



# State Representative ■ 53rd Legislative District **STEVE MALAGARI**

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## *Working for You in Montgomery County!*

### *Dear Neighbor,*

Welcome to my first legislative update! During my first months in office, I have been working hard, traveling to every township and borough in the district to meet with officials, local businesses, and constituents to discuss what's important to our region. I have appreciated every single conversation, and I look forward to meeting with more members of the community over the coming months.

My district office is located at 100 West Main St., Suite 110 in Lansdale. It's accessible, conveniently located close to the SEPTA station and has parking in the rear. My district team is available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., to assist with any state-related issue or concern.

We have already welcomed hundreds of people who have come in for SEPTA Key Senior IDs, disability placards, vital records, PennDOT questions and more. We're also hosting extended office hours throughout the year, as well as satellite hours across the district.

Please drop by or call my office at 267-768-3671 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**Rep. Steve Malagari**



## *Policy Focus: Good Jobs, Quality Schools*

Fighting for good jobs and quality schools are among my priorities in Harrisburg. Here's a closer look at why these issues are important.

**Early childhood education:** Investing in early childhood education is one of the best ways we can prepare our children for bright futures – and it's especially critical for children from low-income families, who are less likely to be enrolled. Research shows that high-quality early learning programs are good for kids, who are better prepared to succeed in kindergarten, and for our communities, which can save money on additional costs such as special education needs later.

I'm pleased to see that Governor Wolf's proposed budget for the next fiscal year would invest in education at every level, including \$50 million additional for early learning programs to serve more children across the state.

**Workforce Development/Career and Technical Training:** Our economic future depends on a well-educated and highly-

trained workforce. We have to work to train our hard-working residents for the jobs that Pennsylvania businesses need to fill.

The new PAsmart initiative is aimed at connecting students and working Pennsylvanians with the information they need for a 21st century career. Learn more at [www.pasmart.gov](http://www.pasmart.gov).

**Affordable College:** Pennsylvania ranks 48th in the country in funding colleges, technical schools and universities. We have to do better. If we make college more affordable, our talented graduates will be able to stay here and contribute to our economy – instead of working just to pay off their student loans. I'll be pushing for ways we can make sure everyone has access to affordable college and job training.



*At a policy hearing on affordable college.*

# Legislative Updates: Bills I'm Co-sponsoring

I've co-sponsored a number of pieces of legislation – including some bills that have already passed the House. Here's a look at the bills and how they would benefit Pennsylvania.

**Victoria's Law** would prohibit the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in pet stores throughout Pennsylvania unless the animals come from shelters and rescues. This bill is named for a German Shepherd, rescued from a Pennsylvania puppy mill after a decade of breeding. Before she passed, Victoria was paralyzed as a result of a genetic neurological disorder that she passed down to the estimated 150-200 puppies she gave birth to at the puppy mill. A House bill will soon be introduced.

**H.B. 128** would establish First-Time Homebuyers Savings Accounts. This legislation would allow first-time homeowners to deposit money into a savings account for the sole purpose of purchasing their first home and deduct the money deposited from their state taxes. This legislation passed the House and is now with the Senate.

**H.B. 867** would fix the minimum ratio of patients to nurses in Pennsylvania hospitals to improve patient safety and reduce



*Fighting to protect animals.*

unnecessary costs to hospitals. The bill would set different ratios depending on the nature of the medical unit. The bill is in the House Health Committee.

**H.B. 893** would establish the Caregiver Tax Credit, to allow taxpayers who qualify for the federal dependent care credit to apply for a tax credit against their state income tax liability. This would help seniors stay in their homes longer, and reduce the financial burden for caregivers. The bill is with the House Finance Committee.

## House Committee Appointments

After I was sworn in at the start of the year, I was appointed to serve on three standing House committees:

- Aging and Adult Services, which works on legislation that would impact seniors and works with the Department of Aging.
- Liquor Control, which deals with the state's liquor code, bills related to the sale or distribution of alcohol, and the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.
- Local Government, which reviews legislation that affects counties, boroughs, cities and townships.

Protecting the interests of older Pennsylvanians is very important to me, so I look forward to serving on the Aging committee. My background in the beverage industry and as Lansdale Borough councilman has prepared me well for the Liquor Control and Local Government committees.

I'll keep you updated on the work of these committees.

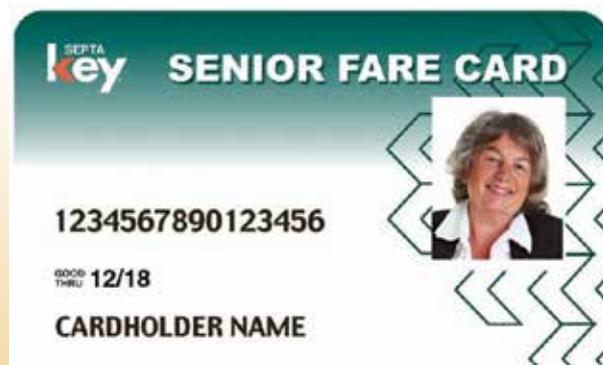


## Get Your SEPTA Key Senior ID

Seniors 65 and older can now ride for free on all SEPTA lines within Pennsylvania with a SEPTA Key Senior ID Card.

We have already helped hundreds of seniors apply for their cards – and we can help you too!

No appointments are necessary. Stop by my district office with your state ID or driver's license, and we'll take your photo for your Key Card.



# Working For You in the 53rd District



*Welcoming the Souderton Area High School girls' soccer team to Harrisburg to celebrate the team's state championship win!*



*Welcoming teachers from Kulp Elementary School to my District Office opening. Their gift from students is proudly on display in my office.*



*Taking a ride along with Hatfield Township Police to gain a better understanding of public safety needs in the district.*



*Supporting the Souderton Area High School softball team at their pancake breakfast fundraiser.*



*Welcoming constituents to my office and helping them with SEPTA Senior ID, unclaimed property and more.*



*Left: Helping to launch National Reading Month at Franconia Elementary.*



*Listening to the concerns of local businesses and community leaders with the Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce.*



*Greeting seniors at the launch of the Montgomery County Korean Seniors Association, where my team assisted with SEPTA Senior IDs and other senior services.*

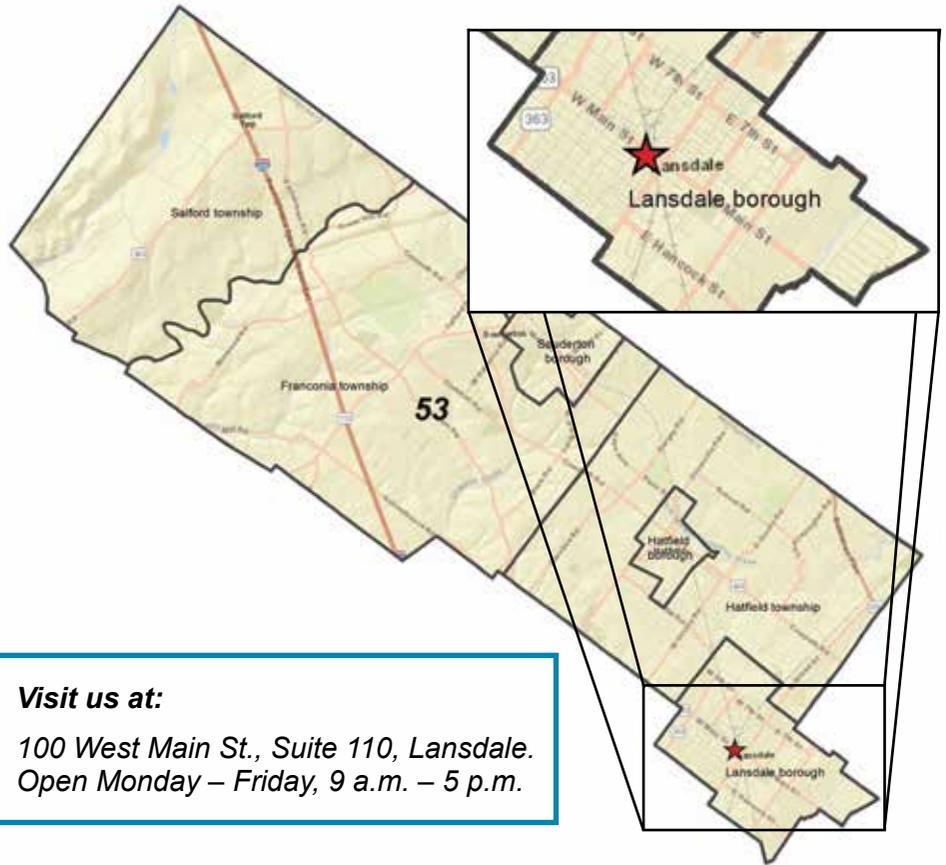


*Meeting with educators at Kulp Elementary and North Penn High School to discuss what matters to them and how we can help prepare the next generation for dynamic careers in the future workplace.*

# My Office Can Help You With:

- Car registrations, special tags, handicap placards, titles and driver's license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Obtaining and completing state forms of all kinds
- Voter registration and absentee ballot applications
- Unemployment compensation, disability and workers' compensation
- Birth and death certificates
- Problems with the Department of Health and Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistance)
- Pennsylvania income tax questions or problems
- Requests for literature of all kinds – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding accomplishments and family milestones
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the Public Utility Commission
- Complaints and problems with insurance companies
- Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications
- Property tax/rent rebate problems or questions
- Problems or questions about the state lottery
- PACE cards for senior citizens
- Consumer complaints
- Liquor Control Board concerns or questions
- Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- Information about federal, state and local government agencies
- *Any problem with state government!*

# Visit My District Office!



## REAL ID: Available Now in PA

REAL ID is now available for Pennsylvanians who want one.

Starting Oct. 1, 2020, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, photo ID card, or another form of federally-acceptable identification (such as a valid passport or military ID) to board a domestic commercial flight or enter a federal building or military installation that requires ID.

You have three options for getting your REAL ID:

- Ordering online, if you have already been pre-verified.
- Visiting any PennDOT Driver's License Center to have the required documents verified and imaged. The closest Driver's License Centers to our district are in Norristown and Dublin.
- Visiting one of the 12 REAL ID Centers in Pennsylvania.

Visit [www.PennDOT.gov/REALID](http://www.PennDOT.gov/REALID) for information on the documents you need and more.

**REAL IDs are now available**

**Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID to:**

- Board a domestic flight
- Enter a federal building
- Enter a military base

**October 1, 2020 is the deadline to get a REAL ID.**

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Find updates on events and happenings in the 53rd District online!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Join me and my staff at these events throughout the 53rd District!*

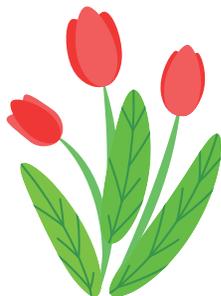
*For more details about any event and to register your interest, please call us at 267-768-3671.*

### International Spring Festival

**Saturday, April 27**

North Penn High School

*Co-hosting the Greek exhibit with  
state Sen. Maria Collett*



### Lansdale First Fridays

**Starting Friday, May 3, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Extended hours at our Lansdale office.

### Satellite Office Hours

**Thursday, May 16, 10 a.m. - noon**

Generations, 259 N. Second St.,  
Souderton

*Staff members will be able to help with  
SEPTA ID, and any state issue*

**Every first Monday, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

Peter Becker, Maplewood Estates  
815 Maplewood Drive, Harleysville



### Spotted Lanternfly Event

**July 2019, Date TBD**

Souderton High School

*Get important information on  
this invasive species*

### Souderton Third Fridays

**Fridays, June 21**

**and September 20**

*Come by our table and say hi!*