

COATESVILLE UPDATE

Monday, **July 24, 2023**



AGENDA

- 5:30 - Welcome, Chrissy Houlahan
- 5:32 - Update from Chrissy
- 5:45 - Introduction of guest panelists
- 5:55 - Q&A, moderated by CPT Howard Crawford
- 6:25 - Closing remarks
- 6:30 - Conclude



MEETING NORMS



We will:

1. Treat each other with respect and leave titles at the door
2. Use our time wisely by sticking to the agenda*
3. Address any conflict by dealing with the issue, not the person
4. Ask clarifying questions when in doubt
5. We will discuss policy, not politics

*Topics requiring further discussion will be documented for follow-up

PREPARING FOR Q&A

Please write your questions on the comment card and pass them to a staff member.

If your question is not addressed during the town hall, we will respond to you via email or a phone call!

Please write clearly to ensure a response.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
CHRISSEYHOULAHAN
PROUDLY SERVING PENNSYLVANIANS

STAY IN TOUCH WITH US

LET US KNOW A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOU

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

WHAT ISSUES MATTER MOST TO YOU?

<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ+
<input type="checkbox"/> Economy / Jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> National Security
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans
<input type="checkbox"/> Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Rights
<input type="checkbox"/> Government Reform	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Gun Violence Prevention	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare	_____
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CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE



FEDERAL FUNDS AT WORK *IN COATESVILLE*



Chrissy meets with community leaders, including City Manager James Logan, to review Ash Park plans.

- Successfully advocated for and secured \$1 million for the City of Coatesville Ash Park Master Plan implementation through Congress' Community Project Funding initiative.
- A second request to fund Phase 2 of the Ash Park implementation is currently making its way through the Appropriations process right now.
- Following the devastation caused by Hurricane Ida, our office worked tirelessly with the City of Coatesville and county officials to help our community recover.

☰ DAILY LOCAL NEWS

Coatesville awarded \$621,360 FEMA grant to...



Coatesville awarded \$621,360 FEMA grant to focus on critical stormwater mitigation


RESPONDING TO SIKORSKY NEWS

- After hearing about the planned closure of the Sikorsky helicopter plant in Coatesville, I worked with then-President Trump to consider every possible avenue to keep it open.
- As soon as we knew about its eventual closure in March 2022, community leaders and I began looking for opportunities to find a new business that could make Coatesville home.

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Sikorsky helicopter plant in Coatesville to close

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HARRISBURG, Pa. - Lockheed Martin said Thursday that it will close its Sikorsky helicopter plant in southeastern Pennsylvania, saying it has made a final decision on it amid a downturn in the commercial helicopter sector.

BRINGING PIASECKI TO COATESVILLE



COATESVILLE VAMC THREATENED

- Led PA delegation in calling out errors in VA AIR Commission's report.
- Urged VA Secretary Denis McDonough to visit the Coatesville VAMC to see firsthand the jobs it supports, the quality medical care it provides, and the many veterans who live here and depend on accessible health care services.

THE  MERCURY

Houlahan leads delegation in effort to save...

Houlahan leads delegation in effort to save Coatesville VA

COATESVILLE VAMC SAVED



Chrissy with VA Secretary McDonough

- VA Secretary McDonough agrees to visit Coatesville VAMC for a series of meetings.
- Held a roundtable with workers and union representatives from the Coatesville VAMC.
- Organized a meeting with hospital administrators to talk about ensuring veteran health care services continue, especially mental health services.

HONORING OUR PACT ACT

- In August 2022, President Biden signs the Honoring Our PACT Act into law.
- In October 2022, I held a roundtable in West Chester to hear from local leaders and veterans about how best to implement the historic health care expansion.
- As a result, I wrote a letter to VA Secretary urging a comprehensive public awareness campaign.



Discussion with local veterans' leaders, including American Legion Post Commanders and Chester County Director of Veterans' Affairs among others.

HISTORIC PARTNERSHIP

Historic Public-Private partnership between the VA and University of Pennsylvania Health System (UPHS)

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs



- On June 28, I was honored to participate in the signing ceremony for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the University of Pennsylvania Health System and the Department of Veterans Affairs!
- This is the first public agreement of its kind in our country's long history in providing health care to our veterans and was made possible by the PACT Act, which I championed last year.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Moderator



*Howard Crawford**
Retired Air Force Captain
President WC Vets Council
Commander, Post 134

Panelist



*Kirk Fernitz**
Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel
Director of Community and
Congressional Affairs, CVAMC

Panelist



Mike Duncan
Retired Navy Lieutenant Commander
President & CEO Chester County Hospital &
Health System

**Pictures in military uniform do not suggest endorsement by the DoD or any military branch.*

Q&A

*Moderated by Captain Howard
Crawford*

CLOSING REMARKS



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