

DARISHA K. PARKER

Proudly serving the 198TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

REPRESENTATIVE Darisha Parker Year in Review



\$3.4 MILLION
in State Grant Money
Brought Back to the District

\$94,060 Property Tax /
Rent Rebate
Money Returned

366 Constituent
Caseworks Completed

151 Bills & Resolutions
Sponsored or Co-Sponsored

Dear Neighbor,

Greetings, residents of East/West Oak Lane, Olney, Nicetown, and Germantown – we had a busy year around the 198th Legislative District. My staff and I are always out and about, visiting neighbors along our business corridors to address any quality-of-life issues.

I hope you have had a great start to 2026!

I wanted to reach out and update you on everything we accomplished throughout 2025 in Harrisburg and around our community, plus what I'm fighting for in 2026.

Despite the chaos happening throughout the federal government, the PA House Democrats have been fighting for you. Unfortunately, the Republican-controlled Senate refuses to vote on many bills that would help the hardworking people of Pennsylvania thrive and improve their quality of life.

This is where you can make a difference. Make sure that you know who your local, state, and federal lawmakers are and have their contact information. From local block captains and committee members to city council and beyond, these connections are invaluable for being civically engaged and creating change in our community.

Working together through the power of our community is how we get things done!

I want to thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as your State Representative. My office offers many services to assist you, so be sure to stay up to date by following me on social media and signing up for my weekly email newsletter.

Darisha K. Parker

Sincerely



IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

What can you do at a

SATELLITE ELECTION OFFICE?



- ✓ Register to vote
- ✓ Update your registration
- ✓ Apply/complete/return mail-in or absentee ballot
- ✓ Obtain replacement ballots, declaration envelopes, and/or secrecy envelopes
- ✓ Request an emergency absentee ballot

📍 **8th Council District**
5301 Chew Avenue
Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
📞 (215) 686-7808

📍 **9th Council District**
6233 North Broad Street
Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
📞 (215) 686-7809

IMPORTANT VOTER DEADLINES

**MAY
4**

Last day to register to vote
vote.pa.gov/Register

**MAY
12**

Last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot
vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot

**MAY
19**

Primary election day
Polls are open on election day from 7 A.M. - 8 P.M.





I'm thrilled to announce that in his 2026–2027 budget proposal, Gov. Shapiro has again called for funding to allow schools to purchase period products for students. This is possible thanks to my work with First Lady Shapiro, who is a proud champion in the fight to end period poverty.

No students should have to miss a day of school because of a lack of access to necessary period products.

FROM HARRISBURG

We're putting money back into YOUR pocket!

Last year, we expanded the Child and Dependent Care Enhancement Tax Credit, making childcare more affordable for many hardworking parents across the state. If you are a senior, you may have already received additional money back as part of the expansion and increase in the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program in 2023.

I'm proud that, as part of the state budget, we worked to make life more affordable with the Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit. Almost a million Pennsylvanians will qualify for the state's version of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit, and we kept it simple: if you qualify for the federal tax credit, you will automatically qualify for the state version.

As prices rise and wages remain stagnant, we are fighting to make life more affordable for everyone.



I was honored to interview PA Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding at this year's Farm Show. We spoke about Philadelphia's role in agricultural history and the importance of Pennsylvania in agricultural innovation.

As a member of the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee, I am especially committed to using agriculture to fight food insecurity and address food deserts through urban farming.

WORKING PENNSYLVANIANS TAX CREDIT

Putting money back in YOUR pocket

Dependents	Income Limit (Single/Head of Household)	Income Limit (Joint)	Maximum Tax Cut Back in YOUR Pocket
Zero	\$19,104	\$26,214	\$65
One	\$50,434	\$57,554	\$433
Two	\$57,310	\$64,430	\$715
Three or More	\$61,555	\$68,675	\$805

* Returns filed jointly are counted as two individuals. Does not reflect qualifying children or dependents.

Always
WORKING
for YOU

Three Bills I Sponsored
in 2025 that are now Law



The CROWN ACT

Discrimination isn't always upfront and outright – it can be subtle and still target a specific group of people. While there are laws to protect outright discriminatory practices, prior to passage, hairstyles that are historically and culturally tied to Black Americans were cited as outside the “norm” and “unacceptable” for the workplace. Now, people of color can wear their natural hair like the CROWN it is without risks of discrimination.



Discount Points on Mortgages

When a majority of people live paycheck to paycheck and are barely making it financially, they lose hope in the American Dream. Now, homeowners can tap into their home's value without refinancing or giving up their low mortgage rate. They can pay off high-interest debt or make home repairs at a more affordable cost. It also allows borrowers to lower their interest rate and monthly payment and brings Pennsylvania in line with most other states so consumers have more consistent, affordable lending options.



Reducing Red Tape for Unclaimed Property

The PA Treasury is holding billions of dollars in unclaimed property that belongs to residents and their families. Unclaimed property can be anything from abandoned bank accounts, insurance refunds and payroll checks. Right now, some heirs have to go through costly and complicated legal steps just to claim small amounts of money left by a loved one. This raises the limit on a simpler, low-cost claims process so more families can access what's rightfully theirs saving time, paperwork, and money.

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I met with the Pilot's Association of the Delaware River to discuss a new law that mirrors my legislation to adjust the pay rates for river pilots along the Delaware River and its tributaries.

Ensuring fair compensation is key to keeping Pennsylvania's waterways safe, protecting our economy, and preventing catastrophic accidents.

SUPPORTING OUR UNIONS

I stood with the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers during their fight for better wages, benefits, and working conditions. Our students deserve the best education, and a huge part of that is supporting our teachers. Not only lawmakers like me, but also parents, students, and the community can ensure that teachers feel that support.



INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

We broke ground at Happy Hollow Playground in Germantown, marking the start of an \$8.6 million investment at Philadelphia's oldest recreation center. With these upgrades, we are honoring an important part of our history while building for the future.

The project will deliver a full roof replacement, ADA upgrades, a new playground and spray ground, modernized interior spaces, safety improvements, and digital access enhancements, creating safer and more accessible spaces for families to learn, play, and grow.



As Vice-Chair of the PLBC, I am committed to advancing policies that protect and empower Black and Brown communities across Pennsylvania.



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We love supporting our local small businesses They play an important role in our community – not just fiscally, but they empower and inspire us, as well!

I was happy to help businesses along the 5th Street Corridor with a \$250,000 grant.

Please contact my office so I can come visit your local business!

