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*Proudly serving Parma, Parma Heights, and
Cleveland's West Park Neighborhood!*

Dear District 14 Resident:

One year ago, January 3, I was sworn in to be your state representative. The past year has been the fastest year and professionally the biggest honor of my life. Serving as your representative at the Ohio Statehouse is a very important role and I want you to know that I take it very seriously. I have worked hard to be a good citizen statesman and to work for all of my constituents, regardless of political affiliation, because that is what my sacred oath requires. This is my attempt to reflect on my very busy first year of service to you.

Like my nineteen years of service on Parma City Council, among my top priorities as your state representative are excellent constituent services, being an accessible representative, and building relationships with colleagues on both sides of the aisle. My focus is not on partisan politics or fear tactics that divide us. As a pragmatic public servant, I seek results that will benefit the quality of life for all Ohioans.

Anyone who contacts my office, whether they live in the district or not, is treated with respect and empathy. My legislative aide, McKenna Dugan, our interns, and I all share the philosophy that we are servant leaders. I am happy to report that I often receive notes and calls of thanks from constituents who we were able to help with their unemployment, Medicaid, food and security assistance, state taxes, and the many other issues we are contacted to help out with. **You are always our top priority!**

Anyone who knows me, knows that I have always been very involved in the community. I find great joy in meeting residents at their doors, speaking to groups of senior citizens and students, holding town halls and office hours, meeting with community leaders and business owners, honoring residents for their accomplishments, marching in parades, attending community events, etc. As I review my calendar from 2023, I am not sure I could have fit more in. I have to admit that the seriousness of the work can tend to take over one's life, but I still find time to spend with my favorite constituents – my beloved bride of nearly three decades, Deena, our son, daughter, and new son-in-law.

I am very proud to say that I have built very strong relationships with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle. This takes a lot of time and a lot of work, especially with 99 members of the Ohio House of Representatives and 33 in the Ohio Senate. If you review my bills, you will find that they are bipartisan in nature. I count among my biggest accomplishments, the fact that my Republican colleagues are willing to contact me to work together on policy. Your reputation is everything at the Ohio Statehouse and working together, communicating with one another, and building trust are how good things get done in Columbus that benefit all Ohioans. Recently, I was very honored to be named the 3rd kindest member of the Ohio General Assembly.

As always, if my office may be of service, please contact us via phone or email. I also invite you to visit my website at ohiohouse.gov/members/sean-p-brennan to learn more about how I am serving you and to sign up for my monthly newsletter.

It is truly my honor to serve you. Best wishes for a Healthy and Happy 2024. May God bless you and the great state of Ohio.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean".

Sean Patrick Brennan

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What an honor it was to be invited to the Governor's Mansion over the holidays. Governor DeWine and the First Lady express their best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year to everyone in Parma, Parma Heights, and West Park.

Representative Sean Patrick Brennan Congratulates the Fine Staff of Greenbriar Middle School

Recently, I had the honor of stopping by Greenbriar Middle School in Parma Heights to present them with commendations from the Ohio House of Representatives for their outstanding achievement on the Ohio State Report Card. Like every guest who enters the building, I was made to feel very welcomed. The feeling of community in this school building is, no doubt, part of their secret to success. I could tell by the way the adults in the building interacted with the children and how the children responded, that the students truly felt cared about by their elders.

Before I presented the awards, Principal Jill Schissler was quick to point out that her entire staff played a part in their success and that they are committed to doing even better in 2024. I was very pleased to provide them with certificates of commendation for high marks in the following areas: Overall Rating, Progress, and Gap Closing.

Specifically, Greenbriar was commended for progress due to the fact that their students showed significant evidence of exceeding their academic growth expectations. Further, the award for gap closing reveals that the school exceeded state standards in closing the educational gap for student subgroups, including students with learning disabilities, economically disadvantaged students, English learners, and racial minorities. As a former teacher for three decades, I am especially impressed with the gap closing achievement, as this shows that the staff is helping students who are disadvantaged in one or more ways to achieve to their academic potential. I can also attest that being a middle school educator is not easy, as these are typically some of the most difficult years for youngsters. A tip of the District 14 hat to the entire staff of Greenbriar Middle School.

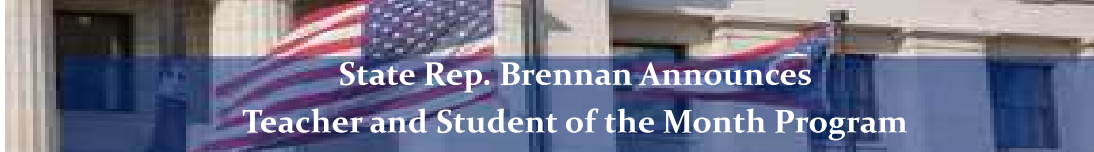


State Rep. Brennan Joins Highway Patrol Aviation Unit for Ride Along

Anyone who knows me knows that I have a deep respect for law enforcement and that I have been a vocal advocate for robust state funding for our safety forces. Recently, I had the honor of joining Ohio State Highway Patrol Pilot Milan Milosevic on his beat over the highways of northeast Ohio. Patrol pilots are an integral part of the Patrol's efforts to reduce traffic fatalities. They make speed evaluations of vehicles over a measured distance, which allows pilots to pick out more severe or aggressive driving violations. I was very impressed with how Trooper Milosevic could fly the plane on a windy day, spot speeding vehicles on the highway, record their speed, communicate with officers on the ground, and still hold a conversation with me. Folks, that takes talent!

The Ohio State Highway Patrol Aviation Section consists of 11 uniformed flight crew personnel members, three helicopters, and 13 airplanes. For traffic enforcement, search assistance, aerial photography, or evidence relays, the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Aviation Section is a tremendous asset to law enforcement throughout the state.





State Rep. Brennan Announces Teacher and Student of the Month Program

COLUMBUS – **State Rep. Sean Brennan (D-Parma)** today announced the launch of his student and teacher of the month program. Residents of **Rep. Brennan’s** district are encouraged to nominate a deserving K-12 student or teacher who either resides, learns, or teaches in the district, which includes Parma, Parma Heights, and Cleveland’s West Park (approximately from West 130th Street to Rocky River Drive, north to Lorain Road).

“I created this program because there are young people and teachers doing great things in our schools every day. These individuals are worthy of recognition by the community and I want to play a part in making that happen. In fact, I encourage everyone to find ways to recognize great kids and teachers,” said **Rep. Brennan**.

This program is very special to **Rep. Brennan** who was a public school social studies teacher for three decades. **Rep. Brennan** and his office will blindly select a winning student and teacher (or counselor, teacher’s assistant, intervention specialist, paraprofessional, etc.) each month. The winners will receive an official commendation from **Rep. Brennan’s** office, as well as, a gift card to a local business.

To nominate a student visit tinyurl.com/brennanstudent, and to nominate a teacher visit tinyurl.com/brennanteacher. For questions, contact his office.



State Rep. Brennan Passes First Bill Out of the Ohio House of Representatives

COLUMBUS – **State Rep. Sean Patrick Brennan (Parma)** today announced the passage of his first bill out of the Ohio House of Representatives. **House Bill (HB) 195**, which will create an adaptive mobility car dealer license, passed 89-1 on December 6th and was a bipartisan collaboration with his Republican colleague **Rep. Steve Demetriou (R-Bainbridge Township)**.

"Since coming to the Statehouse in January, I have worked hard to build relationships with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle. Our bill is proof that bipartisanship is still alive and that, when we work together, Ohioans benefit," said **Rep. Brennan**.

Currently, car dealers who retrofit vehicles for the disabled community are operating in a gray area under Ohio law. HB 195 will clear up this area of the law to the benefit of legitimate car dealers and those they serve.

Reps. Brennan and Demetriou believe that their bill will lead to more adaptive dealers entering the market and result in better quality, lower prices, more choices, and further innovations in the adaptive automobile space.

“Our bill will benefit disabled Ohioans in many ways, including giving them peace of mind that the vehicles they purchase are safe and reliable and that the vehicle warranties will be honored,” **Brennan added**.

The bill has been sent to the Ohio Senate for consideration. Should it pass there, it will be sent to Governor DeWine for his signature.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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PASSED THE HOUSE

H.B. 195 - Create an adaptive mobility dealer license



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State Representative Brennan Out in the Community



1: Congratulations to Parma's newest Eagle Scout Nathan Tohati. I tasked Nathan with adding pavers, lighting, a selfie-stand, and park bench to the script Parma sign. Needless to say his Eagle Scout project rivals the best in the nation! Great job Nathan!

2: Parma's Christmas parade was the best attended and most fun to date.

3: Congratulations to newly-elected Parma City School Board member Ashley McTaggart.

4: Hanging with the hard-working crew of my favorite Starbucks on West Pleasant Valley Road in Parma.

5: I was honored to lead up the 13th annual Parma Peanut Butter Drive benefitting All Faiths Pantry. Here I am with Executive Director Felicia Martinez. She and her volunteers do God's work feeding low-mobility residents in the Parma area. Visit them at allfaithspantry.org.

6: Here I am joined by Parma Police Chief Joseph Bobak showing off the new Drug Awareness vehicle to be used at our schools. The Chevy Camaro, donning all of Parma's public high school mascots, was purchased with assets seized from drug offenders.

7: Being a foodie, I can often be found shopping at Chuppa's Marketplace on Pearl Road. The Chuppa family run a great shop with very fresh meat and produce. They also generously give back to the community that supports them.

8: Here I am joined by Ohio Court of Appeals Judge Michelle Sheehan, Cleveland Ward 16 Councilman Brian Kazy, and Cuyahoga Court of Common Pleas Judge Brendan Sheehan. What an honor it is to serve with all of these fine public servants.