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Pennsylvania's Energy Past Could Be Its Energy Future



As one-third of the electricity generated within Pennsylvania, nuclear power has for decades kept the lights on for our homes and businesses with efficient, carbon-free production.

Because of this, we relaunched the bipartisan, bicameral Pennsylvania Nuclear Energy Caucus this summer with Rep. Robert Matzie (D-16), Sen. John Kane (D-9), Sen. Lynda Schlegel Culver (R-27) and myself serving as co-chairs. We are aiming to keep this tried-and-true clean energy contributing to our baseload power for generations to come.

Domestically produced nuclear electricity provides a diversified energy portfolio and stable grid without releasing harmful emissions into the air. Emerging technology allows for nuclear power to be produced in much smaller spaces with fewer construction costs.

In 2022, my House resolution directed the Joint State Government Commission to evaluate the benefits of nuclear energy and what are known as small modular reactors. Small modular reactors, or SMRs, are innovative technology by which simple, fission-based units are

constructed in factories and shipped to sites to be joined together, producing emission-free power 24 hours a day, regardless of whether the sun is shining or wind is blowing.

Commercial SMRs are essentially all in design phases at the moment, with some planned as light-water reactors and some as non-light water reactors. They're expected to be easier to build and assemble at a total cost more affordable than traditional reactors. Estimates are SMRs will be commercially available in the 2030s.

2030 is fast approaching, so now is the time for the Pennsylvania General Assembly to ensure that safeguards – not barriers – are in place for construction of SMRs. The Nuclear Energy Caucus is our all-hands approach to make that happen.

The Legislature's response in the lead-up to Three Mile Island's closure in 2019 was sluggish and ineffective. That is why we're positioning the Nuclear Energy Caucus to be more nimble, providing guidance for the four remaining nuclear plants within the state, support for their 7,500 direct jobs and foresight for SMRs.



The Pennsylvania Nuclear Energy Caucus recognizes the need to strengthen our state's baseload power.

New Eagle Scouts Continue Legacy of Service



2024 HAS GIVEN US SO MANY NEW EAGLE SCOUTS IN DAUPHIN COUNTY!

Eagle Scout is the highest rank offered by Boy Scouts of America, which is rebranding next year as Scouting America. All Eagle Scouts must complete the requirements for 21 merit badges and tackle a service project. I've always been impressed by the maturity, dedication and leadership demonstrated by the Eagle Scouts I've met.



John Donnald



Jacob Dunkleberger



Benjamin Glass



Isabelle Holley



Sawyer Klein



Leo Nissley

Businesses (Big and Small) Bolster Local Economy

As a business owner myself, I'm very aware of the long hours and isolating nature of keeping the lights on, making payroll and serving customers with high-quality service. That makes me extra appreciative when local business people set aside time and welcome me to see their operations up close.



U-Haul

Derry Township, January 2024



Mary's Health and Fitness

Hummelstown, February 2024



Capstone Commercial

Hershey, February 2024



Farmstead Farmers Market

Grantville, March 2024



Penn National Race Course

Grantville, April 2024



T.D. Mills Promotional Products

Derry Township, April 2024



Wilsbach Distributors

Lower Swatara Township, April 2024



Susquehanna Service Dogs

East Hanover Township, May 2024



WITF

Lower Swatara Township, May 2024



The Hershey Co.

Derry Township, June 2024



What Momma Makes

Hummelstown, July 2024



Phoenix Contact

Lower Swatara Township, July 2024

Conversations Plentiful at Health Expo, Ice Cream Social

Special thanks to everyone who was involved earlier this year with my Children's Trout Rodeo, Health Expo, Ice Cream & Issues event, and Scam Jam & Fraud Bingo seminar. All the events had fantastic turnouts. I want to particularly highlight the roles Middletown Anglers & Hunters, Hershey's Leader Center for Active Life, and South Hanover and East Hanover townships' leadership played in helping us to host these gatherings.



Mark Your Calendar for

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday,
**SEPT.
19**
10 AM - NOON



HOME TITLE PROTECTION SEMINAR

This new, informational seminar about a free notification service to protect your property's deed will be held in conjunction with the Dauphin County Recorder of Deeds Office. Join us at the Middletown Volunteer Fire Department, 10 Adelia St., Middletown. **Registration is required by calling 717-534-1323.**

Friday,
**NOV.
08**
8 AM - 10 AM



VETERANS BREAKFAST

I will be hosting my annual veterans' appreciation breakfast at the Lower Swatara Fire Department, 1350 Fulling Mill Road, Middletown. This event is open to active-duty military personnel and veterans. Accommodations can be made for disabled attendees requiring assistance. **Registration is required, as seating is limited. Please call 717-534-1323.**

Rebates Issued in Expanded Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

The state started sending rebate checks July 1 for those who had approved Property Tax/Rent Rebate program applications on file. **NOTE: The deadline to apply for rebates on rent and property taxes paid in 2023 has been extended to Dec. 31.**

Income limits for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program increased this year to \$45,000 for both homeowners and renters. If you were earning too much to qualify before, you may be eligible now. Remember to exclude 50% of Social Security when determining your income.

The program is open to residents aged 65 years and older; widows and widowers 50 years and older; and people with disabilities 18 years and older.

Remember – you do not need to pay anyone for assistance to apply for the rebates. Apply online at mypath.pa.gov or contact my office for assistance with the application.

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Governor Tells Hummelstown
MAIN STREET MATTERS



Gov. Josh Shapiro kicked off his summer with a visit to Hummelstown’s downtown, where he talked with business owners from Toys on the Square, What Momma Makes and The 1762 at the Warwick Hotel. The governor, who was joined by Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Secretary Rick Siger, highlighted his Main Street Matters initiative during the conversations. I introduced Gov. Shapiro to some of the people who ensure Hummelstown’s town center is thriving through business investments, pedestrian safety measures, streetscape improvements and special events like Second Friday. It is very important to recognize that our sole proprietors experience never-ending ups and downs, particularly in the economic recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic. These tireless individuals are working to ensure those living in and around Hummelstown remember to “shop local” all year long. The 2024-25 state budget includes \$21 million for the Main Street Matters program.