

# BRANDON MARKOSEK



## HELLO FRIENDS,

I am grateful to serve as state representative for the 25th Legislative District here in Allegheny County and have enjoyed getting to know you and your neighbors.

My staff and I provide services and access to state government for everyone in the district. It's my pleasure to help people in our community, and I value your input on state legislative issues. Please feel free to contact my office at (412) 856-8284 or email me at RepMarkosek@pahouse.net regarding state services and issues.

As we head into summer and work toward finalizing the state budget, I wanted to update you on how I've been working for you in Harrisburg and to provide other state-related information I hope you find useful.

I look forward to seeing you around the district this summer, especially at my annual shred event coming up this July!

Take care,

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HOW I'M WORKING  
FOR YOU.**

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## FUNDING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

We often take for granted that our fire and EMS companies will be there when we need them most, but they need our support. The pandemic has put a constant strain on these heroes and their operations, which is why I do everything I can to help them secure essential funding that will allow them to continue to answer the call.

Back in January, I voted to pass bipartisan legislation that will send \$25 million in emergency funding to EMS companies across Pennsylvania and, during the pandemic, I backed efforts to get emergency grants to local fire and EMS companies.

Since my last newsletter, I've helped the following fire and EMS companies in the 25th Legislative District secure grant funding to be used for facility upgrades, equipment, recruitment and retention, training, revenue loss during COVID-19 and more:

- Plum Emergency Medical Service Inc. - \$8,325.
- Monroeville EMS Inc. - \$8,325.
- Monroeville Vol Fire Co. No. 5 - \$15,000.
- Monroeville Volunteer Fire Co. No. 4 - \$15,000.
- Monroeville Volunteer Fire Co. No. 3 - \$15,000.
- Pitcairn Fire Co. #1 - \$12,708.
- West Wilmerding Volunteer Fire Department - \$12,000.
- Wilmerding Volunteer Fire Department - \$15,000.
- United Volunteer Fire and Rescue - \$14,992.

Pitcairn Fire Co. #1 was awarded \$40,000 in state funding to replace a water line, a major project that the company otherwise wouldn't be able to undertake.

Pitcairn Borough Police received a \$42,000 grant, which was used to purchase a new patrol vehicle for its officers to serve the neighboring community of Wilmerding Borough.



*Our fire and EMS companies will always have my support, and I will continue to back legislation that will help them recover from the COVID-19 crisis.*

# GRANTS IN THE DISTRICT

■ **\$1.3 million** to address traffic hazards in North Versailles Township by relocating Naser Road to connect U.S. Routes 30 and 48 and adding a new traffic light, pedestrian sidewalks, a four-way interchange, a turning lane and connectivity to other communities.

■ **\$400,000** to remove and repair a retaining wall at East Field Park in East McKeesport that is no longer structurally sound.

■ **\$250,000** for Boyce Park to construct tennis and pickleball courts, a pavilion, walkways, rain gardens, ADA access and other improvements.

■ **\$150,000** to the North Versailles Township Sanitary Authority to replace and construct two new pump stations within the township as part of a Green Sustainability Plan and improvements to facility components which need replacing.

■ **\$150,000** for proposed flood improvement through the Center Beach Project in the borough of Plum, which is in response to a damaging flood in July 2019. The proposal includes a series of four interconnected impoundments that will reduce the stormwater peak flows and volume, along with the installation of walking grounds, a gazebo and benches to provide recreation for the public.

■ **\$75,000** to rehabilitate the Wilmerding Community Center with HVAC in the locker rooms, a spin/aerobics studio, an indoor track, a new walking/running track, basketball court repairs and resurfacing, playground equipment, an exercise station, repair and replacement of the pavilion roof, installation of a French drain in the parking lot.

■ **\$50,000** to replace the Marie Street retaining wall in the borough of Wall with a permanent concrete structure, retaining wall, footer and drainpipe.

# AROUND THE COMMUNITY

**1.** Meet and greet at Our Lady of Joy Church in Plum.

**2.** I had the honor of presenting a Pennsylvania State Citation to legendary Gateway High School wrestling coach Richard Bane. Coach Bane was inducted into the Gateway Sports Hall of Fame.

**3.** Congrats to the brave men and women sworn in as officers for United Volunteer Fire/Rescue in East McKeesport.

**4.** Grand opening for Clean Express Auto Wash in East McKeesport.

**5.** Ribbon-cutting for Pro Bike+Run in Monroeville. It's great to have this business in our community that helps people live healthy and active lives.

**6.** As a member of the House Game and Fisheries Committee, I was invited to join Game Commission wardens as they tagged young black bears. The tagging is done to help monitor the bears and where they travel.

**7.** Annual Monroeville Fire & EMS Show at the Monroeville Convention Center.







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**8.** It was amazing to read to children at the Plum Borough Community Library.



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**9.** I had the opportunity to speak at the Pennsylvania Speech Language Hearing Association's annual legislative forum in Pittsburgh. I was glad to be joined by my colleague Rep. Dan Miller.



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**10.** Easter pancake breakfast at United Volunteer Fire/Rescue in East McKeesport.

**11.** Attending a labor rally in Wilmerding to support UE Local 610 to save jobs at Wabtech.

**12.** Throwing out the first pitch on opening day for the Plum Baseball & Softball Association.

**13.** It was my pleasure to attend an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Isaac Stebleton, Avery Ward and Robert Cook of Troop 143 in Monroeville. These young men have dedicated themselves to scouting and their community.



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**14.** I had the opportunity to see the new programs happening at Sampson Family YMCA in Plum. I look forward to supporting their community-focused initiatives.



# COUNTDOWN TO REAL ID

There's less than one year until the federal REAL ID requirement goes into effect. Beginning May 3, 2023, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant license, identification card or other form of federally acceptable identification (such as a valid passport or military ID) to:

- Board domestic commercial flights.
- Enter a military base.
- Enter a federal facility that requires ID at the door.

For more information on REAL ID, please go to PennDOT's website at [www.dmv.pa.gov/REALID](http://www.dmv.pa.gov/REALID).

## WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Are you or someone you know at risk of losing water service at their home? Help is available for eligible Pennsylvanians who need assistance with water bills or who may lose water service.

The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a new, temporary assistance program created by the American Rescue Plan Act. The program can help households that are in emergency situations maintain essential water access. Crisis situations include:

- Past-due water bills.
- Termination of water service.
- Threat of termination of water service in the next 60 days.

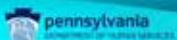
To qualify, applicants must meet income requirements and have a crisis situation with water service. Learn more about LIHWAP and find out if your water service is participating at [www.dhs.pa.gov/waterhelp](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/waterhelp).

Apply for LIHWAP and other public assistance programs online at [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us)

Are you at risk of having your  
**water shut off?**



**Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program**



[dhs.pa.gov/WaterHelp](http://dhs.pa.gov/WaterHelp)

**REAL IDs are now available**



**May 03, 2023 is the deadline to get a REAL ID.**

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



Board a domestic flight



Enter a federal building



Enter a military base

**Ready for a REAL ID? Get pre-verified.**

**ONLINE**

If you got your first license **AFTER** September 2003

**IN PERSON**

If you got your first license **BEFORE** September 2003

[PennDOT.gov/REALID](http://PennDOT.gov/REALID)

## APPLY NOW FOR PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE

Older adults and Pennsylvanians with disabilities can apply for rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2021. More information on eligibility is available at <http://revenue.pa.gov/ptrr>.

Applicants are encouraged to file their rebate through the online portal at [www.mypath.pa.gov](http://www.mypath.pa.gov).

If you need help filling out a paper application, please contact my office at (412) 856-8284.

The deadline to apply for the 2021 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is June 30, 2022.

## PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

for residents who are permanently disabled, 50+ and widowed, or 65+



**What we need from you:**

**EVERYONE**

✓ All earned income tax forms (1099 SSI, W2s, etc.)

**HOMEOWNERS**

✓ Copies of all paid tax bills

**RENTERS**

✓ Signed form from the landlord



**\$35,000**  
maximum household income\*

\* for homeowners  
\$15,000 maximum for renters

**ON SOCIAL SECURITY?**  
Half of SSI/SSD income is excluded for eligibility.



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# **SAVE THE DATE** **DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT**

My annual shred event will be back this summer! Protect yourself from identity theft by shredding documents with your personal information at my free event, where a veteran-owned company will destroy your documents on site.

**Saturday, July 23**

**9 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

**Gateway High School football stadium parking lot**  
3000 Gateway Campus Blvd., Monroeville, PA 15146

*Please bring up to three boxes or bags of documents.*

*Papers must be loose – no binders or paper clips.*

**For more information, call my office at (412) 856-8284.**