

# YOUR MONTHLY UPDATE FROM TRENTON

## FOR NEW JERSEY'S THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



October 2020



### The Check is in the Mail



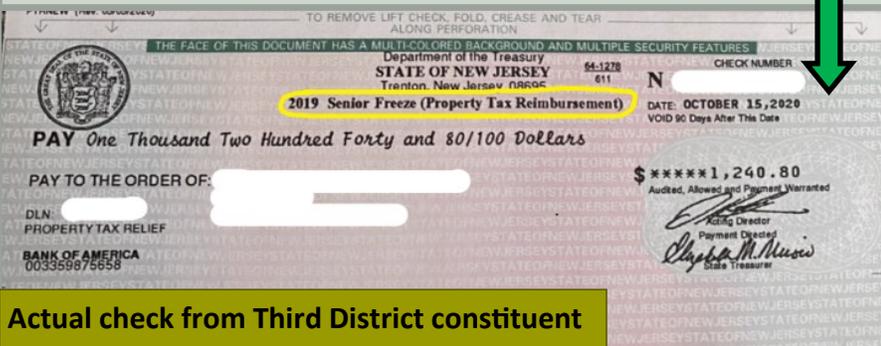
### MORE FINANCIAL RELIEF ON THE WAY FOR NJ

Senate President Sweeney, Deputy Speaker Burzichelli, and Assemblyman Taliaferro are pleased to report that constituents from across the Third Legislative District have started receiving their *Senior Freeze* Property Tax Reimbursement benefit.

"We fought hard to ensure this benefit was restored in the state's budget for the seniors of the Third Legislative District. This benefit provides much-needed property tax relief for our seniors who have come to rely on it," said Senate President Sweeney, Deputy Speaker Burzichelli, and Assemblyman Taliaferro.

The benefit had been on hold as part of a state "freeze" on spending brought on by the financial crisis created by the COVID-19 outbreak.

The Senior Freeze was restored in the newly-adopted state budget. The [filing deadline](#) to receive the 2019 Senior Freeze benefit is December 31, 2020.



Actual check from Third District constituent

Senate President Steve Sweeney joined with other state leaders to announce an additional \$100 million in CARES Act funding will be made available to support New Jersey residents and businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.



- ◆ Restaurants will receive \$35 million in funding
- ◆ Rental Assistance Programs will receive \$15 million
- ◆ Small Businesses will receive \$10 million to help purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- ◆ Food Banks and other hunger relief programs will receive \$5 million

### Third Legislative District Lawmakers Announce Grant\$ for Local Municipalities

Senate President Sweeney, Deputy Speaker Burzichelli, and Assemblyman Taliaferro are proud to announce the following state grants that have been awarded to municipalities in New Jersey's Third Legislative District from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs:

- ▶ Glassboro: \$100,700 for Neighborhood Preservation Program/COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Program. Funding will be used to assist struggling businesses that have fallen behind in rent and/or utilities.

*"I am grateful to see additional CARES funding coming into the Third Legislative District. This money will go a long way toward helping us to maintain the work we've done to revitalize Glassboro and ensure businesses in the borough can survive the pandemic."* - **Deputy Speaker Burzichelli**

- ▶ Bridgeton: \$104,106 for the Municipal Lead Abatement Program. The City of Bridgeton will utilize this award to abate hazards identified through the Housing Rehabilitation Program and the local Health Department.

*"While we realized the dangers of lead in the late 70s and early 80s, many older homes around the state are still serviced with lead pipes or contain lead paint. Lead continues to pose a hazard to the health of our children, and state funding for lead abatement is the best defense we have to mitigate it."* - **Assemblyman Taliaferro**

### COVID-19 News and Resources



- ⇒ The New Jersey Department of Human Services unveiled a [new program](#) to help New Jersey residents pay housing costs amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- ⇒ The COVID-19 pandemic utility shut-off [moratorium is extended](#) through at least March 15, 2021, which will prevent New Jersey residents from having their gas, electric, and water utilities disconnected. The moratorium applies to all gas, electric, and water utilities in New Jersey.
- ⇒ The New Jersey Economic Development Authority announced Phase 3 of the Small Business Emergency Assistance [Grant Program](#), which will be funded with \$70 million in CARES Act funding, to expand eligibility and increase the amount of funding businesses can receive.

