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Save the date!

SHREDDING EVENT

April 23

Get protection from identity theft

District residents are invited to participate in the FREE shredding event I'm sponsoring from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 23, at the Benjamin Franklin Middle School, 6403 Mill Creek Road, Levittown.

The shredding event will be held rain or shine for personal documents, with a maximum of five boxes or large trash bags.

No businesses, please.

No tax money will be spent for this event. Please call my office at 215-785-3605 if you need more information.

Safe disposal will be available for personal financial documents that are no longer needed and any papers with confidential information, including:

- ✓ Documents containing Social Security, credit card and bank account numbers;
- ✓ Credit card applications;
- ✓ Canceled or unused checks;
- ✓ Insurance and income tax records;
- ✓ Bank and credit card statements; and
- ✓ Pension information.



Don't miss out! Sign up for email updates

I want to alert you to House rules that limit when I can contact you leading up to an election. Unless you specifically opt in to continue receiving my emails, I'm prohibited from sending you legislative email updates for 60 days before the 2016 primary and general elections.

Opting in will allow you to continue to receive notices about important issues that matter to you, including:

- Updates on legislation;
- News and events in the district; and
- Other relevant government-related information.

You can sign up to receive my email alerts – and opt in to continue to receive them before elections – by visiting my website at www.pahouse.com/Davis, clicking "Stay Connected" and filling out the form.

You can also stay updated on social media. Just "like" my legislative Facebook page: www.facebook.com/RepTinaDavis. I'm also on Twitter: @RepTinaDavis.



I was joined by the Bucks County delegation and House Speaker Mike Turzai in welcoming the 2015 PIAA Boys Class AA championship basketball team, the Conwell-Egan Eagles, to Harrisburg, where they were recognized in the House chamber. The Eagles captured the school's first-ever state championship and the first boys' basketball PIAA title in lower Bucks County since 1975.

Sgt. George Stuckey honored

Bath Road segment named for slain Bristol Township officer

I helped spearhead legislation that honors George Stuckey, the Bristol Township detective who was the first police officer in Bucks County to be killed in the line of duty, while stopping suspected bank robbers.



Stuckey

Act 3 of 2015 designated a segment of Bath Road – state Route 2049 – in Bristol Township as the Sergeant George Stuckey Memorial Road.

The honor could not be more deserved. The seven-year veteran of the Bristol Township Police Force left a safe, secure job to become a police officer because he felt he was not contributing enough to society.

In March 1972, Detective Stuckey was shot to death along Bath Road.

The region was stunned by the loss of the 33-year-old officer, who left behind a widow and two children. His funeral was the largest ever in Bucks County, attended by 2,000 police officers. Thousands of citizens lined the highway leading to his services to pay their respects.

Neither the pain nor his stature among law enforcement has diminished since he gave his life for the community.

Detective Stuckey's heroism and sacrifice will forever be remembered.

Putting muscle in the do-not-call list

Do you find telemarketing calls to your home or cell phone intrusive and annoying?

If so, you can stop most of these calls by placing your phone number on Pennsylvania's do-not-call list. You can visit the Pennsylvania Attorney General's website, www.attorneygeneral.gov, and click on the do-not-call list icon. You may also register by calling 1-888-777-3406.

I want to make it easier for you to stop unwanted calls, and that's why I am supporting House Bill 820. The bill would make three improvements to the Telemarketer Registration Act:

- It would give you the ability to remain on Pennsylvania's telemarketing do-not-call list as long as you wish. Current state law maintains a do-not-call list for five years. At the end of each five-year period, people who want to have their number on the do-not-call list must re-register.
- It would ban telemarketing calls on legal holidays.
- It would require telemarketers using an automated calling system to provide an opt-out provision within the first few seconds of each call, and a toll-free call-back number for calls that go to voice mail.

The bill has passed the House of Representatives. If the Senate passes it, then the bill would go to the governor and he could sign it into law.

The do-not-call list does not stop calls from businesses to existing customers or to people who have done business with the company in the previous 12 months.

It also does not stop debt collection calls, calls from tax-exempt charitable or fraternal organizations, calls from veterans' organizations and calls made on behalf of political groups or candidates.

Compromise needed for overdue state budget

At this writing, Pennsylvania remained without a complete budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

With a Democratic governor and Republican majorities in the House and Senate, some discord could be expected. However, a seven-month-plus impasse is unacceptable.

Throughout the process, I have pleaded for compromise.

But Pennsylvania needs to break away from policies that have led to the structural deficit, underfunding of schools and programs crucial to vulnerable citizens, higher property taxes and multiple credit rating downgrades.

None of the budget options considered so far deserves acclaim. A better budget for all can be achieved with property tax relief and a severance tax on Marcellus Shale gas drilling companies.

The severance tax I have proposed would restore fairness to our property taxpayers, responsibility to our schools and sanity to our state budget and pension plans, by making Pennsylvania's \$11 billion Marcellus Shale natural gas and oil industry pay its fair share.

Pennsylvania is blessed with natural gas reserves, but its taxpayers should benefit rather than be victimized by its extraction. Instead, Pennsylvania is the only major natural gas-producing state not to tax production at the wellhead.

The budget also needs to focus on property tax relief, and stop avoiding the issue that has harmed too many Pennsylvanians.

Property tax relief and a severance tax should be priorities before consideration is given to increasing the state's sales and personal income taxes.

Those are my thoughts, but it's time to approve a compromise budget that can build the better future that Pennsylvania deserves.

We need to get this done!



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My fifth annual Senior Health Expo in September again proved to be a success, bringing friends and acquaintances together while also linking residents to important programs, health screenings and flu shots. Exhibitors and volunteers helped make for a great event at the Bristol Township Senior Center.