



# State Senator **TIM KEARNEY**

Representing the 26th Senatorial District



*Dear Neighbor,*

**F**or the first time in years, Pennsylvania is making serious investments in local schools and communities, which I was proud to fight for in the 2022-2023 state budget. And yet this year, we've witnessed turbulent and divisive politics continue in DC and at large, and Russia's invasion of Ukraine causing record inflation that is erasing our hard-fought economic recovery.

Through it all, the resiliency of our country and the people of Delco and the 26th District – YOU – give me hope and the drive needed to continue working on your behalf.

As your elected official, I have spent much of this year fighting for policies that reflect your concerns and needs. Whether it's introducing legislation to protect our local healthcare systems from predatory private equity firms or working to secure more funding to support local organizations—everything I do is to benefit our community.

I've rallied for our kids, I've demanded action against inflation – like enacting a gas tax holiday – and I've fought against legislative attacks on voting and reproductive rights.

The battle to protect these rights, to address the ongoing gun violence epidemic in our country with commonsense reforms, or to make real transformational investments in our Commonwealth is never-ending.

While I am committed to doing my part to push Pennsylvania and this district forward, we need everyone to use their power to advocate for the same cause. Now more than ever, Pennsylvanians must unify and stay engaged in the process of shaping our legislature.

I know from my conversations with many of you that you all want pragmatic leaders who offer solutions. I promise I will continue working to deliver results that make you proud to be a Pennsylvanian and a part of the 26th District.

Although there is much to do, I remain humbled to do the work on your behalf. As always, my offices are open and ready to serve you—we are here to help.

Tim Kearney  
State Senator • 26th Senatorial District

Summer 2022



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### SPRINGFIELD OFFICE

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Harrisburg, PA 17120-3026  
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Senate of Pennsylvania:  
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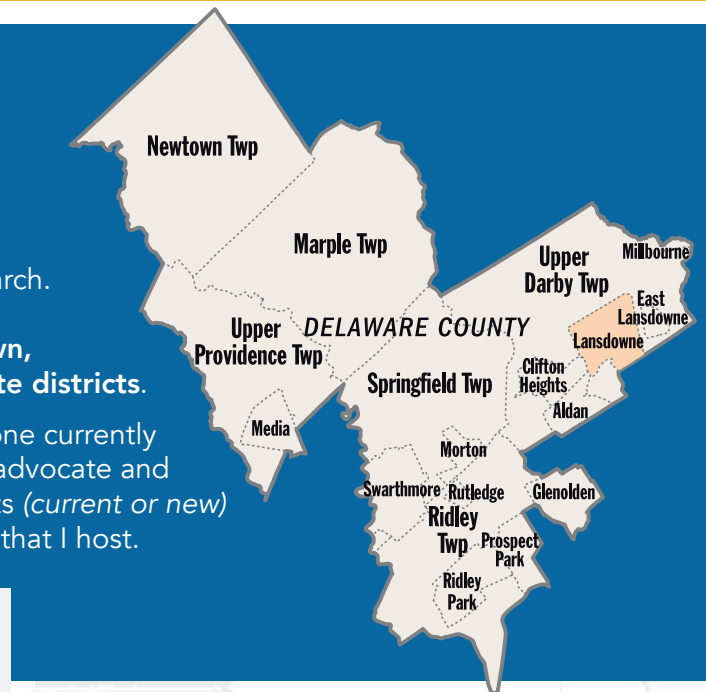
## Things You Need to Know

### New Legislative District

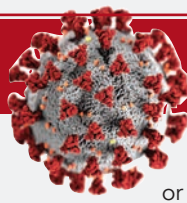
#### THE NEW 26<sup>TH</sup> SENATORIAL DISTRICT

The new legislative districts were approved and finalized in March. With the new maps, the 26th District has slightly changed. **Lansdowne Borough** has been added to my district. **Willistown, Easttown, and Tinicum** have been grouped with other senate districts.

Although the district is different, I will continue to serve everyone currently in the 26th through the end of this year—and will continue to advocate and support policies that matter to you. I encourage all constituents (*current or new*) to attend and participate in any community event or town hall that I host.



#### Children 6 Months Through 5 Years Now Eligible for COVID-19 Vaccine



Parents and caregivers can now get their children 6 months through 5 years of age vaccinated with the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines. This expands eligibility for vaccination to nearly **20 million** additional children.

Distribution of pediatric vaccinations for these younger children has started across the country and is available at thousands of pediatric practices, pharmacies, Federally Qualified Health Centers, local health department clinics, and other locations. Parents can reach out to their doctor, nurse, local pharmacy, or health department, or visit **vaccines.gov** for available appointments.

#### DELAWARE COUNTY First Health Department Officially Opens

The Delaware County Health Department (DCHD) is officially operational. The opening of DCHD in April 2022 marks a historic achievement for Delco and the Commonwealth and signifies the commitment this County Council has made to safeguard the community and public health.

Many elected officials, local organizations, community advocates, and residents were instrumental in the process. I am especially proud that my office was able to help streamline communication between the county and state as well as advocate and secure millions of dollars in funding to help with DCHD's creation and operations.

Currently, the newly renovated Delaware County Wellness Center in Yeadon serves as the main location for DCHD.

The health department offers a myriad of services, including wellness and prevention resources, **COVID-19** information, vaccines and boosters, immunizations, addiction treatment, free screening, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, maternal healthcare, and much more.

**You can learn more about DCHD and the services and resources it provides by visiting:**  
Delaware County Wellness Center at Yeadon  
125 Chester Avenue • Yeadon, PA 19050  
**www.DelcoPa.gov/health** or call (484) 276-2100 (Available 24/7)  
EMAIL: **DelcoWellness@co.delaware.pa.us**  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Monday – Friday)



## Legislative Updates



### I'm working on

#### For-Profit Healthcare Reform Package

In June, I led a delegation of Delco legislators in introducing a package of bills to reform for-profit health-care. Following the mass layoffs and hospital unit closures across the Crozer Health System, it's clear we need protections against private equity looters and other for-profit management companies from decimating our hospitals and nursing homes and cutting critical health

services.

Our package of legislation will prevent financial tricks like stripping hospitals of their assets and loading them with debt and will put strong state oversight of hospital sales to make sure they don't fall to predatory owners.

#### American Rescue Plan (ARP) Dollars for Arts and Culture

Earlier this year, I introduced legislation to help arts and culture re-

gain financial stability. I am happy to see the FY 2022-23 budget recognizes the importance of arts and culture organizations and the significant strain they faced during the pandemic by creating a \$15M pandemic relief grant program. Beyond enriching our lives and communities, these organizations are critical drivers of our downtown and tourism economies, and they did not receive any state relief funding over the last 2 years.

## BUDGET Update

*After years of unnecessary austerity, I was glad to support this year's budget agreement as Democratic Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee. It makes significant and critically needed investments in our schools, mental health services, and working families.*

This budget **increases funding for public schools by \$850 million**, including **\$225 million** in "Level Up" funding targeted to schools serving communities with the greatest needs and least resources – legislation that I was proud to introduce in the Senate and champion throughout the negotiating process. Level Up will help to increase state support for the Upper Darby School District to more than **\$65 million**, while the William Penn School District will receive more than **\$36 million**. Overall for our area, schools in Delaware County will receive an additional **\$44.3 million** in funding compared to last year, or an increase of **15.4%**.

The budget also tackles our great need for more childcare options by **increasing childcare assistance by \$90 million**. This will help increase staff at early education centers and allow more parents to re-enter the workforce.

Mental health has been a top issue for constituents, and this budget puts **\$100 million towards school-based mental health** strategies to help our teens and children. We also increased funding for adult mental health services by **\$100 million**, which will support so many people and families affected by substance abuse and other mental health issues. Additionally, this budget addresses the surge in gun violence by investing **\$75 million in community-based violence prevention strategies** and **\$185 million for police and law enforcement agencies combatting gun violence**. Communities and law enforcement are both part of the solution to gun violence, and both desperately need state resources to reduce gun violence.

Importantly, this budget will help thousands of Pennsylvanians stay in their homes and access affordable housing. It **increases funding for property tax and rent rebates by \$140 million**, giving seniors a 70% increase in relief per rebate. It also establishes the innovative **Whole Home Repairs program with \$125 million** in grant funding for low-income and middle-class property owners to make critical repairs to their homes. We also know we need to build more housing to address unaffordability, and this budget increases funding for **affordable housing development programs by \$250 million**.

There are many other positive investments – too many to cover here – but it's important to note that one budget can't address the many years of disinvestment in our communities that Harrisburg has wrought. This budget is just a glimpse of what we could accomplish when we're willing to act with bold urgency on behalf of the communities we serve. I am proud to fight for you.

**Read Across America Day**  
Reading to Ms. Conley's Pre-K class at the Step-by-Step Learning Center in Drexel Hill for Read Across America Day.



**▲ Sikh Parade**  
Joining the Sikh community in Millbourne for a parade to celebrate the fifth Sikh Guru, Arjun Dev Ji.



**▲ Veterans Bowling Event**  
Celebrating local veterans and their families during a bowling night event with Rep. Mike Zabel in Drexel Hill.



**▲ Upper Darby MusicMan Festival**  
Spending time playing the ukulele at the 2022 Schoener MusicMan Festival in Drexel Hill to benefit the Brad Schoener Memorial Fund.



**▲ Black & Diverse Business Forum**  
Rep. Curry and I were excited to see so many local entrepreneurs and business owners come out to our 1st Annual Black & Diverse Business Forum at Delaware County Community College (DCCC).

## Building a Strong Community



**▲ Apprenticeship Fair**  
Partnering with Senator Kane for an Apprenticeship Fair at DCIU to expose local students to different career opportunities after high school graduation.



**▲ Delco Celebrates Juneteenth**  
The Juneteenth Holiday, annually held on June 19, commemorates the ending of slavery in the United States. I happily joined local events, including Delaware County's 1st Juneteenth Celebration at Rose Tree Park.



**▲ Korean American Citizenship Day**  
Joining members of the Philip Jaisohn Memorial House Foundation to celebrate Korean American Citizenship Day in commemoration of the 132nd anniversary of Dr. Philip Jaisohn's US citizenship on June 19, 1980.



**▲ Celebrating Mr. Herman Whilby's 104th Birthday**  
I had the distinct pleasure of joining Rep. Jennifer O'Mara and residents of Morton to celebrate Mr. Herman Whilby's 104th birthday. It was an honor to present him with a Senate citation to mark this milestone birthday.



**▲ Town Hall Meetings**  
Happy to be in the community, updating constituents about the latest in Harrisburg at recent Town Hall meetings in Swarthmore, East Lansdowne, Marple and Upper Darby.

**▲ Ridley Park Public Library 110th Anniversary**  
Celebrating the 110th anniversary of the opening of the Ridley Park Public Library building and the dedication of the Edith McFall Memorial Children's Library.



**▲ Feminine Hygiene Drive Donations**  
Rep. Curry and I were able to deliver thousands of Feminine Hygiene Products to the Upper Darby WIC office thanks to the generous donations we received from constituents. The items will support local women, girls, and menstruating individuals in need.



**▲ 4th of July Parades in Delco**  
Walking and talking to constituents and law enforcement officials during the Marple/Newtown and East Lansdowne 4th of July parades.



## 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. We can also process renewal applications if you have an old or expiring card.

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/](http://patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property/)

## DID YOU KNOW You Can Request a Senate Citation?

Senate Citations are requested for constituents or organizations who have reached a significant personal or professional milestone. Also, citations can be requested for Girl and Boy Scouts who will be awarded the Gold Award or Eagle Scout designation. If you would like to obtain a congratulatory, retirement, anniversary, condolence, or birthday citation from my office, please visit [senatorkearney.com/citation-request/](http://senatorkearney.com/citation-request/) and complete the form.

You may also fax your requests to one of my offices.

Please include with your fax or have the following information available when you contact my office:

- Name of the person or organization being recognized.
- Reason for citation, i.e., birthday, anniversary, Scout or team recognition.
- Please indicate if you are requesting Senator Kearney's presence at the event to formally present the citation.
- Date of event.
- Please provide a mailing address where the letter should be sent.
- Deadline for the request.
- Contact name and phone number.

PLEASE PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF 3 WEEKS NOTIFICATION PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE FOR YOUR REQUEST.

## How Can Our Offices Help You?



### SERVICES WE PROVIDE

- Birth & Death Certificate Application
- Consumer Complaint Forms
- Hunting & 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
- Fishing License Application
- Help With Unemployment Compensation/Issues

**ANY issue with state government**

## STAY INFORMED

Join my email update list



I maintain an email list for those who wish to receive bi-weekly updates from me about public meetings, community events, state and local programs, and services, and other items of interest to the community.

Want to be added to the email list? Visit [senatorkearney.com](http://senatorkearney.com), scroll to the bottom of the page, and complete the "Sign Up for the Latest Updates," form.

You can also email me at [senatorkearney@pasenate.com](mailto:senatorkearney@pasenate.com)

I also provide updates on my social media pages.  
Make sure you are following my accounts:

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## MOBILE OFFICE HOURS

### RIDLEY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

100 East MacDade Blvd.  
Folsom, PA 19033

Every 1st Friday 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. – Noon

### UPPER DARBY FREE LIBRARY MUNICIPAL BRANCH

501 Bywood Avenue  
Upper Darby, PA 19082  
Every 1st Thursday of the Month  
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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is also available in Punjabi. When you visit my website, click on the "choose your language" text in the upper right-hand corner.

**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 **CALENDAR**

## Upcoming Events

### **AUGUST 18**

#### **Reproductive Healthcare As a Human Right**

7 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Delaware County Intermediate Unit  
200 Yale Avenue  
Morton, PA 19070

### **AUGUST 30**

#### **Overdose Vigil with Senator John Kane**

7 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Delaware County Courthouse  
201 West Front Street  
Media, PA 19063

### **SEPTEMBER 24**

#### **Shredding Event with Representative Jennifer O'Mara**

9 a.m. – Noon  
Springfield Mall  
1250 Baltimore Pike  
Springfield, PA 19064

### **AUGUST 20**

#### **Community Shredding Event with Representative Gina H. Curry**

9 a.m. – Noon  
Upper Darby High School  
601 N. Lansdowne Avenue  
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

### **SEPTEMBER 8**

#### **Blood Drive with Representative Jennifer O'Mara**

Noon – 5 p.m.  
Media Community Center  
301 North Jackson Street  
Media, PA 19063

### **OCTOBER 5**

#### **Town Hall with Representative Gina H. Curry**

7 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Twentieth Century Club  
84 South Lansdowne Avenue  
Lansdowne, PA 19050

### **AUGUST 25**

#### **Expungement Clinic with Representative Jennifer O'Mara**

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Morton Borough Hall  
500 Highland Avenue  
Morton, PA 19070

### **SEPTEMBER 22**

#### **Senior Expo with Representative Mike Zabel**

9 a.m. – Noon  
The Drexelbrook  
4700 Drexelbrook Drive  
Drexel Hill, PA 19026