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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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## *Dear Neighbor,*

I hope you had a relaxing, enjoyable summer!

I have a lot of good news and upcoming events to share with you. Earlier this summer, my colleagues and I worked with Governor Josh Shapiro to pass a state budget that makes historic investments in education, provides meaningful and much-needed support for our neighbors with disabilities and their caregivers, and cuts costs for working families – all without raising taxes. In fact, our education investments at the state level will provide long-term property tax relief for homeowners.

My family and I have been participating in a lot of great events over the past few months, including one of my favorite annual traditions, the Skippack Fourth of July parade. My office hosted several events over the past few months, including an electronics recycling event, a document shredding event, multiple town halls and breakfast meetings with local seniors, and my annual Senior Fair at Meadowood Senior Living. We also expanded our mobile office hours to help our neighbors right where they live. Details on those office hours are included in this newsletter, and of course, my staff can always assist you at our offices in Worcester and East Norriton townships.

My staff and I also joined our community to celebrate various events, including the ribbon-cutting on the new Elmwood Park Zoo's Welcome Center and celebration of their 100th birthday, the kickoff of VisitPA's Ice Cream Trail at Merrymeade Farm, the amazing renovations at Variety's Camp in Worcester Township, and much more! There's always something worth celebrating in our community, which I'm so proud to represent.

Looking ahead, we have informative and fun events planned this fall, including another favorite annual tradition – my upcoming Family Fair on September 3rd at Elmwood Park Zoo. Stay tuned for more information on these and other events via email and on social media.



Please know that my staff and I are always ready to assist you with navigating state and local issues. Please call or stop by our district offices Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. You can also email me any time at [repbradford@pahouse.net](mailto:repbradford@pahouse.net).

**Thank you for the opportunity to serve our community.**

# Investments In Our Community

Our area was awarded **\$5.3 million** in grants to help strengthen our communities so far in 2024. Here are just a few of these key investments in our communities:

## East Norriton Township:

**\$539,606** for a new traffic signal at Township Line Road and Hannah Avenue/Townline Drive.

## Methacton School District:

**\$697,998** to support improved safety and security efforts and mental health resources for students and staff.

## Montgomery County:

**\$800,000** for the Your Way Home program to provide supportive homeless prevention services and financial assistance for at-risk individuals and families.

## Norristown School District:

**\$1.8 million** to support the district's efforts to create a safe and healthy learning environment for students.

**\$697,998** to support improved safety and security efforts and mental health resources for students and staff.

## Perkiomen Valley School District:

**\$206,751** to support improved safety and security efforts and mental health resources for students and staff.

## Skippack Township:

**\$182,190** for pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of Cross Road and Spencer Drive.

## Visitation BVM School:

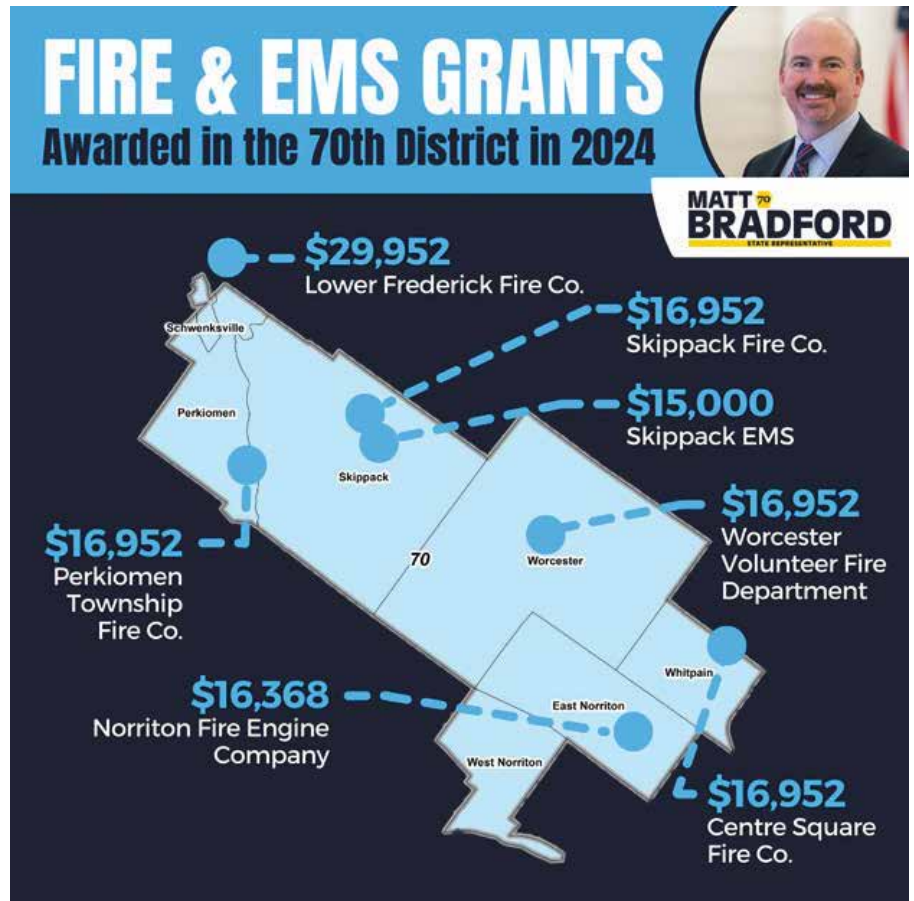
**\$75,000** to support improved safety and security efforts and mental health resources for students and staff.

## West Norriton Arts and Culture Commission:

**\$25,000** to deliver cultural arts programs to the township.

## Wissahickon School District:

**\$206,751** to support improved safety and security efforts and mental health resources for students and staff.



Montgomery County state representatives joined Mitzvah Circle to celebrate a \$250,000 state grant to help renovate their new location in Montgomery Township.

# State Budget Supports Our Schools and Neighbors, Cuts Costs

As we worked on the state budget this year, I had two top priorities in mind – investing in our schools and cutting costs for you and your family.

I'm proud to say that by working together with Governor Josh Shapiro, we passed a bipartisan budget that makes very important new investments that will strengthen our community and cut costs for working families, without raising taxes.

**Education:** The budget includes a record \$1.3 billion in new investments for public schools through a new formula that finally begins to target funding to the schools that have been chronically underfunded, causing an unfair burden on local property taxpayers. This funding also includes a record \$100 million increase in special education programs. Norristown Area, Methacton, Perkiomen Valley and Wissahickon school districts received an \$11 million increase in investments!

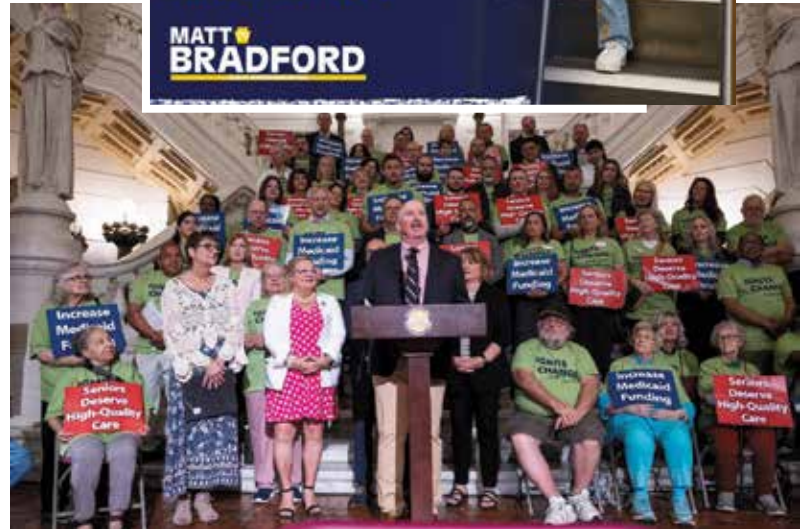
New this year, every school district will receive a reimbursement for cyber charter tuition payments and there is new additional funding for safety and mental health programs.

These investments will not only help our students and teachers, but will also help ease the property tax burden on homeowners.

**Individuals with Disabilities:** The budget invests \$354.8 million in federal and state funding to provide more resources, including \$280 million to help raise wages for the direct support professionals who care for Pennsylvanians and \$74.8 million to help finally clear the emergency wait list for the Intellectual Disabilities Community Waiver program waitlist.

**Seniors:** The budget includes \$75 million in increased funding to support seniors living in skilled nursing facilities and staff rate increases, \$2.95 million to support seniors who want to live independently as well as their caregivers, and \$1.9 million to create the first state Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Division.

**Cutting Costs:** We cut costs for our small business owners and working families by providing a student loan interest deduction when individuals file their state taxes so they can focus on their careers, as well as giving tax credits to employers that match employees' contributions into PA 529 and PAABLE savings program accounts.



*Rep. Bradford joined LeadingAge PA at the Capitol to highlight the need for investments that ensure quality, affordable care for seniors so that our older neighbors have access to the resources they need to live their best quality of life.*



*Rep. Bradford joined Gov. Josh Shapiro as he signed the 2024-25 state budget into law.*

# Around the Community



Rep. Bradford joined local officials and the departments of Agriculture and Community and Economic Development to kick off the VisitPA Ice Cream Trail at Merrymead Farm in Worcester Township.

Rep. Bradford joined Arc Alliance Ambassador Heather Michaelson and CEO Paul Stengle at the Arc Alliance's annual award ceremony. Rep. Bradford was honored for his public service and he also presented a House citation to Stengle, who recently retired from his longtime role.



Thank you to our neighbors who donated toddler-sized clothing and winter coats as part of Rep. Bradford's winter clothing drive to support Mitzvah Circle.

The spring electronics recycling event hosted by Rep. Bradford and Rep. Liz Hanbidge at Montgomery County Community College was a big success. The Whippain Township Police Department supported the operations of the event to ensure the line of cars went smoothly.



Schwenksville Elementary School invited Rep. Bradford to be their "Welcome Wednesday" visitor, where he greeted students as they entered school and joined a kindergarten class for their morning exercises.

Rep. Bradford joined Variety for the official ribbon-cutting of their newly constructed 3,000-square-foot multi-purpose cabin. Variety also plans to renovate its gym and all-abilities athletic field in Worcester Township. Rep. Bradford helped secure critical state funding for these projects, which will allow Variety to continue to serve our community and provide incredible programs and activities for children and adults with special needs.



# Upcoming Events

## Mobile Office Hours:

**Perkiomen Township** | 1 Trappe Road  
First Wednesday of each month | 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**Schwenksville Borough** | 300 Main St.  
First Thursday of each month | 10 a.m. – noon

**Skippack Township** | 4089 Heckler Road  
Third Wednesday of each month | 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**Worcester Township** | 1721 South Valley Forge Road  
Fourth Monday of each month | 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

### For residents of Meadowood Senior Living

3205 W. Skippack Pike, Worcester  
Second Monday of each month | 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

### For residents of The Colony at Skippack

4302 Wendy Way, Schwenksville  
Second Thursday of January, April, July, October | 11 a.m. – noon

### For residents of Timberlake Apartments

2803 Stanbridge St., East Norriton  
Third Tuesday of each month | 10 a.m. – noon

### For residents of Brightview of East Norriton

300 E. Germantown Pike, East Norriton  
Third Thursday of each month | 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

### For residents of Creekwood Village

1091 Club House Ct., Schwenksville  
Third Friday of each month | 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

### For residents of Brandywine Senior Suites

2101 New Hope St., East Norriton  
Fourth Wednesday of each month | 11 a.m. – noon

### For residents of Greenfield Senior Living at Perkiomen Valley

300 Perkiomen Ave., Schwenksville  
Fourth Friday of each month | 11 a.m. – noon

## Upcoming Office Sponsored Events

### Family Fair

Tuesday, September 3 | 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

### Elmwood Park Zoo

1661 Harding Blvd., Norristown

### Unclaimed Property Treasure Hunt

Friday, October 18 | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### Rep. Matt Bradford's district offices

240 W. Germantown Pike, East Norriton Township  
2000 Bustard Road, Suite 6, Worcester Township

### Apply for Veterans Discount ID

Tuesday, November 19 | 10 a.m. – noon

### Rep. Bradford's Norriton Office

240 W. Germantown Pike, East Norriton Township

Wednesday, November 20 | 10 a.m. - noon

### Rep. Bradford's Worcester Office

2000 Bustard Road, Suite 6, Worcester Township

### Dog Licensing Event

Tuesday, December 10 | 10 a.m. - noon

### Rep. Bradford's Norriton Office

240 W. Germantown Pike, East Norriton Township

Wednesday, December 11 | 10 a.m. - noon

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## Property Tax/Rent Rebate Application Deadline Extended

Good news! The deadline to apply for property tax and rent relief has been extended to Dec. 31.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program provides real relief to thousands of Montgomery County homeowners and renters. The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians 65 or older, widows and widowers 50 or older, and people with disabilities 18 or older.

Thanks to overwhelming bipartisan support, a new law was enacted that raised the maximum rebate amount from \$650 to \$1,000 and increased the income limit to \$45,000, not including half of Social Security income, for both owners and renters starting this year. The income limit will then rise annually based on changes in the cost of living.

You can apply for a rebate on property taxes or rent paid in 2023 now through Dec. 31. Need help with the application process? We're here to help! Call or stop by my offices and my staff can assist you.

## Property Tax / Rent Rebate 2024 Program Expansion

**MORE** people eligible, **MORE** money back!

### Homeowner & Renter Income Max Rebate

Up to \$8K	<b>\$1,000</b>
Up to \$15K	<b>\$770</b>
Up to \$18K	<b>\$460</b>
Up to \$45K	<b>\$380</b>

Deadline extended to **December 31, 2024**



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## YOU'RE INVITED!

# Rep. Matt Bradford's FAMILY FAIR

**Tuesday, September 3  
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**Elmwood Park Zoo**  
1661 Harding Blvd | Norristown

Learn about important services benefiting children and families. Enjoy free food, fun activities, animals and vendors. **Meet Gritty, Will D. Cat, Bluey, Chase from Paw Patrol, and more!**



Space is limited. RSVP by emailing [RepBradford@pahouse.net](mailto:RepBradford@pahouse.net) or by calling **610-222-3490** or **610-270-1150** today!

## State Representative Matt Bradford's District Office Services

*My team and I can help you with:*

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate
- Unemployment Compensation
- Disability Placards
- Notary Services
- Birth/Death Certificate applications
- SEPTA Key Senior ID Cards
- Car registration, special tags, titles/license plate applications