



# STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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### Davidson fighting for women in business

I have made the fight to empower women one of my biggest priorities. Long before I got to the legislature, minority, women and disadvantaged business owners and their work were very important to me. That's why I was honored to speak to a group of WMDBE owners in Harrisburg on Monday, March 20, at an entrepreneurial inclusion summit. Their work makes our communities healthy and vibrant and I'm doing my part to make sure they continue to get the opportunities they need.



*I reaffirmed my commitment to being a voice to women in business during an entrepreneurial inclusion summit in March.*

Women are growing and starting businesses, but still have the most barriers to overcome with regard to financing, and capital and payments. That's why I am continuing to work with my colleagues to do all that we can to ensure that the playing field is leveled, once and for all, for women and minority-owned businesses.

The reason I became involved in small business development, even before I was in the legislature, is because I believe that one of the best ways to revitalize communities and neighborhoods is through small business development and entrepreneurship.



### Davidson Budget Town Hall

I was pleased to see so many area residents come out to the Budget Town Hall I hosted with Rep. Leanne Krueger-Braneky on June 16.

The concerns and questions shared were brought back with us both to Harrisburg as we worked alongside our colleagues to find a way to pass a budget that reflected the needs and the values of those we serve.



*Rep. Leanne Krueger-Braneky and I hosted a Budget Town Hall on Friday, June 16, at the Penn Wood Senior High School in Lansdowne.*



*Rep. Leanne Krueger-Braneky and I discussed the governor's budget address.*

*Left: I was honored to present a House citation to Upper Darby High School wrestler Brian Kennerly for capturing the 220-pound weight class at the 2016-17 PIAA State Class AAA championship.*



# Davidson school safety hotline bill becomes law

High-quality education for every child is one of my biggest priorities and having a safe place to learn is a foundational pre-requisite to a high-quality education.

We now have ensured students across the commonwealth will have a way to anonymously report dangerous situations in schools, as my bill was amended into last year's fiscal code, giving the Office of Safe Schools the ability to establish telephone hotlines.

The creation of these hotlines help make our schools safer because students are able to report, anonymously, unsafe situations, or prevent a tragedy like Columbine without any fear of ramifications from their peers. These hotlines not only prevent school crime or violence, but also have been successful in the prosecution and enforcement of school-related crime.

Other states, such as Colorado, have established similar school-related safety hotlines.

The Colorado hotline was the result of a recommendation by the Columbine Review Commission, which conducted a review of the shooting at Columbine High School in 1999 and made recommendations to attempt to prevent similar tragedies in the future.

Since the creation of the hotline in Colorado, the results have been dramatic, including:

- 84 arrests
- 382 counseling referrals
- 457 investigations
- 328 prevention intervention plans and
- 343 school disciplinary actions.

The hotline in Mississippi resulted in the recovery of 14 illegal handguns, and similar results are reported in Missouri, Oklahoma and other states.

# Davidson supporting a living wage

This session, I continue to work toward improving the lives of all Pennsylvanians by addressing the need for an increase to our minimum wage.

The current minimum wage, \$7.25 per hour, simply does not provide a livable wage.

For example, a single mother with two children who works 40 hours per week, for 52 weeks a year, makes \$15,080. This is \$4,450 below the poverty line, which is \$19,530 for a household of three. The effects of the low wage are especially felt by women, who account for two-thirds of workers earning minimum wage. This requires many people to rely on government assistance programs to get by.

Raising the minimum wage puts more money in the pockets of working families when they need it most, boosting their spending power and our economy.



*I stood with fellow House members during a news conference on Jan. 24 as Rep. Patty Kim, D-Dauphin, calls for an increase in the minimum wage.*

# Over 300 residents received help during annual tax preparation event

Aiding residents in the 164th Legislative District is something I am proud to do as a state representative. This spring, more than 300 district and Delaware County residents received help during my annual tax preparation event.

I completely understand the confusion and frustration that can come with preparing tax filings and that's why government should do all it can to help taxpayers through this annual process. I was happy to connect people with this free resource.

Tax filing help days were held Jan.25-April 15, on Wednesdays and Saturdays at my 164th Legislative District office, in order to help residents as they completed their 2016 tax documents.



*I'm always happy to meet with residents of the 164th District and look forward to events like the Simpson Gardens Senior Fair and our tax prep services.*

# Davidson honored as Pre-K Champion & Champion of Literacy

In May, Delaware County Pre-K for PA named me as a 2017 Pre-K Champion based on my work supporting early childhood education.

According to the group, I was identified and honored by Pre-K for PA because of my leadership and advocacy for greater access to high-quality pre-k in Pennsylvania communities. New state pre-k funding in the 2015-16 and 2016-17 state budgets was welcome news, as more than 6,000 income-eligible 3- and 4-year-olds were afforded access to programs such as Pre-K Counts and Head Start.

Access to high-quality publicly funded pre-k must remain a priority for the commonwealth in the 2017-18 state budget as more than 113,000 young children across the state lack access to this opportunity.

I've also been named a Champion of Literacy by the Delaware County Literacy Council for my efforts with members of the immigrant population learning English as a second language.

For every dollar we spend teaching children at a young age, we are saving \$7 down the line on incarceration, illiteracy or joblessness. It is a privilege to accept this award for doing something that I support so passionately.

I continue to offer a "Thank You" to all the groups that help make the issue of pre-k funding as simple as it really is: invest in children early to make better, more productive adults later. That's a real solution with real results.

# DAVIDSON'S SERVICE EVENTS

Each month I host an event to benefit and support residents in our area. These events are very highly attended. They are designed for you, and I hope you can join us throughout the year. See the calendar below and if you have questions about any of these events or to register, please call my office at 610-259-7016.

## AUGUST

**Rep. Davidson is coming to a Neighborhood near YOU!**

**Throughout August at various locations.**

I work for you. I will be visiting schools, parks, community organizations, picnics, and barbeques throughout the district. If you want me to visit your organization or group, contact my office, 610-259-7016. If you have a flyer, email or fax it to the attention of Maureen McGrory at [mmcgrory@pahouse.net](mailto:mmcgrory@pahouse.net).

## SEPTEMBER

**7th annual Back-to-School Rally & Community Picnic  
Saturday, Sept. 9 • 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

Second Ward Playground, 747 Crosley Ave., Upper Darby

Our signature annual event provides backpacks and school supplies to local children. Entertainment and food is also available. This year's event will be preceded by a parade through Yeadon, Lansdowne, East Lansdowne and Upper Darby. **Parents MUST PRE-REGISTER their children prior to the event by the Aug. 31 DEADLINE to receive a free backpack.** For more information, contact 610-259-7016 or [arice@pahouse.net](mailto:arice@pahouse.net).

## OCTOBER

**Immigration Forum**

**Thursday, Oct. 19 • 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

Philadelphia Sikh Society  
6777 Market St., Millbourne

My office will partner with U.S. Rep. Robert Brady's office and Sen. Robert Casey to provide assistance with state and federal programs for immigrants. For more information, contact 610-259-7016 or [mmcgrory@pahouse.net](mailto:mmcgrory@pahouse.net).

## NOVEMBER

**Job & Entrepreneurship Fair**

**Thursday, Nov. 30 • 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.**

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
50 E. Plumstead Ave., Lansdowne

Looking for a new job? Attend our job fair to learn about exciting job opportunities and meet with various local employers. Please dress in business attire and bring several copies of your resume for best results. For more information, contact 610-259-7016 or [mmcgrory@pahouse.net](mailto:mmcgrory@pahouse.net).

## DECEMBER

**8th Annual Eggnog Sip**

**Wednesday, Dec. 27 • 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

My District Office

Come meet me and your neighbors, and enjoy refreshments while having access to our full range of district office constituent services, including LIHEAP applications, Property Tax/Rent Rebates, unclaimed property and much more during this annual community holiday gathering. Hats, scarves and gloves will be collected for distribution to families in need through the Upper Darby ministerium. For more information, contact 610-259-7016 or [arichard@pahouse.net](mailto:arichard@pahouse.net).



## Davidson to host community picnic and book bag giveaway, Sept. 9

It's hard to believe that we've just celebrated the July 4th holiday and are now thinking about the fall and the annual "Community Picnic and Book Bag Giveaway."

Slated for Saturday, Sept. 9, from 3-5 p.m., at the 2nd Ward Playground, Crossley Street and Greenwood



Avenue, Upper

Darby, this free event will feature family activities, face painting and entertainment. In addition, there will be a free barbecue, drinks, resources and information for families, and free book bags and supplies.

Come and join me and my staff and learn about different programs and services, including: a free

notary, information on financial assistance for higher education, schedule tours of the state Capitol, request citations, and acquire literature about the various state programs and services available.

Pre-registration is required by calling 610-259-7016, or by emailing [arice@pahouse.net](mailto:arice@pahouse.net).

**PRE-REGISTER TODAY THROUGH AUG. 31!**



*I was presented with an award from the Office of Government and Community Relations for earning my master's degree from Saint Joseph's University's Haub School of Business, which is a top-ranked executive MBA program. This means so much to me, thank you!*





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## BRINGING RESOURCES TO THE DISTRICT

### Yeadon to receive \$9.5 million low-interest loan for sewer upgrades

Yeadon was awarded a \$9.5 million low-interest loan to complete sewer upgrades in the borough, as approved by the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority.

The project consists of replacing 12,750 feet of clay pipe, repairing 49 manholes and replacing 217 connections from the sewer line to private property line. Cracks and shifting in the existing pipes is causing inflow and infiltration into the sewer line.

Having solid infrastructure is so important for our communities. This loan allows Yeadon to complete much needed work to ensure the sewer system will be in good shape for years to come.

Pennvest serves Pennsylvania communities by funding sewer, storm water and drinking water projects. The projects contribute to improving Pennsylvania's environment and residents' health, as well as provide jobs and opportunities for economic growth.

### Lansdowne Borough receives sewer line grant

I was pleased to announce that Lansdowne Borough received a \$43,208 grant from the Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer Fund, administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, to re-line sewer lines in the borough. The funding was released by the Commonwealth Financing Authority as part of DCED's grant program for water and sewer projects. The funds are being used to replace one brick manhole and 219 linear feet of deteriorating clay pipe beneath Pennock Terrace.



*I hosted my 4th annual Veterans Fair at the East Lansdowne Borough Hall on Thursday, June 15.*



*Left: May 23 was Sick Cell Advocacy Day at the Pa. State Capitol. I am proud to have authored the amendment that added Sick Cell anemia as an approved condition for treatment under the medical marijuana law and I will continue to work hard to restore funding in the state budget for Sick Cell resources and programs.*

*Right: I welcomed members of Philadelphia's Prince Hall Freemasonry to Harrisburg. The Prince Hall Masons are a branch of North American Freemasons composed predominantly of African Americans. Led by Malcolm E. Harris, No. 58, 103rd Most Worshipful Grand Master.*



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