



# 50<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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### JOIN TEAM 50TH!

*Let's work together to make Greene and Washington counties the best they can be!*

There is so much to see and do in our area. We as locals know about them; however, very few outside of our area have any idea these opportunities exist. We want to identify all these assets, attractions and activities so we can share them and bring more people into our communities to visit...and to stay!

We are looking for one or two people from each community in the 50th Legislative District and for student advisors from each school district in the 50th. We would love to have you join the team!

People interested in registering to join Team 50th are encouraged to sign up online at [www.RepBudCook.com](http://www.RepBudCook.com) or by calling our office at 724-929-2660.

### Grant Funding Benefits Region

The Commonwealth offers an array of grant programs to help our communities with things like infrastructure, recreational opportunities and more. Here are just a few of the recent grants awarded in our region.

**Marianna Borough, Washington County:** \$37,500 to study the potential for developing an all-terrain vehicle trail system. Awarded through the ATV and Snowmobile Grant Program provided through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).

**Greene County:** \$1.04 million for replacement of the bridge on Kiger Road in Perry Township. Awarded through PennDOT's Multimodal Transportation Fund.

**Greene County:** \$211,700 for further development of Wisecarver Recreation Area in Franklin Township, including construction of pedestrian walkways, internal loop trail, softball fields and stormwater management measures; installation of play equipment with required safety surfacing and fencing; as well as ADA access, landscaping, project sign and other related site improvements. Awarded through DCNR's Community Conservation Partnership Program.

**Jefferson Township:** \$100,000 for the rehabilitation and further development of Jefferson Township Community Park, including renovation of pedestrian walkways, comfort station and parking area; construction of pedestrian walkway and stormwater management measures; installation of fencing and bleachers; and ADA access, landscaping, project sign and other related site improvements. Awarded through DCNR's Community Conservation Partnership Program.

**Southwestern PA Water Authority:** \$1.97 million (\$1.08 million low-interest loan; \$894,697 grant) to extend a water line approximately 23,000 feet to service customers currently served by the Brave Water and Sewer Authority (BWSA) in Wayne Township, Greene County. Awarded through the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority.

### Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program **EXPANDED!** Are You Eligible?

More Pennsylvania seniors and people with disabilities are eligible for increased property tax or rent relief this year under a new law I supported in 2023.

Under the expanded program:

- Income eligibility **INCREASED** to \$45,000 this year for both homeowners and renters. Remember to exclude 50% of Social Security when calculating income.
- Maximum rebate **INCREASED TO \$1,000.**

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program benefits eligible residents 65 years and older; widows and widowers 50 years and older; and people with disabilities 18 years and older. More information is available at [www.RepBudCook.com](http://www.RepBudCook.com).

Applications are now being accepted for this year's program, which is based on rent or property taxes paid in 2023. As always, my local offices stand ready to help you apply for your rebates **FREE OF CHARGE**. You may also apply online at [mypath.pa.gov](http://mypath.pa.gov).



Helping reunite people of the 50th District with their unclaimed property. Call one of our offices for assistance or visit [www.patreasury.gov](http://www.patreasury.gov).



Pennsylvania Farm Show with Colton Smith of Daisytown, Washington County.



## Waynesburg District Office

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Monday–Friday: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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## California District Office

Center in the Woods

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## West Green District Office

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Monday–Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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### West Greene Office **NOW OPEN!**

To best serve everyone in the 50th Legislative District, I recently opened a third office in West Greene. The office is located at the entrance to the West Greene School at 1367 Hargus Creek Road in Waynesburg. Office hours will be Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

I encourage anyone in need of assistance to stop by and see us in West Greene, Waynesburg or California. Here are just a few of the services we can provide:

- PennDOT paperwork, including driver's license and vehicle registration applications and renewals.
- Information and applications for senior citizen benefit programs, including Property Tax/Rent Rebate and PACE/PACENET prescription drug programs.
- Information and applications for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- Help with securing birth and death certificates (photo identification required).
- Information about legislation.
- Assistance with resolving matters relating to state agencies.

## SECOND ANNUAL **BLESSING OF THE BALERS** *A Celebration of Agriculture in our Commonwealth* **TUESDAY, MAY 7**

I am excited to announce we are again hosting a Blessing of the Balers at the state Capitol in May. The first statewide event last year was a great success, and this year we are joining with the PA Beef Council, PA Cattlemen's Association, Center for Beef Excellence and PA Livestock Association to make it bigger and better!

Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding has again agreed to serve as our keynote speaker. This is a wonderful celebration of our agriculture industry and bestows blessings on our balers in hopes for a productive hay season. I know it's a long trip, but if you can make it, I think you'll find it's worth it!