

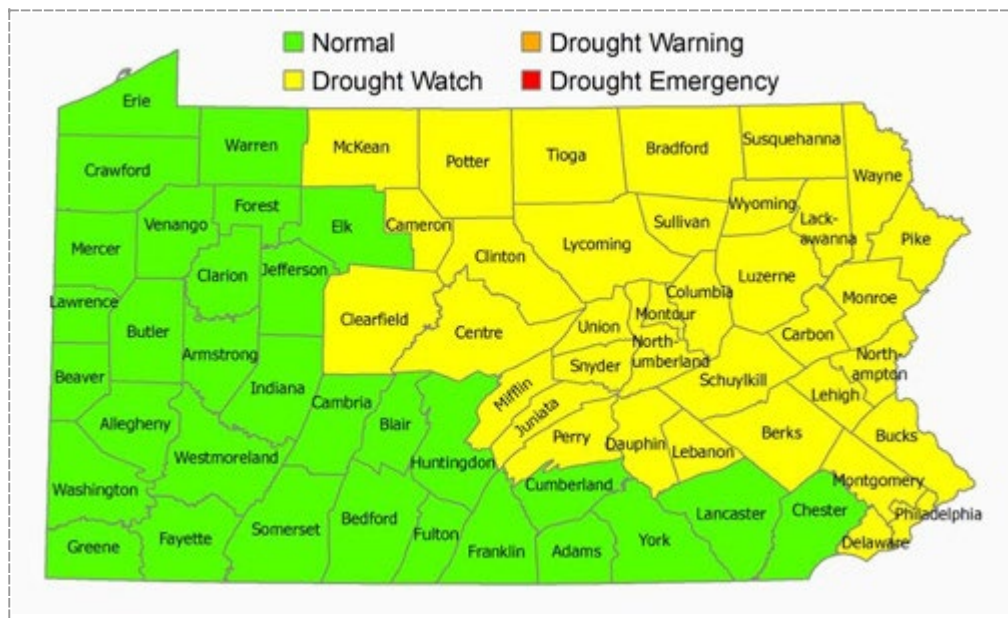
# Portion of Route 72 Named “William G. Carpenter Highway”



This morning in North Cornwall Township, I joined several state, county and local

officials in a ceremony to unveil the sign that designates a portion of Route 72 in Lebanon County in honor of a local military hero and long-time public servant. Bill Carpenter is a decorated U.S. Army veteran with service in Vietnam. He also served 24-years as a Lebanon County Commissioner and 16 years as a member of the Cornwall Borough Council. In recognition of Bill's service to our country and the citizens of Lebanon County, I sponsored legislation that became part of the comprehensive [Act 23 of 2022](#), which among other actions, names a portion of Route 72 from the Lancaster/Lebanon County line to the Lebanon city line in North Cornwall Township as the William G. Carpenter Highway. We celebrated the occasion with Bill; his wife, Denyse; family and friends.

## DEP Declares Drought Watch for 36 Counties, Asks for Voluntary Water Conservation



The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has declared a drought watch for 36 counties across the Commonwealth, including Lebanon County. Residents are being asked to reduce their individual water use by 5 to 10%, or about three to six gallons of water per day. DEP is notifying all water suppliers in these counties of the need to monitor their supplies and be prepared by updating their drought contingency plans as necessary. Local conditions may lead water suppliers or municipalities to ask residents for more stringent conservation actions.

***To conserve water, DEP urges residents to:***

- Run water only when necessary. Don't let the faucet run while brushing teeth or shaving.
- Shorten the time you let the water run to warm up before showering.
- Run the dishwasher and washing machine less often, and only with full loads.
- Water the garden in the evening or morning hours and direct the water to the base of plants to avoid loss through evaporation.
- Water the lawn only if necessary.
- When mowing the lawn, set the blades higher as longer grass shades the soil, improving moisture retention.
- Check for and repair household leaks. A leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water daily.

For more information about the drought situation and other water conservation tips, [click here](#).

## Seltzer's Marks Anniversary with New Store and Museum





Last Thursday, I was honored to present a House of Representative's certificate of recognition to Seltzer's Smoke House Meats on the grand opening of its new outlet store and museum at [209 North Railroad St. in Palmyra](#).

I am impressed with the family's dedication to its employees, and its commitment to Lebanon County and to producing quality products. At the grand opening, a bologna-cutting ceremony marked Seltzer's 120th anniversary of making "the world's best" bologna. What a great time!

## Key Dates for Upcoming Election

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

*November*

2022 Pennsylvania  
General Election

OCT  
**24**

Last day to **REGISTER** to vote for the  
General Election.

NOV  
**01**

Last day to apply for a **MAIL-IN OR  
ABSENTEE BALLOT.**

NOV  
**08**

General Election Day in Pennsylvania.  
**GET OUT AND VOTE!**

**THE GENERAL ELECTION IS TUESDAY, NOV. 8, 2022.**

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The 2022 General Election is Tuesday, Nov. 8. Voters will have the opportunity to elect the state's next governor and lieutenant governor, members of the U.S. House and Senate, and state House and state Senate (in even-numbered senatorial districts). If you are not already registered to vote, the deadline to do so is Monday, Oct. 24. You may register in person at your county elections office or by mail, or by visiting the state's [online voter registration website](#).

The last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot is Tuesday, Nov. 1, by 5 p.m. Completed ballots must be returned by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8. More information about voting in the Commonwealth, including how to check your registration and voting location, visit [vote.pa.gov](#).

## Nearly 60 Children Lost to Abuse Last Year

In releasing its annual Child Protective Services Report this week, the state Department of Human Services is again reminding all Pennsylvanians to report potential child abuse or neglect to ChildLine. The 24/7 hotline available to anyone concerned for the safety or well-being of a child can be reached by calling **1-800-932-0313**.

While the report reveals a decline in child abuse deaths from 73 in 2020 to 58 in 2021, the lives lost last year exceeds the number reported in any other year in the last decade. Also

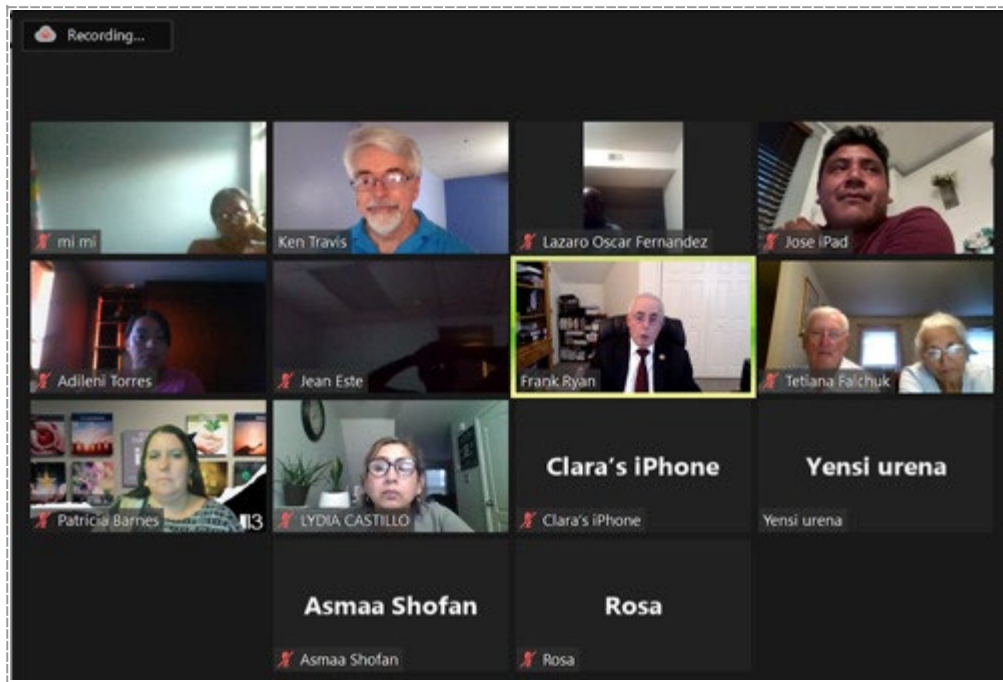
concerning is the increase in “near fatalities” from abuse. In 2020, there were 115 near fatalities, and last year that number increased to 136.

Everyone can play a role in protecting children from abuse. Be on the lookout for signs of potential abuse or neglect, such as numerous and/or unexplained injuries or bruises; chronic, pronounced anxiety and expressed feelings of inadequacy; flinching or an avoidance to being touched; poor impulse control; demonstrating abusive behavior or talk; cruelty to animals or others; or fear of parent or caregiver, among others.

Learn more about the signs of child abuse, visit [keepkidssafe.pa.gov](https://www.keepkidssafe.pa.gov). To report suspected child abuse, call ChildLine at **1-800-932-0313**.



## Sharing Insight with Students Vying for U.S. Citizenship



Thank you to Ken Travis for inviting me to participate in another of his citizenship classes. It is always a pleasure to share my knowledge of government with those who are preparing to become U.S. citizens. Their thoughtful and intelligent questions keep me on my toes! Ken said his students leave our discussions with the understanding that their government representatives are people like themselves, and they can talk freely with their government representatives about their concerns.

## **DMVA to Host Virtual Town Hall on Veteran Transportation Issues**

The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) will host its fourth in a five-part series of virtual town hall meetings for veterans on Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 6-7:30 p.m. The discussion will focus on resources to assist veterans facing transportation issues.

Presenters will include Brig. Gen. (PA) Maureen Weigl, DMVA deputy adjutant general for Veterans Affairs; Jason Lane, chief, voluntary services, Lebanon VA Medical Center; John Taylor, manager of Planning and Technology, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation; and Sherry Welsh, administrator/senior project manager for rabbitcares.



Veterans can participate by using a Microsoft Teams link available on the DMVA's website at [dmva.pa.gov](https://dmva.pa.gov). They will have the opportunity to ask questions of the presenters live during the program through the chat feature.

The final virtual town hall meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 2, and will focus on honoring veterans for their service and sacrifice.

[Click here](#) to view past meetings.

## Thank You for Your Service!

The Pennsylvania American Legion is announcing the availability of Free PSU Military Appreciation Football Tickets. Beginning at noon on Sept. 13, military members, veterans and their families can request tickets on a first-come, first-served basis to the Nov. 12 matchup between Penn State and Maryland. The offer includes up to four free tickets to the game, four free Tailgate Party tickets and free parking passes. [Please visit this link](#), which contains the link to request the tickets. Again, you cannot request tickets until Sept. 13 at noon.





## Are You Prepared?

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM), and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the Pennsylvania Insurance Department are encouraging citizens to take steps to prepare for emergencies and ensure that their homes, businesses and possessions are adequately insured.

PEMA is encouraging citizens to get involved and take steps to prepare for all types of emergencies by participating in its Ready, Set, and Check! event. Simply register for the Ready,

Set and Check! card, which provides you with simple – yet important – steps to get started and track your progress. These steps may include creating a family emergency plan so loved ones know who to contact and where to go in an emergency, signing up for weather alerts and knowing how to turn off utilities in and around your home.

The Insurance Department also is urging homeowners to prepare for potential storm events by purchasing flood insurance to cover their homes and businesses. Most standard homeowners' and renters' insurance policies do not cover damages caused by flooding. More information is available at [Ready.PA.gov](https://www.Ready.PA.gov).

