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Legislation Introduced

Unclaimed Property – Millions of Pennsylvanians have unclaimed property they should be able to easily inherit following a family member's death. However, if the property is worth more than \$11,000, the state treasurer cannot authorize payments, making it difficult for heirs to access property that is rightfully theirs. My bill, **House Bill 1176**, would authorize the state treasurer to release unclaimed property of deceased family members to their heirs if it is worth less than \$20,000, raising the current limit by \$9,000.

Grants for Historical Buildings – Pennsylvania's rich history is reflected in the many historical sites and buildings throughout the commonwealth. Many of these historical assets are deteriorating due to age and require costly renovations. My legislation, **House Bill 1664**, would establish a grant program to fund part of these projects, ensuring that future generations of Pennsylvanians can experience and appreciate the commonwealth's historical heritage. This bill has been assigned to the Local Government Committee.

Tourism Legislation – Tourism is big business for PA: In 2022, we welcomed 192.4 million visitors, generating \$76.7 billion in economic impact, supporting 486,871 jobs, and contributing \$4.7 billion in state and local taxes. My bill, **House Bill 1852**, would help maximize the economic opportunities that tourism offers by increasing support for the Tourism Promotion Fund to promote and market Pennsylvania's desirability as a vacation destination to out-of-state tourists.

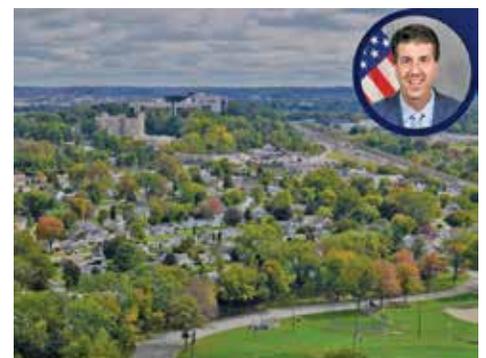
I am proud to partner with Sen. Carolyn Comitta (Chester County), who introduced a companion bill in her chamber (**Senate Bill 994**).



Grants for Our District

I have helped secure approximately \$1 million in grants for our legislative district since our last print newsletter, including the following awards to preserve access to housing, senior services, and career and technical education (CTE):

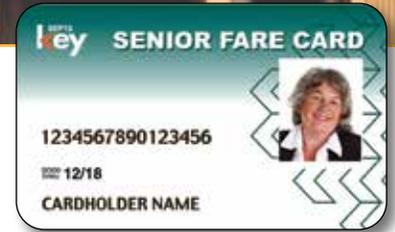
- **\$300,000** – For a new roof at Golden Age Manor in Royersford – Montgomery County Housing Authority
- **\$150,000** – Seven "single-system" home rehabilitations in Pottstown – Preservation Pottstown, Inc.
- **\$75,000** – PAsmart Advancing grants for CTE – Tri-County Area YWCA
- **\$24,783** – Aging Senior Center grants – TriCounty
- Plus several more...



Rep. Ciresi secured over

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Get Your Senior SEPTA Key Card Today



Free travel on fully restored SEPTA modes of travel

Residents aged 65 or older are eligible to travel for free on all SEPTA service lines within Pennsylvania. My district office processes applications and takes photos for SEPTA Key Senior ID cards. Applicants simply need to 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. Call or email us to schedule a 10-minute appointment, or just stop by at any of our offices.

Average processing time is 4-5 weeks.

On Sept. 14, SEPTA restored full service, including the 20% Bus and Metro service cuts that started on Aug. 24.

For at least the next two years, students will still be able to get to school on time. Constituents without personal vehicles will be able to get to medical appointments, and workers will be able to show up to their job on time.

This is the result of PennDOT approving SEPTA's request for one-time use of state capital assistance to cover operations.

The 21.5% system-wide fare increase was also reinstated on Sept. 14.

Potholes

In August, I invited PennDOT District 6 Executive Din Abazi to take a first-hand look at the condition of Route 422 and local bridge projects. Since our meeting, his staff has provided updates on scheduled mechanized patching between Route 29 in Collegetown and Limerick, which is expected to be completed between September and October 2025. As large portions of the Pottstown bypass remain under construction, PennDOT will not include the borough in the project at this time.

PennDOT Updates

PennDOT will add the ramps from Route 422 to Township Line Road to the mechanized patching taking place in September/October 2025. Route 422 in Limerick and Upper Providence is on the Department's M16 contract for the 2026 contract year for resurfacing.

2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTION
IMPORTANT DATES

OCT 20 Last day to register to vote in the municipal election
vote.pa.gov/Register

OCT 28 The deadline to apply for absentee or mail-in ballot.
vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot

NOV 4 Election Day: Polls are open from **7am - 8pm**. Completed mail ballots must be received by **8pm**.

vote.pa.gov

Around the Community

Students are always welcome in the halls of our state Capitol. Contact my office if you want to arrange a trip! Pottstown High School Principal **Dr. Christian D'Annibale** joined several students on a recent trip.



Montgomery County Commissioner **Jamila Winder** (left), who is no stranger to western MontCo, visited Royersford Community Day this year (pictured here alongside Royersford Mayor **Alex Metricarti**).



Volunteer service is the backbone of our community. I was impressed with how many people pitched in to clear the backyard of a Habitat for Humanity property in Pottstown. It will be sold soon to a qualified buyer at 0% interest.



Thanks to **Kaelyn Stek's** service, a series of worn-down garden beds was turned into a beautiful sensory garden featuring a variety of plants and flowers at Althouse Arboretum Children's Garden. She earned her Girl Scouts Gold Award as a member of Troop 7287. Congratulations, Kaelyn!



Anthony Goldsmith, a University of Virginia economics major, was one of several summer interns who worked at my office. Look for the announcement next spring for the next round of openings!



Gov. Josh Shapiro visited Pottstown High School in May to highlight historic investments in K-12 education and real results for Pennsylvania students. On the left, Pottstown Superintendent **Stephen Rodriguez** joins the Governor and I. On the right, the Governor and I are pictured with students and staff from the culinary arts class.





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Upcoming Events

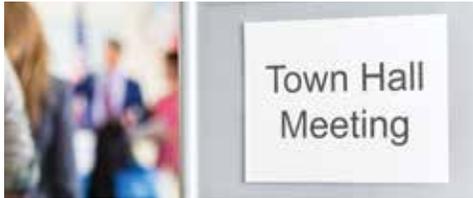


Fraud Event for Seniors at the Royersford Free Public Library, Friday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Popular Scams and How to Avoid Them

- Presented by the Department of Banking and Securities
- At this informative and fun event, learn about how to avoid scams and play fraud bingo (and maybe win a prize!).
- Light refreshments will be served.

RSVPs required – Please call (484) 200-8265.



Federal Budget Cuts and You Town Hall with the Pottstown Chapter of the NAACP and State Rep. Paul Friel on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at the TriCounty Active Adult Center at 7 p.m.

(doors open at 6:45 p.m.)

Discussion will center on the impact of federal budget cuts and the delayed PA state budget: What programs may be lost?

We need your participation!



Fall Shredding Event with Lower Pottsgrove Township, Sunday, Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pottsgrove High School.

- Please keep to a limit of four boxes or bags per household.
- Avoid large binder clips, CDs, plastic, and trash.



**Save the Date!
 Veterans Dinner at the TRAAC,
 Tuesday, Dec. 9**