

Legislative update from
Rep. Beryl Brown Piccolantonio

District 4
House Minority Whip



Dear Neighbor,

I hope that you are having a great start to fall!

As we approach the end of the General Assembly, I would like to invite you to attend a **Town Hall Meeting** that I will be hosting with **Senator Beth Liston**. This will be an opportunity to discuss our work at the Statehouse, the upcoming 'lame duck' session, the next state budget and answer your questions.

Date: Monday, October 19

Time: 6:30

Location: Jefferson Township Fire Department, 6767 Havens Corners Road, Blacklick, OH 43004

RSVP is not required, but you may pre-register [here](#).

If there is anything my office can do, or if you have any questions, comments or concerns please reach out to us by email at Rep04@ohiohouse.gov or by phone at (614) 466-4847.

Sincerely,

Beryl Brown Piccolantonio
State Representative
House District 4

Are you or your business or organization celebrating a milestone event? Do you know of a remarkable achievement by a member of our community? Please contact my office to let us know so that we may acknowledge and celebrate with you.

Legislative Update - Gas Tax

On September 30, I voted in favor of a 90-day gas tax holiday, which will provide relief to Ohio drivers facing high prices at the pump, which started on Sunday, October 4.

The legislation temporarily reduces Ohio's motor fuel tax and uses state General Revenue Fund (GRF) dollars to replace road maintenance and construction revenue that would otherwise be collected during the tax holiday.

For Ohio families, the cost of living does not begin and end at the gas pump. Housing, utility bills, health care, child care, groceries and property taxes all determine how much money families have left at the end of the month. For families who are choosing between filling up the tank and paying another bill, immediate relief matters. But there is so much more that we can do to address the high cost of living.

Ohio's affordability crisis didn't start five weeks before an election. Ohioans have struggled with high gas prices, utility bills, housing costs and health care expenses for years. Gas prices peaked at an average of \$4.83 in May, as the busy travel season began. But Republicans ignored the struggle until it was politically expedient, that is, when they realized weeks before election day that their gubernatorial candidate was behind in the polls.

Ohio House Democrats offered an alternative plan that would have provided immediate gas tax relief while making the state's resources go further for Ohio families. That proposal would have used the \$1 billion previously allocated for the owners of the Cleveland Browns stadium, and would have included a \$150 residential energy rebate, strong enforcement to ensure gas tax savings reach consumers, and expanded homestead property tax relief. The plan was ignored by House Republicans.

This vote is part of my broader fight to make life more affordable for you. The gas tax holiday provides needed temporary relief for motorists, but Ohio families continue to face higher costs for housing, groceries, health care, and utilities especially going into winter and the holiday season. This will be one of my highest priorities as session returns full-time in November.

Information and Key Dates about the Upcoming Election

Voting is one of the most fundamental rights that we have. Voting has started for the November 3rd Election. Make a plan to make your voice heard!

Here are some dates that might be helpful:

- **October 5:** Voter registration deadline
- **October 6:** Early in-person & absentee voting begins
- **October 27:** Absentee ballot applications must be received by your board of elections by 8:30 p.m.
- **November 3:** Election Day (Polls open 6:30 am-7:30 pm)

Visit voteohio.gov and vote.franklincounty.gov for additional information.

America 250-Ohio: Ohio Grows: Food & Farms Month

Agriculture has always been a defining part of the Ohio story. Ohio Grows: Food & Farms Month is a statewide celebration and showcase of the vital role agriculture has played in shaping Ohio's history, economy, and communities, while inspiring appreciation for Ohio's present and future as an agricultural leader.

More information: america250-ohio.org/october-2026

Recent Events

Uptown Westerville Fourth Friday ~ Doctor for a Day at Ohio University ~ Westerville Chamber Business Advocacy Council



October 2026 Dates of Note

Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Ohio Manufacturing Month
October 5: World Teacher Day
October 4 - October 10: Mental Illness Awareness Week
October 10: World Mental Health Day
October 11: International Day of the Girl
October 12: Indigenous Peoples' Day
October 12: National Farmers Day
October 16: World Food Day
October 28: National First Responders Day
October 31: Halloween



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