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Firearms Safety & Concealed Carry Seminar **SET FOR NOV. 16**

I am hosting a Firearms Safety & Concealed Carry Seminar on Thursday, Nov. 16, starting at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center, 101 Champ Blvd., Manheim (along Rt. 283 near Spooky Nook Sports.)

Attendees will learn an overview of current laws pertaining to concealed carry in Pennsylvania, information on the concealed carry licensing process in Lancaster County, and how to safely interact with law enforcement while carrying a concealed weapon.

Speakers for the evening include Lancaster County Assistant District Attorney Mark Fetterman, and Lancaster County Sheriff Chris Leppler.

There is no cost to attend, but you must RSVP so we can have enough materials prepared. You can RSVP online at **RepMiller.com/events** or call my office **717-295-5050**.

I enjoyed the opportunity to lead a state Capitol tour for several Woodcrest Villa residents. Dan Mortensen (back row, left) who helped to organize the tour, serves as Vice President of Operations for Mennonite Home Communities. His wife, Shelli, (front row, left) was also able to join in on the tour with the residents. The Mortensen's are East Hempfield Township residents. Woodcrest Villa is also located in East Hempfield.

UPDATE on Pennsylvania's 2024 Primary Election ★

Despite strong opposition by many members of the House of Representatives who prioritized the advice of election officials and county commissioners throughout Pennsylvania, the House advanced a bill in mid-October to move the 2024 Primary Election date back by one week to April 16. I voted against this measure because of the sheer lack of time for county commissioners and elections officers to implement the change.

Leaders in the Pennsylvania Senate have communicated that they will not take up the legislation, leaving – as of now – April 23, 2024 as the date of the 2024 primary.

The County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP), representing County officials from all over Pennsylvania, said moving the date earlier this close to the 2024 Primary Election would simply not be feasible.

While I support moving to an earlier primary date for future elections to ensure Pennsylvanians have a strong voice in selecting presidential candidates, moving the date this late would not only put our county election officials in an almost insurmountable situation, it would also likely cause errors and continue to sow doubt in the public's trust of the election process. Given these factors and the recent issues many counties have had in administering elections, it would be unwise to place additional burdens on them so close to the primary election date. Instead, we should pass legislation changing to an earlier presidential primary date for 2028 and thereafter.



Mountville Borough is making great strides in their efforts to both improve their community parks and also the water quality of our streams. I enjoyed participating in the neighborhood celebration and ribbon cutting at Mountville's Spring Hill Park to showcase the stream and floodplain restoration project on site. Mountville officials and the Lancaster Watershed Leadership Academy joined together to make this project possible and were excited to celebrate the work done thus far.

Eligible Residents Can Receive Heating Assistance

Starting Nov. 1, residents who struggle with their home heating bills can apply for assistance from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps individuals and families pay their heating bills through home heating energy assistance grants.

The program also provides crisis grants to help in the event of an emergency or if a resident is in danger of losing his or her heat due to broken equipment, lack of fuel or termination of utility service.

The income eligibility guidelines for LIHEAP are set at 150% of the federal poverty income level.

Residents may apply for LIHEAP online at **compass.state.pa.us**, by phone at **1-866-550-4355** or by contacting the Lancaster County Assistance Office at **717-299-7411**. Learn more at **dhs.pa.gov** or contact my office for information.

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HOW MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU

My district office staff and I are here to help you.

Please contact me at my office or online to share your thoughts or concerns, or for assistance with any state-related matter!

- Birth/Death certificate applications.
- Issues and problems with Pennsylvania insurance programs: Medical Assistance, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications and assistance.
- Unemployment Compensation issues.
- Issues or questions about utilities and the Public Utility Commission.
- Information on financial assistance for higher education.
- Fishing and hunting information.
- PennDOT forms for special tags and driver and vehicle services.
- Pennsylvania personal income tax forms.
- Requests for literature (bills, regulations, statutes, maps, assistance programs, senior citizen information, etc.)
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for notable local accomplishments and family milestones.
- Tours of the State Capitol for individuals or groups



I recently attended the quarterly meeting of the Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. held at the Lancaster County Training Center in East Hempfield Township. Fire Chiefs from all over the county met to discuss how they can better serve and protect respective communities. The elected officials present (including me) discussed multiple issues such as recruitment and retention of volunteers, the State Workers Insurance Fund, expanding grant opportunities for equipment and education, multiple fire/EMS bills that have been introduced, and more. I was able to get a photo with Scott Ryno, Fire Chief of the Columbia Borough Fire Department Station 80. Thank you Chief Ryno for your service!

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Are You the 1 in 10?

One in 10 Pennsylvania residents is owed unclaimed property. Unclaimed property can include dormant bank accounts, abandoned stocks, uncashed checks, and more.

More than \$273 million in unclaimed property was returned to Pennsylvania taxpayers in the 2022-23 fiscal year, the highest return ever. However, more than \$4.5 billion remains, so if you haven't checked for your name on the state Treasury's Unclaimed Property database, it's simple to search online at **PATreasury.gov/unclaimed-property**. You're also welcome to contact my office for assistance. Please note: if you find unclaimed property that is yours, you do not need to pay anyone to claim it.

Property is always available for the rightful owner to claim. Tangible property – often the contents of forgotten safe deposit boxes – may be auctioned after three years, but proceeds remain available to claim in perpetuity.

The average claim with unclaimed property is worth about \$1,600. Earlier this fall, I sent a letter to every resident in the 41st Legislative District who had unclaimed property worth \$100 or more. My office staff and I enjoyed hearing from and helping residents who had no idea there was any unclaimed property in their name. I'm sure there are thousands more residents in our district who have unclaimed property in the 'under \$100 level' as well. I hope you make a point to check or give my office a call and we'll be glad to assist you.

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