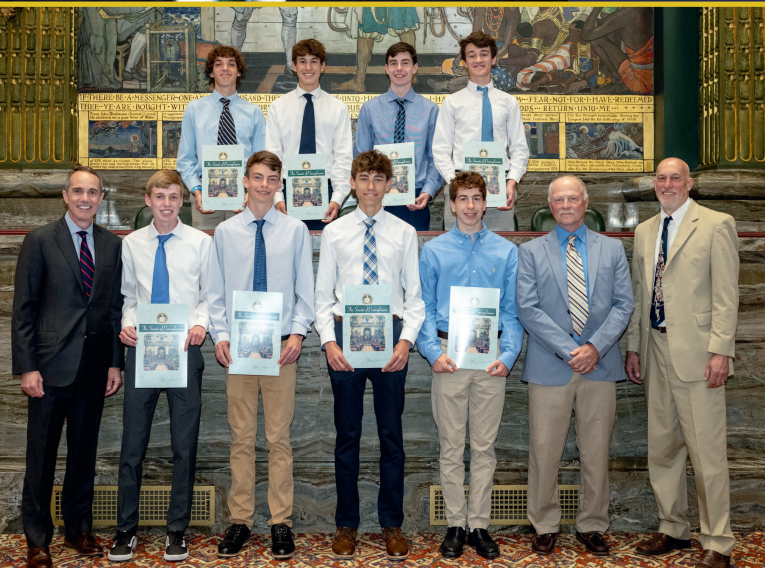




SENATOR STEVE SANTARSIERO

Proudly Serving the 10th Senatorial District

Spring 2024



Working for Our Community



NEWS INSIDE

- In the Community
- Flood Insurance Premium Assistance Task Force
- Kayden's Law • Blue Zones Ignite Bucks Area



SENATOR STEVE SANTARSIERO

Serving You

Newtown Office

3 Terry Drive • Suite 200
Newtown, PA 18940
215-497-9490

Harrisburg Office

182 Capitol Building
Senate Box 203010
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3010
717-787-7305

E-Mail

SenatorSantarsiero@pasenate.com



@SenSantarsiero



@Senator_SteveSantarsiero

SenatorSteveSantarsiero.com

The 10th District

The 10th District includes the following municipalities:

Bristol Borough, Bristol Township, Morrisville Borough, Tullytown Borough, Falls Township, Yardley Borough, Lower Makefield Township, Upper Makefield Township, Newtown Township, Newtown Borough, Doylestown Township, Doylestown Borough, Buckingham Township, Solebury Township, New Hope Borough, Plumstead Township, Chalfont Borough, New Britain Township & New Britain Borough.



Stay Up-To-Date

on upcoming events

SenatorSteveSantarsiero.com/events

Dear Neighbor,

As 2024 progresses, I've been hard at work delivering on key issues that are important to our community.

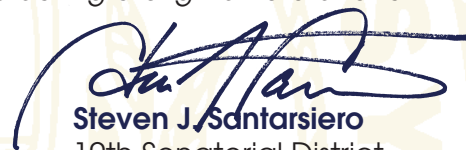
At the beginning of the year I was appointed to the Flood Insurance Premium Assistance Task Force, identifying how our state government and municipalities can take steps to lower the cost of flood insurance for our residents, while promoting flood mitigation efforts.

I'm excited to share that Kayden's La has been signed by the Governor and will be going into effect this summer to keep children's safety the top priority in contentious custody disputes.

With the newly expanded Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program my office has helped hundreds of constituents put money back in their pockets.

I continue to advocate for state investments here at home; I have secured funding for organizations, businesses and municipalities across the 10th District to encourage growth and development.

I'm looking forward to passing a state budget this summer that invests in our communities creating a brighter future for all Pennsylvanians.



Steven J. Santarsiero
10th Senatorial District



FRONT COVER

(Top Left) Congratulations to the 2023 state champion Council Rock High School North Boys Cross Country Team. Team members Ben Mischel, Matt Gosling, Jack Gosling, Andrew Young, Lucas Polisenio, Joey Crowne, Brady Ott and Jayden Neels, along with their coaches Dave Marrington and Robert Rogers joined me in Harrisburg, where I had the privilege of recognizing their accomplishments from the Senate floor.

(Top Right) Governor Shapiro signed into law Act 22 of 2023, creating the Flood Insurance Premium Assistance Task Force, during a bill signing ceremony at the Yardley Inn, a restaurant that has experienced significant flood damage over the years.

(Bottom Left) I was honored to join Commissioner Bob Harvie, Reps. Shelby Labs and Tim Brennan, Doylestown Supervisors Jenn Herring (Board Chair) and Judy Dixon, and Buckingham Township Supervisor Chair Paul Calderaio, along with the parents and family of Cpt. Bednarzyk, to dedicate the bridge carrying Route 202 over Almshouse Road in Doylestown Township as the CPT. Connor J. Bednarzyk, USA Memorial Bridge.

(Bottom Center) During budget hearings this spring I heard from state agency and department heads about their funding priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.

(Bottom Right) Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve is a treasure of Bucks County, and I am very happy that it will remain a part of Washington Crossing Historic Park through a new partnership with DCNR. I'm pictured here at the partnership announcement event with (L to R): BHWP Executive Director Peter Couchman, DCNR Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn, BHWP Board Chair Heidi Needleman, Rep. Tim Brennan, Former BHWP Board Member Andy Strauss and DCNR Director of Bureau of State Parks John Hallas.



Steve in the Community

▼ On Rosie the Riveter Day, also her 98th birthday, Bucks County's own Rosie the Riveter, Mae Krier, was honored with the Bucks County Women in History Month Award for her more than 40 years of advocacy for women to receive well-deserved recognition for their role in supporting the war effort during World War II. It was a great honor to meet Ms. Krier and thank her for her service and advocacy.



◀ Representative Tina Davis and I enjoyed celebrating iftar at the invitation of Isabet Academy in Bristol Township. It was an honor and privilege to be welcomed to join so many families and students breaking the fast together during Ramadan.



▼ During my annual road tour with PennDOT I highlighted the roadways across the 10th District most in need of repair and advocated for the continued resurfacing of our most-travelled roads. My office continues to be proactive in making sure that our road and bridge issues are addressed in a timely manner.



▲ In J Temp the C and s



▲ I was honored to present the winners of the VFW Post 6393 Yardley Pennsylvania Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Essay Contest with certificates of recognition. Congratulations to Hayden, Harrison, Yeshika, Alyssa, Olivia, Molly and Emily, this year's winners.

▶ As businesses enjoy the benefits of tax incentive development zones, it is in the best interest of taxpayers and workers to make sound investments in how the work is done. I introduced a package of bills, nicknamed Build Better PA, which would introduce two essential benchmarks for certain capital investments, requiring businesses to pay their workers fair wages and to require a threshold of the workforce are skilled craft laborers. Building trades and apprenticeships invest in workers, ensuring fair, family-sustaining wages and high-quality final products.





In January, Jerel Wohl and the Men's Club at the Judea in Doylestown invited me to speak at their club's meeting. I am pictured here with Jerel and some of the folks who attended the meeting.



◀ The winners of my Earth Day Poster Contest were fourth graders Fiona Cahill (left) from St. Ignatius of Antioch School and Rosemary Hodakowski from Kutz Elementary School. Both students submitted creative posters about green energy and were selected by their schools as the winners.



► I partnered with the Pennsylvania Department of Banking & Securities to bring interactive fraud prevention workshops to our communities. Our Scam Jams in Bristol Township, Lower Makefield Township, Falls Township and Doylestown Township provided helpful information and resources to hundreds of residents about how to keep their identity and finances safe and secure. I also continue to host live legislative coffees with constituents to update residents on what's happening in Harrisburg and at home and to get feedback.



▲ During my spring shredding event at Central Bucks East High School we collected more than 2,000 pounds of food for Bucks County Opportunity Council to distribute to neighbors in need, thanks to the generosity of community members. I'm pictured here with Rep. Tim Brennan and student volunteers during the April 6th event.

► I was happy to host College Prep Night once again at Central Bucks West High School, along with Reps. Tim Brennan and Brian Munroe. Attendees heard from experts about planning, saving and financing a post-secondary education, as well as how to find the best school for your student and what catches the eye of college admissions officers.



◀ Rep. Jim Prokopiak and I are working together to secure funding for traffic calming measures on South Pennsylvania Avenue in Morrisville Borough.



FLOOD INSURANCE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE TASK FORCE

In December 2023, Governor Josh Shapiro signed into law **Act 22** of 2023, which establishes the Flood Insurance Premium Assistance Task Force to explore ways to lower flood insurance premiums and incentivize communities to invest in flood prevention measures. This Task Force is the result of legislation that I first introduced back in 2015 when I represented the Yardley- Newtown area in the State House. My friend and colleague, Rep. Perry Warren, who succeeded me in the PA House, reintroduced the legislation and it finally got across the finish line in 2023.

Back in 2015, as now, residents in neighborhoods along the Delaware River were facing skyrocketing flood insurance costs that threatened their ability to protect their homes and made it almost impossible for them to sell. The work of the task force will be an important step toward helping Pennsylvanians across the Commonwealth find relief from rising flood insurance premiums. In April, Rep. Warren and I hosted the Task Force for a public meeting at the Lower Makefield Township Community Center. During the meeting, we heard



◀ During the April 2024 Flood Insurance Premium Assistance Task Force meeting I led Task Force members on a tour of flood-prone areas in Lower Makefield Township and Upper Makefield Township to demonstrate the flood mitigation tactics the municipalities and PennDOT have implemented.

from witnesses about flood mitigation steps municipalities and entities can take to bring flooding relief to communities.

In June, the Task Force will release a series of recommendations of how the legislature, Commonwealth agencies and municipalities can reduce the cost of flood insurance premiums for Pennsylvanians.

Visit senatorstevesantarsiero.com/floodinsurancetaskforce to sign up for updates on the Task Force.

KAYDEN’S LAW

Kayden’s Law is officially **Act 8** of 2024. This law provides urgently needed reform to Pennsylvania’s child custody statute. I wrote the legislation along with my colleague Lisa Baker (R-20), in honor of Kayden Mancuso, a seven-year-old from Lower Makefield Township, who was killed in August 2018 by her biological father during a court-ordered, unsupervised visit granted following a year-long custody dispute.

This has been a years-long collaborative effort led by the tireless advocacy of Kayden’s mom Kathy Sherlock, along with family law advocates and experts. Kayden’s Law will save children’s lives by ensuring the safety of the child is paramount in custody cases and that no child will ever again be placed alone in a dangerous environment. I want to thank my colleague, and

friend, Sen. Lisa Baker, for her partnership in writing the bill and helping it get through the Senate. I also want to thank my House colleagues Tina Davis and Perry Warren for their advocacy on this issue. Most of all, I want to thank Kayden’s mom Kathy Sherlock for her courage and conviction to educate the public, lawmakers and court personnel on the importance of this issue. This bill cannot heal the grievous wound that Kathy and her family have suffered, but by protecting our children moving forward, I hope it will give them

Kayden’s Law

- Strengthens the factors that judges must consider in making custody and visitation decisions, to make it clear that the most important issue is the protection of the child;
- Ensures that if there is a finding by the court of an ongoing risk of abuse, that any custody order includes safety conditions and restrictions necessary, including supervised visitation, to protect the child; and
- Encourages the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to implement an annual educational and training program for judges and relevant court personnel on child abuse, adverse childhood experiences, domestic violence, and its impact on children.

some measure of solace. I am profoundly grateful to everyone who has supported this effort and my colleagues in the legislature for making Kayden’s Law a reality.



State Senator
Steve Santarsiero

Senate Box 203010
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3010

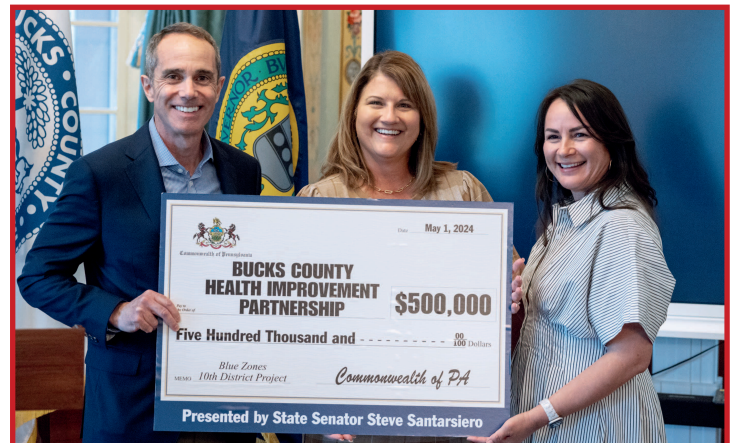
PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
HARRISBURG, PA
PERMIT NO. 603

BLUE ZONES IGNITE BUCKS AREA

Over the last few months, I've been working closely with municipalities, schools, organizations, and healthcare providers across the 10th district to think about how we can improve our community's strength, stability, and resiliency, ultimately improving the lives of residents.

In partnership with the Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership (BCHIP), I've been working with an organization called Blue Zones, which you may be familiar with from the four-part documentary on Netflix called Live to 100: Secrets of the Blue Zones, to explore ways our region can work together to improve our long-term social, health and economic outcomes as a community.

Over the summer we'll be setting up community meetings to include members of the public in the discussion about how we can grow a stronger, healthier community that fosters a sense of belonging, lowers our stress, respects our environment, and instills a strong purpose in



▲ During the May 31st kickoff event, I presented Kim Everett from BCHIP (middle) with the check to embark on this exciting partnership, along with Margaret Brown from Blue Zones.

each of us. Those discussions will be part of an assessment that Blue Zones is performing, which by next winter will result in a plan to transform our communities into Blue Zones.



Join me on **July 9th at 7pm** for a **Telephone Town Hall** to learn more about this exciting project. Scan the QR code to register and make sure you get the call to join!