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2016 Senior Fair

On May 18, Rep. Peter Schweyer and I hosted our annual Senior Fair. The event attracted over 60 government agencies and nonprofit agencies helping aging adults to live active lives.

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The Lehigh County Special Olympics Kick Off was a huge success. The students were incredibly well-prepared and asked great questions. I was thrilled to attend and participate in the kick off.

Sheriff Scams

There have been reports of Sheriff Scams in our area. If you receive a phone call claiming to be from the Lehigh County Sheriff’s Office, you should hang up immediately. This is a scam and you could lose your hard-earned money. If you receive such a call, do not give out any information.
Bringing Harrisburg to Allentown

Understanding the Gambia

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In April, Gov. Tom Wolf hosted the annual Holocaust Remembrance event and invited me to participate. It is a candle on behalf of my grandparents, Harry and Helen Neldner, both Holocaust survivors. The event is tragically necessary in light of recent events, including the philosophy of the Gambian government. Increases over the last six years are a product of an upward trend. It is important to know about the Gambian government so you can continue to be responsible even after the former government. Those of us that may not have everything in place with that tenant license, including things like parking tickets or tolls.

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Progress on Mental Health

Mental health continues to be an area of focus for me. A recent report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed suicide rates have increased by more than 34% since 1999 in Pennsylvania. We have a lot of work to do to ensure mental health services are in place to protect human life from the devastating effects of neglected mental health. Here are a couple of measures I’ve pushed in the last few months.

After the start of the session, Rep. Tarah Toohil and I introduced legislation to add a pilot program to the list of conditions covered by the Pennsylvania Medical Assistance program that would make early intervention services available for children. We called the legislation, #StrongMomStrongBaby. In June, that legislation was passed the House 196-0. The legislation was introduced in Senate committee where it must be passed in order for Gov. Tom Wolf to sign it into law. This legislation would allow 8,000 more children in Pennsylvania to access existing early intervention services.

Bringing Harrisburg to Allentown

Red Means Stop: This is What Democracy Looks Like

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Visitors to the Capitol

The Pennsylvania Capitol is a magnificent building. If you or your organization is interested in visiting the Capitol, give my office a call to make arrangements. Here are a few of the people I had the opportunity to welcome to the Capitol this spring.

Honor Our Veterans

License Plates

In Pennsylvania, it is always looking for ways to better serve our veterans. One way we can do this is by adding to the Pennsylvania Veteran’s Trust Fund specialty plate. This plate is available for motorists, government agencies, and other organizations. It is priced at $77. People can purchase this plate online by going to the website www.bop.pa.gov. It covers a variety of important topics to help people get answers to their questions about the veterans’ program in Pennsylvania. For more information, visit the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons online at: www.bop.pa.gov.

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No Longer Using a License Plate?

A lot of people don’t know what to do with a license plate when selling a car. Bring it to my office! It is important to know who uses the plate and if it can continue to be your responsibility even after transferring the title.

American Flag Collections

Throughout the year, my office collects American flags to be turned over in a community project for proper removal. This collection is separate from the Pennsylvania Veteran’s Trust Fund to assist and support Pennsylvania veterans and their families. Learn more about this flag collection effort here.

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With Sen. Pat Browne, PennDOT, law enforcement and school officials, we were able to introduce legislation that would make it easier to catch drivers. Since then, Amber and her daughter Olivia have been working with schools and local leaders to install more stop signs, working to make the “braking our Veterans” message known.

Pennsylvania is always looking for ways to better serve our veterans. One way is to find information about services for veterans and Spouses Burial Information. Burial benefits are available to eligible veterans and include a grave, a government headstone, flag, and more. For more information, visit the Pennsylvania Veteran's Affairs at www.vpa.pa.gov.

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Throughout the year, my office collects American flag collections. The easiest way to participate is to bring your vehicle registration information to my office at 2030 W. Tilghman St. in Allentown. You can drop off American flags at the following locations:

- Visitors Center, 2030 W. Tilghman St., Allentown
- Ritter Elementary School
- Parkland High School
- Lehigh County Veterans Office
- Jewish Day School
- Allentown Area School District
- Lehigh County office of Veterans Affairs
- Allentown Area Public Library
- Calvary Baptist Church
- Greensboro Fire Department
- National Bank of Allentown
- Allentown Fire Department
- Chinese Evangelical Protestant Church

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It’s important to know what to do with a license plate when selling a car. Bring it to my office!

When selling a car, if you don’t plan to reuse the license plate, the safest and easiest thing to do is give the license plate and return it to PennDOT through my Allentown office. We’ll make sure it’s disposed of safely. You don’t have to pay anything to you. If you have any questions about a plate you still hold, please give my office a call at 610-821-6027.

License Plates

Over #100,000 Pards! License Plates

In Pennsylvania, we have a number of licenses that you can choose from in order to support a variety of important causes. This past year, we introduced the “Honoring Our Veterans” plate, which is available for motorists, pennsylvania, and anyone who wants to support this important cause.

Pennsylvania's veterans and their spouses may be eligible to purchase a number of the veteran's plates. These plates are available at the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, and you can find information about services for veterans and Spouses Burial Information.

In April, Gov. Tom Wolf observed the annual Holocaust Remembrance Shabbat and invited me to participate. I’ll be a candle on behalf of my grandparents, Harry and Helen Nardinger, both Holocaust survivors. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. It is also the 100th year of the 3rd Reich, the years tragically necessary in our nation’s history. As we reflect on these events and the importance of remembering, we must always guard against, and work to prevent, any event in our history. If we don’t learn from the past, we repeat it. Let’s not let this happen.

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In Our Community

Special Olympics Kick Off
Every year, a group of dedicated volunteers host the Lehigh County Special Olympics Track and Field events. It was a true pleasure to attend and participate in the kick-off.

Chief Rudy Held
For more than 33 years, Russell “Rudy” Held has served the Wood gemacht Fire Department, including 21 years as chief of the department. Throughout his tenure, Rudy has made himself available at all hours of the day and night, often at great personal risk, to protect the lives and property of those in our community. Like many volunteer firefighters across the Commonwealth, the greatest reward for Rudy is knowing he is helping people when they need it the most. While this may sound simple, it is true that to honor a position on behalf of the House of Representatives, I am here to get going so much as our community.

Medicare Open Enrollment
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Visit to Sheridan
It was a lot of fun to answer questions students have about jobs in the community. Every year, a group of dedicated volunteers host the Lehigh County Special Olympics Track and Field events. It was a true pleasure to attend and participate in the kick-off.

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In Our Schools

Rides to School
Every year, the Allentown Fire Department recognizes Allentown students who excel in the areas of academics, citizenship, behavior, attendance and leadership with a ride on a fire truck to school. As a recent student, they are picked up at home and taken to school where they are greeted by their classmates. Allentown has some wonderful schools and it was great to see some of them get the recognition they deserve.

Drop in to Divinity
I had the pleasure of participating in Mulberry Elementary School’s Career Day. It’s always fun to answer questions students have about jobs in the community.

Critical Thinking
Thank you to all the vendors for providing us with 5th-graders to talk about state government. The students were incredibly well-prepared and asked some really impressive questions.

In Our Community

Sheriff Scams
This spring, a con artist is running a scam in the Allentown area. A group is sending out notices under the Lehigh County Sheriff’s Office. If you receive one, call 610-282-5177 and tell them it is a scam.

PA State Budget Delivers for Allentown
Ensuring a bright future for our children is a responsibility we have as a society. Each child deserves access to world-class education and I am committed to fighting for it every day I am in office. The 2018-19 budget delivers much needed resources to the Allentown School District. Earlier in the year, the district’s leadership proposed a $135 million deficit but was able to reduce that number through diligence and hard work. Sen. Pat Browne, Rep. Peter Schweyer and I were able to secure additional state resources, including a $10 million supplement in the state budget, providing a $10 million supplement in the state budget.

Bipartisan cooperation has to be more than a catchphrase. It needs to be a way of governing. Sen. Browne, Rep. Schweyer and I just made labels and did what was right for the community.

Gun Violence: Time to Say “NO MORE”!
It seems each year the reach of gun violence across the country grows worse as mass shootings in schools, churches and public places continue to make headlines. People often ask, “How can I legislate to do before we do something?” I am committed to every measure that helps to answer: “No more!” Thankfully, there has been a change in tone because Americans are mad and they expect action to curb gun violence in our communities. In Harrisburg, measures intended to take guns out of the hands of violent offenders came out of the Judiciary Committee with bipartisan support.

I welcome all of these developments to ensure public safety and work toward the opportunity to make progress on these bills. Any legislation that does not address the difficult truth that we have to actually pay for the services! And it could cost you. Medicare plan, your details could change each year. Medicare open enrollment begins Oct. 15 and ends Dec. 7. My office hosts a special Medicare Expert Counselor to help you understand your benefits. When open enrollment begins, please call to schedule a time to attend.

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• People with permanent disabilities 18 or older.

To qualify, applicants must earn less than $35,000 per year (for homeowners) or $15,000 per year (for renters), and only HALF of Social Security or retired retirement benefits count toward eligibility. Residents of assisted living facilities may be eligible – unless they reside in a facility which pays property taxes and meet the income limits for renters. If you qualify, your application materials will be processed within 24 hours, leaving the rest of your paperwork and property taxes to the income limits for renters. If you qualify, your application materials will be processed within 24 hours, leaving the rest of your paperwork and property taxes to the income limits for renters.

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