



## Refiner's Fire Ministry Celebrates 20th Anniversary

By State Rep. Ann Flood

On Saturday, I was honored to join Refiner's Fire Ministry in Portland for a ribbon cutting ceremony commemorating 20 years of ministry in the community.

Refiner's Fire Ministry began meeting in the Portland Municipal Gym in 2006 and later established a permanent home in 2012 with the purchase of the former Portland Methodist Church building. For two decades, the church has remained dedicated to teaching and preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ while serving the Portland community with faith and compassion.

I was pleased to present a citation recognizing Refiner's Fire Ministry for their 20 years of service and congratulating them on this meaningful milestone.

When the ceremony concluded, attendees gathered in the church basement for food and fellowship. Due to inclement weather, the celebration picnic, face painting, and softball game scheduled for the Portland Ball Field have been postponed until June.

## Fresh Food Vouchers Available for Eligible Seniors

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Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers will be available again for eligible Northampton County residents age 60 and older beginning in June.

The \$25 vouchers help seniors buy fresh fruits and vegetables at participating farmers markets. Eligibility is based on income guidelines, including up to \$29,526 per year for an individual and \$40,034 for a couple in 2026. Proof of age and residency is required, and vouchers will be distributed in-person only. Mailed or emailed applications will not be accepted.

Residents may receive vouchers once during the program period, which runs from June 1 through Sept. 15. Vouchers may be redeemed through Nov. 30. A proxy form is required for anyone picking up vouchers on behalf of another individual, with limits on the number of people one proxy may assist.

Distribution will take place at multiple senior centers and community locations across the county, including sites in Bangor, Easton, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Northampton, Cherryville, Hellertown and others.

Full details, including the complete schedule of locations, dates and times, can be found here <https://links.pahousenews.com/q/rZiIlQhIQD0XOeKnfv7ttQiDIXjQDyJbiVJZcOJYnZ0aW1lc0ByY24uY29tw4gqmqzGbhGOfb2ALunJFFmNolK9oww>.



## Mental Health Awareness Month

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May is National Mental Health Awareness Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about mental health and continuing the fight against the stigma people face when seeking help.

In Pennsylvania, mental health services are administered through county Mental Health and Developmental Services programs. To learn more about mental health care in Pennsylvania, [click here](#).

If you or someone you know is contemplating suicide, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by calling or texting 988.



## Honoring Our Fallen Heroes on Memorial Day

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On Memorial Day, I was honored to attend ceremonies with American Legion Posts 502 and 216 in the 138th Legislative District as we gathered to remember and pay tribute to the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation.

The day began at Post 502's Memorial Day service at Fairview Cemetery in Pen Argyl. The ceremony featured patriotic music, readings, and participation from veterans, Scouts, and community members as we reflected not only on the meaning of Memorial Day, but on the lives and legacies of those we honor and the freedom they secured for future generations.

Later in the morning, I joined Post 216 for their Memorial Day ceremony honoring veterans from the Mt. Bethel and Portland area. The program included wreath presentations, musical tributes, and a moment of silence in remembrance of those who gave their lives in service.

Both ceremonies served as powerful reminders of the cost of freedom and the importance of coming together as a community to ensure the sacrifices of our fallen heroes are never forgotten. I was honored to offer remarks at both events and grateful to stand with our community in remembrance of those who gave their lives in service to our nation.