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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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Dear Neighbor,

I'm so honored to continue to serve our community as your state representative. We are planning numerous community events and meetings in the coming months to provide you with important information and resources. We're also available to assist you from our district offices in East Norriton and Worcester townships, whether you stop in, call or send us an email. We are always here to help!

In Harrisburg, I continue to do everything I can to cut costs for middle-class families and seniors.

Thanks to a significant expansion of the state Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit – a measure that my House colleagues and I championed and was signed into law in

December – more than 21,000 Montgomery County middle-class families will see their state tax credits more than triple.

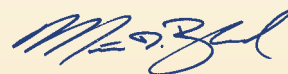
This expanded state tax credit will help qualifying families who earn up to \$439,000 a year cut their child care costs.

Eligible families who qualify for the federal Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit are eligible for the state tax credit, which will now provide a 100% match to the federal tax credit (previously the match was 30%). Families will see this relief this spring as they file their tax returns.

I'm proud that we prioritized this issue, and I'm grateful to Gov. Josh Shapiro for quickly signing this significant tax cut into law.

My House colleagues and I also championed an expansion of the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, which benefits qualifying seniors and adults with disabilities. Additionally, we expanded the income eligibility for the state's PACE and PACENET prescription programs to ensure that seniors do not lose their prescription coverage due to any Social Security increases.

Whether fighting to cut costs through legislation in Harrisburg or meeting with our neighbors in the community, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to help make our community a better place.



State Rep. Matt Bradford joins Gov. Josh Shapiro at a YMCA child care center to celebrate a new tax cut that will save families up to \$2,100 on their child care expenses.

Investments In Our Community

In 2023, our area was awarded more than **\$7.7 million** in grants to help strengthen our communities.

This year already, more state investments have been announced to support critical projects. Here are just a few of these key investments in our communities:

East Norriton Township:

\$1.3 million for stormwater infrastructure improvements.

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\$266,709 to retrofit a stormwater basin.

Historical Society of Montgomery County:

\$4,000 to support general operations of the historical society.

Martha's Choice Marketplace and Community Farm:

\$2,500 for grass and brush management equipment, wheelbarrows and tools.

Perkiomen Township:

\$250,000 for the first phase of the Highlands-Huber Park project.

Schwenksville Borough:

\$575,682 for repairs to a wastewater tank.

Variety – The Children's Charity of the Delaware Valley:

\$10,000 for the installation of an accessible educational garden space along with greenhouse and accessibility upgrades.

Variety – The Children's Charity of the Delaware Valley:

\$7,500 for their inclusive agricultural vocational training program for youth with disabilities.



State Rep. Matt Bradford visited Centennial Park in West Norriton Township with Norriton Little League to see their new lights funded through a \$235,000 state award.



State Rep. Matt Bradford joined students at Worcester Elementary School in Methacton School District to cut the ribbon on their new accessible playground. Rep. Bradford helped secure \$100,000 in state funding for this project.



State Rep. Matt Bradford's staffer Jordan Laslett, along with PA House Speaker Joanna McClinton and PA Department of Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding, were happy to congratulate Variety and Blockson Middle School on receiving state funding for their agricultural education programs. The grants were announced at this year's Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg.



Property Tax Relief Program Expanded

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program provides real relief to thousands of Montgomery County homeowners and renters, and the program is about to help even more people this year.

The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians 65 or older, widows and widowers 50 or older, and people with disabilities 18 or older.

Thanks to overwhelming bipartisan support, a new law was enacted that will raise the maximum rebate amount from \$650 to \$1,000 and increase the income-eligibility limit to \$45,000, not including half of Social Security income, for both owners and renters starting this year. The income limit will then rise annually based on changes in the cost of living.

This means an additional 5,000 Montgomery County homeowners and renters qualify under these new income limits.

You can apply now for a rebate on property taxes or rent paid in 2023. Need help with the application process? Call or stop by my offices and my staff can assist you.

Ensuring Prescriptions Remain Affordable for Seniors

Ensuring that our older neighbors have access to affordable prescription medications is critical to maintaining a healthy quality of life. Thankfully, help is available to qualifying individuals 65 and older through the PACE and PACENET programs, which are run by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging.





The Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly (PACE) and the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly Needs Enhancement Tier (PACENET) provide comprehensive reimbursement coverage for prescription medications to qualifying older Pennsylvanians.

It's an important program that hundreds of thousands of older individuals rely on and I'm proud to have voted for a bill to ensure that older Pennsylvanians enrolled in PACE and PACENET maintain their prescription medication benefits.

Because the program eligibility includes income, more than 20,000 seniors were at risk of losing these benefits due to the

much-needed cost-of-living adjustments to Social Security. However, this bill, which Gov. Josh Shapiro signed into law late last year, ensures that seniors who are enrolled in PACE and PACENET don't lose their prescription coverage due to Social Security increases.

Find out if you're eligible to get help covering your medication costs by calling the PACE hotline at 800-255-7223. Of course, you're also welcome to call my offices if you need assistance.

PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY 		
Call: 800-225-7223	PACE	PACENET
Age 65+		
PA Resident for at least 90 days		
Individual Income	under 14,500	between 14,501-33,500
Married Income	under 17,700	between 17,701-41,500



State Rep. Matt Bradford held his annual Senior Fair last fall at Meadowood Senior Living in Worcester Township. Hundreds of older neighbors attended the Senior Fair, which included helpful presentations and dozens of resource tables from state and local organizations.

Around the Community



State Rep. Matt Bradford joined the Worcester Fire Department and Worcester Board of Supervisors Chairman Rick DeLello to celebrate the housing of Ladder 83, as well as one of the new utility vehicles. He also participated in the longstanding housing tradition of leading a new vehicle into the station.

State Rep. Matt Bradford's District Office Director Melissa Retano attended the Whitpain Community Festival. Rep. Bradford and his staff attend community events throughout the year, sharing important resources.



State Rep. Matt Bradford toured Elmwood Park Zoo to see their ongoing major redevelopment projects. The entire park is being restructured, with new exhibits and additional parking. They are also in the process of building a state-of-the-art veterinary hospital.



Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding spoke at state Rep. Matt Bradford's Fall Fest at Merrymeade Farm. Hundreds of families came to the Fall Fest to enjoy family-friendly activities, s'mores and Merrymeade's famous ice cream, as well as learn about the importance of agriculture in our community.

State Rep. Matt Bradford's staff got into the holiday spirit and participated in East Norriton Township's annual holiday parade.



State Rep. Matt Bradford visited a training center run by Steamfitters Union Local 420 to see how the building trades are ensuring we have a skilled workforce.

Upcoming Events

Record Investments in Education, and a Plan to Fairly Fund All Public Schools

Ensuring that Pennsylvania students have access to a quality public education is a top priority of mine. I was proud to champion record investments in K-12 public education in the state budget.

The 2023-24 state budget includes a record \$567 million basic education funding increase for Pennsylvania school districts.

However, there is more that Pennsylvania can and should do to ensure that students have access to a quality public education.



State Rep. Matt Bradford and PA House Appropriations Chairman Rep. Jordan Harris join Gov. Josh Shapiro as he signs state budget funding bills into law.

For decades, the legislature hasn't been living up to its obligation, underfunding our schools and placing a burden on taxpayers at the local level.

The Commonwealth Court ruled last year that the General Assembly has not fulfilled its constitutional obligation to provide all children with a comprehensive, effective, and contemporary system of public education.

The bipartisan Basic Education Funding Commission developed a path forward to fulfill our constitutional and moral obligation to fund our public schools adequately and equitably. The commission issued a report detailing a groundbreaking plan that would finally level the playing field by fully funding our schools.

This plan addresses adequacy with targeted funding and provides stability and predictability, all while providing significant property tax relief to Pennsylvanians who have been



overburdened at the local level for too long.

The report is a roadmap to a better future for our kids. Now, we will get to work to ensure that the recommendations are implemented so that all our students have access to a quality and safe public education with all the tools and resources they need to succeed.

Upcoming Office Sponsored Events

Unclaimed Property Treasure Hunt

Friday, March 15 • 10 a.m. - noon

Rep. Matt Bradford's district offices

240 W. Germantown Pike, East Norriton Township • 2000 Bustard Road, Suite 6, Worcester Township

APPLY FOR VETERANS DISCOUNT ID

Tuesday, March 26 • 10 a.m. - noon

Rep. Bradford's Norriton Office • 240 W. Germantown Pike, East Norriton Township

Thursday, March 28 • 10 a.m. - noon

Rep. Bradford's Worcester Office • 2000 Bustard Road, Suite 6, Worcester Township

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, April 6 • 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Montgomery County Community College, Lot 1D (off Morris Road), Blue Bell

Free Document Shredding Event

Saturday, July 13 • 9 a.m. - noon

Norristown Area High School • 1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown



**Do you have a
SEPTA Senior Fare Card?**

Seniors ages 65 and older can ride SEPTA routes in PA for free with a Senior Fare Card! Sign-up or reapply for your card at my district offices today!

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State Representative Matt Bradford's District Office Services

My team and I can help you with:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate
- Unemployment Compensation
- Disability Placards
- Notary Services
- Birth/Death Certificate applications
- SEPTA Key Senior ID Cards
- Car registration, special tags, titles/license plate applications



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Monthly Mobile Office Hours

Schwenksville Borough (300 Main St., Schwenksville)

First Thursday of each month • 10 a.m. - noon

For residents of Brandywine Senior Suites

(2101 New Hope St., East Norriton)

Fourth Wednesday of each month • 11 a.m. - noon

For residents of Greenfield Senior Living at Perkiomen Valley

(300 Perkiomen Ave., Schwenksville)

Fourth Friday of each month • 11 a.m. - noon

For residents of Brightview of East Norriton

(300 E. Germantown Pike, East Norriton)

Third Thursday of each month • 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

For residents of Meadowood Senior Living

(3205 W. Skippack Pike, Worcester)

Second Monday of each month • 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.