



UPCOMING EVENTS

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY EVENT WITH PA AGRICULTURE SEC. REDDING

Monday, July 22 • 6 p.m.

Dock Academy,

420 Godshall Road, Souderton, PA 18964

co-hosted with Rep. Liz Hanbidge and Sen. Maria Collett

MEET AND GREET

Monday, Aug. 12 • 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Generations of Indian Valley

259 N. Second St., Souderton, PA 18964

INAUGURAL SENIOR FAIR

Friday, September 20 • 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

1000 W. Main St., Lansdale, PA 19446

State Rep. Steve Malagari

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Dear Neighbor,

I hope that you are having a fantastic summer! I've been in office for more than six months now, and during that time I've proposed legislation, voted for measures that would help our community, such as the PA Farm Bill, and worked on efforts to protect transit, clean water, and affordable health care. You can read more about my legislative work in this newsletter.

It's been busy – but there's still so much to do.

Over the next few months, I'll be working to meet with as many people in the district as possible. I want to listen to your concerns and ensure that I'm making your voice heard in Harrisburg. I'll be walking in neighborhoods, appearing at First and Third Fridays, visiting farmers markets, touring businesses and more.

As always, you're welcome to stop by my office at 100 W. Main St., Suite 110 in Lansdale, and my team will also be hosting regular satellite hours in Hatfield, Souderton, and Franconia.

If you have any suggestions or comments of where you'd like to see us, whether it's a community event, a business you would like me to tour, or something else in your neighborhood, please call my office at 267-768-3671. My staff and I are here for you.



FIRST 6 MONTHS of LEGISLATIVE SESSION

LEGISLATION

189

Sponsored

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

28

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS HELD

44

with 75+ constituents

CONSTITUENTS SERVED

2,186

SNAPSHOTS WITH STEVE



The "shear" excitement of Sheep Shearing Day at Necessity Farms in Telford gave me a hands-on understanding of agriculture in this region!



I celebrated Pennsylvania's first statewide day of kindness – 143 Day in honor of Mister Rogers – by reading about firefighters with pre-K students at Indian Valley YMCA.



I took questions on property taxes, REAL ID and more with the Merck Union Retirees' Club.



I toured the North Montco Technical Career Center and learned how it is preparing young people for good jobs!



I met with constituents at the Peter Becker Community to discuss what's happening in Pennsylvania.



We discussed issues impacting older Pennsylvanians at my Senior Breakfast at Franconia Heritage Restaurant.

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KEEP IN TOUCH AND STAY CONNECTED

There's more to say and share than I can fit in this newsletter! Follow what I'm doing to represent you, keep updated on policy and events, and reach out to my team:

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VISIT MY OFFICE

My office can help you with many state related issues, including PennDOT, vital records, Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications, senior citizen benefits, and more.



My main office is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
 No appointments are necessary.
 100 West Main St., Suite 110
 Lansdale, PA 19446

SATELLITE OFFICE HOURS

My staff and I are available for you all across the district! If you plan to visit us at one of these times, please call ahead on 267-768-3671.

Peter Becker Community

Maplewood Estates, 815 Maplewood Drive, Harleysville, PA 19438
 First Mondays of the month, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Hatfield Township Building

1950 School Road, Hatfield, PA 19440
 Second Mondays of the month, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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 Third Mondays of the month, 10:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

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