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Holiday Meet and Greet

Thursday, Dec. 19, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

At my district office, located at 1080 Schadt Ave., Whitehall.
Meet me and my staff, and learn about the services we provide.
Light refreshments will be served!

Dear neighbor,

The Pennsylvania House is winding down its fall session and I am wrapping up my first year as your state representative. I have spent the year fighting for equitable education funding, protecting seniors, economic development and job creation. These are issues that are impacting our area and I believe addressing them will benefit the entire state.

In addition to crafting and debating legislation in Harrisburg, helping people with their day-to-day concerns involving state government is an integral part of my job. My wonderful staff is eager to help constituents with state-related concerns. We have helped hundreds of seniors complete applications for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program and we are currently assisting constituents with applying for the LIHEAP home heating assistance program.

We also bring the resources of my office to events across the Lehigh Valley, including at my Senior Fair in May and I hope to see you out in the community in the coming year.

On my website, www.pahouse.com/McNeill, you will find information on a wealth of issues, including college financial aid, veterans' affairs and state prescription drug programs. I urge you to like my Facebook page, www.facebook.com/RepMcNeill, where I provide the most up-to-date information on upcoming events in our area, including local job fairs.

Please contact my office with your state-related questions or concerns.

In closing, I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and the best wishes for a happy New Year!

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STATE BUDGET SHORTCHANGES EDUCATION

The fiscal year 2013-14 budget signed into law in early July fails to restore adequate funding to education, hurting Pennsylvania students and their families and leaving homeowners with higher property taxes.

This budget severely underfunds school districts in the Lehigh Valley, further harming our children and their families. The lack of funding has already forced schools to lay off teachers and staff, and increase property taxes.

Over the last two Corbett budgets, school districts have seen a more than \$1 billion cut in state funding for education, and while this year's state budget replaces a small amount of that funding, it's not enough to have a meaningful impact.

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Education should be a top priority for state government, and partisan politics should not determine how we fund it. It's imperative that we properly prepare our children for higher learning and to enter the workforce.



LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS WILL CHANGE IN 2014

In May, the state Supreme Court approved new House and Senate legislative districts that will take effect following the 2014 election cycle. The process is required every 10 years with the new census, but in Pennsylvania, redistricting is a broken system that allows politicians to pick their voters as opposed to voters choosing their elected officials. The current process undoubtedly leads to polarization within our political system, and I would like to see it taken out of politicians' hands.

Following the 2014 November general election, the new 133rd Legislative District will consist of the city of Bethlehem (Lehigh County portion); the boroughs of Catasauqua, Coplay and Fountain Hill; Hanover Township, Lehigh County; and parts of Salisbury and Whitehall Townships.

LOTTERY PRIVATIZATION WOULD FAIL SENIORS

Gov. Tom Corbett continues his misguided crusade to privatize the Pennsylvania Lottery even though the attorney general rejected the proposal and it lacks the votes to pass in the legislature. In July, the Department of Revenue reported that the Pennsylvania Lottery set sales records in the 2012-13 fiscal year with \$3.7 billion in sales, an increase of more than 6 percent from a year ago. The lottery earned more than \$1 billion in profits, while keeping the total administrative costs at just 2.07 percent of sales.

These new records for sales and profits only raise more questions about why the Corbett administration has tried for more than a year to execute a private management agreement with a British company.

For over 40 years, the Pennsylvania Lottery has been the only state lottery that devotes all of its proceeds to programs benefiting older state residents. Every future dollar that goes to a private management company is a dollar taken away from critical senior programs that provide low-cost prescription drugs, free and low-cost transit rides and Property Tax/Rent Rebates.

Gov. Corbett should stop trying to fix something that isn't broken.



Rep. McNeill's Senior Fair was a huge success, with hundreds of attendees receiving free health screenings and important senior information.

HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Keeping your home properly heated is essential for good health and in making sure your pipes do not freeze. But many families, particularly senior citizens on fixed incomes, will struggle to pay the cost of heating their homes over the next several months.

If you need help paying your home heating bills this winter, assistance is available through the federally funded Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. LIHEAP offers cash grants to help purchase home heating fuel and crisis grants for unexpected fuel shortages and necessary furnace purchases or repairs.

Grants are based on family size, income, type of heating fuel and heating region.

If you received LIHEAP assistance last year, you should have received a renewal application. If not, you may want to check into the program.

For more information on LIHEAP, call the Department of Public Welfare helpline at 1-800-692-7462.

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$17,235
2	\$23,265
3	\$29,295
4	\$35,325

Each additional person add \$6,030

PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE DEADLINE EXTENDED TO DEC. 31



There's good news for older adults and residents with disabilities: The deadline to apply for Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program has been extended until Dec. 31.

The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians 65 or older, widows and widowers 50 or older, and people with disabilities

18 or older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded.

The maximum standard rebate is \$650. About 600,000 households are expected to benefit from the program.

Applicants may obtain Property Tax/Rent Rebate claim forms (PA-1000) and related information online at www.revenue.state.pa.us or by calling, toll free, 1-888-222-9190, or contacting my district office.

My office offers Property Tax/Rent Rebate assistance (or help with any other state-related matter). We have already helped seniors complete over 500 rebate applications. In recent years, organizations have sent letters offering to file the forms for a fee. There is no charge for filing these forms. **Please ignore any solicitation that charges a fee to help you file.**



Rep. McNeill honored Lehigh Valley special needs students who graduated from the Project SEARCH School-To-Work Program during a visit to the House of Representatives.

FEDERAL HEALTHCARE MARKETPLACE ASSISTANCE:

To Apply by Phone:

Call 1-800-318-2596, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY: 1-855-889-4325. A Customer Service Representative will work with you to complete the application and enrollment process.

To Apply Online:

www.healthcare.gov

Health Insurance Marketplace Assistance in Person:

BETHLEHEM HEALTH BUREAU

10 E. Church St., Bethlehem PA 18018

Phone: 610-865-7083

Office Hours: M-F 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Website: <http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/>

Email: askbhb@bethlehem-pa.gov

ST. LUKE'S UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK

801 Ostrum St., Bethlehem PA 18018

Phone: 1-866-785-8537

Office Hours: M-F 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Website: <http://www.sluhn.org/>

Email: Info.Link@sluhn.org

ELIGIBILITY SCREENING SERVICES, LLC (ESS)

250 South 21st St., Easton PA 18042

Phone: 1-800-353-1380 (main)

1-800-353-1380 (toll free)

Office Hours: M-F 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Sat 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

Website: <http://www.chs.net/>

Email: esscontact@chs.net

PHYSICIAN AND TACTICAL HEALTH SERVICES, LLC

2010 Bevin Dr., Allentown PA 18103

Phone: 1-866-427-2847

Office Hours: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

Website: <http://hcpaths.com/>

Email: enrollment@hcpaths.com

NATIONWIDE INSURANCE

Pascual Pena

245 North 8th St., Allentown PA 18102

Phone: 484-223-3402

Office Hours: M-F 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Website: www.nationwide.com

Email: penap2@nationwide.com



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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS FOR YOUR REFERENCE

Lehigh County Government Center.....	610-782-3000	CareerLink	610-437-5627
Northampton County Government Center.....	610-559-3000	American Red Cross	610-865-4400
PA Dept. of Revenue (Bethlehem Office)	610-861-2000	Social Security office	
Internal Revenue Service (Bethlehem Office) ..	610-865-8208	(Allentown)	1-877-405-6746
AARP - Allentown	610-434-2701	(Bethlehem)	1-866-783-7458
Crime Victims Council of Lehigh Valley	610-437-6611	LIHEAP	
Turning Point Lehigh Valley Helpline	610-437-3369	(Lehigh County)	610-821-6509
CACLV - Community Action Committee		(Northampton County)	610-250-1700
Lehigh Valley	610-691-5620	U.S. Representative Charles Dent	610-770-3490
Lehigh County Department of Aging.....	610-782-3034	State Senator Lisa Boscola	610-868-8667
Northampton County Department of Aging.....	610-559-3245	State Senator Patrick Browne	610-821-8468
Lehigh County Veterans Affairs Office.....	610-782-3295		
Northampton County			
Department of Veterans Affairs.....	610-559-3199		

MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Car registrations, special tags, handicap placards, titles and driver's license applications
- Assistance in obtaining and completing state forms of all kinds
- Voter registration and absentee ballot applications
- Unemployment compensation, disability and workers' compensation
- Birth and death certificates
- Pennsylvania income tax questions or problems
- Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications
- Requests for literature of all kinds – bills, regulations, statutes
- Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the Public Utility Commission
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate problems or questions
- Problems or questions about the state lottery
- PACE prescription-drug cards for senior citizens
- Information about federal, state and local government agencies

Any question about state government!

CONSTITUENT SERVICES OFFICE OPEN IN WHITEHALL

Just a reminder that my new constituent services office is open in Whitehall. We are available and ready to assist residents of the 133rd Legislative District in navigating state government agencies and services.

I encourage everyone to come to my office to discuss how we can assist you with any state-related issues. My office is located at 1080 Schadt Ave., Whitehall, PA 18052. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone number: 610-266-1273. FAX number: 610-266-2126.