



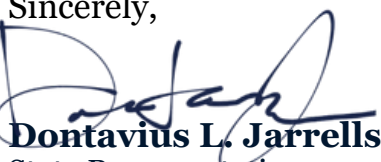
Dear Neighbor,

With fall approaching, I wanted to reflect on what we have been working on this summer, including the exciting events we've had, important legislative updates, and our community collaborations. We are constantly working on shaping policy and working with advocates on events that are impactful for members of the community.

In this newsletter, you will find community resources, information for voting in the upcoming election, updates on legislation, and highlights of what my team has been working on.

We are here to listen to and support you in any way that we can. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office so we can continue to represent your voices. Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Sincerely,


Dontavius L. Jarrells
State Representative
Ohio House District 01



BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

HydeOut is a Black-owned local restaurant that serves wings, nachos, and sandwiches. Known for their **handcrafted pizzas**, HydeOut offers something for everyone to enjoy. Located at **201 S High St, Columbus, OH 43215**, HydeOut is great for those who enjoy comfort food. Visit HydeOut and experience one of Columbus's favorite locally owned restaurants.



DISTRICT EVENTS

All of Us Block Party

Date: Saturday, September 26th, 2026

Time: 2:00–6:00PM

Details: A free event celebrating unity, joy, and empowerment for community members. All day long, there will be vendors, resources, giveaways, food, and great music for everyone to enjoy!

Location: MPACC BoxPark – 925 Mt Vernon Ave, Columbus, OH 43203

Event Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-all-of-us-block-party-tickets-1999394193856>

Blood Drive Registration:

https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11646167

Driver's License Clinic

Date: Thursday, October 1st, 2026

Time: 9:30AM - 3:00PM

Details: A free event to get your driver's license reinstated. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged and will open on August 31. We will also take a limited number of walk-ins that day.

Location: Columbus Metropolitan Library Main Branch – 96 S. Grant Avenue, Columbus, OH 43215



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

In partnership with the YWCA Columbus and Early Start Columbus, **Safe & Sound** provides structure and stability in a safe environment for 2.5 to 5-year-olds in Merion Village - just five minutes from downtown Columbus! In addition, the program accepts private pay, Publicly Funded Childcare (PFCC), Franklin County RISE scholarships, and works with several compassionate community partners. **To learn more about the program visit <https://www.ywcacolumbus.org/youth-development/safe-and-sound-child-care>.**



VOTE THIS NOVEMBER!

This year, Ohioans will elect leaders for federal, state, and local offices, shaping the future of our communities and the policies that affect our daily lives. Every person's vote plays an important role in determining the direction our state and country take. As Election Day approaches, it's important to be informed, make a plan to vote, and encourage others to complete their civic duty. To help Ohioans prepare for the General Election this November, I've attached some important information and dates. I encourage all Ohioans to make sure they are registered to vote and make a plan to cast their ballot this November!

Important Dates

October 5: Voter Registration Deadline

October 6: Early Voting Starts/Absentee Ballots Mailed to Voters

October 27: Absentee Ballot Request Deadline

November 2: Absentee Ballot Postmark Deadline/Last Day of Early Voting

November 3: Election Day/Absentee Ballot in-person return deadline

November 7: Deadline for BOEs to receive mailed absentee ballots/provisional ballot cure deadline

Sample Ballot

To learn more about the candidates and other state and local officials on the ballot, visit the 'Sample Ballot Directory' under the Franklin County Board of Elections. There, you may fill out your name and district and will then be able to access a sample ballot. Here is the link as well:

<https://electionlink.franklincountyohio.gov/portals/ElectionLink/Votersearch.aspx>.

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Secretary of State



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Allison Russo

Treasurer
Robert Sprague

State Treasurer



Councilmember Rep. Jay Edwards
Seth Walsh

IMMIGRANT RESOURCES

In the wake of recent events, I want to reaffirm my unwavering support for our immigrant community. Immigrants are an essential part of our community, our neighbors, friends, coworkers, and loved ones. During this difficult and uncertain time, no one should feel alone. I remain committed to standing with immigrant families and ensuring they have the support and resources they need. Below are resources to help our community navigate this challenging time.

Haitian Community Network

- **Phone:** (614)-600-5530

Ohio Immigration Alliance

- **Phone:** (419)-477-4357
- **Website:** hotline@ohioimmigrant.org

Moritz College of Law Immigration Clinic

- **Phone:** (614)-688-0502

Immigration Advocates Network

- **Website:** <https://www.immigrationadvocates.org>

Legal Aid of Southeast Ohio Immigration Assistance

- **Phone:** (614)-221-7201
- **Website:** <https://www.lasco.org/immigration>

Advocates for Basic Legal Equity

- **Website:** <https://www.ablelaw.org/>

Immigration Legal Resource Center

- **Website:** <https://www.ilrc.org/community-resources>

Immigration Rights & Information

- **Ask for a warrant:** This is protected under the 4th Amendment of the Constitution
- **Right to remain silent:** The 5th Amendment protects your right to remain silent and not incriminate yourself if you are not able to walk away from ICE agents
- **Recording:** The 1st Amendment protects your ability to record and document police and other federal agents
- **Protesting:** Under the 1st Amendment, you are allowed to engage in peaceful protest in public areas or private property with consent

UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Access to reliable power and water is essential for every household, even more so as we begin to experience cooler temperatures and severe winter weather. If you or someone you know could benefit from support with your utilities, explore these available options. For further assistance, please reach out to my office, and we can help connect you to additional assistance.

COMPASS @ Broad Street Presbyterian Church

Phone: 614-429-5979

Address: 760 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43205

Dynegy Energy Aid

Phone: 833-265-6999

Website: <https://hardshiptools.org/dynegy/>

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

Phone: 800-282-0880

IMPACT Home Weatherization Assistance Program

Phone: 614-252-2799

ODJFS Percentage of Income Payment Plan

Phone: 614-466-6282

ODJFS Electric Partnership Program

Phone: 614-466-6282

PRIDE MONTH

Every June, we celebrate Pride Month by honoring the history, culture, and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community.

Pride is an opportunity to recognize the progress made toward equality and inclusion, while remembering the advocates who fought to expand opportunity, freedom, and acceptance for all. It is also a time to reaffirm our commitment to creating a community where everyone feels welcome, valued, and able to be themselves.

As we celebrate the LGBTQ+ members of our community, I've gathered resources below for anyone who may need support.

Stonewall Columbus

Phone: (614)-299-7764

Address: 1160 N High St, Columbus, OH 43201

Website: <https://stonewallcolumbus.org>

Kaleidoscope Youth Center

Phone: (614)-674-3494

Address: 700 Bryden Rd Ste 245, Columbus, OH 43215

Website: <https://www.kycohio.org/>

Central Outreach Wellness Center

Phone: (614)-674-3494

Equitas Healthcare

Phone: (614) 340-6777

Website: <https://equitashealth.com>



GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Also in June, we honor Gun Violence Awareness Month—a time to remember those impacted by gun violence, support survivors and their families, and raise awareness about ways we can prevent these tragedies. This month serves as an important reminder of the role we all play in promoting responsible gun ownership and keeping our communities safe. I'm sharing resources below to support these efforts.

Safer Ohio School Tip Line

Phone: 844-723-3764

Think Make Live Youth

Phone: (614) 259-7226

Website: tmlyouth.org



PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

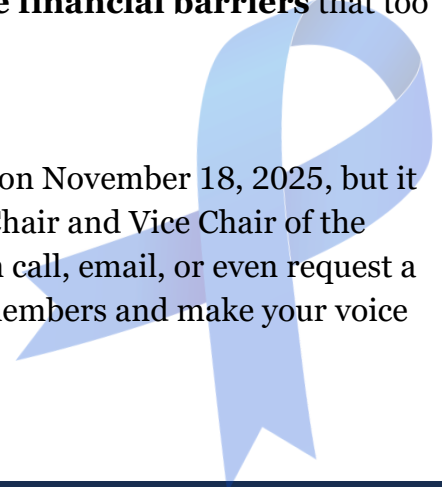
Prostate cancer is the **most commonly diagnosed cancer among men in Ohio**. In 2024 alone, an estimated **10,670 Ohio men** were expected to receive a prostate cancer diagnosis. Because the disease can remain symptom-free until advanced stages, early screening is critical.

Yet **screening rates among Ohio men 40 and older fell** from 54.4% in 2010 to just 32% in 2020, while metastatic cases increased by 5% annually. Black men, rural Ohioans, veterans, and those with a family history or genetic risk face particularly **high risks**. These disparities underscore the importance of expanding access to early detection and preventive care for all Ohioans.

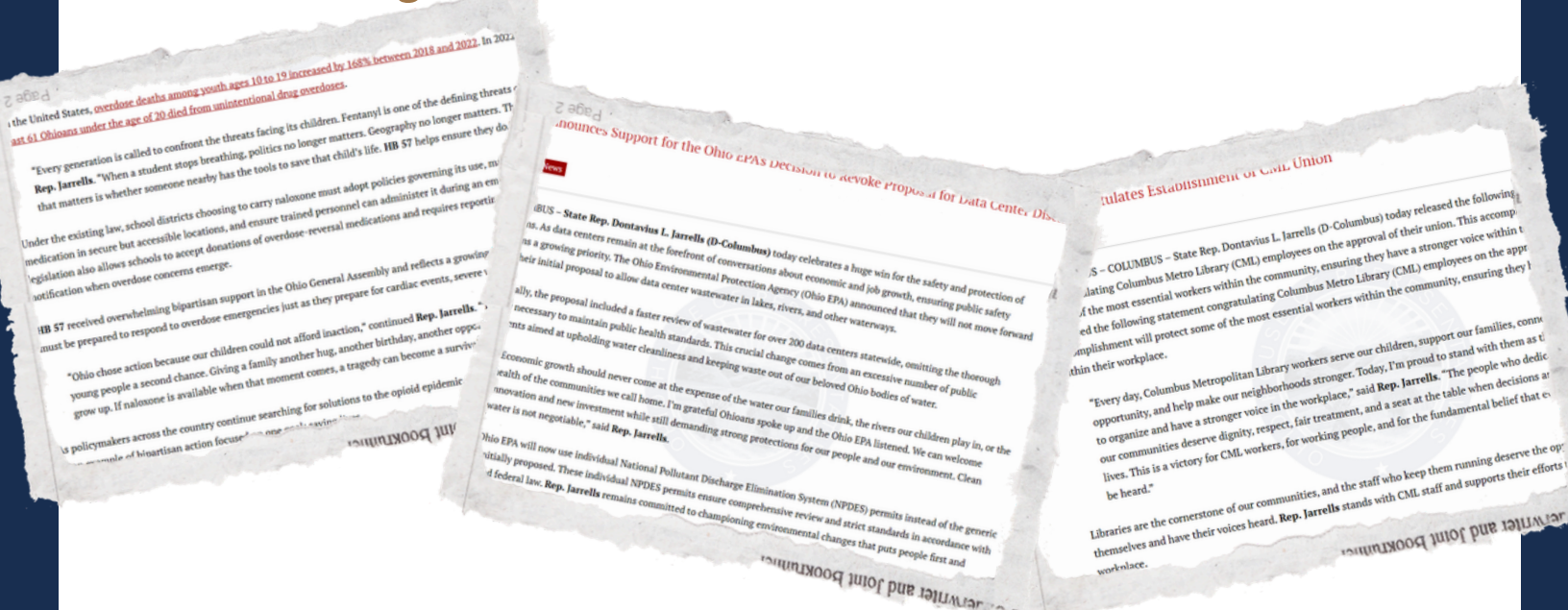
To address this need, I've introduced **House Bill (H.B.) 33**, which requires health insurers to cover evidence-based preventive screenings, such as the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test, for men at high risk of developing prostate cancer, without out-of-pocket costs. By mandating health benefit plans to cover all expenses associated with these screenings, **we are removing the financial barriers** that too often prevent men from accessing care and catching the disease early.

CALL TO ACTION

H.B. 33 received its third hearing before the House Insurance Committee on November 18, 2025, but it has since stalled. We need your help to keep it moving. Please contact the Chair and Vice Chair of the Insurance Committee and ask them to advance **H.B. 33** for a vote. You can call, email, or even request a meeting with them. I also encourage you to reach out to other committee members and make your voice heard. Your advocacy can make a difference in moving **H.B. 33** forward.



JARRELLS IN THE NEWS



SUMMER INTERN SPOTLIGHT

I'm thrilled to introduce my amazing summer interns! Over the past few months, they've brought **fresh ideas**, **incredible energy**, and a **passion** for learning about the legislative process and public service. Their hard work and dedication have truly made a **lasting impact** in my office. We're beyond grateful to have them as part of our team this season, and we can't wait to see how they continue to grow and thrive in their careers.

Shreyas Mhaskar

Shreyas is a third-year student at The Ohio State University studying political science with a minor in business. He is an athletic facility operations and management assistant at Ohio Stadium. Shreyas serves as a board member in the Mount Leadership Society Scholars program that is centered around leadership and service within the Columbus community. His policy interests include affordable housing, education, social policy, and economics. Shreyas is planning on going to law school to help shape public policy. He is excited to make impactful and positive change in our community.



Mara Osei-Kuffour

Mara is a third-year student at The Ohio State University studying business economics. She is a member of The Ohio State Mock Trial team and the Undergraduate Black Law Student Association. Her interests include economics, fostering equity, expanding access to legal assistance, and business law. Mara is planning to go to law school and have a career within business law while remaining committed to helping others understand legal issues and navigate the legal system. She is excited to use her education in law to help others and make a positive impact in her community.



Khushi Jhatakia

Khushi is a second-year student at The Ohio State University studying political science with a minor in public affairs. She is a board member for the Collegiate Council of World Affairs, a member of the Model United Nations team, and a deputy in Government Relations as part of the Undergraduate Student Government. Her efforts go toward her interest in using policy to improve others quality of life by promoting affordable housing, access to healthcare and education, and protections for minority communities. Khushi is planning to attend law school to increase awareness of legal systems and access to aid as she commits herself to implementing policies to create change for all communities.



Farrells IN THE DISTRICT



STAY IN TOUCH

Are you, a family member, or a neighbor in need of assistance? My office is here to support you with a wide range of needs, from navigating state programs and agencies to resolving issues with unemployment benefits. If you have an issue you are passionate about, share it with us! Want to celebrate an outstanding accomplishment? Email my office and we are happy to recognize leaders in our community.

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