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Dear Neighbor,

I hope this message finds you well.

As of Tuesday, January 10th the 149th General Assembly is officially in session. For more information on upcoming legislation, committee schedules, and legislative events visit our [website](#).

I have included some important community updates Route 72 road work, the Getty Station on Route 13 and investment by Delmarva Power. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have about issues in the 15th District or the state.

Sincerely,

Valerie Longhurst



AARP 2016 Capitol Caregiver Award

Thank you AARP Delaware for the 2016 Capitol Caregivers award. Last year, I sponsored the CARE Act to give caregivers more training and instruction on how to properly care for loved ones who are being discharged from the hospital. I'm confident that the CARE Act will have a lasting, positive effect on the lives of the 123,000 family caregivers across Delaware, as well as the thousands of loved ones they care for.

Pave and Rehab Scheduled for Route 72

DeIDOT is actively working to complete the SR 72 widening project. The project is divided into two contracts; the first one including utility relocations and drainage work, and the second one including the road widening of SR 72. Property appraisals and acquisitions are occurring simultaneously with the re-design effort, with the goal being to advertise the first contract in the Summer of 2018.

Additionally, there is a pave and rehab project scheduled for SR 72. Separate from the limits of the widening project, this pave and rehab will upgrade the existing pavement from Newark to Delaware City including Route 9 / River Road. The timeline for the pave and rehab project is still being determined but will be coordinated with the SR 72 widening project.

Getty Station Update

Many constituents have shared their concerns with the state of the Getty Station on the corner of Route 13 and Route 72. DeIDOT, DNREC and New Castle County have been working closely with the property owner to get the property into compliance. The necessary permits have been issued by the various entities and work is expected to begin to repair the property. New Castle County abated the trash and debris on the property and will continue moving forward with the violation process until the property is brought into compliance completely.

Delmarva Power Investment on Old Porter Road

As your State Representative, I received the following update from Delmarva Power that I wanted to share with you:

As part of Delmarva Power's ongoing commitment to keep elected officials informed of our electric service reliability improvements, I'm writing to inform you of our plans to invest approximately \$315,000 to improve electric service reliability in your district near Old Porter Road. The locations of planned improvements are based upon the reliability history and analysis for this circuit.

Our overall improvement plans include Delmarva Power crews and/or contractors performing the following work:

- Installing one utility pole and overhead power lines to provide an alternate pathway for service and help improve reliability for customers in the area of Old Porter Road.

- Installing five new reclosers along the circuit that provides service. Reclosers are designed to detect power disturbances (faults) on our circuits and can automatically restore power in some instances. A recloser can also help minimize the number of customers that could be affected by service interruptions and typically serve about 500 customers.
- Installing four new trip savers on the circuit. Trip savers function similarly to reclosers and serve a smaller number of customers.
- Tree trimming, as required, in order to complete these improvements.

We hope to complete this work in the next several months and customers closest to the work will be notified in advance. Although we will try to complete this work without any service interruptions, the nature of these improvements may require short periods of time when electric service may be interrupted as crews complete these important projects. Crews will make every attempt to provide advance notice of any service interruptions.

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