



STATE REPRESENTATIVE | 176TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It remains my honor to represent you in Harrisburg and a privilege to serve you here at home.

We send these mailings every few months to keep you up to date on news from the state Capitol and here in the 176th Legislative District. I hope you find them to be interesting and informative. Another great way for us to stay connected is to register for my Friday email updates at www.RepRader.com, under the "Resources" tab.

Thanks to everyone for your patience during our recent renovation project. As some of you know, our Effort office was closed for a month for some repairs, which meant my staff and I were working out of the Blakeslee office. A special thank you to Ross, Polk and Chestnuthill townships for letting us assist some of our constituents in their municipal buildings while we were under construction. We are now officially open in both offices and ready to help!

Thank you,

2023 – 2024 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Finance • Insurance
• Local Government •
Tourism and Economic and
Recreational Development

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR 2023 PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE

Eligible participants can receive a rebate of up to \$1,000 based on their rent or property taxes paid last year. The state program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians who are 65 years or older, widows and widowers 50 years or older, and those 18 years or older with disabilities.

Copies of the applications, as well as assistance with filing them, are available at my district offices in Effort and Blakeslee at no cost. Applications are due by June 30. If extra funds are available, the deadline is extended to Dec. 31.

Property owners are also reminded that the Pocono Mountain, Pleasant Valley and Stroudsburg Area school districts are once again offering rebates on property taxes paid in 2023. Applications are available at my district offices.

IS THE STATE HOLDING YOUR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY?

The Pennsylvania Treasury is currently holding more than \$4.5 billion in unclaimed property. Does any of it belong to you? Checking could not be easier – just visit www.patreasury.gov.

Remember, if you find property that is yours, you do not need to pay anyone to claim it. You may go directly through the Office of the Treasury or contact one of my offices for assistance.

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

Military decorations and memorabilia are never auctioned and remain in the vault for safekeeping until a veteran or their family is found.

FREE PRODUCE AVAILABLE TO SENIORS THROUGH VOUCHER PROGRAM

Eligible older residents in Monroe County are encouraged to take advantage of a government program that provides vouchers to purchase locally grown fruits, herbs and vegetables at participating farmers markets and roadside stands.

To qualify for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, applicants must be 60 or older by Dec. 31, be a resident of Monroe County, and meet income guidelines. Applicants must have a total

household income, before taxes, of less than \$27,861 for a single person and \$37,814 for a couple.

Voucher applications are available through my district offices through Sept. 15. Applications can also be downloaded at www.monroecountypa.gov. Once the application is approved, all vouchers and pertinent information will be mailed to the participant starting in June.

WORKING FOR YOU IN THE DISTRICT



We had a great turnout for my Concealed Carry Seminar in Stroudsburg.



Lots of good information was presented at my ID Theft Seminar in Reeders.



Discussing current events with seniors at Arrowhead Lakes and reviewing available state programs.



Having fun at the Polk Township Volunteer Fire Company's breakfast fundraiser.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS!

FREE HARD-TO-READ LICENSE PLATE EVENT

Friday, June 7, Noon to 2 p.m.

Rep. Rader's district office parking lot in Blakelee
395 Route 940, Blakeslee, PA 18610

A police officer will be on hand to authorize
a new FREE plate if yours is illegible.

Please call 570-643-7683 to RSVP with your title and plate
information or register online at www.RepRader.com/events.

The officer will also be collecting
unwanted prescription drugs for disposal.

IDENTITY THEFT SEMINAR

Thursday, June 13, 6 p.m.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

**Tunkhannock Township Municipal Building
1557 Long Pond Road, Long Pond, PA 18334**

Dave Shallcross, PA Office of Attorney General director
of senior protection, will discuss identity theft and other
recent scams. Registration is required by calling one of my
district offices or visiting www.RepRader.com/events.

WEST END FAIR

Aug. 18-24

570 Fairgrounds Road, Gilbert, PA 18331

Don't forget to stop by our booth for a visit!

SIXTH ANNUAL SHREDDING/FALL CLEANUP EVENT

Saturday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pocono Raceway

1234 Long Pond Road, Long Pond, PA 18334

Shred sensitive paperwork. Dispose of old tires. Drop off
expired prescription drugs. Also collecting cell phones,
slightly used books and glasses/sunglasses.
This is a convenient, drive-through event.