



State Representative Jim Marshall's

# NEWS

## Bulletin

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Please plan to attend a

## Marcellus Shale Informational Forum

DATE: Thursday, March 24  
TIME: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
PLACE: Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center  
One Lincoln Park, Midland

Get the latest information from experts on Marcellus Shale process and development, including

- ★ Infrastructure components
- ★ Current natural gas trends
- ★ Legal issues
- ★ Land and water use
- ★ Treatment
- ★ Disposal methods
- ★ And much more

So that we know how much material to prepare, please RSVP to let us know you plan to attend. You can RSVP online at [RepMarshall.com](http://RepMarshall.com) or by calling my office at 724-847-1352.

### INFORMATION PRESENTERS

- David Spigelmyer (Chesapeake Energy)** – An overview of Marcellus Shale coalition and how natural gas affects transportation
- Alan Eichler (PA Department of Environmental Protection)** – Environmental issues and regulation
- Carl Carlson (Range Resources)** – Range Resources drilling activity and economic impact
- Jon Laughner (Penn State Extension)** – Job creation and local community impact
- Joseph Lawrence, Esq.** – Homeowner's legal rights and the "do's and don'ts" of signing contracts
- Thomas C. Melisko Jr. (International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 66)** – Economic impact

## Join Me for a Talk about the Issues – My Town Hall Schedule for the Spring

As I've done in past years, I've put together a schedule of town hall meetings in nearly every municipality in the 14th Legislative District. These meetings offer an opportunity for an informal conversation that let's me hear what's on your mind.

I hope you'll consider attending the meeting(s) that best fits your schedule. (*More will be scheduled at other areas of the district for the summer and fall.*) All meetings start at **7 p.m.**

- **Monday, March 28:** Big Beaver and New Galilee – Big Beaver Borough Building
- **Tuesday, March 29:** Chippewa Township – Chippewa Township Building
- **Wednesday, March 30:** South Beaver Township – South Beaver Fire Hall
- **Thursday, April 7:** Koppel and Homewood Borough – Koppel Fire Station
- **Thursday, April 21:** Midland and Glasgow – Midland Borough Building
- **Thursday, May 5:** White Township – White Township Municipal Building
- **Thursday, May 12:** Freedom – Freedom Fire Department's Social Hall
- **Wednesday, May 18:** Beaver Falls and Eastvale – Beaver Falls City Building
- **Thursday, May 19:** West Mayfield – West Mayfield Borough Building

## Working to Ban Legislative Non-Profit Organizations

Pennsylvania legislators will be banned from creating their own non-profit organizations if legislation that I've authored is signed into law. My bill passed in the House by a vote of 195-1 earlier this session and now awaits consideration in the state Senate.

The point of my bill (House Bill 109) is very clear: legislators should not be permitted to create or maintain entities that allow them to spend tax dollars at their discretion. There have been some problems with this type of action in the past, and this bill will help to clean up this issue.

I first introduced this legislation in 2007 and again in the 2009-10 legislative session, but legislative leaders never brought the bill forward for committee consideration. Provisions of my bill have been included in internal House rules in both the 2007-08 and the 2009-10 sessions, but that action simply doesn't go far enough.

I've been pressing the issue with this bill so that the prohibition of legislative non-profits is permanent, and applies to both the House and the Senate. This is all about accountability and transparency for our tax dollars.

My bill is part of the most significant package of reform legislation that the House of Representatives has considered in more than a quarter of a century.

The people in my district, and people all across Pennsylvania, have made it clear that they want change in how Harrisburg operates. My bill is just one of many steps that can and must be taken so that the public can have restored trust in state government.

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

*More details are to come, but for now save the dates!*

**Ice Cream Social: Friday, June 17th 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.**  
Merrick Art Gallery, 1100 Fifth Ave. in New Brighton

**Children's Expo: Saturday, Aug. 13th 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
37th St Park in Beaver Falls

**Senior Expo: Monday, Oct. 17th, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
Chippewa United Methodist Church, 2545 Darlington Rd., Beaver Falls



*Committee meetings are an important part of my work in Harrisburg. In this session, I've been named to four committees: Commerce (sub-committee chairman on small business), Transportation (sub-committee chairman on aviation), Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness, and Aging and Adult Services.*

## Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program Applications Are Now Available

Forms for the state's Property Tax/Rent Rebate program for 2010 are now available at my office.

You can visit my office at the Beaver Falls Professional Center, 1122 Seventh Avenue in Beaver Falls, or download them directly from my Web site at [RepMarshall.com](http://RepMarshall.com).

Eligible participants can receive a rebate of up to \$650 based on their rent or property taxes paid in 2010. The program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians who are 65 years or older, widows and widowers 50 years or older, and those 18 years or older with permanent disabilities.

Eligibility income limits for homeowners are set at the following levels, excluding 50 percent of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and Railroad Retirement Tier 1 benefits:

- \$0 to \$8,000, maximum \$650 rebate (Homeowners and renters)
- \$8,001 to \$15,000, maximum \$500 rebate (Homeowners and renters)
- \$15,001 to \$18,000, maximum \$300 rebate (Homeowners only)
- \$18,001 to \$35,000, maximum \$250 rebate (Homeowners only)

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program is one of many initiatives supported by the Pennsylvania Lottery, which dedicates its proceeds to support programs for older Pennsylvanians. Since the program began in 1971, more than \$4 billion has been paid to qualified applicants.

Residents are reminded to provide all the necessary income, property tax or rental information required to process claims quickly and accurately. Applications are due by June 30.

## Tis the season! Here's a Way to Let PennDOT Know About Potholes

To report potholes or other road concerns, feel free to contact my Beaver Falls office at 724-847-1352. You may also report potholes located on state roads directly to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to report it at 1-800-FIX-ROAD (1-800-349-7623).

Please be as specific as possible when reporting pothole locations. When reporting about state routes, please be prepared to provide the county, municipality, street name, or preferably the state route (SR) number found on small, black-and-white signs posted along state roadways. When possible, offer a description of any familiar landmarks that will help PennDOT find the problem area.

The hotline may also be used to report maintenance concerns other than potholes, such as deer removal or signage issues.

Once notified, PennDOT will work to quickly address concerns when weather permits.

To report potholes on local roads, motorists should contact the municipality in which the pothole is located.

Potholes develop when water seeps below the road through small cracks in the pavement surface. As the water repeatedly freezes and thaws, a cavity below the road is formed and larger cracks develop, causing the pavement to crumble.

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE JIM MARSHALL

### SERVING THE 14<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

#### OUR OFFICE CAN HELP YOU:

- A clearinghouse for all Pennsylvania state government forms.
- Driver's license and vehicle registration applications/renewals.
- Assistance with PennDOT paperwork (lost cards, changes, corrections, special registration plates, vanity plates, and temporary placards for disabled persons).
- Copies of birth and death certificates.
- PACE and PACENET applications for seniors.
- Copies and analysis of state legislation.
- Information on all Pennsylvania state agencies and departments.
- Applications for state and civil service jobs.
- Assistance with Property Tax/Rent Rebate forms.
- Setup of State Capitol tours.

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