Dear Residents of SD-44:

Whether you plan to vote by-mail or in-person, I want to make sure that you have all of the information that you need to ensure that your voice is heard and that your vote is counted. I have added a new section to my website that has County and State resources, as well as important reminders. Take a look and please reach out to my office if you have any questions.

You are not alone when faced with issues that you need assistance with. We are here to help! My staff and I are always available by phone at 610-792-2137 and by email at senatormuth@pasenate.com to help answer your questions and provide you with the resources that you need.

Sincerely,

Senator Katie Muth

Updates from Harrisburg

Comments on SR377: Term Limits Amendment on Congress

This past week I spoke on the Senate floor regarding SR377, which aims to add a Term Limits Amendment on Congress via a Constitutional amendment. Currently, there are no such limits (in the PA General Assembly, and furthermore members refuse to vote on this issue relative to campaign finance reform.

If we are going to propose a resolution imposing limits on Congress, then we must clean up Harrisburg first. Money in politics continues to stifle progress in Harrisburg (and throughout the Country) and any conversation relative to representing the best interests of our constituents MUST include ending the pay to play culture in our government.

SB1189: Protection for nursing home residents

Last week, SB1189, which requires nursing homes immediately upon the issuance of an emergency proclamation to follow the CDC’s guidelines as it relates to the communicable diseases that is the subject of the proclamation, passed the Senate 33-16.

It is abundantly clear that some of our nursing homes did not begin following the CDC’s guidance at the onset of the outbreak, and others including State Veterans Homes of which I recently raised concern about after being contacted by staff members, maintained a work culture in which staffers were afraid to speak out about problems for fear of termination.

Since the onset of the outbreak I have been an outspoken advocate for the most vulnerable among us, in order to save lives and stop the spread of the virus. In opposition to the Administration and the DOH, I was one of only four Democratic Senators to vote for this bill because I believe that there is much work to be done to protect the residents in our nursing homes.

This bill is a step in the right direction, but there is still work to be done to ensure that our nursing home residents and staff are protected and have the resources and PPE that they need to quickly implement mitigation protocols in the future.

Complete the Census by Sept. 30th

10 questions. 10 minutes. 10 years of impact on your community. The deadline to complete the Census is September 30th, so do not delay.

COVID Alert PA

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has launched COVID Alert PA, a free mobile app that uses Bluetooth technology to notify users if they've been in contact with someone who positive for COVID-19.

If you are 18+, please consider downloading the app! The more users, the more effective the exposure notification system will be, which will help stop the spread in PA?

The app also includes...
Ballot Drop Box Locations

The Montgomery and Chester County Election Boards confirmed the placement of secure ballot box drop-off locations ahead of the General election last week.

Residents who have applied to vote by mail and would like to return it to the Election Board in their respective County may do so by putting it into a secure drop box.

Residents should be aware of the following:

- You MUST use BOTH envelopes when returning your ballot. Put your completed ballot into the secrecy envelope, and then into the return envelope. Sign & Date the return envelope.
- You are only permitted to drop off your own ballot. You cannot drop off ballots for other people, even if you are in the same household.
- For hours and other information, make sure that you check the respective website for your County. Montgomery | Chester

Grants Awarded for Parks and Partnership

I am happy to announce $816,775 coming to Senate District 44 for the first round of DCNR’s Bureau of Recreation and Conservation (BRC) Community Parks, Small Community, and Partnership Grants. These grants will assist local governments and recreation and conservation organizations fund projects related to Parks, Recreation, and Conservation throughout SD44.

Congratulations to:
**East Brandywine Township**: Bondsville Mill Park (Parking area; installation of a horticultural garden; ADA access; landscaping; etc)

**East Pikeland Township**: Township Park (Dog park; pedestrian walkway; pavilions and parking area, community garden; ADA access; landscaping; etc)

**Honey Brook Township**: James A. Umble Memorial Park (Skatepark; basketball courts; pedestrian walkway and parking area; play equipment; ADA access; landscaping; etc)

**West Vincent Township**: Bryn Coed Preserve (Pedestrian bridge and boardwalk; ADA access; landscaping; etc)

**Limerick Township**: Limerick Community Park (Pedestrian walkway; multi-purpose field; tennis courts; pickleball courts; bocce courts; parking area; ADA access; stormwater management; etc)

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**In the District: American Business Women’s Day**

Last week was American Business Women’s Day! American Business Women’s Day is a day set aside to honor and reflect upon the contributions and accomplishments of the millions of U.S. women in the workforce, and women business owners.

My district office on Main Street in Royersford Borough is anchored alongside a number of incredible women owned businesses listed below (over 28!). What is your favorite Women owned business? During these difficult times when businesses are struggling due to the virus make sure that you stop by and show your support and let them know that you appreciate all of the hard work that they have put in to make their business successful.

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**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.
- Learn how best to prevent “community transition” with specific details on what to do before, during, and after outbreaks.

**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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