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Upcoming Events

Virtual Town Hall with Department of State Secretary Boockvar Thursday, October 1@ 6:00 PM



Senator Lindsey M. Williams



Secretary Kathy Boockvar Department of State

This Thursday night, October 1, at 6:00 pm, we're hosting a town hall conversation about the upcoming election with Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar. We'll discuss changes to voting and answer questions that you have about the November General Election. Sign up to participate by Zoom at <u>www.SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/Vote</u> or stream live at

www.Facebook.com/SenWilliamsPA.

Register for Virtual Election Town Hall



We will be hosting a free shredding event on Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Hampton Community Center, 3101 McCully Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. In order to minimize traffic and wait times, pre-registration is required for this event at <u>SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/shredding</u>. Shredding is limited to 2 boxes per car. No metal/spiral bindings or books are accepted at this event!

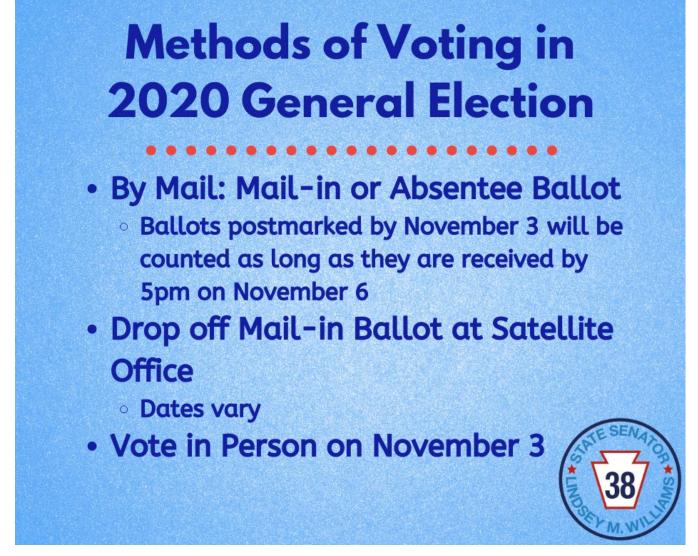
Register for Shredding Event

Are You Ready to Vote?



Last week we celebrated National Voter Registration Day-- did you know that you can register to vote, check your registration status, or update your information online at <u>www.VotesPA.com</u>?

The Allegheny County Elections Divisions has started mailing out absentee and mail in ballots to voters! Over 328,000 applications for mail in ballots have been approved as of September 29, and 126,000 of those ballots have been delivered to the post office.



Have you made your voting plan yet? If you have questions or need help getting an absentee or mail in ballot, please contact my office at 412-364-0469 or <u>SenatorLindseyWilliams@pasenate.com</u>.

WILL POLLING PLACES BE CONSOLIDATED FOR GENERAL ELECTION?



With few exceptions, most polling locations will be open on Nov 3. The Elections Division is sending out postcards to every registered voter with their location just in case!

If you're planning to vote in person, most polling locations will be open in November. You can check your polling location at <u>www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/pollingplaceinfo.aspx</u>.

Unemployment Compensation Guide

This guide will provide helpful tools, information, and resources to walk you through the unemployment compensation process. The links on the right provide information that you'll need to file for unemployment benefits, including FAQs and videos.

If your job has been affected by COVID-19, you may be eligible to receive UC benefits. Please read our <u>COVID-19 FAQs</u> for more guidance on your eligibility.

<u>Helpful UC Videos</u> - Check out our videos for information on filing and our adjudication process.

Not sure what the process looks like? Check out our <u>What to Expect after Filing Infographic</u> to get a better understanding of the unemployment filing process.

Experiencing a delay? Check out our <u>What's Wrong with my Unemployment Claim -</u> <u>Troubleshooting Guide</u> to get a better idea of where your claim may be in the process.



A Continued Focus on Transparency

In March, I released a full accounting of the expense reports for myself and my office staff following an <u>article</u> by *Spotlight PA* and *The Caucus* criticizing the State Legislature for claiming "legislative privilege" in over-redacting expense reports before releasing them in response to public records requests. Since then, I have continued to release a full accounting of these records monthly on my website at <u>www.SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/expenses</u>. The last six months have put a spotlight on the importance that transparency plays in ensuring public trust in the actions of government on all levels. It's time to move into the 21st century and make taxpayer records easily accessible and complete.

'Good Morning America' Comes to Springdale



COURTESY OF SPRINGDALE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Springdale Free Public Library children's librarian Dana Muller sits in front of a video camera as she takes questions from "Good Morning America" producer Sarah Lang.

The ABC-TV morning show "Good Morning America" sent a crew to record interviews in Springdale and Cheswick on Monday, including a stop at Springdale Free Public Library to highlight the district's involvement with the Project 10 Million program. The interviews are scheduled to be broadcast this week, possibly as early as Wednesday morning's edition of "Good Morning America."

The program, launched by T-Mobile, offers free wireless hotspots and free high-speed data for underserved student households. The goal is to get 10 million internet-connected devices to students who need it over the next five years.

Brett Slezak, technology supervisor for Allegheny Valley School District, said need for the program is great because the pandemic has made remote learning the new norm but many area students have no connectivity or are under-connected.

Slezak said that while he is still working with T-Mobile to finish up the application, he has learned that the district has received preliminary approval for over 100 free mobile hotspots.

Don't Forget to Complete the Census!

It's not too late to participate to make sure that your household is counted. You can respond online, by phone, or mail by September 30, 2020. Also, 2020 Census workers are now going door-to-door across the Commonwealth.

You can visit the census at <u>Pa.gov/census</u> to learn how important your role as a resident is to Pennsylvania and your neighbors. Also learn how to help spread the word about the census.

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

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