



# STATE REPRESENTATIVE **Dan Deasy**

SUMMER 2018

VICE CHAIRMAN, ALLEGHENY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC DELEGATION

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### WEST END

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Beechview Healthy Active  
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1555 Broadway Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15216  
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Professional Licensure,  
*Secretary*  
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Development

### CAUCUS MEMBERSHIPS

Animal Protection  
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Services  
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Multiple Sclerosis  
Pro-Life  
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### STAY INFORMED!

If you would like to be kept informed via email about what is going on in the district and in Harrisburg, go to the "Contact my office" menu on [www.pahouse.com/Deasy](http://www.pahouse.com/Deasy) and select "Sign Up for Emails."

## STATE LEADERS MUST PUT PEOPLE FIRST

I'm joining my fellow Democrats in the House of Representatives to advance a **Plan4PA** – policies and legislation focused on the values of working middle-class Pennsylvanians and their families. Our goal is to put people first by helping employers provide good jobs, investing in quality schools for every child, and creating a system of fair taxes for every family and small business.

### FOUR KEY COMPONENTS OF THIS PLAN:

- **People First** – prioritize policies that protect the health, safety, dignity and opportunity that every Pennsylvanian deserves – including you and your family – not just the wealthy and the well-connected.
- **Good Jobs** – pass laws that move our economy forward for the middle class by growing good jobs with wages and benefits that support families and provide lifelong financial security.

- **Quality Schools** – invest in a quality education for every child in Pennsylvania and build on that with affordable higher education and training opportunities to give working adults the tools they need to maximize their potential and support their families.
- **Fair Taxes** – fix broken laws to ease the burden on working families and the middle class and prevent corporations and wealthy special interests from avoiding their fair share of responsibility for supporting our schools. Ensure that tax dollars are wisely spent on public health, safety and community resources. In addition, we need to alleviate the burden of property taxes on our seniors.

The **Plan for PA** places the focus on the people who work the hardest for what they have. Learn more and share your thoughts and ideas at [www.plan4pa.com](http://www.plan4pa.com).

## PUSHING FOR EQUAL PAY

The average Pennsylvania woman earns only 79 cents for every dollar a man earns, according to the National Partnership for Women and Families. Shocking as it may sound, this figure reflects the national average. However, the commonwealth has one of the biggest wage gaps compared to neighboring states – and this gap grows, depending on race and geographical location.

For example:

- The wage gap in Pittsburgh is 73 cents to every dollar a man makes, totaling about \$13,407 per year. Additionally, 30 percent of households headed by women in Pittsburgh have incomes that fall below the poverty line.
- On average, African-American women in the United States are paid 64 cents to the dollar and Hispanic women are paid 55 cents to the dollar when holding a full-time, year-round job compared to white, non-Hispanic men.

By working to enact policies that promote pay gap closure, we could address the crucial family issues of poverty, childcare and affordable housing. We must advocate to end income disparity that impacts women and their families, especially for women of color who are disproportionately affected. As the father of three daughters, I am committed to working to address these inequities.



*I recently discussed issues with Vicki Wormsley at Café Cravings.*

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE OUTREACH EVENTS

Part of my job as your state representative is to provide information on programs and services available to you. My staff and I work very hard developing events throughout the district that are packed full of useful information.

Over the course of the next couple of months, we have several events planned.

*We hope that you can join us!*

## SENIOR INFO SERIES

Each month I host a Senior Info Series presentation at all the senior centers in my district.

In September, the PA Attorney General's Office will join me to present a senior scam-prevention program. This program is designed to teach older Pennsylvanians how to avoid falling prey to these scams by making them aware of the threat, teaching them how to avoid being victimized, and making sure they know whom to call when they are concerned about their safety and well-being.

All presentations will begin at 10:45 a.m., with a brief question-and-answer session following. See below for the dates and locations.

**Monday, Sept. 10**

**West End Senior Center, 80 Wabash St.**

**Tuesday, Sept. 11**

**Sheraden Senior Center, 720 Sherwood Ave.**

**Tuesday, Sept. 18**

**Beechview Senior Center, 1555 Broadway Ave.**

**Thursday, Sept. 20**

**Mt. Washington Senior Center, 122 Virginia Ave.**



**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
SENIOR**

**HEALTH EXPO**

**Friday, Sept. 7**

**10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**



**Bring unused/unwanted medications for safe disposal**

I will host my 10th Annual Senior Health Expo at St. Pamphilus Church from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7. The church is located at 1000 Tropical Ave., Pittsburgh. The event will feature more than 30 exhibitors offering information about programs and services for older Pennsylvanians. You'll enjoy 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 and get a flu or pneumonia shot with a valid Medicare or insurance card.

In addition, I am partnering with the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office to again bring its Project D.U.M.P. (Disposal of Unused Medications Properly) deputy to collect unused or expired medications for proper disposal. Please do not bring needles or syringes.



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 individuals susceptible to drug abuse. The Senior Health Expo is a perfect time to clean out your medicine cabinet and bring any unused or unwanted medications for safe disposal.

I look forward to seeing you at the event. In the meantime, if you have questions or need assistance with any state-related matter, please don't hesitate to call my office at 412-928-9514. You can also visit my website at [www.pahouse.com/deasy](http://www.pahouse.com/deasy) for a complete listing of upcoming events.



*Talking with an attendee at last year's Senior Fair.*



*With Don Ciccone, left, from the Carnegie Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, and Jamaal Davis, formerly of the Carnegie Library's Office of Programs and Partnerships.*

## MEDICATION TAKE-BACK EVENTS



To promote National Substance Abuse Prevention Month this October, I will be partnering with the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office to again bring its Project D.U.M.P. (Disposal of Unused Medications Properly) deputy to collect unused or expired medications for proper disposal.

According to the Office of National Drug Control Policy, "NSAPM is an annual observance focused on raising the public awareness and encouraging communities to take action and get involved to prevent substance use. Each year families, communities, and organizations across the country come together to raise awareness about the importance of substance use prevention and the importance of investing in prevention first."

**As part of my Senior Info Series events, please bring your unused/unwanted medications for collection from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the dates and locations below.**

### FRIDAY, OCT. 12

Sheraden Senior Center, 720 Sherwood Ave.

### MONDAY, OCT. 22

West End Senior Center, 80 Wabash St.

### TUESDAY, OCT. 23

Beechview Senior Center, 1555 Broadway Ave.

### THURSDAY, OCT. 25

Mt. Washington Senior Center, 122 Virginia Ave.

**In addition, we will hold the following three evening/weekend collections:**

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3

Rep. Deasy's District office, 436 S. Main St., West End  
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 13

McKees Rocks Shopping Center, 114 Chartiers Ave.  
8 a.m. – 11 a.m. (at the Deasy Shred Event, in partnership with McKees Rocks Police Dept.)

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17

Carnegie Library-Beechview, 1910 Broadway Ave.  
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**If you have unused/unwanted medications that you would like to dispose of but cannot make it to one of our collection events, please call the sheriff's office at 412-459-5000 to arrange a pickup.**

## REP. DEASY, REP. KULIK AND SEN. FONTANA

are Partnering with Building Bridges for Business and U.S. Probation & PreTrial Services to host a

# JOB FAIR

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 27

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

VFW-McKees Rocks  
1242 Chartiers Ave.



To help job seekers, state Rep. Anita Kulik, state Sen. Wayne Fontana and I are partnering with Building Bridges for Business and U.S. Probation & Pretrial Services to host a Job Fair. The event will feature local companies looking to fill positions in the banking, retail, driver/delivery and many other trades. If you are unemployed or looking to pick up additional work, we urge you to attend.

**Representatives will also be on hand to discuss apprenticeships and other technical training programs that can help job seekers acquire new skills.**

## OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT

### JOB FAIR BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Many job seekers face barriers to employment. Some of those barriers deal with issues related to a past criminal record, issues with transportation because of a suspended driver's license, or lack of a high school diploma (GED) or not yet securing the necessary job skills.

**ATTEND ONE OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**

**4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Driver's License Restoration Process  
Presenter: U.S. Probation & PreTrial Services

**6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Improving Job Skills & Short-Term Training Programs  
Presenter: Building Bridges for Business

**5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Pardon & Record Expungement  
Presenters: U.S. Probation & PreTrial Services & Building Bridges for Business

**VISIT THE DEASY EMPLOYMENT CENTER AT THE WEST END OFFICE**

Use the employment kiosk for job searches, resume writing & more. Pick up job-search info from our literature rack.



**Rep. Deasy and Sen. Fontana discuss employment issues with a job seeker.**



**The Job Fair is well attended each year.**



**Earlier this year, I joined Scott Albert with Building Bridges for Business to speak to students at Sto-Rox High School about careers in government.**

## FREE Shredding Event

As part of my continued efforts to promote awareness on the dangers of identity theft, I am partnering with state Sen. Wayne Fontana and state Rep. Anita Kulik to host a free on-site paper shredding event in my legislative district.

**Saturday, Oct. 13**

**McKees Rocks Shopping Center  
114 Chartiers Ave.**

Our event will be held from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m., or until the shred trucks are full.

This is a great opportunity to protect your personal information and defend yourself against identity thieves. For more information on this or any other outreach event, contact my constituent service office at 412-928-9514 or visit my website at [www.pahouse.com/deasy](http://www.pahouse.com/deasy) and click "Calendar of Events."

**DOCUMENTS WILL BE SHREDDED ON SITE**

**ALL SHREDDED PAPER IS RECYCLED**

**PAPERS MUST BE LOOSE – NO BINDERS/CLIPS**

### WHAT SHOULD YOU SHRED?

Bring personal financial documents that are no longer needed, and any other papers with confidential information, such as account numbers and signatures.

- Documents containing Social Security, credit card and bank account numbers
- Credit card applications
- Canceled or unused checks
- Insurance and income tax records no longer needed
- Bank and credit card statements
- Pension information

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## WHY I VOTED FOR THE NEW STATE BUDGET



I cast a "yes" vote for the 2018-19 budget because it addresses residents' most fundamental needs without increasing taxes. **Here are some key areas that will see funding increases under the new plan:**

**Early, primary and special education.** The new budget provides funding increases of \$100 million for basic education, \$25 million for early education and \$15 million for special education.

**Higher education, career training and technical education.**

The new budget's strong investment in workforce development will help ready our future generation of workers for the demands of today's high-skill jobs by enhancing job training, including STEM and computer science training.

**School safety.** The budget funds a new \$60 million targeted grant program that will allow districts to apply for a range of safety resources, including equipment such as surveillance cameras and metal detectors, personnel such as safety resource officers and school psychologists, and program-based measures such as anti-violence programs.

**Support for our vulnerable citizens.** The new budget increases funding to combat the opioid and heroin addiction epidemic, and it also increases funding for services to citizens with intellectual disabilities.

**Infrastructure.** The new budget plan increases funding to maintain roads and bridges.

Like all budgets, this one is not perfect. For example, I have concerns about the lack of effort by the majority party to resolve public safety issues. These could have been addressed by implementing Gov. Wolf's proposal to impose a modest severance tax and a municipal services fee for state police coverage of municipalities with no local police force.

On balance, however, I support the new budget, which we passed on time, because it addresses the issues that matter most to my constituents without imposing any added tax burden. The budget also allows us to add to the state's Rainy Day Fund, so we can be prepared for future needs that arise. As of this writing \$22 million has already been deposited.

All in all, I believe it's a solid plan for our future.

## IMPROVING POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A healthy, trust-based relationship between police and citizens is vital to the well-being of our community. Tragic deaths show the disastrous consequences that can occur when this relationship breaks down.

As legislators, we need to ensure that police departments have the resources they need to adequately pay and train officers. That's why I joined my fellow Democrats in calling for a special session of the legislature to bring this issue to the forefront. We need to find solutions that can build a sense of shared interest so that police can continue in their mission to protect and serve, while citizens can feel confident in their ability to trust and support police actions. I'll continue to work to do all I can to bolster police-community relations.



# VETERANS: CHECK OUT THESE PROGRAMS

There are a number of veterans programs available through the state Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

**The Military Family Relief and Assistance Program** provides financial assistance in the form of grants to eligible service members and their families who have a direct and immediate financial need as a result of circumstances beyond their control. The amount of a grant is based on documented need, up to a maximum of \$3,500.

A program beneficial to wounded veterans is the **Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans Pension Program**. This program is specifically designed to provide eligible amputee and paralyzed veterans a pension of \$150 per month.

Also available to veterans and their families is the **Educational Gratuities Program**, which provides financial assistance to children of honorably discharged veterans who have service-connected disabilities and served during a period of war or armed conflict. Children of veterans who died in service during a period of war or armed conflict also are eligible.

These are only a few of the many state programs available to veterans. To find out if you're eligible or to learn more, visit <https://www.dmv.pa.gov/veteransaffairs/> or contact my office at 412-928-9514.

## SHOW YOUR VETERAN PRIDE ON YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE



More than 500,000 Pennsylvania veterans have opted for the veteran designation on their PA driver's license or photo identification since the program's inception in 2014. The designation – an American flag with the word VETERAN beneath it – is a patriotic way for veterans to show their pride and let others know that they served in the U.S. military.

Please be aware that the veteran designation does not provide the license holder with any special privileges or discounts.

To qualify, you must have served in the U.S. Armed Forces and/or the reserve component and have been discharged or released from service under conditions other than dishonorable.

There is no fee for the veteran designation, but regular license renewal fees still apply. Forms for driver's license or ID renewals and duplicates have a box for you to certify that you are a veteran. Once the designation has been added to your driver's license or identification card, it will automatically appear each time it is renewed.

For more information, please call my office or visit the Department of Transportation's website at: <http://www.dmv.pa.gov/> and visit the Veterans Designation link under "other services."

## HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT VETERANS ISSUES? ATTEND ONE OF MY VETERAN EVENTS.

I am partnering with Congressman Mike Doyle and the Veterans Leadership Program of Western PA to host several veterans outreach events at my district office at 436 S. Main St., in the West End.

Representatives from both offices will be on hand during the following dates and times to discuss programs and services available to veterans.

**Friday, Sept. 21 – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Friday, Oct. 19 – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Friday, Nov. 16 – 10 p.m. – 2 p.m.**

● Our November Sr. Info Series at the senior centers will be on veterans issues. Call my office for details.



*I met with Mike Anderson, Sons of the Legion Adjutant, and Commander Don Scholz with American Legion Langley Post 496 to discuss the Legion's Sept. 9 Pancake Breakfast where I will have a State Resource Table for attendees from 9 a.m. to noon.*

## Meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers to assess storm damage



*The June 20 storms brought flooding to the West End. I was concerned about the damage to the retention walls along Saw Mill Creek, so I alerted the Army Corps of Engineers. They came out and evaluated the damage immediately. The Corps is now working with the City of Pittsburgh on a rehabilitation project to address the damage. I also contacted the state Department of Environmental Protection and the Allegheny County Conservation District and they are evaluating the area to provide recommendations on how to help address flooding issues.*



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## CONCERNS ABOUT MEDICARE OR INSURANCE OPTIONS?

The PA Department of Aging created APPRISE to help Pennsylvania residents understand their Medicare and other health insurance benefits and to help them make informed decisions about their health care options.

With Medicare Open Enrollment slated for Oct. 15 – Dec. 7, I am partnering with APPRISE to host enrollment sessions throughout the district. At the Community Medicare Open Enrollment events, APPRISE counselors will help individuals understand how the Medicare system works and assist them in selecting their most effective options for accessing health care services.

You must register in advance to attend one of the following sessions by calling my office at 412-928-9514.

### APPRISE ENROLLMENT SESSIONS:

**THURSDAY, NOV. 8**

**12 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

West End Sr. Center, 80 Wabash Ave.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 13**

**12 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

Beechview Sr. Center, 1555 Broadway Ave.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 15**

**12 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

Green Tree Library, 10 W. Manilla Ave.

## My office can help you with:

- 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
- Consumer complaints
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding local accomplishments and family milestones
- Complaints about state road conditions
- 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 your state government!***