



State Representative
JACK RADER
176TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It remains an honor and a privilege to be your representative in Harrisburg and to serve you here at home.

You are reminded that I maintain two full-time offices, in Effort and Blakeslee, with a veteran staff who can provide assistance on a variety of state-related matters. We can help with vehicle registrations; driver's license renewals and special tags; Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications; Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) applications; birth certificate and death record forms; and much more. Simply stop by or give us a call.

I hope you find this mailing to be informative. We send them every few months to keep you up to date on news from the state Capitol and here in the 176th Legislative District.

Sincerely,

2023-24 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Finance • Insurance • Local Government
Tourism and Economic and Recreational Development

I've been busy, working for you!



Breaking ground for a new
Shared Emergency Services building.



Meeting with Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance.



Read Across America Day.



Talking with local scouts.



Senior Expo in Swiftwater.

MUCH WORK REMAINS ON STATE BUDGET

It has been quiet at the Capitol lately as the annual state budget bill and related legislation remain stalled after a breakdown in negotiations over a student scholarship program.

The House of Representatives passed the spending bill of more than \$45.5 billion in early July and sent it back to the Senate. The proposal spends 6% more than last year, forcing the state to dip into its reserves to meet expenses.

We should be working to fix the structural deficit, not make it worse. Additionally, when we spend beyond our means, it will eventually lead to higher taxes for all Pennsylvania residents. The budget also fails to address welfare program integrity to ensure funding is going only to those who truly need it.

While the budget makes some positive investments in things like education and public safety, it is important for both sides to find common ground on the issues. The interests of the people of Pennsylvania should come first. I believe we can and must do better.

The House isn't scheduled to return to session until Sept. 26. So, unless something changes between now and then, the Commonwealth probably won't have a final 2023-24 budget in place until sometime in the fall.

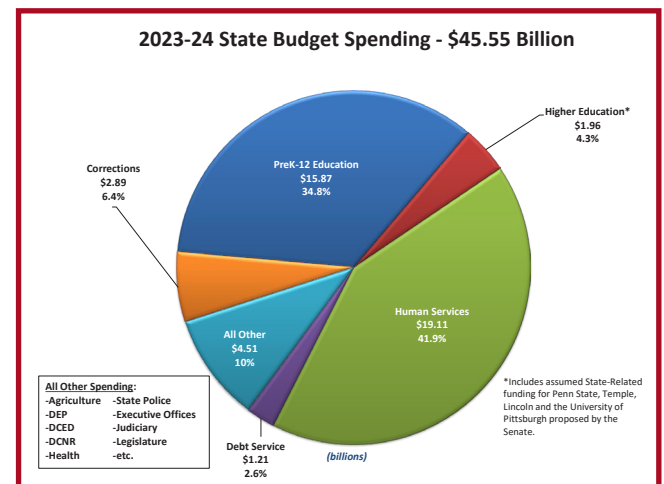
FREE PRODUCE AVAILABLE TO SENIORS THROUGH VOUCHER PROGRAM

Eligible older residents in Monroe County are encouraged to take advantage of a government program that provides vouchers to purchase locally grown fruits, herbs and vegetables at participating farmers markets and roadside stands. This year, applicants will receive five vouchers worth \$10 each.

To qualify for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, applicants must be 60 or older by Dec. 31, be a resident of Monroe County, and meet income guidelines. Applicants must have a total household income, before taxes, of less than \$26,973 for a single person and \$36,482 for a couple.

Voucher applications are available through my district offices. Applications can also be downloaded at www.monroecountypa.gov.

Once the application is approved, all vouchers and pertinent information will be mailed to the participant. The program runs through Sept. 30. Vouchers can be used through Nov. 30.

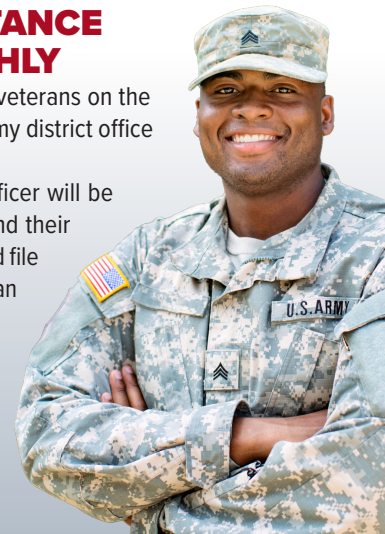


VETERANS ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE MONTHLY

Assistance is available to area veterans on the fourth Tuesday of each month at my district office in Blakeslee.

An American Legion service officer will be on hand to meet with veterans and their dependents to discuss benefits and file claims. Veterans do not need to be an American Legion member to take advantage of this free service.

Please call 570-643-7683 to schedule an appointment, which is required.





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UPCOMING **EVENTS**

These events are free and open to the public. For more information, please contact one of my district offices.



WEST END FAIR | Aug. 20-26

570 Fairgrounds Road, Gilbert, PA 18331 | One of our favorite events. Stop by our booth and talk with Jack!



FIFTH ANNUAL SHREDDING/FALL CLEANUP EVENT | Saturday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pocono Raceway, 1234 Long Pond Road, Long Pond, PA 18334 | Shred sensitive paperwork. Dispose of old tires. Drop off expired prescription drugs. Also collecting cell phones, slightly used books and glasses/sunglasses.

NEW THIS YEAR! Do you have a license plate that is hard to read? A police officer will be available to help complete a free application to get your plate replaced.

DISTRICT OFFICES:

EFFORT: Carriage House Square, 2785 Route 115, Suite 103, Effort, PA 18330 | **570-620-4341**

BLAKESLEE: Blakeslee Medical Professional Complex, 395 Route 940, Suite 104, Blakeslee, PA 18610 | **570-643-7683**

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