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Upcoming Events in 2017

Tele-Town Hall
Thursday, May 18
7 p.m.

5th annual Senior Fair
Friday, June 16
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Colonial Elementary School
230 Flourtown Rd.
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
Snacks, door prizes, blood pressure screenings, and bingo!

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Around the 148th Legislative District

This June – Rep. Daley’s 5th annual Senior Fair

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The Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities will be hosting Consumer Fraud Bingo at my Senior Fair, starting at 11 a.m. Come join us as we have fun and learn tips and tricks for avoiding consumer fraud scams.

SEPTA will also be available to complete your SEPTA ID applications. All you need to bring is valid photo identification in order to apply for your SEPTA pass. SEPTA will mail the pass directly to you.

Recorder of Deeds and Ambler Mayor Jeanne Sorg will be sending her staff to help eligible individuals receive their veteran ID discount cards and file their discharge papers on record with Montgomery County. Interested individuals must bring valid photo identification and their DD-214 discharge papers to receive this free benefit!
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