in our commonwealth in 2021.*



## **DID YOU KNOW?**

My office is available to process SEPTA Senior Key Card requests.

Seniors **65 + older** are eligible to travel for **FREE** on all PA SEPTA service lines with a **SEPTA Key Card**.



### **Contact my office:**

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# **EXTENSION: THE PROPERTY TAX OR RENT REBATE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS NOW DECEMBER 31.**

[revenue.pa.gov/prr](https://revenue.pa.gov/prr)



*I joined several colleagues and friends to help area residents get vaccinated this spring.*

## **Vaccination Clinic**

In April, I hosted a COVID-19 vaccination clinic with State Sen. Art Haywood at Lynnewood Gardens. Thanks to our partnership with a local pharmacy and our wonderful volunteers, we helped over 200 of our neighbors get vaccinated!



*Congratulating Alyssa Michel, 2020 Cheltenham High School grad, who earned the Girl Scouts Gold Award, the highest achievement within the Girl Scouts of the USA.*

## **Environmental Conference**

Immediately after coming into office, I began organizing "Our Environmental Future," a virtual conference focused on the environment, climate change's impact on our community, and what we can do about it. We held panels on topics ranging from growing sustainable food in your own backyard, to how to improve educating our community members about the environment, to what environmental justice really means. The conference was held in February over Zoom, and I could not have put it all together without the help of some amazing local activists and organizers.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## Senior Fair



**Thursday, Aug. 26**  
**10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**  
Reform Congregation  
Keneseth Israel  
8339 Old York Road  
Elkins Park, PA 19027

## Springfield Community Day

Join Springfield Township for a day filled with family fun for all! This event features fishing at Hillcrest Pond, face painting, inflatables, balloon creations and surprise guests. Enjoy a day of music, games and free food from **10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, at James A. Cisco Park.**



## Jenkintown Late Summer Events

**Music in the Town Square:** every Tuesday at 6 p.m. through the end of August.

**5K Evening Run:** Thursday, Sept. 9, 6 p.m., starting in the town square.

**Jenkintown Art Festival:** Sunday, Sept. 19, 1 p.m. in the town center.

## Cheltenham Township Fall Events

**Parktoberfest:** Sunday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., High School Park at corner of High School Road and Montgomery Ave., Elkins Park.

**Harvest Festival:** Saturday, Oct. 9, noon-dark, Curtis Arboretum, 1250 W. Church Road, Wyncote.

**Flea Market:** Saturday, Nov. 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 1250 W. Church Road, Wyncote.

**Princess Ball:** Saturday, Nov. 6, 5-7 p.m., 12509 W. Church Road, Wyncote.

More information:  
[CheltenhamTownship.org](http://CheltenhamTownship.org)



## Interested in Solar Panels?

Have you wondered about getting solar panels on your roof? Do you have questions: How much do they cost? Is my roof right for solar panels? How do I find a reliable installer?

Here's your chance to visit and talk with solar owners in our area and ask those questions and more on **Saturday, Oct. 2,** and **Sunday, Oct. 3.** The virtual National Solar Tour will feature a number of homes in our district that have solar panels.

For more info, email [solarspringfield@gmail.com](mailto:solarspringfield@gmail.com) or visit [NationalSolarTour.org](http://NationalSolarTour.org), where you can also take a self-guided tour.



State Rep. Napoleon Nelson

### UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Every year, the PA Treasury receives hundreds of millions of dollars in Unclaimed Property.

1 in 10 PA residents has Unclaimed Property waiting for them.

Contact our office to see if you have any Unclaimed Property waiting for you!

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**Apply for home-heating help on the myCOMPASS PA mobile app!**



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## How Can My Office Help You?

If you have questions about or need assistance with any of the following topics, I have great news. We are here to help!

For notary services, constituent services advisor Julian Morein recently achieved notary status! That means if you are a resident of the 154th Legislative

District, you can have most official state documents notarized **FOR FREE**. Just call ahead (215-572-5210) or email ([RepNelson@pahouse.net](mailto:RepNelson@pahouse.net)) to make sure Julian is in the office and that we can accommodate the work you are requesting.

A reminder: The person whose signature is to be notarized must: 1. Sign the document in the presence of the notary; 2. Provide proof of identity, such as a valid driver's license, photo ID or passport; 3. Let staff know if witnesses are needed.



*Meet Julian (right), our outstanding constituent services advisor and in-house notary!*

## Other Ways My Office Can Assist You:

- State forms of all kinds, including PACE, voter registration, Property Tax/Rent Rebate, PHEAA, etc.
- Requests for literature of all kinds, including bills, regulations, statutes, PA maps, senior citizen information, student aid information, etc.
- Car registrations, special tags, titles and license applications.
- Birth and death certificate applications.
- Problems with food stamps, income assistance.
- Unemployment compensation, disability, and workers' compensation problems.
- Questions about utilities or the PUC.
- Notary services.
- Problems or questions about PennDOT.
- Complaints and problems with insurance companies.
- Problems with PA income taxes.
- Consumer complaints.
- Disability license plates and placards.
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding local accomplishments and family milestones.
- **Any problem with state government!**