



▲ Senator Haywood read to students at Overlook Elementary School in Abington for Read Across America 2017.

## EDUCATION *in our Neighborhoods*

### ■ Read Across America Day was March 2

To celebrate, I visited seven schools in Philadelphia and Montgomery counties to read aloud. It's so important to read aloud to young children – it teaches them new words and sparks a desire to learn more.



## Reading Revolution Summer Camps

The "Summer Slide" isn't a problem for the children who attend my annual reading camps or who read books at home during the summer. None of last year's participants in my reading camps, which are part of what I call a "reading revolution," lost any reading ability and many even improved on their reading skills during camp. Reading the books on the summer school book list also prevents losing ground in the summer. The revolution will continue this summer. Several recreation centers in Northwest Philadelphia will host my reading camps. You can also join the summer reading challenge at your local library.

### ■ "Every Student Succeeds" Act Public Session at Arcadia University

Ahead of expected changes to public school testing and accountability requirements, I and Senator Andy Dinniman, who chairs the Senate Education Committee, held a public session at Arcadia University. We heard from panels of students, parents and professional educators about standardized testing and sent their input to the Department of Education for their review. After sharing this insight with Department of Education Secretary Pedro Rivera, he said he expects testing to go down by 25 percent in the future. Thank you to all who participated. ■



▲ Panelist of professors offer their insights into standardized testing to Senators Haywood and Dinniman.

## A Note from Senator Haywood

*Dear Neighbor,*

*Each of us can improve our community by participating in the actions that make us strong. We have identified at least three ways to do this. First, read aloud to young people so they learn reading and comprehension. Second, shop local to support local businesses and the jobs they create in the neighborhoods. Third, if you see something, say something. Report suspicious activity to enhance everyone's safety.*

*Included within this newsletter are snapshots of some recent participation in action. Take a look!*

*Let me know how you are participating! We may be able to work together and highlight what you are doing in the future.*

*Thank you. Participation is Power.*

*Dare to Care,*

  
*Senator Art Haywood*

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**Interested in Volunteering?**

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# PROSPERITY

## SHOP LOCAL *in our Neighborhoods*

### ■ Save-A-Lot Opening

The hard work of the Chew and Belfield Neighbors Club, led by Reverend Chester Williams, paid off in early March with the opening of Save-A-Lot at Washington Lane and Chew Avenue. This grocery store brings fresh fruit and vegetables to this neighborhood. ■



▲ City Council members Derek Green and Cindy Bass are joined by Save-A-Lot owners; Stacey Wright, chief-of-staff to Rep. Stephen Kinsey; and Dwight Pedro Lewis, chief-of-staff to Senator Haywood.



▲ Reverend Chester Williams outside of the location prior to opening.

### ■ Cheltenham Mall Renovations

Construction is moving ahead on the Cheltenham Mall renovations. It's a great opportunity to revitalize an economic engine in the community that had seen years of unfortunate decline. New tenants, including LA Fitness, are signing leases and many are expected to begin opening in early 2018. ■



# SAFETY

## SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING *in our Neighborhoods*



### ■ Enon Tabernacle Memorializes Those Lost to Gun Violence

We lose many members of our community to gun violence every year and sadly, that is not unique to the 4th

District. To highlight this issue, and to honor its victims, Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church has displayed on its grounds the Memorial to Philadel-

phians Murdered by Illegal Guns. Each shirt represents a Philadelphian killed with an illegal gun. There are too many shirts. ■

### Safe Exchange in the 14th Precinct



#### "SAFE EXCHANGE ZONE" FOR INTERNET PURCHASE EXCHANGES



The "Safe Exchange Zone" is a designated area where individuals can conduct an internet transaction in a safe, neutral location for both parties to meet and complete their transaction.

Appointments are not necessary. Our officers do not get involved with any transactions; we simply provide a safe and neutral location to meet and conduct your exchange.

**NO WEAPON TRANSFERS ARE PERMITTED**

For emergencies dial 911

Contact Officer McClain for more information at (215) 686-3140.

### ■ Abington Township Police Department and Willow Grove NAACP Safety Pact

On Martin Luther King Day, the Abington Township Police Department and Willow Grove Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) reinforced their long-standing cooperative relationship with a formal agreement on maintaining the safety and well-being of the community. The original agreement was signed nearly twenty years ago. ■



▲ Abington Chief of Police Livingood, NAACP Chapter President Valerie Ward and Commissioner Wayne Luker sign the pact as Senator Haywood looks on.