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# State Senator **LINDSEY M. WILLIAMS** Your District 38 Update



## Upcoming Events

Senator Williams will be co-hosting a joint policy hearing on Child Care Centers tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. You can watch live at [www.SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/Live](http://www.SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/Live).

We will also be hosting our Scam Jam: Financial Fraud Prevention for Seniors as a Zoom conference on Thursday, June 4 at 6:00 p.m. Registration for the conference is at [www.SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/ScamJam](http://www.SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/ScamJam). You can also watch the program streaming live on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/SenWilliamsPA](http://www.Facebook.com/SenWilliamsPA).



# SCAM JAM!



## FINANCIAL FRAUD PREVENTION FOR SENIORS

June 4, 2020 ● 6PM ● Join us on Zoom!



# Primary Election Update

The 2020 Primary Election is this coming Tuesday, June 2! The Allegheny County Elections Division officials have announced the list of consolidated polling places for this primary election. Households with eligible voters will receive a postcard prior to election day giving them the location of their new polling places. Even though there is one location listed, the site may include multiple polling places within that specific location so physical distancing and other COVID-19 mitigation measures can be followed on Election Day. You can find more details at the [Allegheny County Department of Elections](#) website.

Polling places in the 38th Senatorial District are:

## PA Senate District 38 Polling Locations

- **Aspinwall**  
Aspinwall Municipal Building, 217 Commercial Ave
- **Blawnox**  
Blawnox Volunteer Fire Department, 376 Freeport Road
- **Brackenridge**  
Pioneer Hose Company, 124-128 Morgan Street
- **Cheswick**  
Cheswick Volunteer Fire Department, 1411 Spruce Street
- **East Deer**  
East Deer Municipal Building, 927 Freeport Road
- **Etna**  
All Saints Church, 19 Wilson Street
- **Fawn**  
Fawn Municipal Building, 3054 Howes Run Road
- **Fox Chapel**  
Cooper-Siegel Community Library, 403 Fox Chapel Road
- **Franklin Park**  
Franklin Park Municipal Building, 2344 West Ingomar Road
- **Frazer**  
Frazer #1 Volunteer Fire Dept., 2020 Bakerstown Road
- **Hampton**  
Hampton Community Center, 3101 McCully Road



- **Harmar**  
Harmar Municipal Building, 701 Freeport Road
- **Harrison**  
Citizens Volunteer Hose Company, 965 Burtner Road
- **Indiana**  
Indiana Municipal Building, 3710 Saxonburg Blvd
- **Marshall**  
Marshall Municipal Building, 525 Pleasant Hill Rd, Ste 100
- **McCandless**  
CCAC North, 8701 Perry Highway
- **Millvale**  
Millvale Community Center, 416 Lincoln Ave
- **O'Hara**  
Kerr Elementary School, 341 Kittanning Pike
- **Pine**  
North Park Ice Rink Main Floor, 1200 Pearce Mill Road
- **Pittsburgh – Ward 11 Highland Park**  
Pittsburgh Fulton School, 5799 Hampton Street
- **Pittsburgh – Ward 12 Lincoln Larimer**  
Kingsley Association, 6435 Frankstown Ave
- **Richland**  
Northern Tier Regional Library, 4015 Dickey Rd
- **Ross**  
Ross Township Public Works Building, 225 Cemetery Lane
- **Shaler**  
Shaler Area Middle School, 1800 Mt. Royal Blvd
- **Springdale Borough**  
Springdale Junior-Senior High School, 501 Butler Road
- **Springdale Township**  
Springdale Township Municipal Building, 100 Plate Drive
- **Tarentum**

**Holy Martyrs Catholic Church, 344 West Ninth Ave**

- **West Deer**

**Deer Lakes Middle School, 17 East Union Road**

- **West View**

**West View Banquet Hall, 398 Perry Hwy**



# Unemployment Update and Memorial Day Service Information

Due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 25, 2020, UC benefit payments will be issued in accordance with the following schedule:

Payment Submitted	Payment in Direct Deposit and/or Debit Card Account
May 21 (Thursday)	May 26 (Tuesday)
May 22 (Friday)	May 27 (Wednesday)
May 24 (Sunday)	May 27 (Wednesday)
May 25 (Monday)	May 27 (Wednesday)

## Check Claim Status Online:

Before calling or emailing L&I, you may be able to quickly access your information online. [Check your payment status here.](#)

# PLEASE ANSWER OUR CALLS!

You may see  
**COPA**  
On your caller ID



Our PUA phone line is now available. Call us at 855-284-8545 if you have issues with your PUA claim Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

This phone line is for PUA claimants only. We will not be able to assist callers with regular UC questions.



PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

PHONE NOW AVAILABLE



This phone line is for PUA questions only.

CALL 855-284-8545

available M-F from 8AM- 3PM

LEARN MORE:  
[www.uc.pa.gov/PUA](http://www.uc.pa.gov/PUA)

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION



LIVE CHAT

Monday – Friday  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.



UC CUSTOMER SERVICE

888-313-7284

Monday – Friday  
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.



PUA CUSTOMER SERVICE

855-284-8545

Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.



VIRTUAL FAQ ASSISTANT

877-978-1295



UC EMAIL

[UChelp@pa.gov](mailto:UChelp@pa.gov)



PUA EMAIL

[UCPUA@pa.gov](mailto:UCPUA@pa.gov)

## May is Mental Health Month

There are many resources to help Pennsylvanians with challenges that may appear during this unprecedented time. In Pennsylvania, the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) has resources for mental health and substance use disorder. You can get more information on OMHSAS and find Children/Adolescent Resources and Adult/Older Adults Resources at <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Mental-Health-In-PA/Pages/default.aspx> or call the PA Support & Referral Helpline, 1-855-284-2494 (TTY: 724-631-5600).

### MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES IN PA

- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:**  
**1-800-273-TALK (8255)**
- **Crisis Text Line: Text "PA" to 741-741**
- **Veteran Crisis Line:**  
**1-800-273-TALK (8255)**
- **Disaster Distress Helpline:**  
**1-800-985-5990**



## Property Tax/Rent Rebate



# DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATES TO START EARLY FOR 2019 CLAIMS



Starting May 20, Property Tax/Rent Rebates will be distributed in staggered batches, with claims processed on a **first-in-first-out basis.**



Good news! The Department of Revenue will begin processing Property Tax/Rent Rebates (PTRR) as they come into the office, instead of waiting until July 1st, meaning those people that have already completed and mailed their PTRR will begin seeing their rebates soon. Governor Wolf signed House Bill 1076 into law, which allows for early payment of the Property Tax/Rent Rebate (PTRR) claims as soon as the funds are available and allows for priority approval of a 2019 application if you had a 2018 PTRR approved and paid. Please remember the deadline for a 2019 PTRR application submission is December 31, 2020. You can find more information and the application [here](#).

To find out the status of your PTRR that has already been filed, you can go to <https://www.doreservices.state.pa.us/Individual/RebateDefault.htm>. You need to have your Social Security Number, the claim year, and your date of birth

Resources Available to Assist Claimants:

- [Online Customer Service Center \(FAQs\)](#)
- [Property Tax/Rent Rebate Forms](#)



- [Property Tax/Rent Rebate Preparation Guide](#)

# AARP Income Tax Preparation

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, AARP cancelled all of their free income tax preparation appointments. They will not resume appointments for this tax season. They have created an online resource for seniors: [AARP Foundation - prepare your taxes online](#)



## Legislative Update

Senator Williams has been working with Senator Schwank to put the finishing touches on their childcare assistance legislation. This legislation will provide additional funding for childcare centers and Pre-K and Head Start programs, including funding to extend Pre-K and Head Start programs into the summer in order to mitigate any early childhood learning loss due COVID-19 related closures. In anticipation of introducing the legislation, the two members will be co-hosting a joint policy hearing with House Representatives Elizabeth Fiedler and Mary Jo Daley to discuss the importance of funding childcare centers during the pandemic. Representatives Fiedler and Daley have been working with Senator Williams and Senator Schwank to introduce similar childcare assistance legislation in the House.

The joint hearing will take place virtually on the Senate Floor on Wednesday, May 27, at 10AM. The members look forward to hearing from childcare advocacy groups, providers, workers and parents as they provide important insight into the need to provide assistance to the childcare industry during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can watch live at [www.SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/Live](http://www.SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/Live).

**Joint Virtual Policy Hearing**




State Senator  
**JUDY SCHWANK**



State Senator  
**LINDSEY M. WILLIAMS**



State Rep.  
**ELIZABETH FIEDLER**



State Rep.  
**MARY JO DALEY**

*will be holding a*

**JOINT SENATE & HOUSE DEMOCRATIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

*on*

# CHILD CARE CENTERS



**Wednesday • May 27 @ 10 a.m.**

Livestream available @ [SenatorBoscola.com/Policy](https://SenatorBoscola.com/Policy)

#SenDemPolicy

## Smile of the Week

Thank you to all of our fire departments and other first responders who have been helping to make occasions a little extra special lately. Last week, Harrison and Brackenridge Police, Hilltop Hose VFD, Harrison Hills VFD, Pioneer Hose VFD, Highland Hose VFD, Eureka Fire-Rescue-EMS, Summit Hose VFD, Fawn #2 VFD, Freeport VFD, Frazer #1 VFD, Frazer #2 VFD, Arnold #1 VFD, New Kensington VFD, Springdale Boro VFD, and Citizens Hose Fire-Rescue-EMS all joined in to wish Chief Jones' son a Happy 5th Birthday! (Photos courtesy of Citizens Hose Fire-Rescue-EMS.)



As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have by phone at 412-364-0469 or by email at [SenatorLindseyWilliams@pasenate.com](mailto:SenatorLindseyWilliams@pasenate.com). My staff will return your call/email within 24 hours (Monday-Friday).



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