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Dear Residents of SD-44:

Today is National Vietnam War Veterans Day! Today, we honor the sacrifice and service of over 9 million service men and women who were on active duty service between November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975.

Our Veterans who served in the Vietnam War often times fail to get the recognition that they deserve. If you know a friend, neighbor or relative that served during the Vietnam era, take the time to give them a call or send them a message, so that they know that you appreciate his or her service.

Today, the Spring-Ford Veterans Memorial Staff is giving away FREE Water Ice at the Pink Moose Cafe located at 147 Main Street, Royersford for Vietnam Veterans and their grandchildren. Stop by between 2-5 pm and meet with the members of the Springford Veterans Memorial Staff.





Are you in phase 1A and need assistance registering for a vaccine shot?

My office continues to help senior citizens and other constituents who may be having

difficulty registering for a vaccine appointment, due to a number of factors like not having an email address.



questions and register you based on your county of residence.

I will keep posting updates from the DOH, as well as any vaccine opportunities that pop-

up across our community while I continue to advocate for more vaccine doses directly to our region in SEPA. Follow the latest updates, be sure to like and follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.



I was sent to Harrisburg to fight for the rights of all Pennsylvanians and, last week, I witnessed members of the Majority Party deploy <u>roadblock after roadblock</u> to prevent

justice, and it is beyond time to pass <u>SB406</u> and <u>SB407</u>.

Standing Up For Justice

survivors of childhood sexual abuse from their rightful pathway to justice and healing.

House Bill 14 sought to establish an emergency constitutional amendment to provide

justice for survivors of sexual abuse following an egregious error by the Pennsylvania Department of State. The Senate Majority party recently blocked this effort by using an extremely narrow interpretation of the Pennsylvania Constitution that limits emergency amendments to weather-related events.

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I introduced an amendment that would have improved this bill to establish a statutory process for survivors which was once supported by Majority Party members back in the Fall of 2018. My amendment was based on policy previously enacted in neighboring states such as Delaware, New Jersey, and New York and supported by all members of

the Senate Democratic Caucus.

In good conscience, we cannot wait another day, let alone force survivors to endure another two years of suffering. So many have waited far too long for justice and we must set political differences aside to do what is right for the survivor. Thousands and thousands of survivors across our Commonwealth have waited far too long for healing and

Senate Republicans Block Survivors Pathway to Justice



Pennsylvania School Boards Association 'Virtual Advocacy Day'

Last Monday, was 'Virtual Advocacy Day' with the PA School Boards Association!

Thank you to school board directors from Spring-Ford Area School District, Norristown Area School District, Perkiomen Valley Schools, Boyertown Area School District, NASD Superintendent Christopher Dormer, and Tina Viletto from the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for taking the time to meet with me to discuss critical issues affecting public education including charter reform, budget challenges, and the increasing need for mental health services for students at every level.



Pennie Enrollment Period Extension

Good news! Pennie' has extended its Enrollment Period through August 15, 2021, aligning with the federal extension announced earlier this week. Pennie is committed to providing ample time for Pennsylvanians to access quality health coverage during this pandemic, and to ensure they are able to take advantage of the additional financial assistance made available under the American Rescue Plan.

- The COVID-19 Enrollment Period will remain open for both new customers to enroll in coverage and for current customers to change their plan if they so choose.
- Learn more about Pennie and <u>enroll here</u>.



Hazardous Waste Disposal Events Registration is now available for the 2021 Montgomery County Household Hazardous

Waste events. Click on the link <u>HERE</u> and register for the event you would like to attend.

Registration is **required** and COVID-19 guidelines must be followed when attending an

event. Event workers will only unload materials from the trunk of a car, cargo area of an SUV, or the bed of a truck.

2021 Household Hazardous Waste Events in Southeastern PA - Please check the

website for the Host County to register for an event in <u>Bucks</u>, <u>Chester</u>, <u>Delaware</u> or <u>Philadelphia</u>.

2021 Montgomery County, PA Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Events

By appointment only, preregistration required

DATES:

Register Here

Saturday, April 24 Boyertown Middle School East 2020 Big Road, Gilbertsville Register Here

Saturday, May 1 Indian Valley Middle School 130 Maple Avenue, Harleysville Register Here

Saturday, May 8 Montgomery County Community College Enter at 595 Cathcart Road, Blue Bell

Saturday, June 12 Temple University-Ambler Campus Enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike, Ambler

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Saturday, June 19

Abington Junior High School

Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center

Enter at 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington Register Here
Saturday, September 25

400 South Lewis Road, Royersford Register Here

SUNDAY, October 24
Lower Merion Transfer Station

1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley Register Here

Registration available at MontcoPARecycles.org

Free residential collection events are held outdoors. Montco residents may also attend any Household Hazardous Waste event held by Bucks, Chester, Delaware, or Philadelphia Counties.

Please do not contact the host sites, as they are not affiliated with the events.

In case of severe weather, call 610.278.3618, option 6 for event status.

Contact us at:

MontcoPARecycles.org recycling@montcopa.org 610.278.3618







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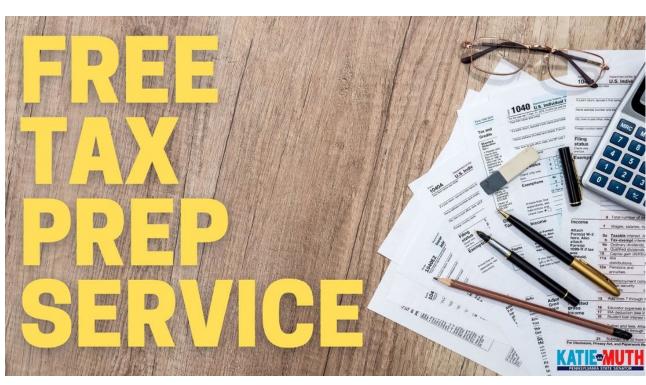
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NEW Tax Deadline and Free Tax Prep Service

Pennsylvania has delayed its tax filing deadline from April 15 until May 17, after the Internal Revenue Service said it is delaying the federal tax filing deadline until May 17.

My district office in Royersford Borough is offering free tax prep service for anyone who needs to file a tax return by using a 1040 form. This service will be offered on Thursdays from 5-7pm through April 8 (all COVID precautions will be enforced).

You **MUST make an appointment** by calling my office at 610-792-2137 (ask for Nikki). To learn more about the service and what you will need to bring to your appointment click **HERE**.





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- Follow them on <u>Facebook</u>.

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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- Tollow the ODO on <u>raceboo</u>

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