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Dear Residents of SD-44:

As we end what has been a tumultuous year, I just wanted to take a moment to say that I know that this pandemic has wrecked some level of havoc and uncertainty on all of our lives, resulting in financial, emotional, and physical struggles. Please know that my team and I are here to help. Please reach out to our office with any questions and we will work to find the resources you need. We are always here to help you and your family, *before, during, and after* COVID-19. Also, please check out our website for COVID-19 resources for at [senatormuth.com/covid19](https://senatormuth.com/covid19).

This past year in Harrisburg, the members of the General Assembly seem to be divided now more than ever. Despite political turbulence during this global pandemic, I fought hard for our region to receive its fair share of federal CARES dollars to help our small businesses, front line workers, schools and first responders. I also introduced legislation and demanded investigations to increase transparency and improve communication and guidance in our nursing, long term care, and congregate care facilities during COVID-19.

As I prepare to start the new legislative session in January, I know that there is still much more work to do. I'm ready to continue to fight for the hardworking people and families of our district and across the state. Our commonwealth desperately needs a just recovery, so that all of you and people across Pennsylvania have the resources they need to get their lives back together.

In order to safely meet the needs of my constituency during this global pandemic, our district office is **open by appointment** at 338 Main Street in Royersford and my team is ready to help! Since I was elected two years ago, we have helped over **14,867 constituents!** If you have a question on any state government issue, we will work to get you an accurate, truthful, and helpful answer. If you have a problem or concern with any state government agency, please contact us and we will help! And, of course, your input is always welcomed, encouraged, and appreciated on any legislative or policy issue, as I work to represent the interests of **all** of the people of the 44th District. I look forward to hearing from you!

Honored to represent you,

Senator Katie Muth

## \$5.5 million awarded to SD44 for local community and emergency management organizations

I am proud to [announce \\$5.5 million](#) in state grants that will support vital community and emergency service projects that will directly benefit the 44th senatorial district. After a year of endless unknowns and heartbreaking challenges experienced by so many Pennsylvanians, I am very grateful for these grant awards that will improve our communities in the coming year. I am thankful that Governor Wolf selected my identified priorities and funded projects that support first responders, veterans, and domestic violence resources.

Funding to support these community projects comes from the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP), a Commonwealth grant program administered by the Office of the Budget for:

- ✓ The construction of a fire and emergency services facility and training building on land owned by Upper Providence Township. The township will receive \$2,000,000 to construct the headquarters and primary response location for all fire and EMS services, including the township's emergency operations center.
- ✓ Funding in the amount of \$1,500,000 will be used to construct affordable housing for veterans in Caln Township.
- ✓ \$1,000,000 in funding will be directed to support the Laurel House, which is Montgomery County's only domestic violence shelter.
- ✓ \$1,000,000 was directed toward the restoration of the Perkiomen Bridge Hotel located in Collegeville Borough.



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Senator Muth Announces \$5.5 Million in RACP Funding for Local Community and Emergency Management Organizations

## Fighting for transparency and accountability

Deep pocketed energy companies have used the archaic CSI act to shield the public, first responders and county and local emergency service agencies from accessing information vital to public health and safety.

Further, companies have used the act to weave an expensive web of litigation fighting the release of this information in the hope that they can force the public into submission. Senator Tim Kearney and I are [fighting this practice](#), in order to re-establish the right of the Office of Open Records to independently decide which records belong in the public domain.



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## In the district:

### Toys for Tots Chester County

On Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, I helped distribute toys to families in Chester County and Norristown as part of the **Marine Toys for Tots Foundation - Chester County** drive.

A big thank you to Jeffrey Smith, who has worked countless hours to coordinate this year's effort and to the many volunteers and businesses who donated, sorted and distributed toys to families in need this holiday season.



### Wreath laying ceremony to honor our veterans

Thank you to the members of the Spring-Ford Veterans Memorial

for honoring the recently deceased veterans at the Southeastern Veterans Center. Last weekend, I was honored to [join](#) members of the Spring City American Legion, Mayor Jenna of Royersford, Spring City Mayor Dona Kern, and the families of some of the veterans for a wreath laying ceremony.

The Spring-Ford Veterans Memorial committee erected this memorial as a tribute to veterans at SEVC who have passed away during the pandemic, since their lives and accomplishments may not have been formally recognized due to current restrictions.

You can learn more about the Spring-Ford Veterans Memorial project by visiting their [facebook page here](#). A video that my team and I created to honor the memories of the veterans honored as part of the memorial can be viewed [here](#).



## How to Stay Informed

### Pennsylvania Department of Health

- The PA DoH [Daily COVID-19 report](#). Updated regularly throughout the day.
- Follow the PA Health Department on [Twitter](#).
- Follow them on [Facebook](#).

### U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Follow the CDC on [Twitter](#).
- Follow the CDC on [Facebook](#).
- Learn how best to [prevent "community transition"](#) with specific details on what to do before, during, and after outbreaks.

**Be sure to check out the complete list of information, data, and resources available to those in:**

[Berks County](#)

[Chester County](#)

[Montgomery County](#)



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