



State Senator TIM KEARNEY

Representing the 26th Senatorial District



Dear Neighbor,

I can hardly believe that it's 2022, which means I've had the honor of serving as your State Senator for three years and the pleasure of meeting many of you as I work across our district.

The last two years have been unprecedented and ever-changing because of the COVID-19 pandemic – however, I am optimistic about our future because so many of you have come together to support one another despite the many challenges.

As we continue to navigate this unfamiliar landscape, I want you to know that my district offices are open and ready to help you. From information about testing sites to unemployment compensation, SEPTA passes, or questions about recent bills or resolutions, my staff and I are eager to assist you with any state-related issue or legislative concern.

Many of you have already used your voice (or computer) to highlight your position on gun safety reform, reproductive and voting rights, COVID-19 vaccines, gerrymandering, climate change, and more. Every in-person conversation, email, call or text matters to me because it lets me know what matters to you.

Whether I am advocating for better policies to support working families and increase public school funding or helping to secure grants for community projects and revitalization efforts, my goal is to ensure this county and Commonwealth become a more equitable place for current or future residents.

I will continue to take your concerns with me to Harrisburg and prioritize legislation that reflects your needs.

This year, I will focus my efforts on policies to support our youth and investments in school infrastructure. And I'll focus on improving public safety and violence prevention, increasing access to affordable housing, providing debt relief for working families, and reforming unfair healthcare industry practices.

I look forward to this new year and working hard for all of you.



Tim Kearney
State Senator • 26th Senatorial District

Winter 2022



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Things You Need to Know

Appointment to SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

In January, I was appointed as Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee (member since 2021). This leadership role within the Democratic Caucus will give me a unique opportunity to influence our state's budgetary process and ensure that Pennsylvania makes prudent financial decisions to meet the needs of our Commonwealth.

While serving in this position and continuing my assignments on the Local Government, Education, Transportation, and Labor & Industry committees, I vow to fight for a state budget that is equitable and fair and invests in the sustainability and growth of our Commonwealth. I will continue to champion for increased funding for public school education and investments in transportation infrastructure and other policies that make Delaware and Chester County a place where people are glad to live, work and visit. ■



Pennsylvania Homeowners Assistance Fund

Starting February 1, eligible Pennsylvania homeowners can apply to receive help with mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosures, and other hardships created by COVID-19.

To find out more about eligibility visit, PAHAF.org or call **PAHAF (888) 987-2423**

For more information contact my office.

COVID-UPDATE

While the current pandemic seems never-ending, we all have a part to play to stop the spread of the virus. A few weeks ago, I joined Delaware County Council and Dr. Azmat Husain from Personick Health Care to announce the opening of a new COVID-19 testing site at the Delaware County Emergency Training Center in Sharon Hill.



This drive-thru site is one of dozens throughout Delaware County that offer rapid or PCR tests.

Find a testing location or vaccine clinic near you.

DELAWARE COUNTY
www.delcopa.gov/covid/

CHESTER COUNTY
www.chesco.org/covidvaccine

Recently, the Biden administration announced every household would be eligible to receive four **FREE COVID-19** testing kits.

To receive your free kit by mail visit, covidtest.org.

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Legislative Updates



BILLS I'm working on

Breonna's Law • Senate Bill 296

Named after Breonna Taylor, a 26-year-old African American woman who was fatally shot by police after plainclothes officers executed a no-knock warrant to enter her apartment. The bill would stop another tragedy like Breonna's from happening by banning no-knock warrants. The legislation would require law enforcement to knock and announce themselves when serving a warrant, waiting at least 15 seconds for a response, and would require body cameras be worn during a search, as well as five minutes before and after the operation.

American Rescue Plan Act Funding for Fire Companies

After feedback in our district, it became clear that the Commonwealth needed to do more to support our local fire companies with the continued loss of revenue due to the ongoing pandemic. This legislation would create a new grant program, funded with **\$125,000,000** of American Rescue Plan dollars, to provide

grants of up to **\$50,000** to fire companies throughout the Commonwealth.

Public Safety Authorities

In response to recommendations from first responders and stakeholders around improving fire and EMS throughout the Commonwealth, this legislation would allow for greater cooperation of our fire and EMS companies by allowing for the creation of Public Safety Authorities. These authorities would support our existing fire and EMS companies with coordinated business and organizational operations.

Name Change

In response to a Democratic Policy Hearing co-hosted by me and three colleagues, on the problems transgender individuals face when changing their names, we have introduced a package of bills to reform the process and remove some of the barriers this community faces.

Removal of Sex from Birth Certificates: As a part of this package, this legislation will

follow the American Medical Society's recommendation that sex designations be removed from all newly issued birth certificates. Just as we no longer include race on birth certificates, omitting newborns' sex from certificates would reduce discrimination and a number of bureaucratic obstacles that transgender Pennsylvanians face when interacting with the government.

Eating Disorders

Eating Disorders affect many individuals throughout this Commonwealth. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, 1 in 5 American women struggle with an eating disorder, and if untreated nearly 15% of those individuals will die. Yet, treatment for these disorders is often only partially covered and many individuals face barriers to getting treatment. Most successful treatment occurs with consistent, structured outpatient programs, but few insurance companies cover anything beyond immediate hospitalization. My legislation would require insurance to cover these vital treatments.

GRANTS for the district

Helping to secure funding for community initiatives like the **Bywood Community Association's (BCA) beautification project** is a part of my pledge to partner and support local organizations.

In the last six months, I've announced nearly **\$10 million** in grants and funding for the 26th District. There are so many great projects that many of you are passionate about and I am happy to advocate for and invest financial resources that will revitalize and develop our communities. From county-wide public safety improvements to small redevelopment projects and roadway improvements, each of these projects demonstrates a continued vision to strengthen our communities and the Commonwealth. ■



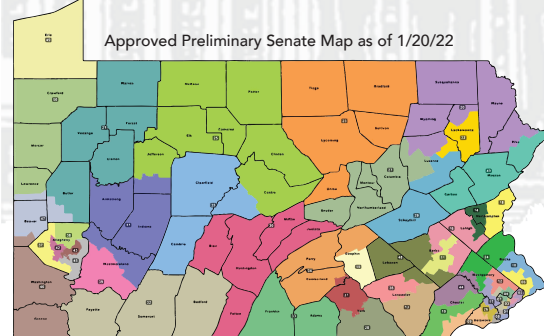
HERE'S A SNAPSHOT OF THE GRANTS AWARDED TO OUR DISTRICT THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY:

- **Springfield Township: \$1,369,000** for transportation and safety improvements along State Road to support the Estates at Coventry Woods—an approved mixed-use development project that will consist of medical and general offices, retail space, 55+ residential and assisted living, and independent living townhouses.
- **Upper Darby Township: \$499,320** for construction of a 2,700 linear-foot section of the Cardington-Newtown Trail.
- **Newtown Township: \$204,000** for restoration of Greer Park.
- **Glenolden Borough: \$50,000** for wildlife and aquatic improvements to Glenolden Community Park.
- **Springfield Township: \$75,000** restoration along a portion of Crum Creek.
- **Delaware County: \$4,561,000** for upgrades to the Delco 911 Communications System.
- **Delaware County Community College: \$2.5 million** for construction of the new Southeast Campus in Upper Darby Township.
- **Media Borough: \$500,000** for the Plum Street project, which will convert 5,500 square feet of a brick and concrete pedestrian corridor in the middle of downtown, into a shady, ADA accessible park with trees.

Redistricting in Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania's redistricting process is currently underway and preliminary House and Senate maps have been released by the Legislative Redistricting Commission (LRC).

How does this affect you? The boundaries of elective districts have been redrawn and some municipalities may have a different member of the PA House or Senate represent the area because a town/borough/city was added or taken away from their district.



Why does this happen? The PA Constitution mandates that every 10 years, Census results are taken and used to redraw legislative districts. This is meant to ensure everyone is equally represented based on population.

When will the maps be finalized? After the LRC issues a revised plan in February, there will be a 30-day period for individuals and organization to appeal to the PA Supreme Court. After all appeals are heard, a map will be approved.

You can visit www.redistricting.state.pa.us/maps/ to see the preliminary House map and a more detailed look at the 26th District.

Building a Strong Community



61st Annual Delaware County Veterans Parade in Media/Lansdowne Event

Veterans Day events give us a chance to celebrate some of our local heroes. It was great to see so many of our local veterans at the 61st Annual Delaware Veterans Parade in Media.



Delco 911 Center Grant Announcement

With Delaware County Council, Rep. Mike Zabel, Rep. Leanne Krueger, Rep. David M. Deloso, Nether Providence Police Chief Splain, Holmes Fire Company Chief Hudyma, and Tim Boyce, Director of Delaware County Emergency Services to announce \$4.6 in RACP funding secured by the entire Delaware County legislative delegation to support upgrades to the Delco 911 Communications System.

Insurrection Anniversary

Remembering the importance of defending democracy during the 1-year anniversary of the January 6 Capitol riot.



Food Drop-off with Senior Community Services

Helping Senior Community Services volunteers from the Schoolhouse Center drop off shelf-stable emergency meals to seniors in Delaware County.

Delco Veterans Memorial Toys for Tots

Supporting the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association's Holiday Toys, Food & Clothing Drive.



Citation presentation to Citizens Corps of Delco

Presenting the Citizen Corps of Delaware County (CCDC) with a Pennsylvania Senate citation in recognition of receiving the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce Community Impact Award for the tremendous work they do in our area.

Share Food Program Donation

Thanks to the generous donations from constituents, my office was able to collect several bags of non-perishable food items to help support the Share Food Program's mission of helping local families dealing with food insecurity.



7th Annual Menorah Lighting

The holiday season gives us the opportunity to learn about different traditions that make us all unique. Happy to have attended the 7th Annual Menorah Lighting in Media this past December to support constituents in the 26th District celebrating Hanukkah.



Watkins Senior Center Visit

While stopping by the Watkins Senior Center in Upper Darby to chat with a few constituents, I had the opportunity to sit down and talk with Ms. Patricia Jones who was celebrating her 99th birthday.



Smoke Detector Event with UD Fire Department

During Fire Prevention Week, my office partnered with the Upper Darby Fire Department to help promote fire safety and prevention by passing out educational brochures and free carbon monoxide detectors and signing residents up to receive smoke alarm installations.



Cold Storage Infrastructure Food Bank Grant Announcement

Joining my colleagues to announce \$11.5 million in funding to support Cold Storage Infrastructure for Food Banks across the Commonwealth.



Diaper Drive

Thanks to donations from constituents and local organizations, and collection efforts by my office and the offices of Senator John Kane and state Reps Mike Zabel and Jennifer O'Mara, we were able to collect OVER 3,000 diapers and other baby items to support local parenting families in need during the holiday season.

Attention Seniors!



Those 65 or older can apply for a free SEPTA Senior Key Card through my offices, eliminating the need to travel to SEPTA headquarters in Center City. No appointment is necessary but proof of age is required. Call (610) 544-6120 or (610) 352-3409 with questions.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Stop by my office and see if you have Unclaimed Property!

No appointment is necessary. Unclaimed property can include:



- Closed bank accounts
- Uncashed checks (including paychecks)
- Lost stocks and bonds
- Contents of safe deposit boxes
- Life insurance policies
- Expired gift cards/gift certificates

patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property/

How Can Our Offices Help You?



SERVICES WE PROVIDE

- Absentee Ballot Application
- Birth Certificate Application
- Death Certificate Application
- Criminal Record Check Application
- Child Abuse Clearance Application
- Consumer Complaint Forms
- Hunting License Application
- Fishing License Application
- Free Notary Service (state documents only)
- Prescription Assistance Applications
- PennDOT Assistance
- Pennsylvania Department of Revenue
- Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA)
- Public Utility Commission Complaints
- Property Tax & Rent Rebate Assistance
- State Income Tax Forms
- Voter Registration Application

ANY issue with state government

STAY INFORMED

Join my email update list



I maintain an email list for those who wish to receive weekly updates from me about public meetings, traffic alerts, community events, state and local programs and services, and other items of interest to the community. If you would like to be added to that list, please email me at senatorkearney@pasenate.com

HELP THAT'S CONVENIENT

Did you know that you can text my office for assistance?

If you are unable to come in person to one of my district offices and don't have access to email, send a text message to **610-590-8581** and someone from my office will respond. Perhaps you're not a phone or computer person and our district office locations don't work for you. We have mobile office hours in Easttown and Upper Darby.

MOBILE OFFICE HOURS

EASTTOWN LIBRARY

720 First Avenue • Berwyn, PA 19312

Every 2nd Wednesday of the Month

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

WATKINS SENIOR CENTER

326 Watkins Avenue

Upper Darby, PA 19082

Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

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is also available in Spanish.

If you visit my website, click on the word **Española** in the upper right-hand corner.



2021
BY THE NUMBERS

\$15.6 Million

In Grants Secured for 26th District



\$15,000

In Unclaimed Property
Returned to
Constituents



1,700+

Constituent
Cases



17

Sponsored Bills
PASSED by Senate



248

Co-sponsored
Bills & Resolutions



34

Community & Virtual
Events Hosted

I'm always looking for ways to better communicate with you. If you have suggestions for a new mobile office location or input on other language translations for my website that may better serve your community, please contact my office, and let us know.



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We have several events coming up in the next few months. See an event that interests you? Come out! We'd love to see you.

Mark your CALENDER

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY 11

Blood Drive

with Representative Gina H. Curry

Noon – 5 p.m.

East Lansdowne Borough Hall

155 Lexington Avenue

East Lansdowne, PA 19050

FEBRUARY 15

Swarthmore Town Hall

7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Swarthmore Borough Hall

121 Park Avenue

Swarthmore, PA 19081

FEBRUARY 26

Black & Diverse Business Forum

with Representative Gina H. Curry

9 a.m. – Noon

Delaware County Community College

901 Media Line Road

Media, PA 19063

MARCH 3

Veterans Family Bowling Night

with Representative Mike Zabel

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Playhouse Lanes

3245 Garrett Road

Drexel Hill, PA 19026

MARCH 19

Apprenticeship & Trade Fair

with Senator John Kane

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

DCIU Morton

200 Yale Avenue

Morton, PA 19070

MARCH 19

Shredding Event

with Representative Jennifer O'Mara

9 a.m. – Noon

Saint Kevin Parish

200 West Sproul Road

Springfield, PA 19064

MARCH 24

Marple Town Hall

7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Marple Library

2599 Sproul Road

Broomall, PA 19008

APRIL 2022

(Exact Date TBD)

Upper Darby Town Hall

7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Location TBD

MAY 21

Pet Expo

with Representative Leanne Krueger

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Folsom Athletic Field

601 Kedron Avenue

Folsom, PA 19033