

# **DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**

## **STATE REPRESENTATIVE SHARON RAY**

Thank you for electing me to serve the citizens of House District 66 at the Ohio Statehouse. Please know I am here to help with state issues and to hear your thoughts and suggestions on how we can make our district and the State of Ohio the best it can be!

You can reach me directly at 614.466.8140 or Rep66@ohiohouse.gov.

Best always,

Sharon Ray  
Ohio House of Representatives  
Asst. Majority Whip  
House District 66



## **CONSTITUENT SERVICES**

**AS YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, I CAN...**

- ★ Connect you with state agencies.
- ★ Assist with Unemployment and Workers Compensation Claims.
- ★ Arrange Statehouse Tours.
- ★ Discuss pending legislation or your ideas for new legislation.

## **RESOURCE LIBRARY**

### **[www.legislature.ohio.gov](http://www.legislature.ohio.gov)**

- Read proposed bills
- Track bills through the legislative process
- Find information on the state budget
- Reference committee calendars
- Read helpful publication regarding state government operations

### **[www.ohiohouse.gov](http://www.ohiohouse.gov)**

Visit the Ohio House website to learn more your State Representatives and what's happening throughout Ohio!



### **[www.ohiochannel.org](http://www.ohiochannel.org)**

Watch all committee hearings and legislative sessions live OR find archived State School Board meetings and other state committee meetings.

# PHONES DOWN, IT'S THE LAW.

*Just a reminder to all as we enter into travel season...*

I remember vividly getting my first cell phone in the late 1990's. It seemed like quite an indulgence, but I justified the cost by the fact that I frequently traveled at night alone and having a way to call for help would be comforting. Back then, mobile phones were used only for emergencies. Now, everyone has a cell phone and with unlimited talk/text, people are on their phones 24/7... not a good thing when you are driving a vehicle.

As of April 4, 2023, it is illegal to use or hold a cell phone or electronic device in your hand, lap, or other parts of your body while driving on Ohio roads. If an officer sees a violation, they can pull you over. For the first six months a violation will result in a warning, after that you will receive a ticket.

It is still legal to make or receive phone calls via hand-free devices (and Bluetooth technology) and speakerphone, earpiece, wireless headset or electronic watch.

## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHT

I recently had the honor of presenting American Veterans Post 1990 Cmdr. Rick Pethtel with an Ohio flag that once flew over the Ohio Statehouse for his dedication to helping local veterans.

Over the years, Mr. Pethtel has served local veteran communities by helping them receive compensation or providing them resources. A moving example is Mr. Pethtel provided an electronic scooter to a veteran who had difficulty walking long distances and had trouble getting outside due to health.

Mr. Pethtel continues to live a life of service. It is an honor to award him a token of our gratitude.





This month was the 40th annual Special Olympics event known as the Medina Invitational. The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities hosted 20 teams representing 13 North Eastern Ohio counties... over 600 athletes participated. I was honored to walk with these athletes during the Opening Ceremony parade.

**Proudly serving the cities of Medina and Wadsworth, the Villages of Lodi, Seville, Westfield Center and Gloria Glens Park Village, and the Townships of Guilford, Granger, Harrisville, Hinckley, Lafayette, Medina, Montville, Sharon, Wadsworth and Westfield.**

*Sharon A. Ray*

***Sharon A. Ray, House District 66***

Scan the QR code to visit my webpage and learn more about what's going on at the Ohio House!

I appreciate input and questions from all of my constituents. I encourage you to reach out to my office if there's any way I can serve you!



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