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Dear Residents of SD-44:

On Sunday morning I was honored to be in attendance for the assumption of command ceremony for Colonel Deane E. Thomey at Biddle Air National Guard Base in Horsham. Colonel Rebecca Gray was also introduced as the Vice Commander of the 111th Attack Wing and is responsible for assisting the commander with supervising the wing and its subordinate units.



Over the past year, the 111th Attack Wing has been instrumental in providing critical support for pandemic response operations across the Commonwealth including nursing home support missions, vaccination team support missions, and PEMA [Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency] headquarters support.

Thank you, Captain Shorter, Brigadier General Regan, Colonel Thomey, Colonel Gray, and CMSgt Ferguson for inviting me to take part in this momentous occasion.

In this e-blast, you will find my comments on [why I voted NO](#) on HR106, an update on my [quest for transparency](#) from PSERS, and our call for [fair funding for education](#) in PA.

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Senator Katie Muth

My Vote On HR106

On Wednesday evening, Senate session was extended to push through [HR106](#), which ends the emergency declaration. Doing so put in immediate jeopardy access to federal sources such as the expanded SNAP program, school lunches through the summer, and the ability to use federal funds for use of the national guard.

Suddenly realizing that ending the emergency declaration would eliminate waivers that have improved the lives of Pennsylvanians, the Senate approved [House Bill 854](#) on Thursday, which ensures all waivers previously effective under the COVID-19 emergency to remain in effect until Sept. 30, 2021, unless sooner terminated.

I'm baffled that so many resources have been spent to stick it to the Governor, instead of working together to improve our response to the next pandemic. We have an opportunity to reinvest in the people of Pennsylvania and help those who continue to suffer as a result of the pandemic. Instead, too many legislators in Harrisburg want to act as if the pandemic never happened and leave behind their constituents who they were elected to serve.



In the news: Demanding Transparency from PSERS

As a trustee responsible for overseeing the financial security of hard working teachers and school employees, I cannot do my job if I am being blocked at every turn. The teachers, school employees, and taxpayers of Pennsylvania should know how each and every penny of their money is being invested. If I, as a PSERS Trustee, am having [difficulty acquiring basic documentation](#) about the fund and various investments and practices, what hope does the public have to know how their money is being managed or invested.

I am confident that the Commonwealth Court will take a look at the [facts in this case](#), as well as my statutory rights as a trustee to have full access to all information regarding the fund management, and quickly rule that my rights as a fiduciary must be upheld to protect the fund and its annuitants.



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Senator Muth Demands Access to Vital Information - Senator Katie Muth

Investing in Public Education: Fair Funding

People are sick and tired of rising property taxes and for years the Majority party in the General Assembly has failed to live up to their responsibility to provide sufficient state funding for public schools, while passing the buck to local school districts to make up the difference.

Last week, House and Senate Democrats and advocates for students from across the state joined Gov. Tom Wolf to [call for investing half of the \\$3 billion](#) in above-expected state revenue into improving schools for students statewide, and fully implementing the state's Fair Funding Formula to make sure a child's education isn't determined by a zip code.



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House & Senate Democrats Join Gov. Wolf to Call for Investing in Schools, Delivering Equity for all Students

What would fair funding really look like in your community? [Fund Our Schools PA](#) has launched a new interactive tool on their site that pulls your local numbers to show the size and shape of underfunding in your community. What can you do? Download and share the image that shows how much your school district is underfunded. Remember: underfunded school districts use your property taxes to make up the difference.

Navigating the New UC System

My office is aware of issues that constituents are having when trying to log on to the new UC system. While we are working with the individuals and L&I to address some of the concerns, below is some information that we received:

- L&I is actively reviewing feedback from individuals using the new system and has identified two areas where several users have had questions. The first is that multiple users who receive payments by direct deposit have reported seeing their payment type listed as "debit card." Because payment data is stored primarily by the Pennsylvania Treasury and not the UC system, this is just a display issue and is not a problem with payment type. After a person's payment is made, the correct payment method will be displayed. Users do not need to take any action to correct this should they see "debit card" listed instead of direct deposit.
- L&I is also aware that a small percentage of users are experiencing an issue logging in with their Keystone ID or when they attempt to change their payment type. This issue has been identified as being related to server connectivity, and a fix is already underway.

L&I has also posted [topic-specific video walkthroughs](#) relative to many of the most frequently asked questions that can be found [here](#).

Keystone ID

LOGGING INTO THE NEW UC SYSTEM

DON'T

- Use your Social Security Number
- Use your credentials from the old UC system
- Use your old PIN
(unless you are filing by phone starting June 10)



DO

- Use a valid email address
- Secure your password
- Save all security answers in a safe location
- Keep trying to login with your Keystone ID credentials

Public Hearing June 16: Mariner East 2 (Marsh Creek Lake)

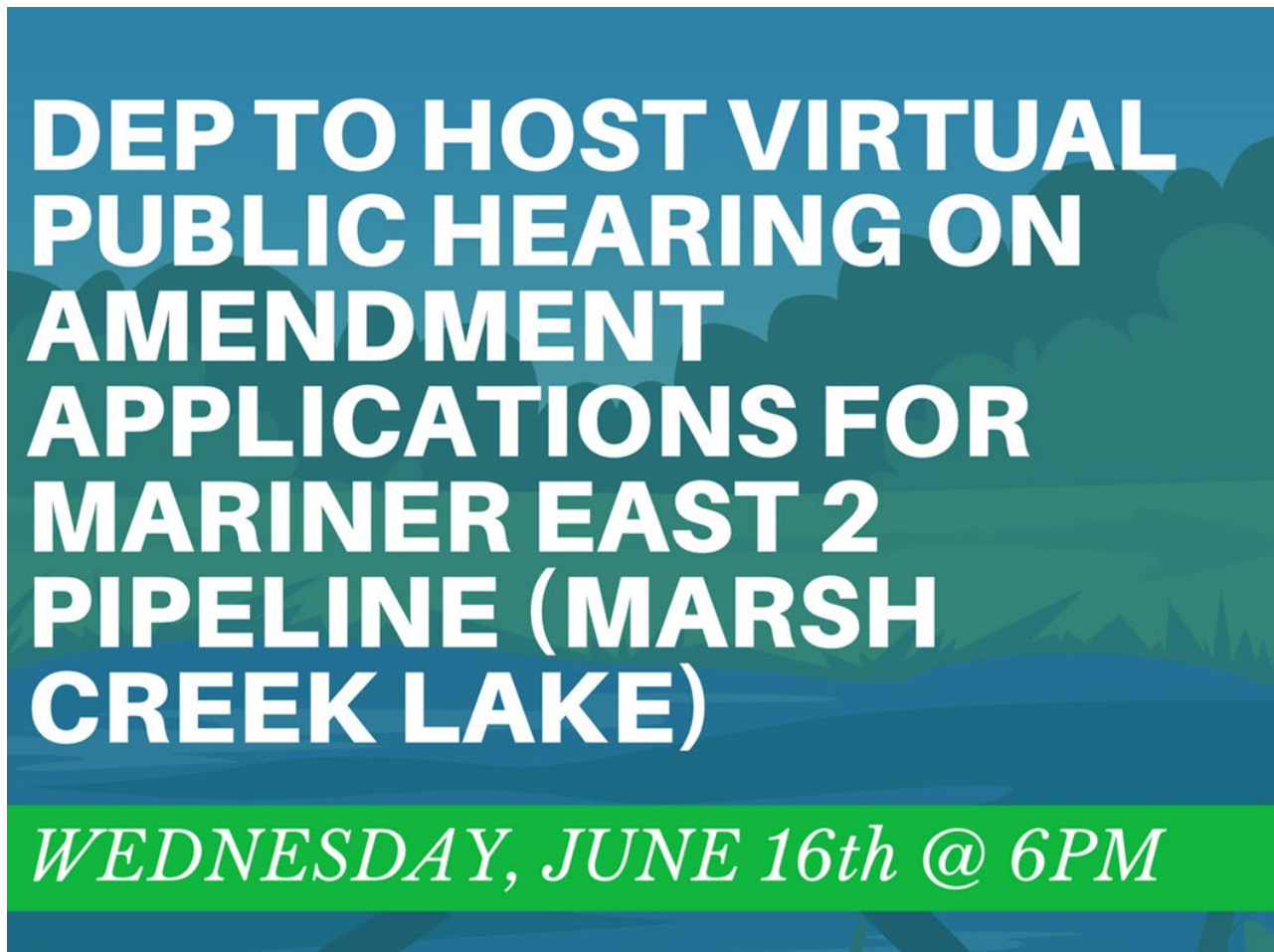
The PA DEP is holding a virtual public hearing on June 16th regarding amendment applications for the Mariner East 2 pipeline. Sunoco is requesting a modification from HDD (horizontal directional drilling) to an open-cut trench for the installation of this segment of the pipeline, as well as a revised route that requires cutting through streams that feed Marsh Creek Lake.

Drilling fluid spilled on August 10th, remains in Marsh Creek Lake at this moment,

requiring that a section of this state park is closed to visitors. In addition to being a community recreation destination, Marsh Creek Lake is also an important drinking water source for Chester County residents.

Make your voice heard: Contact John Repetz, Community Relations Coordinator, at jrepetz@pa.gov or 717-705-4904 to register for the hearing.

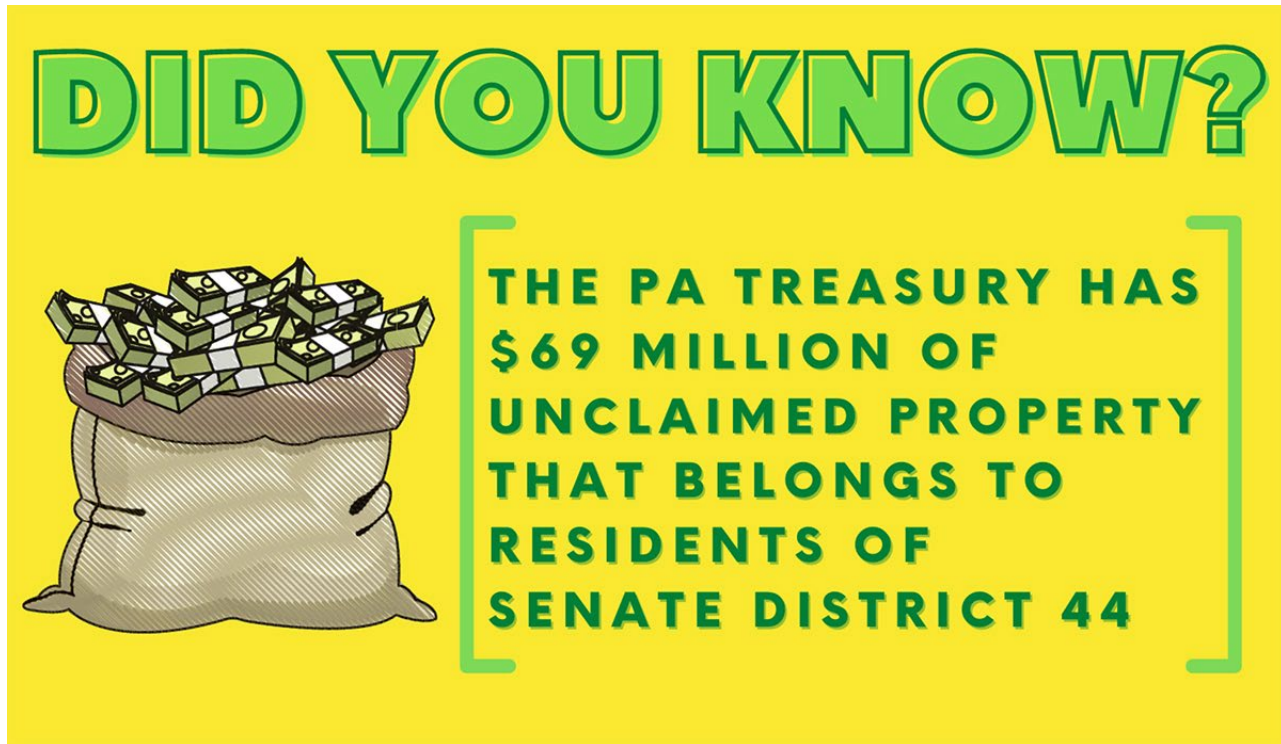
Written comments can be submitted electronically to RA-EPWW-SERO@pa.gov until June 23rd.



Find Your Unclaimed Property

Recently, we were made aware that the PA Treasury has over \$69 million in unclaimed property that belongs to residents of Senate District 44. We encourage everyone to search Treasury's Unclaimed Property database at www.patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property/.

If you have any questions or need assistance please do not hesitate to give my office a call at (610) 792-2137, or send us an email at senatormuth@pasenate.com.



Food Drive in Support of Philabundance

My office is once again partnering with TruMark Financial Credit Union in support of Philabundance. Food items can be dropped off at my district office located on Main Street in Royersford Borough (338 Main Street), as well as various community events that my office will be attending through the entire month of June.



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