

HOW CAN I HELP CTA? Let us count the ways!

DONATE: This is our primary need right now as we are quickly using up our cash reserve that was generated two years ago. Since CTA does not require fees or dues, without regular and generous donations CTA will not be able to operate as publicly as we have in the past and insurance must be purchased to protect us from lawsuits. A lack of funds has already impacted our ability to mail any newsletters and many members are being left out of the loop.

FUNDRAISERS: Do you have Fundraising experience or an itch to try? Do you have an idea that we can bend around our non-profit mission in some way and that does not need a lot of start up cash? If so, contact any CTA board member.

VISIT OUR STORE - CTA is selling items bearing our logo and we make money on every item sold.

STAY INFORMED on the basic issues that are confronting us in the Coatesville area and in the State of Pennsylvania. If you do not have a computer, ask to be kept informed by someone who does. Many residents are only influenced by what they see in the paper, which is not always forthcoming with all the facts or details. The CTA and the Pennsylvania Coalition of Taxpayers Associations have seldom seen any of our news releases appear locally, despite being published in most other parts of the state. Many of the issues that are ignored or glossed over would be of real interest to our local area. **You would be surprised and even encouraged about what is actually being discussed in other parts of the Commonwealth.**

SUBSCRIBE to our Email list so we can provide you with the information you need to become an informed voter. Make sure that if you change email addresses you need to sign up again.

JOIN DISCUSSION GROUPS online in our local area and pass on your knowledge or learn more. Some discussion groups like GoMyTown.com provide a way for you to influence or teach others in the parts of the State that may not have a Taxpayer group to keep them up on things. Making changes in Pennsylvania is going to take a statewide effort and you can really help us spread the word.

MULTIPLY - by Helping others to stay informed - Be the center of information in your neighborhood or at your place of business by passing on what you learn. Help us by printing and distributing flyers in your neighborhood.

ATTEND CTA Membership Meetings and bring some friends. CTA meetings are only held two or three times a year and are very informative. You'll be impressed with the facts and insight we bring to you on tax and local issues that affect you. We also are visited on occasion by our State legislators and candidates from every party who needs to hear your concerns and opinions.

ACT WHEN CALLED TO ARMS - We may ask you to pass information to your neighbors; or to take a few minutes now and then to make a call or join in a letter writing campaign to make CTA's voice louder. We must "IMPRESS" upon our elected officials how to vote before the fact and thousands of voices get much more attention than just a few.

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED - If you have a special skill and you want to volunteer to help, and you have an idea on how it could be of use to the CTA, contact us. We may say "no thank you", but we could also welcome the idea and help. If we ask for volunteers and you have the time and an itch to try step forward. All you can do is all you can do.

CONTACT – YOUR PA STATE REPRESENTATIVES and SENATORS - Let them know how they are doing, and where they are falling short. Monitor their position on things. If you find out they are passing out erroneous information on a tax issue in Pennsylvania, it only hurts our cause. Contact us and we may be able to correct their actions. Sometimes we question whether some of our states representatives or Senators really have our local interests in mind .