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Dear Neighbor,

I can't believe we are nearing the end of 2021! My office has been busy this fall working to serve everyone in our community. I recently wrapped up my second series of in-person town halls, my staff organized two expos to provide the community with information on mental health and senior services, and we remain open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., working hard on topics ranging from unemployment and PennDOT to LIHEAP and other issues. My office is also involved in the Season of Giving, supporting drives for Toys for Tots, for women's health items, and for food donations to support pantries right here in Springfield, Marple, Morton, and Radnor. I would also like to take this time to wish you a safe and happy holiday season. I want to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve our community. I have a profound appreciation for the role that I serve, and I will continue to work hard to get results for Delco and to demonstrate that government can be a force for good. As we head into a new year, it is my hope that we remember that there truly is more that unites us than divides us.

Kind regards,

Jennifer O'Mara

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\$1.49M in grants recently awarded to the district

- ✓ **Marple Public Library** secured a \$25,000 grant from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development to be used to purchase and install surveillance/security monitoring equipment to heighten the facility's security.
- ✓ **Morton-Rutledge Fire Company** received a \$15,000 grant to go toward the purchase of a HURST eDrualic Jaws of Life tool, a rescue tool commonly used to assist in car accidents, especially when someone is trapped inside a vehicle.
- ✓ **Broomall Fire Company** was selected for a \$15,000 grant that will help cover the cost of dry suits to be used for water rescues and water rescue training.
- ✓ **Springfield Township** received \$1.36M to make much-needed repairs to State Road and traffic upgrades as construction for The Estates at Coventry Woods continues.
- ✓ **Crum Creek Watershed** was awarded \$75,000 to help mitigate erosion that has been damaging backyards and manage excessive stormwater to prevent Whiskey Run from further growth.

Get your SEPTA Senior Key Card at my office

Did you know? Seniors 65 or older are eligible to travel for free on all PA SEPTA service lines with a SEPTA Key Card. My office can process these applications for you. Just call my office at 610-544-9878 to schedule a time to drop by and get your photo taken!

****Please note that SEPTA has extended the expiration dates for current card holders. Our office cannot renew those cards and renewals can only be done at SEPTA headquarters at 12th and Market in Philadelphia.****

DID YOU KNOW?
 My office can help you process SEPTA Senior Key Card requests.

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Contact my office:

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Property Tax/Rent Rebate program

The application deadline for Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate program is December 31. This program provides eligible Pennsylvanians with rebates on last year's rent or property taxes paid based off last year's income. This year's program applies to rent/property taxes paid in 2020.

Individuals eligible for this program include Pennsylvania residents 65 and older, widows or widowers 50 and older, and those living with a permanent disability age 18 and older. To the right is information on income and maximum rebate information. To apply online, visit mypath.pa.gov. If you have questions throughout the application process, please contact my office and my staff will be able to assist you.

Homeowners Receive:

Income	Max Rebate
\$0 - \$8,000	\$650
\$8,001 - \$15,000	\$500
\$15,001 - \$18,000	\$300
\$18,001 - \$35,000	\$250

Renters Receive:

Income	Max Rebate
\$0 - \$8,000	\$650
\$8,001 - \$15,000	\$500

Narcan available at my district office

My office now has Narcan available. Narcan can help reverse an opioid overdose, with no medical training required. If you are in need of any, please stop by my office. And to learn more about Narcan, visit www.narcan.com.



All adults now eligible for COVID-19 booster shots

Everyone 18 and older who received their second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least six months ago or the J&J shot at least two months ago may now schedule a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccination. Regardless of which brand of vaccine was received for a primary vaccination, individuals can take any brand for a booster dose. This has been authorized by both the FDA and CDC.

To find a vaccine provider near you, visit vaccines.gov.

Go Paperless!

My office sends bi-weekly e-newsletters containing legislative updates, highlighting local events and providing you with valuable information. Anyone interested can sign up to receive my e-newsletters by visiting my website, RepOMara.com.



CDC recommends
all children ages 5-11
receive a COVID-19
vaccine



Find a vaccine for your child today at Vaccines.gov

Pediatric vaccine now available

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now recommends that children 5–11 years old be vaccinated against COVID-19 through Pfizer's pediatric immunization. The Pennsylvania Department of Health is working with providers across the commonwealth to ensure the availability of this vaccine in every community. I hope that this development will provide some peace of mind to parents and children as we continue trying to manage the spread of this deadly virus.

To find a provider in Delco, please visit: delcopa.gov/covid/vaccination.html.

Pennsylvania vaccine providers including pediatricians, family doctors and pharmacies are able to schedule pediatric vaccine appointments now.

Redistricting in Pennsylvania

Redistricting is a process that happens once every decade, and our results should be finalized by May 2022. Learn more about this process and what it entails through the infographic below.

SO YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT
REDISTRICTING?

What is redistricting?
Legislative districts are geographic areas where voters elect those who serve as their state representative, senator and congressperson. **Redistricting** is the process where these district lines are reevaluated to ensure equal representation throughout the commonwealth.

When does redistricting happen?
PA's constitution requires that legislative district lines be redrawn **every 10 years**, triggered by census results. The goal is to have new maps in place prior to an upcoming election where state legislators are up for reelection.

Why is this important?
Redrawing Pennsylvania's district boundaries ensures that **each citizen's vote carries the same weight** at the ballot box.

Who redraws the maps?
PA's **Legislative Reapportionment Commission** consists of five members: the four caucus floor leaders and a chairman selected by those members or, if they can't reach agreement, the PA Supreme Court. This group is tasked with redrawing state House and Senate district maps.

DID YOU KNOW?
Gerrymandering is a term used when legislators selfishly draw district lines that benefit one political party over the other. It's when legislators choose their voters instead of the other way around.



Home heating help is available

Pennsylvania's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program is now accepting applications. LIHEAP helps eligible individuals and families cover heating bills through a one-time cash grant sent directly to their heat provider. Households in immediate danger of being without heat may also be eligible for crisis grants. Learn more and apply here: www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx.



Household Size	Maximum Income
1	\$19,320
2	\$26,130
3	\$32,940
4	\$39,750
5	\$46,560
6	\$53,370
7	\$60,180
8	\$66,990

Each additional person +\$6,810

Recognizing suicide prevention in the Capitol

I was honored to present a legislative citation recognizing September as Suicide Prevention Month and September 10, 2021, World Suicide Prevention Day.

As a suicide loss survivor, I use my experience to drive my work as a legislator and improve awareness of suicide's causes and treatments, increase access to effective and affordable treatment, and remove the stigma that too often surrounds mental health treatment. Death by suicide is preventable, so I encourage everyone to check on their loved ones who are struggling and be the one to start a difficult conversation.

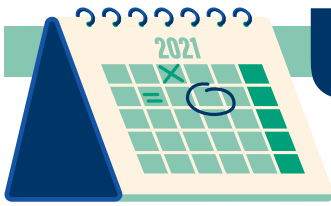
Thank you to state Rep. Kerry Benninghoff for partnering with me for the second year to work on this citation. I was so proud that these initiatives had bipartisan support and we can come together across the aisle for suicide prevention.

If you are struggling with your mental health, know that help is available 24/7/365. Please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255, or text "PA" to 741-741 if you are struggling with depression, anxiety, suicidal ideation or any mental health issue.

The Delco Mobile Crisis Unit can also provide assessments, intervention and referrals to those in need by calling 1-855-889-7827.



You matter, and you are not alone.



UPCOMING EVENTS

I hope to see you at one of my many upcoming events! Check out my events schedule below for one that works best for you.

Blood Drive

JANUARY

My office will host another blood drive in January 2022. Be sure to subscribe to my bi-weekly emails by visiting my website, RepOMara.com, and follow me on social media once we finalize details for this event!

Shred Events

MARCH AND MAY

My office is working on scheduling two shred events for spring 2022! We're in the process of finalizing dates and locations for both of them, but be sure to follow me on social media because I will post developments on my shred events as they are confirmed.

Telephone Town Hall

THURSDAY, FEB. 3 • 7 P.M.

Make your voice heard from the comfort of your home! Landlines throughout the district will receive a call from me around 7 p.m. If you'd like to participate in the tele town hall or just listen in – simply stay on the line. If you'd like to register your cellphone to receive the call, contact my office and we'll register your number.

FOLLOW ME

   @RepOMara and subscribe to my bi-weekly emails by visiting RepOMara.com for information on future events I'm planning!



Free notary services

Most official documents can be notarized for free at my district office in Springfield. Please call ahead to make sure our notary is in and is able to notarize your type of document prior to arriving. There are some documents that my office cannot notarize – such as car titles, wills, deeds, powers of attorney, and the Employment Eligibility Verification Form I-9.

Notary work can be done at my office weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Making an appointment is the only way we can guarantee that we will be able to accommodate you, as our notary may not be present for walk-ins.

The person whose signature is to be notarized must sign the document in person and provide proof of identity such as a valid driver's license, photo ID card, or passport. Please let my staff know if witnesses are needed.

State tax forms will be available in January

Paper copies of state tax forms will be available at my office toward the end of January. You may call to request forms be mailed to you or make an appointment to pick up from my office in Springfield. Please have your request ready with the needed forms so that my staff can prepare everything you need prior to your arrival. You may call the office at 610-544-9878 or email your request to RepOMara@pahouse.net.



AROUND THE COMMUNITY

When I'm not in Harrisburg, I love connecting with the residents of the 165th Legislative District by hosting and attending special events! Whether you came out to one of my four in-person town halls or spoke with me at a community event, it is always a pleasure to meet those whom I represent in Harrisburg.



I always love celebrating Veterans Day with our community's service members. It was an honor to march in Media's parade alongside those who served and thank you to all who came out to my annual Veterans Day breakfast at Paxon Hollow!



Above: Thank you to all who came out to my senior expo, vendors and attendees alike! I'd especially like to thank Springfield Pharmacy for providing on-site flu shots. If you are a senior in need of assistance, give my office a call at 610-544-9878.

Right: I'm always proud to march in the Labor Day parade with union brothers and sisters from across the Philadelphia region.



Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered at my last shred event of the year! It was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without you all.



Thank you to everyone who visited my office's Mental Health Expo and thank you to all our vendors and volunteers who were there to provide resources and assistance. If you were unable to access resources you were looking for here, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 610-544-9878 and my staff will gladly help you!



I toured the International Union of Operating Engineers Local Union 542 Training Facility and had the opportunity to operate an excavator while connecting with workers.



I was incredibly honored to be presented with the Rosie the Riveter Award by the Delaware County AFL-CIO Central Labor Council. As a woman in government, I relate to the spirit of Rosie. While 15,000 men have served in the PA legislature since its founding in 1682, less than 300 women have had this privilege.



Thank you to everyone who participated in my blood drive organized with state Sen. Tim Kearney. I was able to make a donation and earn my 3rd gallon pin from the Red Cross.



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Ways my district office can serve you:

- Voter registration and mail-in/absentee ballot applications
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate problems or questions
- SEPTA Key Senior ID Cards
- REAL ID questions
- Notary services – please call for an appointment
- Birth/Death Certificate applications
- Problems or questions about PennDOT
- Car registration, special tags, titles/License plate applications
- Disability plates and placards / PACE cards for senior citizens
- Problems with the Department of Human Services (SNAP, welfare, etc.)
- Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the PUC
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding local accomplishments and family milestones

