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2017 SENIOR FAIR RETURNS TO WESTGATE MALL

It's that time of year again for our annual Spring Senior Fair at the Westgate Mall in Bethlehem. Every year this event has gotten bigger and better (with close to 100 vendors and over 500 seniors in attendance last year) and we are looking forward to another great turnout. The event again will be co-hosted with state Sen. Lisa Boscola.

We will also have a multitude of door prizes and free refreshments. There will be many free screenings (blood pressure, stroke, pinch test, hearing, balance, vision, etc.) as well as important and valuable information for seniors.

So come on over to the Westgate Mall, 2285 Schoenersville Road, on **Friday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to noon**. There is plenty of free parking, easy accessibility from Route 22 and direct access via the LANTA bus 105 route.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Car registrations, special tags, handicap placards, titles and driver's license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- 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
- Issues with the Department of Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistance)
- Pennsylvania income tax questions or problems
- Requests for literature of all kinds – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information
- Inquiries about utilities and the Public Utility Commission
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding accomplishments and family milestones
- Issues with insurance companies
- Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program problems or questions
- PACE prescription-drug cards for senior citizens
- Consumer complaints
- Liquor Control Board concerns or questions
- Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- Information about federal, state and local government agencies

Any state government-related matter!



Property Tax/ Rent Rebate Program accepting applications

The state started taking applications for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program in February.

The program provides a state rebate on 2016 property taxes or rent to income-eligible residents who are 65 or older, widows and widowers 50 or older, and people with disabilities 18 or older. To be eligible, your household income must be \$35,000 or less if you are a homeowner, or \$15,000 or less if you are a renter. When applying, you only have to count half your Social Security or federal Railroad Retirement Tier I benefits toward your total income.

Claimants must reapply for rebates every year because rebates are based on annual income and property taxes or rent paid annually. Spouses, personal representatives or estates may also file rebate claims on behalf of deceased claimants who lived at least one day in 2016 and met all other eligibility criteria.

You can obtain information about the program, an application and help applying through my Whitehall office or on the state Department of Revenue’s website at www.revenue.pa.gov.

There is no charge to apply for this program. If you receive an offer requiring a fee to apply, please disregard it.

The state will begin mailing rebate checks on July 1.



Sign up for email updates; follow me on social media

Periodically, my office sends out email updates about important happenings at the state Capitol and in our community. You can sign up for these emails by visiting this website – www.pahouse.com/emailsignup. Please know that your information is only used by my office and is not shared with or sold to any third parties.

My website – www.pahouse.com/McNeill – has links to information on state services and includes a form that allows you to email my office. My office also maintains a legislative Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RepMcNeill and Twitter feed @RepMcNeill.

Committee assignments received

Committees provide legislative oversight and help shape the language in bills that fall under their areas of responsibility. My service on the following five committees will allow me to voice your concerns on a broad range of issues. I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that every proposal helps to make Pennsylvania a better place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

The House Democratic Leader has appointed me to serve on the following committees for the 2017-18 session:

- Labor and Industry
- Local Government
- Finance
- Professional Licensure
- Agriculture and Rural Affairs

Important phone numbers for your reference

Lehigh County Government Center.....	610-782-3000
Northampton County Government Center.....	610-559-3000
PA Dept. of Revenue (Bethlehem Office)	610-861-2000
Internal Revenue Service (Bethlehem Office)	610-865-8208
AARP – PA	1-866-389-5654
Crime Victims Council of Lehigh Valley	610-437-6611
Turning Point Lehigh Valley Helpline.....	610-437-3369
CACLV – Community Action Committee Lehigh Valley	610-691-5620
Lehigh County Department of Aging.....	610-782-3034
Northampton County Department of Aging.....	610-559-3245
Lehigh County Veterans Affairs Office.....	610-782-3295
Northampton County Department of Veterans Affairs	610-559-3199
CareerLink.....	610-437-5627
American Red Cross	610-865-4400
Social Security Office	
(Allentown).....	1-877-405-6746
(Bethlehem)	1-866-783-7458
LIHEAP	
(Lehigh County)	610-821-6509
(Northampton County)	610-250-1700
U.S. Rep. Charles Dent.....	610-770-3490
State Sen. Lisa Boscola	610-868-8667
State Sen. Patrick Browne.....	610-821-8468