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PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Need assistance filing for your 2023 Property Tax/Rent Rebate from the Commonwealth? **FREE** help is available at my local offices and at these upcoming clinics. Be sure to take note of the newly increased income eligibility amounts noted on the reverse side of this newsletter!

Tuesday, Feb. 13	Kane Senior Center, 100 N. Fraley St., Kane, 1–3 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 20	Emporium Senior Center, 105 E. Fourth St., 10 a.m. to noon. Appointments preferred. Call 814-486-3707.
Wednesday, Feb. 21	Eldred Senior Center, 169 Main St., Eldred, 9–11 a.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 21	Galeton Public Library, 5 Park Lane, Galeton, 1–3 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 26	Smethport Senior Center, 119 W. Main St., Smethport, 9–11 a.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 27	Austin Borough Office, 21 Turner St., Austin, 10 a.m. to Noon
Wednesday, Feb. 28	Ulysses Senior Center, 522 Main St., Ulysses, 9–11 a.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 28	Port Allegany Senior Center, 216 N. Main St., Port Allegany, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Monday, March 4	Bradford Senior Center, 60 Campus Drive, 9–11 a.m.
Tuesday, March 5	Mt. Jewett Senior Center, 8 E. Main St., Mt. Jewett, 1–3 p.m.
Wednesday, March 6	Oswayo Valley Senior Center, 128 Lyons St., Shinglehouse, 9–11 a.m.
Wednesday, March 13	Coudersport Senior Center, 165 Route 6 West, Coudersport, 9–11 a.m.

George B. Stevenson Dam at
Sinnemahoning State Park



Payments for State-Owned Land **INCREASED** Under New Law

The state will be sending more money to our region in payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) under a new state law adopted in December. This additional funding will benefit our communities, counties and school districts, and most importantly, our taxpayers. I was pleased to advocate and vote for it.

Under Act 34 of 2023, payments by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) will increase from \$6 to \$7.20 per acre, with the funding split three ways between municipalities, school districts and counties in which the land is located. DCNR's PILT rate was last increased in 2017.

The law also increases payments required by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and Pennsylvania Game Commission from \$3.60 to \$7.20 per acre, also with the funding split three ways between municipalities, school districts and counties in which the land is located. The rate paid by these two agencies last increased in 2006.

The increases will be paid for with state gaming revenue.

New Law Supports EMS' Life-Saving Work

Ensuring our ambulance companies can continue operating is vital to the health and safety of our communities. That's why I advocated for legislation to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for emergency medical services (EMS) organizations here and across the Commonwealth.

Act 15 of 2023 ties the reimbursement rates to federal Medicare rates and pays whichever amount is higher. As a result, the reimbursement for basic life support ambulance trips increases from \$325 to \$511.35, and for advanced life support ambulance trips from \$400 to \$607.23 or \$878.88, depending on the nature of the call. The reimbursement for paramedic intercept increases from \$80 to \$456.19.

The new law also ensures EMS agencies are reimbursed by Medicaid for 100% of the miles they travel with a patient on board receiving care or transport, finally removing the current exemption for the first 20 miles traveled. Additionally, the law increases the mileage reimbursement rate from \$4 per loaded mile to \$13.20 per loaded mile.

The rate increases took effect Jan. 1, pending federal approval.

This is another important step to support our EMS personnel and their life-saving work.

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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 annually for both homeowners and renters. Remember to exclude 50% of Social Security when calculating income.



Maximum rebate INCREASED to \$1,000.

As always, my offices in Bradford, Coudersport and Kane stand ready to help people apply for their rebates **FREE OF CHARGE**. Also, we are again hosting a series of Property Tax/Rent Rebate Clinics at senior centers and other locations across Cameron, McKean and Potter counties. See inside for the schedule.

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.RepCauser.com.

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**Property Tax/Rent Rebate Clinic Schedule | More Funding for EMS
Increased Payments in Lieu of Taxes for State-Owned Land**