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#### Northampton County COVID-19 Relief Small Business Grant Program

By Senator Scavello

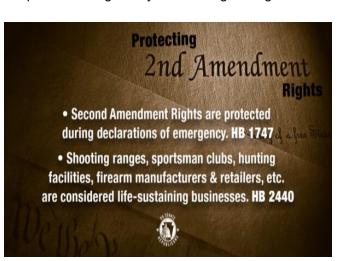
The Northampton County COVID-19 Relief Small Business Grant Program has re-opened and is now accepting applications! Northampton County Council has approved this Grant Program partnered with the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce that will distribute \$1.3 million dollars of CARES Act Funds to Northampton County small businesses with 100 or fewer employees.

Please use this link to view or download the eligibility guidelines to apply for up to \$15,000 to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 related expenses.

Please Note: This grant is eligible to businesses that have not previously received the Northampton County COVID-19 Relief Small Business Grant.

Go here to apply – Deadline to apply: Friday, December 4th 2020.

https://www.lehighvalleychamber.org/norcogrants.html



Senate Approves Bills to Protect Second Amendment Rights of Pennsylvanians

By Senator Scavello

PEN ARGYL - Two bills approved by the Senate this week would ensure the Second Amendment rights of Pennsylvanians are protected during emergency declarations. Both bills were sent to the governor's desk to be signed into law.

Under current law, the rights of law-abiding citizens to open carry firearms can be limited during a state of emergency. The Senate approved a bill that would ensure these rights are not infringed during a state of emergency. The bill would also ensure firearm sales are not prohibited during an emergency declaration.

The Senate also approved a bill that would establish the Hunting, Firearm, and Ammunition Life-Sustaining Business Act to ensure shooting ranges, sportsman clubs, hunting facilities and firearm and ammunition manufacturers, retailers and distributors are considered life-sustaining businesses that will not be shuttered by state government during an emergency declaration.



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# Bangor Area School District

# Slater Standout of the Month Award







Mrs. Dente

#### Mr. Scott Mousley

Mr. Scott Mousley, head custodian at Bangor Area High School, always goes above and beyond in his job performance. He meets everyone with a hello, routinely checks with staff to ensure that everything is ok, and reaches out to see what he can do to improve our high school for students and staff. He takes his job seriously. This past summer was unique and provided many obstacles prior to the building's re-opening; Scott was adamant in making sure everything was ready for the faculty and students to come back into a safe environment. He accomplished that with ease.

Being the head custodian of the biggest school in the district along with taking care of the Central Office is a tremendous task. Scott does so with the utmost professionalism and a work ethic that is difficult to replicate. He is a model Slater Standout and we are proud to have him in our school district.

#### Mrs. Dente

Mrs. Dente, teacher at 5 Points Elementary, is 100% dedicated to making the school experience meaningful and valuable to both the children we teach and their parents who are teaching at home. Her energy is boundless and her effort to "get it right" is always in the forefront of her work. Mrs. Dente never stops working! While being totally dedicated to her family, she also never stops thinking of her students.

She also demonstrates a positive and welcoming attitude that fosters a learning environment which emphasizes "excellence today, success tomorrow." Instructionally, Lisa makes learning fun. She always has a smile on her face and shows genuine interest in children of all backgrounds. She sets the bar high for her students and expertly guides them to "excellence today." She is one of those rare educators who has the perfect balance of professional and personal care for her students and for that matter, for her co-workers, as well!

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## Kayla Woolley honored as the 2020 Volunteer of the Year

By Senator Scavello

NAZARETH - This week we honored Kayla Woolley of Nazareth who was honored as the 2020 Volunteer of the Year by the Bushkill Township volunteer Fire Company. Any definition of a full and productive life must include service to others. Through her many initiatives to benefit her community and by her personal example, Kayla clearly reflects the true spirit and mission of the Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company. Congratulations Kayla and thank you for volunteering to serve your community!

## State Police, PennDOT Announce Annual 'Operation Safe Holiday' Enforcement

Harrisburg, PA - With the holiday season just around the corner, while travel is not recommended in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) remind Pennsylvanians who must travel of the importance of safe driving and consistent seat belt use ahead of the long Thanksgiving weekend and the start of the holiday season.

"We can all do our part to prevent crashes and fatalities by designating a sober driver and always wearing a seat belt," said PennDOT Secretary Yassmin Gramian. "This holiday season may look a little different, but no matter how far or near you travel, traffic safety is always important."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

Operation Safe Holiday kicked off on November 16, with the "Click It or Ticket" Thanksgiving enforcement mobilization running through November 29, 2020. State police and local law

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