



STATE SENATOR

MARIA COLLETT

Representing the 12th Senatorial District

Dear Neighbor,

We've moved!

I'm excited to share that my new district office, located at **1035 Virginia Drive, Suite 201, Fort Washington, PA 19034**, is **now open!** Situated near the center of the new 12th District and easily accessible from Routes 152, 309, 611 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike, I'm confident this new space will enable us to serve you at the same high level you've come to expect from us.

Sincerely,

Maria Collett

State Senator • 12th Senatorial District

You're Invited!

To welcome you to our new office, we are hosting an

OPEN HOUSE • WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 • 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Meet our team, enjoy refreshments and learn how our office can assist you. We will also be collecting nonperishable food items for local food pantries. I hope to see you there!

2023
SPRING

2022 was an eventful year serving the 12th District!

I'm so proud of what my team and I were able to accomplish for our constituents, and we're looking forward to continuing that work in 2023.



Senator Maria Collett
12th District

2022 BY THE NUMBERS

\$64 Million

Grant Funding For
Our Communities



7,434

Legislative
Conversations
With Constituents



2,627

Constituent Cases
Handled



15

Town Halls &
Events Hosted



\$55 Million



Student Loan Relief
for PA Nurses



23

Bills Introduced

148

Bills Co-Sponsored



162

Community
Events
Attended

SAVE THE DATE!

My staff and I will be hosting and participating in a number of community events this year, including:



- **FREE SHREDDING EVENT with REPRESENTATIVE LIZ HANBIDGE**
Saturday • May 20 • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Wissahickon High School Parking Lot, 520 Houston Road, Ambler, PA 19002
Open to the public. Three bag limit. Not accepting: binders, cardboard, large binder clips, hanging file folders, x-rays.
- **LANSDALE DAY ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL**
Saturday • June 3 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
West Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
Featuring 90+ artisans, food trucks, community organizations and family-friendly attractions. Organized by the Rotary Club of North Penn.
- **PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP DAY**
Saturday • June 3 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
East Plymouth Valley Park, 900 Germantown Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
Fun-packed day with inflatable attractions, food, community groups, local businesses, crafters, games, demos and more.
- **SUNNY WILLOW SWIM CLUB MIND TO HEART FAIR**
Saturday • June 17 • 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sunny Willow Swim Club, 40 School Lane, Willow Grove, 19090
All-ages mental health resources fair with behavioral health services, practitioners, and non-profit mental health organizations.
- **BUCKS-MONT PRIDE FESTIVAL**
Sunday • June 25 • 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Abington Art Center, 515 Meetinghouse Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046
Enjoy live music, food, community resources, family activities and more. Organized by the SAGA Community Center.

Be sure to sign up for my e-newsletter at

SenatorCollett.com

Follow me on social media for additional details about these and other upcoming events.

ATTENTION SENIORS!



SEPTA ID CARDS

Pennsylvania residents 65 and older can ride SEPTA trains, buses, subways and trolleys for free with a Senior SEPTA ID Card.

My staff can process your ID card application and renewals from our district office for free.

All you need is your government ID and a smile! We will take down your contact information, take your picture, and send the application to SEPTA. An ID card will then be mailed to your home in about six weeks.

Give us a call at (215) 368-1429 to set up an appointment, or just stop by!

NEW MOBILE OFFICE HOURS

The offices of
State Senator Collett and **U.S. Congressman Fitzpatrick**
will host

INDIAN VALLEY MOBILE OFFICE HOURS

1ST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH
10AM - 1PM

Indian Valley Public Library | 100 E. Church Ave. | Telford

Office staff will be available to help you with:



STATE SERVICES

- PennDOT Issues
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate
- Unemployment
- Senior SEPTA IDs
- And More!



FEDERAL SERVICES

- Social Security
- Veteran Affairs
- Passports
- IRS Issues
- And More!



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GRANT FUNDING

FOR THE 12TH DISTRICT



One of the most gratifying parts of my job as your senator is advocating for and securing state grant funding for projects in our district - from public safety initiatives and infrastructure improvements to career training and recreation opportunities. In 2022, I helped secure more than \$64 million in funding for the 12th District. 2023 is off to a great start too with more than \$8 million secured for the 12th District.

Here are just a few highlights:

- **\$5.75 million** to acquire and renovate a commercial property to create the Montgomery County Child Advocacy Center.
- **\$4.5 million** to rebuild the Upper Dublin Township Facility, which was badly damaged during Hurricane Ida.
- **\$4.4 million** to support mental health and safety programs in schools across our district.
- **\$2.85 million** to renovate the Upper Moreland Township Building and build a separate, state-of-the-art police station.
- **\$1.975 million** to rebuild the Harmonville Fire Company station in Plymouth Township.
- **\$1.5 million** to construct an inclusive, all-abilities Miracle Field baseball field in Horsham Township.
- **\$1.32 million** to construct a new Lower Gwynedd Township Public Works facility.
- **\$100 thousand** for Hedwig House's "Healthier You" mobile outreach initiative, providing free hygiene items and medical exams.



Learn about these grant awards and many others by visiting senatorcollett.com/news.



Hurricane Ida



Upper Moreland Township Building



Miracle Field Baseball Field



Hedwig House's "Healthier You"



HARRISBURG UPDATE

2023 – 2024 BUDGET PRIORITIES

In March, Governor Shapiro held his first budget address to share his plans and priorities for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, putting money back into the pockets of Pennsylvanians, lifting up vulnerable populations, and making commonsense investments, including:

Raising the Minimum Wage

- Pennsylvania's **\$7.25/hour minimum wage** is lower than 30 other states, including all of our bordering states. Increasing the minimum wage is good for workers, good for business, and good for PA's bottom line – and the vast majority of residents agree.

Investing in Education

- This budget invests heavily in public education, including expanding mental health supports for students, tackling teacher shortages, and investing in school safety and violence prevention – the top three concerns of the 12th District's students, parents and educators.
- I was also pleased to see the governor support universal free breakfast for students because no student should have to go to class on an empty stomach.

Boosting Our Workforce

- Governor Shapiro's proposed budget puts up to **\$2,500/year** for 3 years back in the pockets of newly licensed PA nurses, teachers, and police officers. I welcomed the governor to Gwynedd Mercy University in March to talk with student nurses about this tax credit and the need for safe staffing and the expansion of my Student Loan Relief for Nurses (SLRN) program.



Expanding the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

- I successfully fought for increased Property Tax/Rent Rebate payments during last year's budget negotiations, and I look forward to doing so again. The governor's budget would increase income caps and maximum rebates for older and disabled Pennsylvanians. While we have a lot of work to do between now and the end of June to negotiate a final budget, and while I believe there is even more we can and must do, I'm encouraged by the atmosphere of collaboration in the air. I'm ready to get to work – studying the facts, talking with the administration, and most importantly listening to my constituents – to make sure this budget is one that supports you and your families today and for years to come.

BILL HIGHLIGHT

Removing Cost Barriers to Breast Cancer Detection

Senate Bill 8 will remove all out-of-pocket costs and mandate 100% coverage for preventative breast cancer screenings, including genetic testing and ultrasounds, for high-risk patients. No deductibles, no co-pays, no co-insurance. I was thrilled to co-sponsor this bill and join my colleagues in unanimously passing it through the Senate this session. Governor Shapiro has officially signed the bill into law!

Expungement Clinic

Representative Nancy Guenst and I hosted our first expungement clinic with the Legal Aid of Southeastern PA and the Montgomery



County Public Defenders in March. Attorneys and law students sat down with participants to answer their questions and walk them through the expungement process. The overwhelming turnout highlighted how much this help is needed by Pennsylvanians getting back on their feet and we're already planning our next one. ■

Missed the event?

Visit: www.lasp.org/expungements or reach out to my office for assistance.



BUILDING A STRONG COMMUNITY

Methacton Planetarium ▶

Did you know Methacton School District has its own planetarium? This winter, my family and I visited for an awesome laser light show! The shows are open to the public and funds raised from their tickets go directly back to the schools.



▲ The Keith Valley Challenge

Keith Valley Challenge is one of my favorite traditions, and I was thrilled to help kick off their 47th annual floor hockey charity event. Eighth grade students raised more than \$20,000 for Make-A-Wish Foundation!



▲ Health Fair Events

I hosted two Health Fair events this past fall, one focused on resources for seniors and another for kids and families. We provided immunizations and a wide range of wellness resources, activities, giveaways and more!



▲ Veterans' Lunch & Resource Fair

In September, I hosted my first Veterans' Lunch & Resource Fair to recognize our local veterans and help connect them to the services they're entitled to. I'm honored to represent a district with such a strong military presence and legacy.



▲ Woori Open House

I was happy to visit the Woori Center's Lansdale office for their open house event in March! I learned about their extensive work supporting Korean and Asian Americans through civic engagement, student leadership, immigrant programs and more.



▲ VMSC Tour

VMSC Emergency Medical Services is the EMS provider for ten municipalities across the North Penn and Indian Valley communities. I was excited to tour their main station in February to learn more about the work they do.

◀ E-Waste Event

In March, Rep. Cerrato, Rep. Hanbidge and I hosted a free electronics recycling event at Montgomery County Community College.



◀ Upper Dublin Groundbreaking

This spring, we broke ground for the next phase of the Cross County Trail Project in Upper Dublin Township. The project will improve infrastructure, safety, and recreational opportunities in the township.

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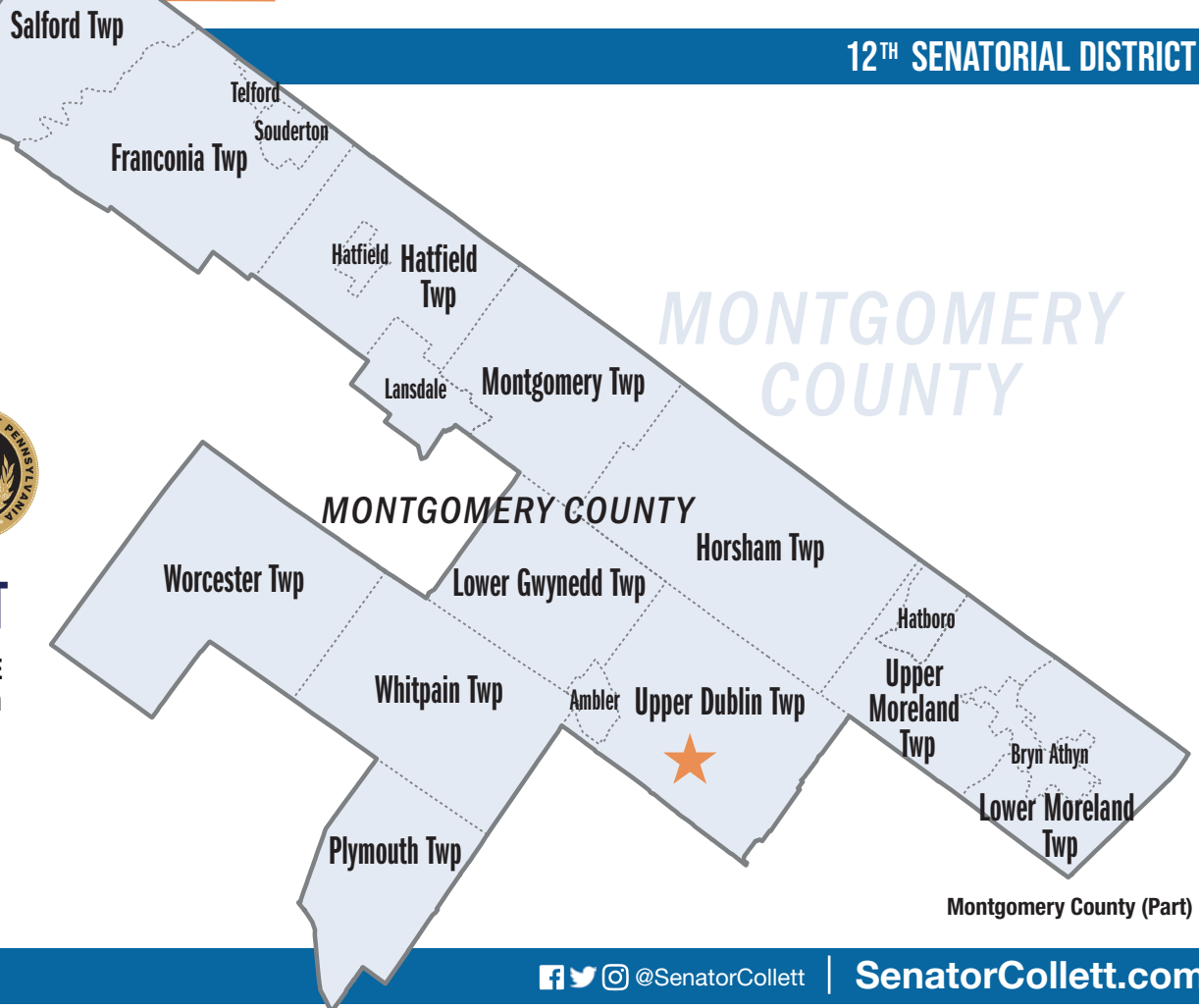


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