

PA 529: Give the Gift of Education

By State Rep. Ann Flood

The Pennsylvania Treasury Department recently announced a new, easy way to give the gift of education this holiday season – a partnership with Gift of College.

Friends and families can now buy Gift of College gift cards for recipients to deposit into their PA 529 College and Career Savings Program account. The digital gift cards are available by visiting pa529.com/gift. This is a great way to surprise someone without knowing whether they already have a PA 529 account.

Gifts to existing PA 529 accounts can also be made via Ugift. PA 529 accounts have a unique Ugift code that can be shared with friends and family who want to give the gift of savings for a child's future education expenses. The person giving the gift gets something also – a PA state tax deduction for the amount of the PA 529 contribution.

Anyone, including parents, grandparents, relatives and family friends, can contribute to a PA 529 account. Savings can be used for qualified education expenses for K-12, higher education, credential programs and apprenticeship programs.

To learn more about PA 529, visit pa529.com or call 800-440-4000.

More Retirees Eligible for Reduced-Fee Vehicle Registration Next Year

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The income eligibility limit for Pennsylvania's reduced-fee Retired Status Vehicle Registration will increase next year due to a change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Currently set at \$29,906, the annual income limit will increase to \$30,778 effective Jan. 1.

Retirees who qualify pay \$12 rather than the standard \$48 registration fee.

Qualified applicants must be retired and receiving Social Security or other pension payments. Please note, 100% of a veterans' benefit payment or payment to the unmarried surviving spouse, upon the death of a veteran, should be excluded from the income calculation.

The applicant must be listed as an owner on the vehicle's registration and only one vehicle per qualified applicant may be registered for the reduced fee. Qualifying vehicles must be a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than 9,000 pounds.

A new state law I supported in 2024 increased the income eligibility rate by more than \$10,000 for the current calendar year and directed the income limit be adjusted annually based on CPI.

Click here to learn more about the program or contact my offices for assistance https://links.phousenews.com/q/SuqQQhX6440X-LM10T70Zt92ujJA42_tj6CZcOJYnZ0aW1lc0ByY24uY29tw4g24vz8c60d5gcLDHaeQ93U2N2J9Q.

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Lower Mount Bethel Township: \$135,000

The grant will help purchase a John Deere utility tractor with a Tiger Boom Mower to improve road safety and reduce maintenance costs.

Moore Township: \$124,000

Funding will be used to replace aging police vehicles with a Ford Police Interceptor Utility and a Ford Expedition 4x4.

The Local Share Account program is funded by gaming revenues under Pennsylvania's Race Horse Development and Gaming Act and administered by the Commonwealth Financing Authority. It supports projects that improve the quality of life for residents, including public safety, infrastructure, and community development initiatives.



Happy Chanukah

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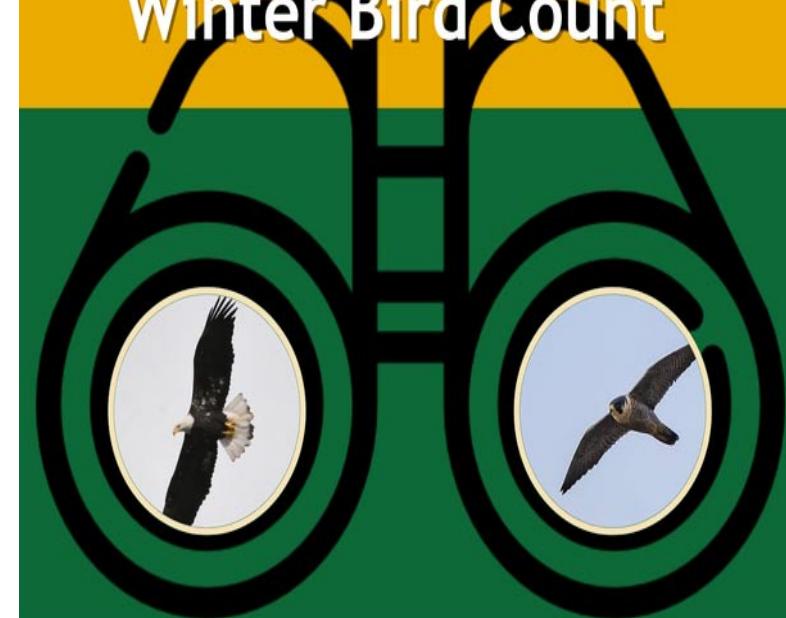
May the light of Chanukah be a reminder of the power of hope, resilience and unity.

May this season bring peace to homes, communities and the world, and inspire kindness and freedom from all forms of violence.

Wishing all who celebrate a safe, peaceful and meaningful Chanukah.



Grand Central Landfill Winter Bird Count



Date: January 4, 2026

Time: 9 AM - 10 AM

Meet At: Grand Central Environmental Education Center
891 Grand Central Road Pen Argyl PA

RSVP TO: Adrienne afors1@wm.com
Please dress for the weather, wear hiking shoes and bring along your camera!

