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Honoring the Brave Across York County



This Memorial Day weekend, York County residents came together to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. From East Prospect on Sunday to Hanover, Glen Rock, and Wrightsville on Monday, the community showed deep gratitude and respect.

These events highlighted the shared values and profound respect within York County. Spending the weekend across these towns, it was clear how deeply our community values and honors its heroes. The collective effort to remember their sacrifice was both touching and inspiring.

You can find photos from these events on my Facebook here.

York County Veterans Outreach's 7th Annual Car and Bike Show



Thank you, York County Veterans Outreach for hosting a successful 7th Annual Car and Bike Show! The event featured rows upon rows of vintage, antique, and custom cars and bikes, all to benefit our veterans and their families.

It was a tremendous honor to meet and interview the event's Grand Marshal, WWII U.S. Army Veteran Paul Steich. Paul, who left his family farm in Hanover to serve as a cannoneer and fought in the Battle of Saipan, shared his incredible life story. After returning home, he married his high school sweetheart, Doris, with whom he celebrated 75 years of marriage, raised five children, and enjoyed a large family including many grand, great-grand, and great-great-grandchildren. Paul worked as a machinist until age 86 and recently celebrated his 101st birthday. His stories and wisdom were truly inspiring.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this event a great success. Don't miss the 8th Annual Benefit Custom Car and Bike Show on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at the Church of the Open Door – East York Campus, 4075 E. Market Street, York. It's a perfect way to start your Memorial Day weekend in a fun and meaningful way!

You can find more photos from the event here.

Survey Results Are In: York Countians Want Stronger Penalties on Squatters



Recent headlines reveal a growing issue with illegal tenants, or squatters, occupying properties. Property owners face significant challenges and costs to remove them. This problem has been exacerbated by lengthy legal processes and the difficulty of enforcing property rights.

One Philadelphia owner spent more than $1,000 to evict a squatter and repair damages. In response to such incidents, Sens. Doug Mastriano and Greg Rothman are introducing legislation to create penalties for unlawful squatting and unauthorized property rentals, require immediate removal of squatters without proper documentation, and streamline squatting hearings to start within seven days.

As promised, here are the survey results on this proposed legislation:

Total responses from the 28th Senatorial District: 442

Support: 96.2% (425)

Oppose: 1.8% (8)

Undecided: 2.0% (9)

Comments from our neighbors:

James from Windsor Township highlighted eviction challenges property owners face and Janice from North Hopewell Township called for jail time for squatters, describing it as theft. Dianna from Stewartstown also stressed the unfairness to homeowners who worked hard to own their property.

Bonnie from York Township, who was undecided on the matter, expressed concerns about vacant homes owned by absentee landlords and Patricia from Spring Garden Township advocated for affordable housing solutions to prevent squatting instead of the proposed legislation.

Thank you to everyone who participated and shared their thoughts!

Beware of Scams: “Free” Computer Security Scan



Scammers are becoming more skilled all the time. They have created pop-ups and ads for a “free” scan to keep your computer safe – some even with a Windows logo – that trick people into paying to fix computer problems that may not even exist.

While it’s illegal to lie about finding security threats on your computer, tech firms Reimage and Restoro did that to convince people to pay tens of millions of dollars for software and services to repair made-up problems.

Avoid tech support scams by never clicking a link or calling a number in a pop-up warning. Know that legitimate tech companies won’t contact you by phone, email or text message to tell you there’s a problem with your computer. Learn more here.

Making Our Mark on Ruins Hall



It was a pleasure to join the Glen Rock community at Ruins Hall last week to celebrate our ever-growing Trail Towns program! A special highlight was honoring two of the newest trail town businesses, the Nicholas Seitz House and Ruins Hall.

The event was a testament to the thriving arts scene and community spirit in Glen Rock, bringing together residents, local businesses, and visitors alike in a celebration

of creativity and connection. We are very excited about the future of this site as it will serve as a key hub for York County Heritage Rail Trail.

Learn more about the exciting upgrades planned for Ruins Hall to make this a key component of the Heritage Rail Trail and Trail Towns program here.

Protecting Seniors from Exploitation



Sadly, seniors are victimized financially not only by strangers but even people they know, such as their family member or caregiver. Scammers can swindle them out of their money, pension and even home.

A variety of factors make seniors more vulnerable, including when they have recently lost a spouse, are isolated or face pressure to change their will. When they fall higher on the vulnerability scale, it's even more important to take precautions to avoid exploitation and fraud.

To protect themselves, seniors should not accept calls from anyone they do not know or give personal information to strangers – regardless of who they claim to be. Review financial account statements at least monthly and contact the financial

institution, credit card issuer or other provider immediately if there are unauthorized charges. Learn more here.

Newest Small Business in the Markets at Hanover



Congratulations to Sweet Doors of Heaven, the latest addition to the small business community at the Markets at Hanover, on its grand opening last weekend! Be sure to check out this fantastic new local gem. You can find a preview of their food on my Facebook here.

Make Memories at a PA Fair



Pennsylvania has more than 100 agriculture fairs and events scheduled this summer and fall, including our very own York State Fair!

At these festivals, you can enjoy the commonwealth's vibrant heritage and support our local communities. Between the food, animals and exhibits, there's something for everyone.

As a reminder, America's first fair, the York State Fair, runs from July 19-28 this year. If you would like to explore different fairs across the state, the 2024 Pennsylvania Fair Guide maps out all the different fairs, broken down by region.

Spring Grove Elementary Visits State Capitol



Spring Grove Elementary had a fantastic day at the state capitol with six groups of enthusiastic students! The students enjoyed a memorable experience, exploring the Senate Chamber and learning about the legislative process. It was a pleasure to be part of their day and share this exciting educational opportunity. You can find more photos from their engaging visit on my Instagram here.

Commemorating EMS Week



EMS Week wrapped up last week, and I had the opportunity to connect with some of the exceptional EMS professionals from York County. It was a pleasure to spend time with four dedicated individuals who have earned the prestigious Star of Life award for their 25 years or more of service.

A heartfelt thank you goes out not only to these remarkable individuals but also to the countless EMS personnel across York County who tirelessly dedicate themselves to improving our community. Your commitment and service are deeply appreciated!

You can find more photos here.

Celebrating 100 Years of Hanover Country Club



I had the pleasure of presenting a Senate citation at the Hanover Chamber Golf Outing, commemorating the Hanover Country Club's 100th anniversary!

Established in 1923, the club has grown from a horse farm turned golf course into a private, family-oriented country club with an eighteen-hole championship golf course, a pool, bocce ball, and several dining options. Throughout its history, the Hanover Country Club has served its members with distinction and has become an integral part of the community. The Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates the Hanover Country Club on this richly deserved recognition and extends warmest wishes for its future success!

Grants Available to Address Environmental Issues

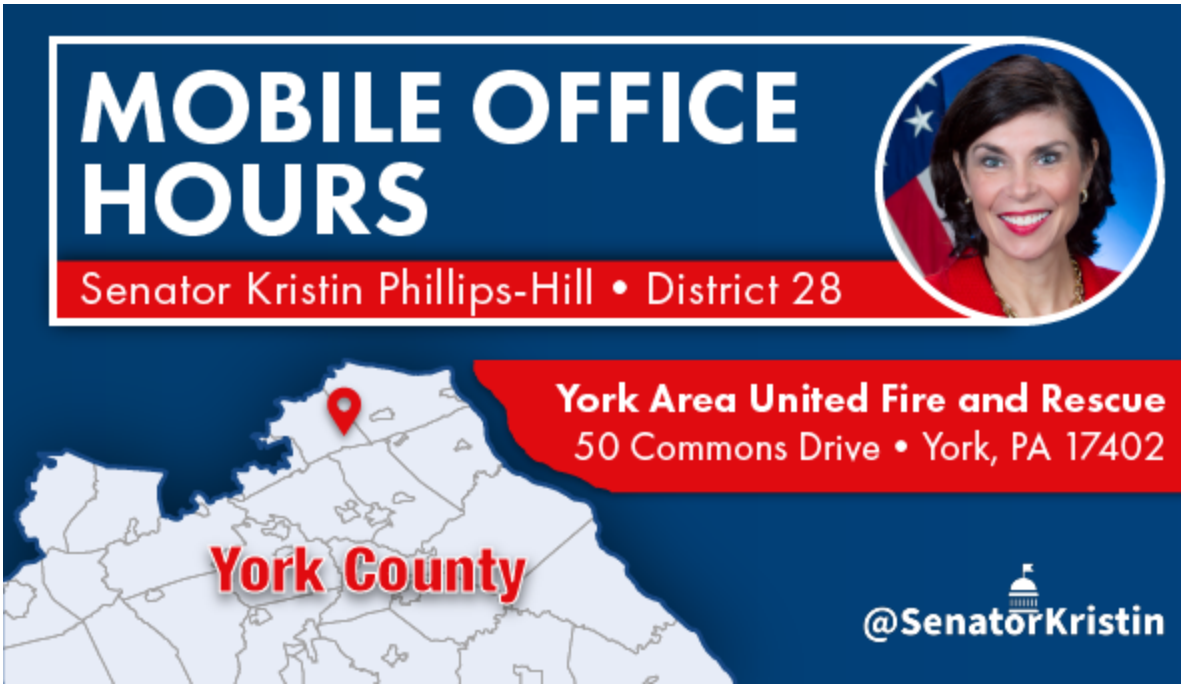


Counties, municipal authorities, watershed organizations, businesses and other eligible groups have until June 21 to apply for state grants that address a host of environmental issues.

The Department of Environmental Protection favors projects focused on watershed restoration and protection. It also prioritizes ones that expedite on-the-ground, best management practices implementation and develop agricultural erosion and sediment control or nutrient and manure management plans.

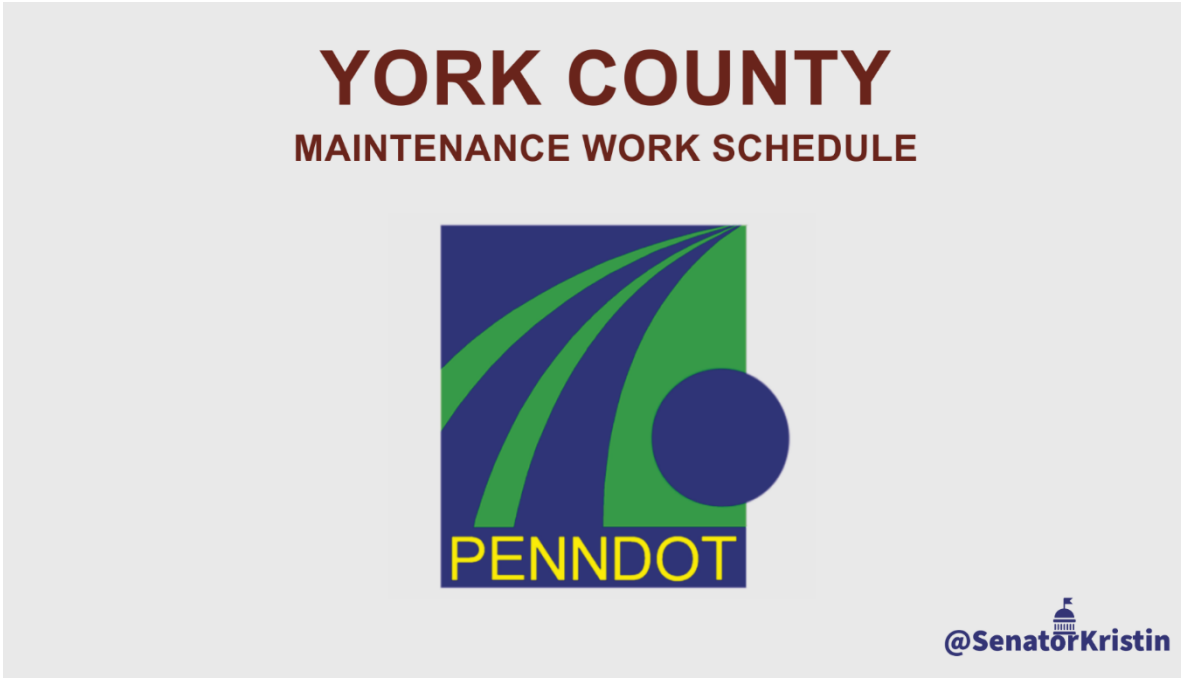
The Growing Greener Grant Program has helped to slash the backlog of farmland-preservation projects statewide, protect open space, eliminate the maintenance backlog in state parks, provide funds for recreational trails and local parks, and provide new and upgraded water and sewer systems.

Mobile Office in Springettsbury Next Week



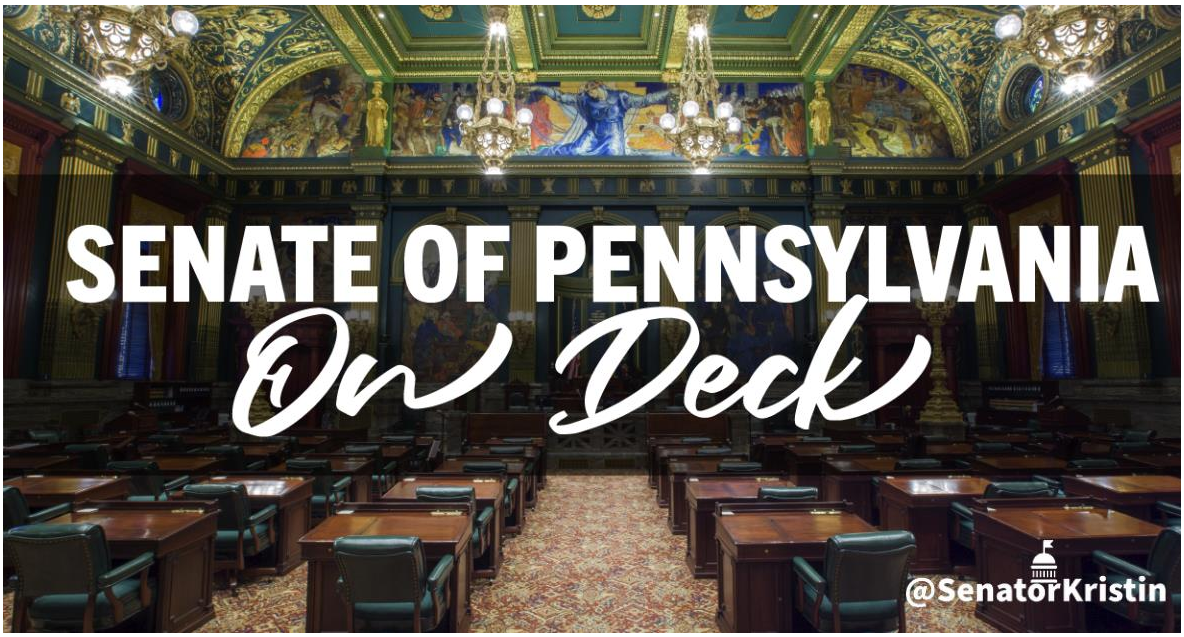
Next week my mobile office will be set up at the York Area United Fire and Rescue Station in Springettsbury Township. Remember, this is a great time to get any state-related materials or answers answer any state-related questions. I want to bring YOUR state government into YOUR community!

Upcoming PennDOT Maintenance Projects



Most weeks, PennDOT shares with me its maintenance schedule for the week ahead. When it becomes available, you can view the full list here to see if it will impact you and your family.

On Deck



The Senate of Pennsylvania reconvenes on Monday, June 3, at 1 p.m. You can watch all of the Senate votes and view our agenda here.

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