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## MEET YOUR NEW REPRESENTATIVE



Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as State Representative of the 146<sup>th</sup> District. Since this is the very first edition of our newsletter, I wanted to introduce myself and members of my staff.

I moved to Limerick in 2001 with my wife, Pam, and son, Danny. My civic experience includes over 12 years on the Spring-Ford Area School Board, where I helped reduce debt and improve student performance. I worked for over 16 years in marketing and sales for the Kimmel Center. In my spare time, I enjoy performing on stage and taking care of my dogs – Dexter and Dusty.

Staff members, Alex, Pam, Mike and Sarah will be working on a broad range of services, but the most important task is constituent services. They are here to help with any questions or applications related to state agencies, including PennDOT, human services, vital records, and much more.

**Alex Teplyakov**, my chief of staff, lives in Phoenixville and has previously worked for State Reps. Greg Vitali and Mark Painter. Alex is passionate about public transportation options and coaches high school mock trial in his spare time.

**Pam Hacker**, constituent services advisor, lives in East Vincent Township and recently retired as an electrician. She is married with three children, and enjoys visiting them in Montana, Boston and Philadelphia.

**Mike Hays**, constituent services advisor and communications director, lives in Phoenixville and reported for The Mercury from 2007-09. Mike is passionate about sustainability issues such as renewable energy, recycling and transit alternatives. He served on Spring City Council from 2010-13.

**Sarah Calvin**, constituent services advisor, lives in Trappe with her husband, two elementary school children and dog. She holds a BFA in fine art photography and enjoys traveling with her family.

We look forward to serving the public and building a better community here in Montgomery County.



# Upcoming Events

**SEPTA Senior ID Cards (65+)**  
Tuesday, March 19th · 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Trappe Borough Hall  
*Seniors should bring a photo ID with their date of birth on it.*

**Veterans Information Session**  
Co-hosted with Congresswoman Madeleine Dean  
Friday, March 29th · 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Pottstown Tri-County Active Adult Center

**PennDOT REAL ID Informational Event**  
Wednesday, April 3rd · 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Limerick Township Building

**Veterans Discount Identification Cards**  
Friday, April 12th · 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Royersford District Office  
*The Montgomery County Recorder of Deeds will be bringing staff to our District Office for veterans to record their DD-214 discharge paperwork with the County and receive a Veterans Discount Identification Card, accepted at over 500 county businesses.*

**Trappe Mobile Office Hours**  
Tuesday, April 16th · 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Trappe Borough Hall

**Spotted Lanternfly Informational Event**  
Save the Date – Thursday, May 23rd  
Location and Time TBD

# Working for You in Harrisburg

For my first term in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, I've been appointed to serve on three committees: Commerce, Local Government and State Government.

Committees are an important part of the legislation process. Proposed bills are reviewed and debated initially in committees before they move to the House floor.

The Commerce Committee reviews legislation involving the banking and financial services industries. It has oversight of the Department of Banking, Department of Community and Economic Development, Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, and the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority.

The Local Government Committee reviews bills that affect counties, cities, boroughs and townships. It has oversight of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System.

The State Government Committee reviews legislation on issues ranging from voting and elections to campaign finance reform. In addition, it oversees the departments of State and General Services, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, as well as the Governor's Office and State Athletic Commission, among others.

I look forward to using these committee assignments to work on your behalf, fighting for issues that matter to you and your family, like boosting economic growth and development at the state and local levels and working toward a fair economy.

# Fighting for Education



*In January, I joined fellow Democratic legislators at the 100% Fair School Funding Now public hearing in Philadelphia. Fair funding for our schools is critically important and something I'm dedicated to push for as your state representative. I am proud to have cosponsored a bill that would deliver fair funding to our public schools, accelerating the implementation of the fair funding formula to 100%.*



*I joined Strong Start PA to advocate for statewide Pre-K. Pre-K classes have been proven to have substantial benefits, including reducing future spending on literacy and math supports and increasing the chances of students to attend secondary schools and college.*

# REAL ID

Beginning Oct. 1, 2020, a REAL ID-compliant license or ID card, or a U.S. Passport or Military ID, will be necessary to board a domestic flight or enter a federal facility. A REAL ID license has enhanced security features required by federal law. REAL IDs are available now.

My district office can help you obtain a certified copy of a Pennsylvania birth certificate. Sending an application through my office is the fastest way to apply for a birth certificate.

More information about REAL ID can be found at <https://www.dmv.pa.gov/Pages/REAL-ID-Frequently-Asked-Questions.aspx>.

To get a

REAL ID in Pennsylvania

You Will Need:

Choose 1 Proof of Identity:

- Certificate of Birth
- Valid Passport

+ Your Social Security Card

+ Choose 2 Acceptable Proofs of PA Residency:

- Current PA Driver's License/ID Card
- Current PA Vehicle Registration
- Proof of Insurance
- Bank Statement (no more than 90 days old)
- W-2 Form or Pay Stub
- Tax Records
- Lease Agreement or Mortgage Documents

AND Proof of all Legal Name Changes (if applicable)

- Certified Marriage Certificate
- Court Order

# Free Notary Services

Most official documents can be notarized for free at my district office. Please call ahead to make sure a notary is available and your document is able to be accommodated. The person whose signature is to be notarized must sign the document in person, in the presence of the notary and provide proof of identity such as a valid driver's license, photo ID card or passport.



# AROUND THE DISTRICT AND HARRISBURG



I was proud to join my colleagues on Wear Red Day, which aims to raise awareness for women's heart disease. This issue is personal for my family, as my wife, Pam, struggled with a heart condition when she was just 28. I thank my colleagues for supporting this worthwhile cause.

## Upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Montgomery County will host several free hazardous waste collection events throughout 2019. All events are held between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., rain or shine. Note that electronic waste, including televisions, **will not** be accepted at these events.

**Saturday, April 27**  
Boyertown Middle School East  
2020 Big Rd.  
Gilbertsville

**Saturday, May 4**  
Indian Valley Middle School  
130 Maple Ave.  
Harleysville

**Saturday, May 18**  
Temple University  
Ambler Campus  
Ambler  
(enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike)

**Saturday, June 15**  
Norristown Area High School  
1900 Eagle Dr.  
Norristown  
(enter at Whitehall Rd.)

**Saturday, June 22**  
Abington Junior High School  
enter at 2056 Susquehanna Rd.  
Abington

**Saturday, Sept. 28**  
Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center  
400 South Lewis Rd.  
Royersford

**\*\*Household hazardous waste includes products labeled as poisonous, toxic, flammable, caustic, corrosive, reactive or explosive. For more information, visit [www.montcopa.org/recycling](http://www.montcopa.org/recycling) or call the county's recycling hotline at 610-278-3618.**

## Pottstown Senior Center Satellite Office

We have a satellite constituent services office in Pottstown's Tri-County Active Adult Center, 288 Moser Road in Pottstown. A staff member is in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For questions, more information and hours, call us at (484) 200-8265.

As always, we are here to assist you with any issues related to Pennsylvania state government, including PennDOT applications, PACE, birth/death certificates, SEPTA senior ID cards, heating and food assistance, unclaimed property, and more.



My staff and I participated in trash pickup at Valley Forge National Park during the federal government shutdown. Pictured from the right: Alex Teplyakov, Mike Hays, Sarah Calvin and Pam Hacker.



On Feb. 12, we celebrated the grand opening of my district office. My staff and I are looking forward to serving the residents of the 146th Legislative District. Pictured here is Royersford Borough Officer-in-Charge Scot Fennelly.

## SEPTA Senior Key Card Information

Seniors 65 and older are eligible to travel for free on all SEPTA service lines within Pennsylvania.

Seniors must obtain a SEPTA Key Senior ID Card to ride for free. However, valid PA driver's licenses and non-driver ID cards issued before July 2017 will still be accepted until they need to be renewed.

My district office processes applications and takes photos for SEPTA Key Senior ID Cards. Applicants must present a form of identification with a date of birth on it, such as a Pennsylvania driver's license or non-driver ID, U.S. Passport, or birth certificate.

Paper reduced transit fare cards and Medicare cards are no longer accepted.

More information about the SEPTA Key Senior ID Card is available at <http://www.septa.org/fares/discount/seniors-ride-free-info.html>.





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## Ways my district office can serve you:

- Process applications for birth and death certificates
- Provide you with Pennsylvania state tax forms
- Print out federal tax forms whenever possible
- Provide and help you fill out Property Tax/Rent Rebate forms
- Notarize any state form for free
- Process SEPTA Key Senior ID card applications for those 65 and older
- Help you find and claim unclaimed money in your name through the Pennsylvania Treasury
- Notarize and process applications for Disability Parking Placards and Plates
- Field questions or handle problems concerning PennDOT, including complaints about road conditions
- Explain the REAL ID application process
- Assist you with any issues regarding the Department of Human Services and the Montgomery County Assistance Office, including questions about SNAP, Medical Assistance, and LIHEAP
- Provide you with any state form or brochure
- Assist you with unemployment compensation questions or problems
- Field questions or complaints about utilities and the Public Utility Commission
- Provide you with recognition from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding local accomplishments and family milestones
- Send state forms for you to their appropriate departments in Harrisburg to expedite their processing
- Schedule tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- Answer questions about proposed legislation

*Any state-related issue!*



## Stay up to date with Rep. Ciresi

My office maintains an email list for those who wish to receive periodic updates from me, including legislation updates, event announcements, state and local programs and services and more. Sign up on my website at [www.pahouse.com/Ciresi](http://www.pahouse.com/Ciresi).

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