

A Legislative update from
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Dear Neighbor,

I hope you and your family have had the opportunity to make lasting memories while enjoying the warmth, energy, and traditions that make summer so special. As we continue to enjoy the red, white & boom of July, we will celebrate our nation's 250th birthday.

This milestone celebration serves as an important reminder of our resilience, progress, and hope for the future. As we celebrate let's focus on what strengthens us as Americans, freedom, service, passion, and community.

I hope that you have a safe and enjoyable Independence Day. Life is so fragile, so please continue to make the best of the summer season sharing it with family, friends, and neighbors.

My office remains committed to serving you and addressing your needs. If you have a special event or occasion you would like recognized, please contact my office. It is an honor to represent you in the Ohio House of Representatives. If you have any ideas on how we can continue improving the quality of life in Northwest Ohio and Ohio, please call my office at (614) 466-1401.

Sincerely,



Elgin Rogers Jr.
State Representative
Ohio House District 42



National Conference of State Legislatures: Energy Supply Task Force



As a member of the National Conference of State Legislatures Natural Resources, Energy, and Environment Committee, I was proud to take part in the NCSL Energy Supply Task Force (EST). The EST brought together state legislators and policy experts to discuss key issues affecting the present and future of energy policy. The meeting included in-depth discussions on energy affordability, battery storage, permitting and siting, and public financing of energy projects. Much of the conversation was focused on addressing emerging challenges and opportunities across the global energy sector.

The program also included meetings with industry and policy leaders, as well as field visits to local energy projects. These site visits helped connect policy discussions with real-world energy operations and infrastructure.

Over the course of the meeting, I was engaged in multiple policy sessions focused on timely and important energy issues, such as ensuring that we have reliable and affordable energy.

Overall, this experience offered valuable insight into the evolving energy landscape and the policies needed to ensure reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy for the future.



Summer Safety: Resources & Tips

As temperatures rise during the summer months, it is important to take steps to stay safe and cool. Pathway Toledo's Home Energy Assistance Summer Crisis Program (HEAP) provides a one time benefit to eligible Lucas County residents to help stay safe during the summer heat.

Call: (567) 354-0202

Schedule online: <https://pathway.itfrontdesk.com/>

Eligible Households May Receive Assistance With

- Electric utility bills (up to \$500)
- Central air conditioning repairs
- The purchase of an air conditioner/fan
- A combination of eligible cooling benefits

Who Is Eligible?

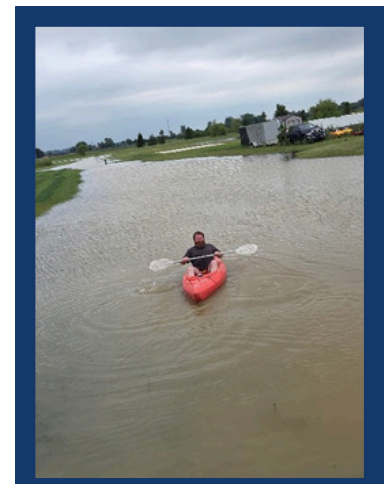
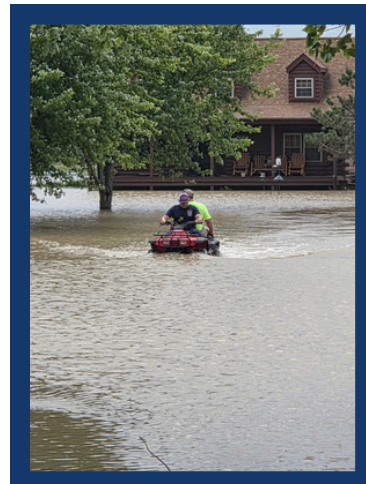
Households must have a gross income at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines and meet at least one of the following

- Have a household member who is 60 years of age or older.
- Have a household member with a documented medical condition that requires cooling assistance .
- Have received an electric utility disconnect notice, have had service disconnected, or are establishing new electric service.

Jerusalem Township Flooding Update

During the severe flooding, I went to offer my support and assistance and to assess the damage. I was able to meet with residents, first responders, local and township officials, and residents affected by the disaster. I would like to thank the residents of Jerusalem Township for their resilience, inspiration, and openly talking with me about the disaster. Additionally, I want to thank the Fire Department, Fire Chief Tony Parasiliti, EMS personnel, volunteers, and the Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District for their support, and kudos to them for their well managed response.

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency expects all affected counties to complete damage assessments by July 24. Once those assessments are finalized, the state will determine what recovery resources may be available. My office remains committed to working with local and state partners to help ensure Jerusalem Township receives the support it needs as recovery efforts continue.



The Area Office on Aging's 2nd Annual 20 over 60 Awards



I spoke at the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio's Annual Meeting, a celebration recognizing the value and contributions of older adults in our community. The Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio provides resources, support, and advocacy to help older adults remain independent, healthy, and connected within their communities.

The event highlighted the theme "Aging = Living," emphasizing that aging is a gift to be celebrated. The Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio continues its mission of helping adults age 60 and older, along with their family caregivers, live better and longer through essential programs and services.

Attendees viewed a special documentary commemorating the organization's five decades of service to older Northwest Ohioans. The celebration also featured the 2nd Annual 20 Over 60 Awards, honoring 20 outstanding individuals age 60 and older for their achievements and contributions to the community.

It was an honor to celebrate the accomplishments of these older adults and recognize the important work of the Area Office on Aging in supporting healthy, independent aging throughout Northwest Ohio. Congratulations to this year's 20 Over 60 Award recipients, listed below.

Betty Marihugh, Chris Cremean, Clara Petty, Connie Nuhfer, Dave Gierke, Elaine Page, Idell Watson, J. Bernie Quilter, Jim Oedy, Mark Jacobs, Mary Westphal, Nancy Orel, Paul Dauch, Rev. Dr. William Perryman Jr., Robert Stauffer, Robin Richter, Rod Fowler, Sue White-Johnson, Sue Heasley, & Tanya Simmons.

The Toledo Museum of Art

The Toledo Museum of Art celebrated its 125th birthday and celebrated our nation's 250th anniversary with a picnic. It was a fabulous event.

I presented two commendations to the Toledo Museum of Art alongside my colleague, Representative Ghanbari. The first commendation recognized the museum's participation in the America 250 Ohio celebration. The second honored the Toledo Museum of Art for 125 years of inspiring creativity, preserving world-class art, and enriching Northwest Ohio.



I was incredibly proud to provide remarks, recognize the museum's historic milestone, and highlight its continued contributions to the cultural and educational enrichment of Northwest Ohio.

Ribbon Cutting

After years of discussion, planning, and construction, the projects are complete! I had the opportunity to listen to and talk with residents, development partners, and community leaders to celebrate the grand openings of The Glen and The Grand Apartments. The two new affordable workforce housing communities expand access to quality housing for families in Northwest Ohio.

These two new housing developments represent nearly \$30 million in investment and will provide safe high-quality homes. For working families, their rent will not exceed 30% of their income.



I would like to thank our Ohio Housing Finance Agency partners, our legislative partners, and everyone who helped make these projects possible. More than \$5 million of the funding for these developments came through the Ohio Housing Tax Credit Program, a state program created by the Ohio Legislature that is scheduled for renewal next year. I would also like to give a huge thank you to Director Ross Clemons and the City of Toledo for their vision, leadership, and investment in these important projects.

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Having breakfast with my friend Fred and our veteran friends!



Celebrating 95 years young with Bob!

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