



YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE
PATTY KIM
 103RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

DEAR NEIGHBOR,

New this year, I opened up a district office in Harrisburg in the Kline Village Plaza (across from Harrisburg High School). Visitors say it's very convenient with plenty of free parking spaces. Please feel free to visit and say hello to me, Oscar and Angel! I hope this newsletter will help keep you up to date with some of the things going on in the 103rd Legislative District.

Yours,

SENIOR HEALTH

Fair

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6
 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.**

I W Abel Banquet Hall
 200 Gibson St., Steelton 17113

SENIOR HEALTH FAIR COMING IN OCTOBER

Seniors are invited to join me on Friday, Oct. 6 for my fourth annual Senior Health Fair in Steelton. The fair will focus on the health and welfare of senior citizens and will feature an array of companies and organizations. Last year we had an excellent turnout, and I hope to see even more constituents at this year's Senior Health Fair!

Attendees will be able to take advantage of FREE:

- Health screenings
- Zumba fitness demonstrations
- Raffle giveaways
- Health information from vendors

For more information about the fair, please call my office at (717) 783-9342.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR SENIORS NEEDED

This session, I am proud to be co-sponsoring H.B. 641, a bill that would establish an optional municipal senior property-tax freeze program.

H.B. 641 would allow any political subdivision, including school districts, to grant annual property tax freezes to senior citizens who meet the following qualifications:

- 65 years of age or older;
- Earn a household income of less than \$60,000 annually; and
- Have established residency within the commonwealth for more than five years.

I support this legislation because seniors are especially vulnerable to high property taxes. If passed, H.B. 641 would provide municipalities the ability to provide important tax relief to help seniors stay in their homes and hold on to their hard-earned dollars.



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OUT AND ABOUT



Greeting students at Steulton-Highspire Elementary during an assembly.

Honoring fallen hero Marine Lance Corp. Charles W. Bowersox Jr. with a tree along the riverfront in Harrisburg.



Staffer Oscar Douglas and I at Beulah Baptist Church 4th Annual Community Day.



These talented young ladies performed at a block party in South Allison Hill.

ENGAGING AND IMPROVING OUR COMMUNITY

During the summer, my office staff and I led a group of volunteers to help clear overgrown or nuisance lots throughout my district. I believe these lots are dangerous eyesores, and responsible neighbors should not have to live next to them. With the help of the city's Public Works Department, we were able to help an 89-year-old woman clear an empty lot next to her home. She was relieved to see an army of volunteers clear out the lot (and scare away snakes!) and make it clean again.



This effort helped teach young people how to respect our neighborhoods and shows that if a couple of groups can come together to help one person out, they can make a big impact in a short amount of time.



The afternoon also served as a reminder that throwing trash on the ground is not okay. Someone can dump a bunch of stuff in two minutes, but it takes four hours to clear it all out. We are all responsible for doing our part to keep our community clean and beautiful. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped improve the quality of life for their neighbors and community.

SAVE THE DATE: VETERANS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST ON NOV. 10

FRIDAY, NOV. 10 FROM 9 A.M. TO 10:30 A.M.

The Lower Auditorium of the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

1152 Main St., Oberlin 17113.

Local veterans are invited to join me on Nov. 10 for my fifth annual Veterans Breakfast as we celebrate and recognize the service of those who sacrificed their time, energy and families for our country and our freedoms.

This breakfast is a time for our veterans to hear in person from community leaders about how much our residents and local officials appreciate them and their efforts. In addition to this recognition, we also will discuss and provide information about available veteran's services offered. Veterans in attendance also will be provided with a citation from the Pennsylvania House of

Representatives honoring their service and the opportunity for a picture with myself, our guest speaker and other local officials in attendance.

The program includes a catered home-style breakfast for service members and their families, Presentation of the Colors, Retiring of the Colors, the singing of the National Anthem and a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Any area veterans who are unable to attend and would like more information on state programs designated to aid veterans, please call my office at (717) 986-1673.



PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline to apply for rebates of rent or property taxes paid in 2016 through the state's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program has been extended to Dec. 31, 2017.

Please remember that my offices can help you apply for the program, which 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. Half of Social Security income is excluded and the maximum standard rebate is \$650.

It costs nothing to apply for a rebate, and last year almost 600,000 seniors and people with disabilities benefitted from the program. Applications take four to six weeks to process, and disbursements have already begun.

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 file rebate claims on behalf of deceased claimants who lived at least one day in 2016 and met all other eligibility criteria.

Applications also are available online at www.revenue.pa.gov or by calling 1-888-222-9190.

PENNDOT DRIVER'S & CDL MANUALS AVAILABLE IN MY OFFICES

My offices have received many requests from constituents about obtaining Pennsylvania Driver's and Commercial Driver's (CDL) manuals since PennDOT stopped giving them out. I am pleased to share that we will have both manuals available in English and Spanish in all of our offices.

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All offices open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The manuals also are available online by going to www.dmv.pa.gov/Driver-Services/Driver-Information/License-Types/.

KEEP YOUR FAMILY WARM THIS WINTER

Pennsylvania's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance program (LIHEAP) will reopen this fall to accept

applications for the coming winter heating season, which runs until April 6.

LIHEAP provides heating funds based on income and family size, as well as emergency grants for those in immediate danger of losing their heat.

Application information is available at <http://bit.ly/1Hd2WIX>.

The commonwealth also offers a weatherization program for low-income households to reduce the actual heating bills. Families earning less than 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline are eligible for this program. Check out the website at <http://bit.ly/2jkWoeV>.

Income eligibility is as follows:

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$18,090
2	\$24,360
3	\$30,630
4	\$36,900
Each Additional Person	Add \$6,270

DON'T FORGET YOUR FLU SHOT!

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone six months of age or older get their yearly flu vaccine as soon as vaccines become available. Getting a flu vaccine is the best way to prevent the flu and its potentially severe complications.

Once you receive your vaccine, it takes about two weeks for antibodies to develop and provide protection against the flu. The benefits last for up to one year.

Learn more ways to protect yourself from flu and other illnesses by visiting www.health.pa.gov.

You can read more about flu on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Flu Q and A page at www.cdc.gov/flu/faq/.

MAKING SURE CONSTITUENTS HAVE SMOKE DETECTORS

Keeping our community safe is a top priority and is why I was honored to attend the American Red Cross Central Region's free smoke detector installation kick-off event in September. Thanks to the efforts of dedicated volunteers, they were able to install 1,043 smoke detectors locally in a single day!

This small step can make a big impact, as your risk of dying in a fire is reduced by 50 percent if your home has a working smoke detector.

If your household is in need of a smoke detector, please call the American Red Cross in Harrisburg at (866) 311-3832.





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SPECIAL DISTRICT SERVICES:

Steelton District Office: Offers free notary services, and a Spanish-speaking staffer is available to assist constituents.

Kline Village District Office: Offers help with expungement and pardons.

All of my offices can help with these services:

- Car registrations, special tags, titles and license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Unemployment compensation problems
- Birth certificate applications
- Pennsylvania income tax problems
- Problems with the Department of Human Services (food stamps, welfare)
- Requests for literature of all kinds – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information, student aid information, etc.
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the PUC
- Problems or questions about PennDOT
- Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- Disability plates and placards
- PACE cards for senior citizens
- Complaints and problems with insurance companies
- Problems or questions about the state lottery
- Local government officials’ problems with state agencies

Any question about state government!

SENIORS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE THROUGH PACE & PACENET

Pennsylvania’s prescription assistance programs for older adults, PACE and PACENET, offer low-cost prescription medication to qualified residents, age 65 and older. For more information, call 1-800-225-7223.

ELIGIBILITY

As of 2014, Social Security Medicare Part B premiums are now excluded from income. This change has the same effect as raising the income limits by that amount. For most Medicare beneficiaries, this amount is \$1,258.80 per person for a year. For married couples, the excluded amount would be \$2,517.60 for a year.

PACE and PACENET eligibility is determined by your previous calendar year’s income.

PACE

- You must be 65 years of age or older.
- A Pennsylvania resident for at least 90 days prior to the date of application.
- For a single person, total income must be \$14,500 or less.
- You cannot be enrolled in the Department of Human Services’ Medicaid prescription benefit.
- For a married couple, combined total income must be \$17,700 or less.

PACENET

- You must be 65 years of age or older.
- A Pennsylvania resident for at least 90 days prior to the date of application.
- You cannot be enrolled in the Department of Human Services’ Medicaid prescription benefit.
- PACENET income limits are slightly higher than those for PACE.
- For a single person, total income can be between \$14,500 and \$23,500.
- For a married couple, combined total income can be between \$17,700 and \$31,500.

To download an application or to apply online, visit www.pacecares.magellanhealth.com.