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My 9th Annual Senior Health Expo on tap Friday, Sept. 29

I will host my 9th Annual Senior Health Expo at St. Pamphilus Church hall, 1000 Tropical Ave., Pittsburgh, in the Beechview neighborhood, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29. The event will feature over 30 exhibitors offering programs and services to older Pennsylvanians, light refreshments, entertainment, door prizes and more.

This event is a great “one-stop-shop” for programs and services available to older residents or caregivers. Stop by and talk with vendors, visit the Pennsylvania Mobile Veterans Van or get a flu or pneumonia shot with a valid Medicare or insurance card.

I am partnering with the Allegheny County Sheriff’s Office to again bring its Project D.U.M.P. – Disposal of Unused Medications Properly to my event. A deputy will be on hand to collect unused or expired medications for proper disposal.

The opioid epidemic has plagued our region, and these narcotics are claiming the lives of young and old alike. By properly disposing of unused and expired narcotic prescription medications, you can keep potentially dangerous substances away from people susceptible to drug abuse. The Senior Health Expo on Friday, Sept. 29, is a perfect time to clean out your medicine cabinet.



Prescription Drug Medication Take Back

The Allegheny County Sheriff’s office will be on hand at my Senior Health Expo to collect unused and unwanted medications. This service is to safely dispose of prescription medications, specifically narcotics. Please do not bring over the counter liquid cough and cold medicines, needles or syringes or inhalers.



Deasy’s efforts to help job seekers

Employment Center, Workshop Wednesdays & Upcoming Seasonal Career Fair

To try to help local job seekers, I am offering an Employment Center in my district office.

At my office, you can use the employment computer to conduct job searches, complete online applications, do your resume, etc. My office also has a lot of literature that could be beneficial to the job seeker.

In partnership with a local nonprofit employment service agency, those searching for employment can attend a Workshop Wednesday event to meet with local employers looking to fill job vacancies. The career specialist with this local agency is also on hand to answer your questions about a job search.

If you are seeking employment, please consider attending one of my upcoming events.



Job seekers discuss employment opportunities with area law enforcement during a recent Workshop Wednesday session at my district office at 436 S. Main St., in the West End.

WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS:

- Sept. 27 – Careers in Logistics
- Oct. 11 – Careers in the Trades
- Oct. 25 – Careers in Financial Services
- Nov. 8 – Careers in Healthcare
- Nov. 15 – Careers in the Military
- Dec. 6 – Post Secondary Education Opportunities
- Dec. 13 – PA CareerLink

SEASONAL CAREER FAIR

As the holidays approach, many local employers will be looking to fill seasonal positions. Often, seasonal positions can turn into long-term employment opportunities.

I am partnering with Building Bridges for Business to host a Seasonal Job Fair that will feature many local companies looking to fill positions in retail, driver/delivery and more. If you are unemployed or looking to pick up additional work, I urge you to attend this great event.

MONDAY, OCT. 2 • 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**American Legion Post 496 – Sheraden
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Representatives will also be on hand to talk about apprenticeships and other technical training programs to help individuals gain information on acquiring new skills to become gainfully employed.

Deasy co-sponsors Clean Slate legislation to aid job seekers

Nearly 3 million Pennsylvanians – 37.5 percent of the commonwealth’s working-age citizens – are estimated to have criminal records. Many have only minor offenses, such as misdemeanors, while others simply have arrests without convictions.

Furthermore, nearly half of Pennsylvania children have a parent with a criminal record. Unfortunately, having even a minor criminal record can carry lifelong barriers to employment, housing and more.

With more than one-third of working-age state residents with criminal records, I have co-sponsored legislation that would give a second chance to those charged with or convicted of minor crimes. House Bill 1419 would provide a “clean slate”

and help ensure that a criminal record doesn’t stop them from being able to find employment.

H.B. 1419 proposes the following structure for sealing records:

Nonviolent misdemeanor convictions – sealing would occur after an individual has remained crime-free for 10 years.

Non-conviction records – sealing would be done as a matter of course, given that the presumption of innocence is one of the bedrocks of the American criminal justice system.

The goal is to give people a fair chance in the workplace, especially if they have remained crime-free for a decade. This legislation is awaiting action in the state House. I will keep you updated as this legislation moves forward.

Deasy co-sponsors crime victim restitution legislation



Crime victims should not be further victimized by not receiving restitution they are due. Accordingly, I have co-sponsored House Bill 234, which would ensure crime victims receive restitution in a timely manner.

The 2011 Restitution in Pennsylvania Task Force study found significant gaps in law and procedure that negatively impacted the likelihood of crime victims receiving restitution.

This legislation, sponsored by state Rep. Dom Costa, D-Allegheny, would crack down at the county level, requiring an operational restitution-collection system be in place to ensure effectiveness and thoroughness. The goal of this legislation is to have county courts create guidelines that have state oversight to prevent anyone from slipping through the cracks.

This bill passed the House of Representatives 192-4 and is awaiting consideration in the state Senate.

Deasy co-sponsors Motor Vehicle Extreme Heat Protection Act to protect pets

On an 80-degree day, the temperature inside a car can reach 99 degrees in just 10 minutes, 109 degrees within 20 minutes, and 114 degrees within 30 minutes. Animals do not sweat like humans do, so they have no way to cool themselves down in hot conditions, causing irreversible organ damage, heat stroke, brain damage and, in extreme cases, death.

Currently, 25 states have laws that protect animals from being left in hot cars. The Motor Vehicle Extreme Heat Protection Act would provide police officers and public safety personnel greater authority to act to save a dog or cat in distress.

This legislation would authorize a police officer or other public safety professional or humane officer to remove a dog or cat from the unattended motor vehicle if they believe the dog or cat is suffering and is endangered after a reasonable search for the owner or operator of the vehicle. The officer who removes a cat or dog from an unattended vehicle would not be held liable for any damages.

If an officer removes a dog or cat from an unattended motor vehicle, the officer is required to take it to a veterinary hospital or animal care clinic for a health screening and treatment. The officer who removed the dog or cat must leave a conspicuous note stating the officer’s information and information about where to pick up the pet.

This legislation passed the House of Representatives unanimously and is awaiting action in the state Senate.



Rep. Deasy pauses with Willow, a Labrador Retriever-Plott Hound mix. Willow was rescued from a local shelter.

Animal advocacy legislation advances

Deasy supports harsher penalties for animal abusers

I recently co-sponsored and voted for legislation to update Pennsylvania’s existing animal abuse statutes and increase penalties for abusing animals. The legislation, Act 10 of 2017, was signed by Gov. Tom Wolf on June 28th.



The new law has been praised by the Pennsylvania SPCA as the most “comprehensive animal protection bill in the history of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.”

Among other provisions, the act breaks down cruelty to animals into three categories based on the egregiousness of the conduct, rather than different penalties for different animals, as was the case before Act 10.

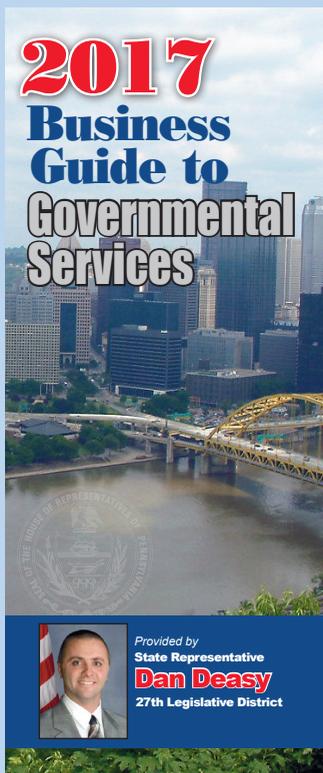
The three categories under the new act include:

- Neglect of an animal, which includes denying an animal necessary food and potable water, clean and sanitary shelter, or necessary veterinary care. This is a summary offense and becomes a third-degree misdemeanor if the violation causes bodily injury to the animal or places the animal in imminent risk of serious bodily injury.
- Cruelty to an animal, which includes intentionally, knowingly or recklessly ill-treating, overloading, beating, abandoning or abusing an animal. This is a second-degree misdemeanor.
- Aggravated cruelty to an animal, which includes intentionally or knowingly torturing an animal or causing serious bodily injury or death of the animal. This will be a third-degree felony.

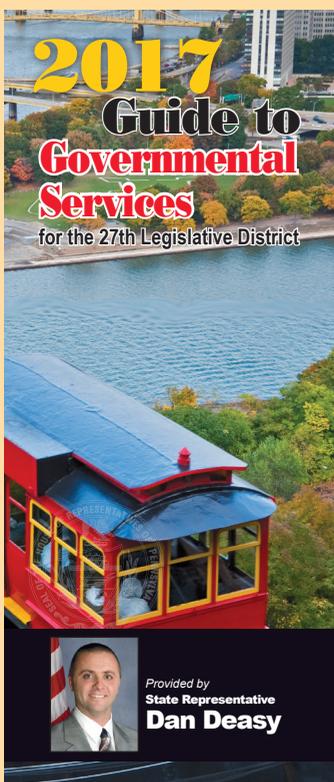
The new law has additional provisions dealing with tethering, reporting and forfeiture. For a copy of the new law, call my office at 412-928-9514 or go to my website at www.pahouse.com/deasy.

UPDATED GUIDES TO GOVERNMENTAL SERVICE BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

For a copy of these Guides, please
call my office at 412-928-9514.



Small businesses are a big part of the fabric of our community. Small-business owners often must deal with government agencies on various concerns. My 2017 Business Guide is a directory we assembled to assist local businesses.



My office staff is ready to assist residents with issues related to your state government. To that end, we have updated our Guide to Governmental Services. This guide is a directory of phone numbers for government agencies that residents often have to contact.

Around the district...

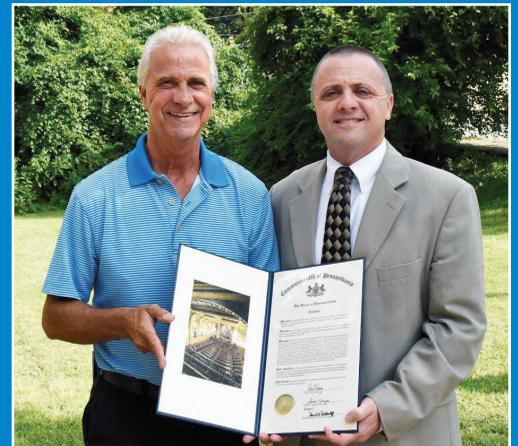
Rep. Deasy recently presented a citation from the House of Representatives to Bob Wood, who retired after 35 years of dedicated service with Pittsburgh Public Schools.



Rep. Deasy recently met with Pittsburgh Public Schools board member-elect Veronica Edwards to discuss education issues.



Rep. Deasy presented local resident Frank Polito with a House citation recognizing his recent retirement as Comcast's director of government affairs.



Rep. Deasy joined Charlie McLaughlin Jr. at a ceremony honoring his late father, former District Judge Charles McLaughlin.



Crafton and Ingram boroughs partnered to host a bike rodeo. Rep. Deasy is pictured with officers, Crafton Chief Mark Sumpter, Ingram Chief Jack Doherty and Ingram Mayor Sharon Stetz.





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Senior Health Expo
on Sept. 29

Governmental service
booklets available

Animal advocacy
legislation advances

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Changes to Pennsylvania's DUI law now in effect

Pennsylvania's new DUI law makes ignition interlock on vehicles mandatory for first-time DUI offenders with a blood alcohol content of 0.10 or higher, and for people who refuse testing. This new requirement mandates the use of the ignition interlock devices for at least 12 months.

The law also establishes what's called an Ignition Interlock Limited License. Individuals who meet certain requirements will be able to operate a vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock system during part or all of their suspension.



PennDOT has begun issuing the Ignition Interlock Limited Licenses and will contact Pennsylvanians who may be eligible for one. In 2015, more than 5,400 interlock systems were installed in Pennsylvania vehicles. It is estimated that in 2016, over 7,000 DUIs were prevented because of ignition interlock devices. Clearly, these devices save lives.

The law will protect others on the road by requiring more drivers to use the ignition interlocking devices while also permitting limited driving opportunities, such as maintaining jobs, continuing education and other occasions.

There were 10,256 alcohol-related crashes in Pennsylvania that unfortunately resulted in 297 deaths in 2016. With Act 33, Pennsylvania joins 48 other states across the nation in expanding ignition interlock to most first-time DUI offenders with the premise of reducing alcohol-related crashes and deaths.

For more information on this new law, review the fact sheet online at: bit.ly/InterlockFAQ, or call my office at 412-928-9514.

Protecting benefits for veterans



Pennsylvania thanks our veterans for the sacrifices they made by providing

them with small stipends. However, these benefits could have disqualified veterans from the state's popular Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program.

To address this problem, I supported legislation now included in Act 117 of 2016 that ensures Pennsylvania veterans are not shut out of the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program because a state-provided stipend related to their service puts them over the income limit.

Some of the veteran benefit programs addressed include the Blind Veterans Pension and the Amputee and Paralyzed Veteran Pension, both of which provide a maximum of \$1,800 to a veteran per year.

I also co-sponsored and voted for legislation, House Bill 673, which would ensure these benefits do not prevent veterans from qualifying for the state's prescription drug assistance programs, PACE and PACENET.

H.B. 673 awaits further action in the state Senate.

My office can help you with:

- Car registrations, special tags, titles and license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education forms
- 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, PA maps, senior citizen information, student aid information, etc.
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the PUC
- Consumer complaints
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding local accomplishments and family milestones
- 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
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate problems or questions
- Problems or questions about the state lottery
- Local government officials' problems with state agencies

Any problem with state government!