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- *Financial Institutions (Ranking Member)*
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- *Economic and Workforce Development*
- *Ways and Means*
- *Emergency Services Internet Protocol (ESINet) Steering Committee*

Dear Neighbor,

Fall is upon us, and as such, the Ohio Legislature will be reconvening to continue serving the people of Ohio. During the summer, I have had the opportunity to meet with many of our District 15 constituents as I continue to serve you all. While I will continue to update you all with my monthly newsletters, I want to reaffirm my accessibility should you require the assistance of my office. Please consider following my official accounts on the header above to keep updated with me as we restart the important legislative work that impacts us all.

In this month's newsletter, there are several advocacy updates as well as in-district events in which you may wish to participate. I have included a quick-sheet of numbers to call in case you require specific resources for whatever may crop up in your everyday life. Additionally, I have attached information on the Imagination Library—one of the programs that you should absolutely sign up for in case you or someone you know has children that could enroll in monthly free books between birth and five years of age.

September 15th and 23rd are the Seven Hills and Broadview Heights Final Concert Series of the Year and the Brooklyn Community Fall Festival, respectively. Additionally, An Old Brooklyn Nite is returning for its yearly annual fundraiser.

I hope as the colder months return that we can continue to grow and connect as neighbors in our community; I greatly appreciate the opportunity to represent you all. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me should I ever be of service to you or your family.

Sincerely,

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Advocacy Updates

As we start the school year and approach the Fall and Winter months of the year, I would like to re-emphasize the assistance that my office can provide when it comes to any local or state governmental offices that you may interact with.

We are always a resource and can serve as an intermediary to assist. While the graphic on the right is not an exhaustive list of numbers to call in case

of emergencies or assistance, my office is more than happy to try and bridge the gap that our state's agencies occasionally leave. While I am sure many of you primarily subscribe for legislative updates, please know that I and my office are here to help whenever possible.

Resources



Food Assistance:
844-640-6446



Job/Family Services:
216-987-6825



Emergency Assistance:
Dial 911



Human Resources:
216-443-7190



Community Resources
and Services:
Dial 211



Senior Services:
216-420-6700



Child Support Services:
216-443-5100



Small Business
Resources:
216-452-9714



Health/Human Services:
216-881-5554



Board of Elections:
216-443-8683



One of the projects I was pleased to support during this past year's Operating Budget was funding for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio. The funding provided by the state legislature will match funds to local program partners in each county, providing free, monthly books to any enrolled child between birth and five years old.

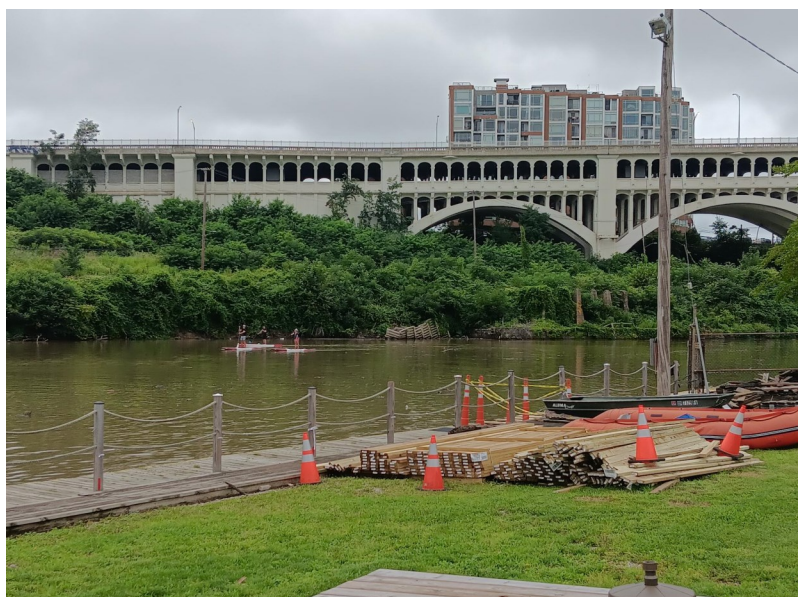
This program started in 2019, and I am proud to announce that over 37,000 books were mailed out to Cuyahoga County children in July alone, thanks to our local program partner—The Literacy Cooperative.

To learn more or to enroll your children, visit www.ohioimaginationlibrary.org/enroll.

I recently had the immense pleasure of attending the groundbreaking for the Port Authority's Irishtown Bend Stabilization Project.

The project intends to prevent erosion along the hillside, which if it were to collapse, could lead to \$4.7 billion in annual economic impact and affect up to 22,000 jobs, including in District 15. There will also be additional green space and a final connection of the canal towpath to Lake Erie.

I'm grateful that such infrastructure initiatives are being proactively worked on to promote economic growth, especially with the potential to support our District 15 communities as well. As an aside, I'm proud also that my grandfather worked on the construction of the adjacent Detroit-Superior Bridge (pictured above) in the early 20th century!





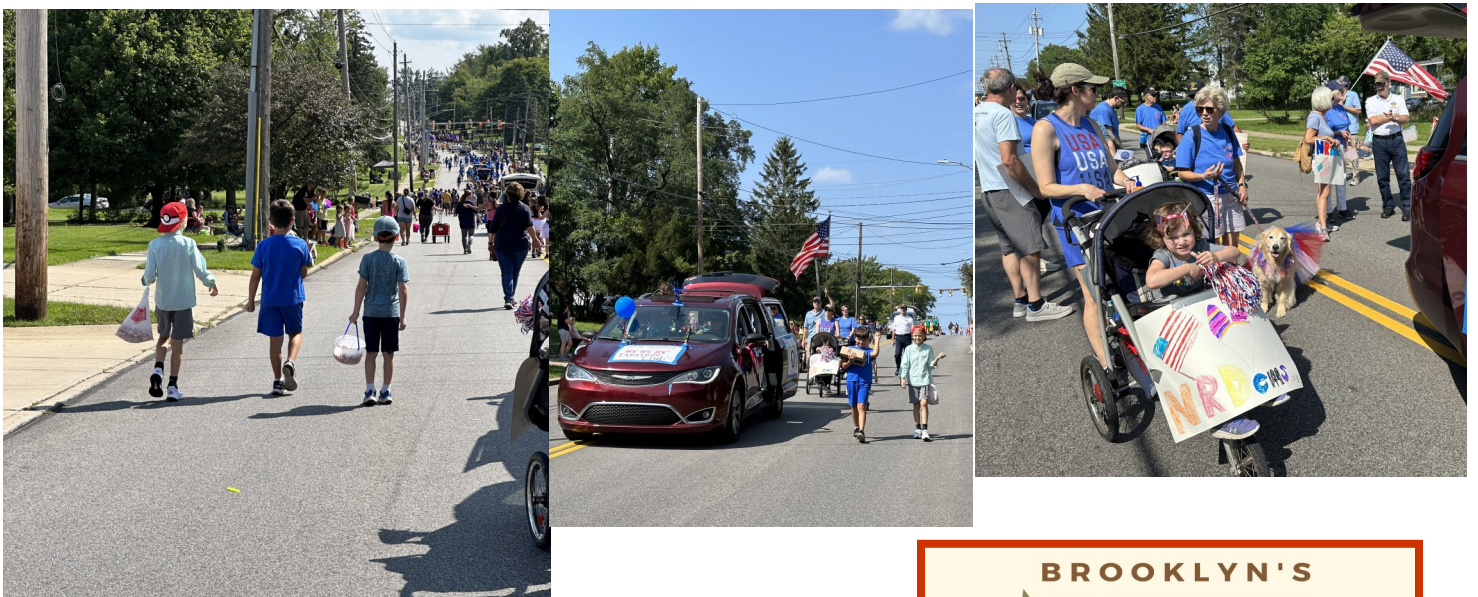
Advocacy Updates (Continued)

- I am co-sponsoring **bipartisan** legislation to increase the penalty for repeat offenders illegally possessing or using firearms. This will help remove repeat offenders from the streets without affecting the 2nd Amendment rights of law-abiding gun owners. I am also working on legislation to prohibit the manufacture of “**auto-sears**,” small devices used to convert semiautomatic weapons to fully automatic. While illegal to possess under both state and federal law, these devices can be made at home on a 3D printer. This prohibition can **also** be instituted without diminishing 2nd Amendment rights.
- Early in the current term, I cosponsored legislation to increase the Homestead exemption and to **also** index the exemption for future increases in inflation. I was disappointed that the legislature instead only passed a bill that indexed for future inflation, but did nothing to reduce the tax burden for those who need assistance **today**. I am working on a **bipartisan** bill to provide for current Homestead exemption relief, while also retaining the indexing for any future inflationary increases.
- This summer, the U.S. Congress House Oversight Subcommittee on National Security, the Border and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on UAP, implications for national security, public safety and government transparency. The congressional House subcommittee website is <https://oversight.house.gov>.
- This September 22nd, I will be attending a U.S. Congress House Energy and Commerce Committee Field Hearing at E. Palestine, OH regarding the clean up efforts after the E. Palestine train derailment. The hearing will be live streamed at <https://energycommerce.house.gov>.



Around the District

Everyone had a great time participating in the North Royalton Community Day Parade on August 27th. The best part for me was seeing the expressions and excitement of the little children. While Mayor and as a Councilman I participated in about 20 similar Seven Hills Memorial Day parades. These are some of the best parts of the job!



BROOKLYN—Community Fall Fest is returning to the Veterans Memorial Park on September 23rd from 1:00pm to 10:00pm! There will be plenty of food, drinks, and activities for the whole family.





Around the District (continued)



OLD BROOKLYN—This year’s annual fundraiser will continue to bring together neighbors, friends, and local partners to celebrate and address the future of Old Brooklyn.

Click the below link to learn more information and to purchase tickets:

www.oldbrooklyn.com/obnite



SEVEN HILLS and BROADVIEW HEIGHTS – The last concert for the Concert Series hosted by both Seven Hills and Broadview Heights is on 9.15 at the Seven Hills City Hall Pavilion!

BROOKLYN—There are now new market dates and hours for the Brooklyn Farmers Market! See the attached dates for September.

June	July	August	September
24	1, 8, 13 (Thurs), 22, 29	5, 10 (Thurs), 19, 26	2, 9, 14 (Thurs), 23, 30

ODOT Repairs—I have been working extensively with the Ohio Department of Transportation to address issues regarding the condition of Broadview Road in District 15. While work has been funded and slated to begin in 2026 on these repairs, I will continue to advocate and push for a quicker resolution for the many constituents and businesses who utilize our roads throughout District 15 daily and would greatly benefit from necessary resurfacing.