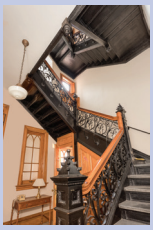
MESSAGE FROM SENATOR WILLIAMS

Senator Lindsey Williams is partnering with the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program to schedule tax preparation appointments at the Shaler Undercliff Fire Department. Appointments are going fast, so call today to schedule your in-person appointment with an IRS-certified tax preparer.

Senator Williams and Rep. Lindsay Powell are co-hosting a FREE Paper Shredding Event on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM at Shaler Area High School. Shredding will be performed on-site. Participants are limited to two boxes of shredding per car. Paper only please—no binders, binder clips, or books.

For more information, contact Senator Williams' office at 412-364-0469.

REIMAGINING MT. ALVERNIA: A LANDMARK CAMPUS POISED FOR RENEWAL



Within the past year, the Shaler Township Board of Commissioners granted a zoning change to the Mt. Alvernia campus located in the First Ward. Vacant since 2018, the Mt. Alvernia campus spans approximately 24 acres across both Shaler and Millvale. It features more than 200,000 square feet of historic buildings anchored by the magnificent Motherhouse constructed in 1897. Q Development seeks to revitalize the property and reintegrate it into the surrounding community, all while honoring its architectural legacy.

Q Development is a Pittsburgh-based real estate developer that transforms long-vacant, complex properties into productive places. Specializing in adaptive reuse and mixed-use redevelopment, the firm focuses on historically significant sites that require thoughtful planning, patient investment, and close collaboration with local stakeholders. Q Development is a long-term owner-operator and is committed to stewardship and lasting community value.

The zoning change limits the redevelopment of the Motherhouse to approximately 250 apartments and townhomes developed over time with a $45 million Phase I planned to feature approximately 75 to 80 units. The Mt. Alvernia Day Care & Learning Center will remain as part of the campus, thus creating a truly multigenerational environment.

That perspective is now guiding the Mt. Alvernia Revitalization, one of the most significant redevelopment efforts in the Shaler–Millvale area. This project is important to Shaler Township as we strive to maintain the architectural integrity of the historic Motherhouse and ensure the desires of the surrounding community and Shaler Township elected officials remain as agreed to early in 2025.

In their development plans, Q Development pursued historic designation for the campus, which is now officially listed as a National Register Historic District. The designation recognizes the significance of the work of the Sisters of St. Francis and reinforces preservation of the Motherhouse as the architectural centerpiece. Community collaboration has shaped the project from the outset. Q Development has participated in more than 20 community meetings with residents, municipal leaders, and planning officials in both Millvale and Shaler. As the project advances, continued collaboration with Shaler Township will focus on areas such as traffic, site circulation, and new construction.

With historic designation secured and zoning in place, the Mt. Alvernia campus is entering a new chapter. Q Development is honored to be entrusted with the revitalization of this landmark and remains committed to a thoughtful, transparent process as the project moves forward. The Mt. Alvernia Revitalization is poised to restore the campus to a vibrant, multigenerational venue that delivers lasting value for both Shaler and Millvale, as well as the Pittsburgh region, for decades to come.

MESSAGE FROM REPRESENTATIVE POWELL

Neighbors,

I believe public investment works best when it is community-driven. That's why I'm proud to have helped secure nearly $4.5 million in state grant funding in 2025 to make the communities and neighbors in our region safer, stronger, and more resilient.

That commitment is already delivering real results in communities like Shaler Township. Recent state funding includes $60,000 for flood levee maintenance, operation support for local EMS and fire companies, and nearly $300,000 for new rescue equipment for the Elfinwild and Undercliff Volunteer Fire Companies. These investments ensure first responders have the tools they need and help protect residents when emergencies strike.

Across our communities, state-led investments are supporting blight remediation, sewer improvements, and new rescue equipment for first responders. This funding is also driving investment in environmental restoration, arts and cultural facilities, water infrastructure, and essential services for shelters and community organizations throughout Western Pennsylvania.

Looking ahead, my priorities remain unchanged: ensuring Pennsylvanians have safe housing, affordable health care, and vibrant neighborhoods. I remain committed to advocating for our community's needs at the state level, and working with colleagues to advance thoughtful, people-centered legislation in the Pennsylvania House.

As always, my office is here to help with any state-related issues including applying for LIHEAP, the Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate program, free bus passes for seniors 65+, and more. If you need assistance with any state-related matter, don't hesitate to call my office at (412) 781-2750 or email at reppowell@pahouse.net.

Be well,

Lindsay Powell