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## Our District Office is Here to Help You

By Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (R-Lehigh/Berks)

As your state representative, my job is about more than going to Harrisburg and voting on legislation before the House of Representatives. In fact, most of my time is spent in the district making sure those I represent have knowledge of and access to state programs and services, as well as scheduling meetings to hear ideas and listen to concerns from constituents.

My full-time district office is located at 3402 Brookside Road in Macungie, located in the Lower Macungie Township Administration complex. The telephone number is (610) 965-9933. We also use space at Topton Borough Hall to provide more convenient service to residents in the Berks County portion of the district. If you would like to meet with us to discuss any issues you are having or if you need help with a state-related matter, please call the district office to set up an appointment in Topton.

Some of the many services the office provides include:

- Assistance with PennDOT paperwork, such as driver's license and vehicle registration applications and renewals.
- PACE and PACENET applications for seniors.
- Help with obtaining birth and death certificates.
- State tax forms.
- Student aid applications.
- Absentee ballot applications.
- Free state maps and state park information.
- Referrals to agencies to resolve state-related matters.

It is important to remember that birth certificates used to obtain a passport must have both parents' names on it. My office can help secure copies of your birth certificate, if needed; however, this process can take several weeks, so keep that in mind when making any travel arrangements.

The office also offers assistance with Property Tax and Rent Rebate applications. Older residents looking for an opportunity to recoup some of the money they pay in property taxes or rent are encouraged to check out the program, which is one of several senior programs supported by proceeds from the Pennsylvania Lottery. Eligible participants can receive a rebate of up to \$650 based on their rent or property taxes paid in 2018. The deadline to apply is June 30.

In addition, my staff can help with checking for unclaimed property through the state's Treasury Department. In an effort to return the property to those who rightfully own it, the state Treasury created an online searchable database. The most common types of unclaimed property are dormant bank accounts, stocks and dividends, uncashed payroll checks, uncollected utility deposits, unredeemed gift certificates, and items in safe deposit boxes.

Another service provided through the office is veterans assistance. A veterans outreach specialist is available the second Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment.

During the special hours, a veterans outreach specialist will be available to meet with local veterans and assist them with issues they may be having accessing benefits and services from the U.S. Veterans Administration. Anyone interested in meeting with the specialist is asked to contact the office to set up an appointment.

The district office is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Residents can also feel free to email me at [RMackenzie@pahousegop.com](mailto:RMackenzie@pahousegop.com), visit my website at [www.RepMackenzie.com](http://www.RepMackenzie.com), follow me on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/RepMackenzie](https://www.facebook.com/RepMackenzie) or connect with me through Twitter at [www.twitter.com/RepMackenzie](https://www.twitter.com/RepMackenzie).