

Letter Seeks Clarity on Mail-in Ballot ID Verification

This week, I joined about a dozen of my House colleagues in sending [a letter](#) to Secretary of State Leigh Chapman, insisting she immediately issue a directive to county election officials on the proper handling of absentee and mail-in ballots ahead of the Nov. 8 Election. The House State Government Committee, on which I serve, has held several public hearings on election procedures and produced legislation to reform the system. [Our letter](#) cited inconsistencies in election guidelines issued by the Department of State pertaining to the verification of ID for mail-in ballots.

Articles of Impeachment Filed Against Philly DA



Pennsylvania House Republican lawmakers this week introduced Articles of Impeachment against Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner. The articles cite mismanagement of the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office and Krasner's soft-on-crime policies as having a direct and proximate negative impact on crime and violence gripping Philadelphia. In addition, the Articles of Impeachment charge Krasner with repeated defiance of the Select Committee on Restoring Law and Order, which was created to investigate the causes of and possible solutions to the crisis of crime and violence in the state's largest city. Under Krasner's term as DA, violent crime, property crime and shootings have all increased. In fact, nearly half the state's criminal activity occurs in Philadelphia. Convictions have decreased significantly, and more repeat offenders are being set free. Some national chain employers are shuttering Philadelphia stores due to retail theft and

other security and safety concerns. The Articles of Impeachment, introduced as [House Resolution 240](#), which I co-sponsored, were referred to the House Judiciary Committee Wednesday morning. More details about the public safety crisis in Philadelphia [is available here](#).

Bill to Aid Battle Against Opioid Abuse Awaiting Governor's Signature

Legislation that would extend Good Samaritan protections for the use of new opioid overdose reversal drugs in advance of their anticipated approval by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is on the governor's desk awaiting signature to become law. Good Samaritan laws provide immunity from civil damages for personal injuries, even death, that result from a person's well-intentioned efforts to assist someone in distress. In 2014, the General Assembly passed a law providing legal immunity to those who administer naloxone, commonly known by its trade name Narcan, to people they believe to be suffering an overdose. [House Bill 2527](#) would expand that immunity to people who use other opioid reversal drugs. If signed, the law would take effect in 60 days.





This Saturday, Oct. 29, is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, an event sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to help raise awareness and give citizens across the Commonwealth the opportunity to safely dispose of unused prescription drugs. One of the best ways to fight drug abuse is to safely dispose of unused prescription drugs. [Find a drop-off location near you.](#)

PennDOT District 8 Seeks Job Candidates at Series of Open Houses

PennDOT is inviting job seekers to apply for full- and part-time positions with the agency during a series of upcoming open houses. In our area, the events will be held on the first four Tuesdays in November from noon to 4 p.m. at the Lebanon County Maintenance Office, [1445 Cumberland Street, Lebanon](#). County staff will be available to discuss current and future openings within the Commonwealth such as CDL operators, and diesel and construction equipment mechanics. On-the-spot applications, interviews, and driving skills testing will be offered. Applicants need to bring their current CDL license. For more information, please call **717-450-2223**.



Meeting of Local Vietnam Veterans Set for Nov. 10

The public is invited to attend a meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Vietnam Round Table (CPVRT) on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at:

Vietnam Veterans of America
Michael J. Novosel MOH Chapter 542,
[8000 Derry St., Harrisburg](#)

Guest speaker will be Richard Burton of West Hanover Township, Dauphin County, who will share his Vietnam experiences as a psychological operations officer with the 1st Marine Division in Danang in I Corps. For more information, call Richard at **717-545-2336** or email: centralpavietnamrt@verizon.net. The CPVRT website is: centralpavietnamroundtable.com.

World Stroke Day Oct. 29

Saturday, Oct. 29, is World Stroke Day, a day set aside to raise awareness about the dangers of stroke, risk factors and how to recognize when a person is having a stroke. Early recognition and treatment of stroke are vital to ensuring a person's survival and recovery.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the most common signs of stroke in both men and women include sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or difficulty understanding speech; sudden trouble seeing in

one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or lack of coordination; or sudden severe headache with no known cause. The stroke treatments that work best are available only if the stroke is recognized and diagnosed within three hours of the first symptoms. Stroke patients may not be eligible for these if they don't arrive at the hospital in time. To help assess if someone is having a stroke, do the following test:

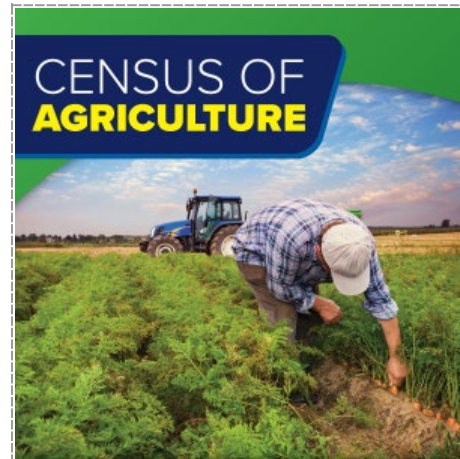
- Face: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?
- Arms: Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- Speech: Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is the speech slurred or strange?
- Time: If you see any of these signs, call 9-1-1 right away.

For more information about stroke, risk factors, prevention and diagnosis, [click here](#).



Attention Farmers: Participate in 2022 Census of Agriculture

Farm operations of all sizes are encouraged to participate in the upcoming Census of Agriculture, conducted every five years by the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The ag census remains the only source of comprehensive agriculture data for every U.S. farm, ranch and person who operates them in every state and county in the nation. It looks at land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures. The ag census includes even the smallest plots and operations, rural or urban. If \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, in the census year, that is considered a farm to be counted. Census forms will be mailed out to more than 3 million U.S. producers starting in November. Farm operators will have the opportunity to respond online or by filling out the form and returning it via U.S. Mail. The deadline to respond is Feb. 6, 2023. More information [is available here](#).



Be Cautious of Slow-Moving Vehicles

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is reminding motorists to share the road safely with slow-moving vehicles. Fall is harvest season for many crops, making it common to see farm equipment and other vehicles on Pennsylvania's rural routes and traveling at less than 25 MPH. This includes horse-drawn buggies, construction machinery and farm equipment. Drivers should remain patient and use caution when approaching slow-moving traffic. Do not pass a slow-moving vehicle if you cannot see clearly in front of you and the vehicle you intend to pass; there are curves or hills in the road ahead; you are in a designated "No Passing Zone"; or you are within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad crossing, bridge, elevated structure or tunnel. Also, do not assume that a vehicle operator who pulls the vehicle to the right side of the road is turning right or letting you pass. The operator may be swinging wide to execute a left-hand turn.



