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Representing the 26th Senatorial District

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Dear Neighbor,

As we step into the Fall, I am humbled by the opportunity to continue serving you and our community.

Reflecting on the last several months and the journey we have undertaken together, I am heartened by the progress we have achieved, throughout the county and our commonwealth.

Through our shared dedication, we have stood at the forefront of positive change, making our district stronger and state more vibrant with each passing month.

On a more challenging note, the state budget. As we draft this letter to you, we've passed the majority of the budget and it's been signed. By the time the newsletter reaches your mailbox, I'm hopeful my colleagues have been able to compromise and get this critical job done.

Unfortunately, many of the priorities that I believe are essential to the betterment of our communities have been delayed. It is in times like these that our unwavering commitment to progress becomes even more critical.

Together, with your help, I and my Democratic colleagues will continue to champion investments in education to support our most underserved school districts, the Whole Homes Repairs Program, and other priorities, ensuring that they receive the consideration they deserve.

Our journey has always been one of perseverance and shared purpose. From education equity to affordable housing, and tax and rent relief for our seniors, we have consistently demonstrated our dedication to causes that matter most.

I am reminded of the strides we have made in the past, and I am confident that our united efforts will continue to yield positive results.

I encourage each and every one of you to remain engaged and active in improving our county. Let us work together to ensure that the voices of our community are heard and that our priorities remain at the forefront of our legislative endeavors.

With your support, I am optimistic that we will overcome any challenges that come our way.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and for allowing me the privilege of representing you. My commitment to our community remains as strong as ever, and I am excited to stay the course — serving you, the entire 26th District, and our commonwealth.

Tim Kearney

State Senator • 26th Senatorial District

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THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

NEW INCOME LEVELS FOR PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATES

Recently, Governor Shapiro signed a major expansion of the Property Tax/Rent Rebate (PTRR) program into law. This historic achievement, which will deliver the largest targeted tax cut for Pennsylvania's seniors in nearly two decades is a promise Gov. Shapiro campaigned on and an investment that my Democratic senate colleagues and I advocated and proudly voted yes for.

I am delighted that this expansion will bring relief to families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities in our commonwealth. By easing the financial burden, we ensure a brighter future and improved quality of life for those who need it.

As a result of the new expansion, nearly 175,000 more Pennsylvanians will qualify, and many of the 400,000 seniors who already qualify will see their rebates nearly double, with future increases to the program being tied to inflation.



IMPORTANT CHANGES

- **The maximum standard rebate will increase from \$650 to \$1,000**
- **Income limits for renters and homeowners will be made equal and both increase to \$45,000**

Who is eligible?

- **Pennsylvanians ages 65+**
- **Widows and widowers ages 50+**
- **People with disabilities ages 18+ living on limited income**

Staff in my district offices can help eligible Pennsylvanians complete an application for this program. Constituents can stop by my Media or Upper Darby office locations Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. for assistance. You can also visit mypath.pa.gov or call 1-888-222-9190 to apply.

WHOLE HOME REPAIRS

UPDATE

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Delaware County is now accepting applications for the Whole-Home Repairs Program.

Funds are being administered through Habitat for Humanity. **Eligible homeowners and landlords may apply for up to \$50,000 to repair and weatherize homes.**

To find out more information about eligibility, visit

**[habitatmontdelco.org/
home-repair-inquiry-form](http://habitatmontdelco.org/home-repair-inquiry-form)**

NEW DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATION IN MEDIA

Earlier this year, we relocated my Springfield District Office to Media, PA. We are excited to help constituents in our new space, which is located at **438 E. Baltimore Avenue (1st Floor), Media PA 19063**. Our telephone number and office hours are still the same (**Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**). Whether you live in Media, or somewhere else in the 26th District, we would love to help you with any state-related issue. Everyone is welcome to stop by for assistance or to tour our new space.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



SPOTLIGHT:

One of the biggest issues facing Delaware County and many other regions of Pennsylvania today is the loss of hospitals and access to health services. We learned this firsthand when the Crozer Health system's parent company shut down Delaware County Memorial Hospital and Springfield Hospital last year, in part because of financial interests driven by Wall Street.

This past spring, I introduced Senate Bill 548, along with Delco Senators John Kane, Amanda Cappelletti, and Anthony H. Williams, to empower the PA Attorney General to halt detrimental health system transactions. Crozer's downfall due to exploitative Wall Street deals

underscores the need for strong measures against such actions.

Crozer's parent company, owned by a private equity fund, incurred substantial debt and sold off real estate to pay themselves shareholder dividends. Our healthcare industry lacks safeguards against financial abuse. SB 548 mandates disclosure of deals to the PA Attorney General, ensuring they benefit patient care. Hospital changes would require local hearings, leveraging the Attorney General's expertise in protecting the public interest.



Delaware County is not alone in this fight – rural Pennsylvania is similarly facing a crisis of disappearing hospital and nursing home services in the face of greater consolidation in these industries. A bipartisan approach is vital to prioritize patients over profit and protect all Pennsylvania communities from further harm.



Photo Credit: A design for the proposed UD Community Center. (Courtesy of JMT Architects)

GRANTS FOR THE DISTRICT

It gives me great pleasure to advocate for state funding and resources to support local initiatives and businesses in the 26th District. The new Upper Darby Community Center which will be located at 7000 Walnut Street will be an ADA-accessible space for residents to enjoy. The center will offer different programming and initiatives like after-school tutoring, computer access, adult education, physical fitness, and more.

To date, my office has helped secure **\$4 million** in state funding to help with the construction and other needs related to this project.

Our local fire departments have an incredible task to protect and safeguard the community. I am proud to have helped secure \$75,000 in

capital funding for the Morton Rutledge Fire Company and the Woodlyn Fire Company to make necessary improvements to their facilities, ensuring they are able to efficiently respond to emergencies.



These projects are a snapshot of initiatives that I am proud to uplift. They represent a shared vision of growth and excellence for all who live, work, and visit Delaware County. Through partnerships, and a commitment to enriching the lives of constituents, I will continue to find ways to bring real investments to revitalize and transform our district.

BUILDING A STRONG COMMUNITY



▲ Interboro School District Groundbreaking Ceremony

Interboro School District's Groundbreaking Ceremony marks the beginning of a school expansion project that will include plans to update and modernize the school facility and renovate existing spaces to enhance students' educational opportunities and outcomes.



▲ Lansdowne Theater Groundbreaking

Attending members of the Historic Lansdowne Theater Corporation (HLTC), Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon, Delaware County Council, Lansdowne Borough's mayor and council, local arts advocates, and community members for a restoration kick-off for the historic Lansdowne Theater.



▲ 2023 Pet Expo

Engaging with local pet owners, and their furry companions during our Annual Pet Expo.



▲ Meal Delivery to Seniors

Delivering meals to local seniors with Senior Community Services volunteers.



▲ New Media Office Open House

Welcoming constituents to my new Media District Office during our Open House Event on June 8.



▲ Media Little League World Series Run

Celebrating the Media Little League 12U team during a sendoff pep rally for family, friends, and residents headed to Williamsport, PA to cheer on the team at the World Series.

▲ Delco Day

Joining my fellow Delconians for another Delco Day.

Shorter AME Church's Wellness and Wisdom Community Block Party

Stopping by Shorter AME Church's Wellness and Wisdom Community Block Party in June.



▲ 4th of July in Delco

Celebrating and engaging with constituents and local law enforcement during July 4th parades in the 26th District.

Rose Tree Park Playground

Happy to join Delaware County Council for the official opening of The Destination Playground at Rose Tree Park, which was designed for children ages 2 to 12 and has different areas for different age groups.



▲ PASNAP/Nurses Rally

Advocating for more support for our local nurses and health care professionals with other elected officials during a Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses & Allied Professionals' rally outside of Crozer Chester Medical Center.

▲ Touring UTC RAS

Touring UTC RAS, a family-owned manufacturing operation in Morton, PA that provides rail transport industry services and products with several of my Senate colleagues.



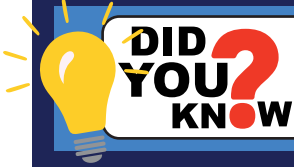
HOW CAN OUR OFFICES HELP YOU?

WE CARRY FREE NARCAN

My district offices have **FREE** Narcan available.

If your business or group is interested in having Narcan on site, please reach out to my office — we would love to help facilitate you getting some.

If you are a resident who wants access to Narcan, stop by my office in Media or Upper Darby. We can provide it for free.



Naloxone (Narcan) is a medication approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose. It is safe and legal and can be used in emergencies to save someone's life.

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

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/

SERVICES WE PROVIDE

- Absentee Ballot Application
- Birth/Death Certificate
- Consumer Complaint Forms
- Handicap Placards
- 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
- Unclaimed Property
- Unemployment Issues
- Voter Registration Application

ANY issue with state government

Attention Seniors!



**SEPTA SENIOR
FARE CARD**

If you are 65 years or older you are eligible to apply for a free SEPTA Senior Fare Card through my offices. The process is simple and takes less than 15 minutes. We can also process renewal applications if you have an old or expired card.

What are the benefits of a SEPTA Senior Key Card?

SEPTA Senior Key Card holders ride **FREE** (at the time) on all Transit Routes – Bus, Trolley, and Regional Rail travel to/from stations located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. 50% of the weekday fare for travel to/ from New Jersey and the state of Delaware.

No appointment is necessary, but proof of age is required.

Call (610) 544-6120 or (610) 352-3409 with questions.

Connecting to services in my office just got a little easier. You can now **CHAT WITH US** online. When you visit my website during normal business hours, just click on the "Chat with Us" text in the lower right-hand corner.

- Need help finding resources online?
- Want to register for one of my events?
- Have other state-related questions?

We can help you navigate our website and assist with other concerns. It's fast and easy.

New Website Feature

#ChatWithUs

You can now **chat with us LIVE** online. When you visit my website during normal business hours, just click on the "Chat With Us" text in the lower right-hand corner.

Chat hours: Monday - Friday (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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Fax: (610) 352-3641



My office loves to host events for the community. See an event below that interests you? **SAVE THE DATE.**

Mark your CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT. 4

SEPTA Senior ID Sign-Up Event
with Rep. Gina H. Curry
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Upper Darby One Center
100 Garrett Road
Upper Darby, PA 19082

OCT. 21

Shredding Event
with Rep. Jennifer O'Mara
9 a.m. – Noon
Springfield Mall
1250 Baltimore Pike
Springfield, PA 19064

DEC. 5

Holiday Office Open House
4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Media District Office
438 E. Baltimore Avenue (1st Floor)
Media, PA 19063

OCT. 14

Community Baby Shower
with Rep. Gina H. Curry
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Beverly Hills Middle School
1400 Garrett Road
Upper Darby, PA 19082

NOV. 14 – DEC. 10

Toys for Tots Collection Drive
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
My District Offices
Constituents are encouraged to donate new toys to support the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program. Donations will be distributed to children in our area for the holidays.

DEC. 7

Expungement Clinic
with Rep. Gina H. Curry
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Upper Darby One Center
100 Garrett Road
Upper Darby, PA 19082

OCT. 17

SEPTA Senior ID Sign-Up Event
with Rep. Gina H. Curry
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Lansdowne Borough Hall
12 E. Baltimore Avenue
Lansdowne, PA 19050

NOV. 15 – DEC. 15

Diaper Drive
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
My District Offices
Constituents are encouraged to stop by one of my district offices to drop off much-needed baby items for local parenting families in need.

To stay up to date about future events, visit:
SenatorKearney.com/event