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## APPLY NOW TO RECEIVE PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE

The deadline to file a 2016 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program application is June 30, although the deadline is often extended, and my office is here to help!

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians 65 or older, widows and widowers 50 or older, and people with disabilities 18 or older. The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates can boost rebates up to \$975.

My offices can help with the applications. Please don't assume you are not eligible! Half of Social Security income is discounted, and claimants are not disqualified from rebates solely because of Social Security cost-of-living adjustments.

To find out if you qualify or if you need FREE assistance with filling out your application, please call or visit my offices.



*It was an honor to present Mr. Paul Sakowski of Mountain Top with a House Citation congratulating him on his 100th birthday.*

## My office can help you with:

- Car registrations, special tags, titles and license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Unemployment compensation problems
- Pennsylvania income tax problems
- Problems with the Department of Human Services (food stamps, welfare)
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the PUC
- Complaints about state road conditions
- Problems or questions about PennDOT
- PACE prescription-drug cards for senior citizens
- Complaints and problems with insurance companies
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate problems or questions
- Local government officials' problems with state agencies

***Any problem with your state government!***



## CARRYING ON A TRADITION

Growing up in Nanticoke, I think every kid wanted to see their name on Attorney Delaney's Main Street sign. The good counselor's sign stopped giving us updates when he became ill and passed. It's time to carry on his tradition. If you know a "Star" worthy of recognition, contact my office.

## WATER, SEWER PROJECTS RECEIVE \$450,000 IN STATE GRANTS

In March, a total of \$450,000 in state water and sewer funding was awarded in the 119th District. This funding is great news for our area because the water treatment and sewer projects are designed to benefit our region and enhance safety.

The projects are as follows:

- A \$250,000 grant was awarded to the Newport Township Authority to upgrade three existing pump stations which convey sewerage to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority for treatment and discharge. All three stations were constructed 35 years ago and are in need of repairs. The upgrade will replace motor control centers, flow meters, lighting and upgrades to the heating systems in all three pump stations. In addition, two pumps in station one will be replaced.
- A \$200,000 grant is for Nanticoke city to replace the sewer main on West Main Street. The city is planning to replace the sewer main on West Main Street from the intersection of West Main and West Church streets. The sewer main is over 100 years old and has deteriorated beyond repair.

The funding was awarded by the Commonwealth Financing Authority, which was established in 2004 as an independent agency of the Department of Community and Economic Development to administer Pennsylvania's economic stimulus packages. The CFA holds fiduciary responsibility over the funding of programs and investments in Pennsylvania's economic growth. The CFA consists of seven board members: four legislative appointees and the secretaries of DCED, the Office of the Budget and Department of Banking.



*There was a packed house at the Mountaintop on the Move gun safety seminar, where I manned a table with information about various state programs.*

## ONLINE DOE LICENSE APPLICATION PROCESS PROPOSED

In March, the House Game and Fisheries Committee approved my legislation (H.B. 275) that would allow hunters to apply for doe licenses online. It awaits a full House vote.



It's time to upgrade our antiquated system and provide sports enthusiasts with a more convenient and efficient way of applying for and receiving hunting licenses. Currently, hunters apply for antlerless deer licenses by sending an application to a county treasurer or similar official.

Many counties do not always have the financial resources or staff to process license applications in a timely manner. In this day and age, there is no reason why a Pennsylvania resident should not be able to get an antlerless license online.

The current system is managed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission. That state agency is responsible for determining the number of antlerless licenses to be given out, while the actual distribution of permits is the responsibility of each county Treasurer's Office. While applying for a doe license, hunters across the state fill out a form, write a check and submit it to the county treasurer in their hometown.

We have a lot of hunters who were excluded from participating in hunting in the past because of the antiquated and understaffed application process and I don't want to see that happen again.

I am cautiously optimistic that my legislation will make it through the full House with an overwhelmingly positive vote and then on to the Senate.

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## MULLERY LOOKS TO CLOSE LOOPHOLE IN DUI LAW

All victims of DUI accidents would be fully compensated for their injuries and damage to their property, under legislation that I have reintroduced.

Currently, a victim of a DUI accident can receive full tort coverage only if the driver is convicted of DUI or accepts Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition. However, if the drunk driver dies as a result of the accident, even if his or her blood shows he or she was driving under the influence, the victim does not receive full tort coverage.

While we work to reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes and deaths, it is vital that we simultaneously protect the victims of these accidents. My legislation would help all victims of DUI accidents by closing this unfair loophole.

The Pennsylvania DUI Association's latest report shows that in 2014 there were 10,550 alcohol-related crashes resulting in 333 fatalities. Of those fatalities, 72 percent were the vehicle drivers. Passengers and pedestrians were far more likely to be injured, rather than killed, in the crash. On average, 20 people are injured in an alcohol-related traffic crash every day in Pennsylvania.

The bill (H.B. 276) awaits action by the House Transportation Committee.