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JULY/AUGUST 2021

Cumberland County Democrats Kick Off the 2021 Election Season at the Home of Commissioner Foschi

Democratic Commissioner Jean Foschi kicked off the 2021 election season this weekend with a Democratic Mixer at her home in Mechanicsburg, PA. The gathering was attended by more than 80 Cumberland County Democratic Party members and candidates running for county-wide row offices as well as school board, borough council, and township commissioner positions across the county. Foschi encouraged the new candidates to roll up their sleeves, empower grassroots voters, and organize in Cumberland County to build back better and create a community where everyone can thrive.

Democrats and Republicans in Pennsylvania helped secure the White House for Joe Biden in 2020. Pennsylvanians didn't vote for a governor or a senator in 2020, but they'll vote for both in 2022 and the Cumberland County Democrats are laying the groundwork to win again in Pennsylvania.

Republicans already began changing their party affiliation following the January 6th attack on the capital, including almost two hundred Republicans in Cumberland County.

Election officials and poll workers administered a safe election amid a deadly pandemic in Cumberland County. Voters turned out in record numbers, giving

Republicans and Democrats both gains. Now even Republican-leaning counties are resisting the latest efforts to launch a partisan audit of Pennsylvania's election results by Trump loyalists from Cumberland County.

As struggling families recovering from the effects of the pandemic begin to receive immediate and direct relief in the form of the expanded child tax credit payments this month, voters in Cumberland County are aware not a single Republican in either chamber of Congress voted for Biden's \$1.9 trillion stimulus package to ensure that their family would be able to make ends meet.

The message is clear. Together, we are the Democratic Party fighting for a better, fairer, and brighter future for Americans. Cumberland County Dems are prepared to welcome everyone to the Democratic Party with a new website, ten active clubs, including a Young Democrats Chapter in Cumberland County and democratic candidates for municipal, school board, and row offices in Cumberland County in 2021.





DID YOU KNOW?

- Your generous 2020 donations allowed CCDC in 2021 to:
 - Give \$1,000 to each county-wide candidate.
 - Call over 25,000 Dems to inform them about the ballot measure.
 - Text vote by mail voters to remind them to return their ballots.
 - Contract with a local website design company to create a new website.

WE ARE CURRENTLY RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR GET OUT THE VOTE (GOTV) EFFORTS FOR STATE-WIDE, COUNTY-WIDE, AND MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES! PLEASE DONATE [HERE!](#)

- Cumberland County is home to more than 56,000 Democrats!
- CCDC recently created a new website full of vital voter information. Find us at <https://cumberlandcountydems.com/>
- CCDC has an official Young Democrats chapter. A Young Democrat is a

registered Dem who is 18–35. <https://www.facebook.com/CumberlandcoyoungDems>

- Cumberland County is home to 10 local Democratic clubs. Local Dem clubs are a great place to meet like-minded people, find opportunities to discuss important issues, and volunteer to get more Dems registered and elected in Cumberland County! Find your local club [here](#).
- CCDC has Standing Subcommittees that are seeking volunteers. Our Subcommittees include:
 - Building – JL Bruner (chair)
 - Campaign/Candidate Recruitment – Colleen Nguyen (chair)
 - Communications – Jo Bitzer (chair)
 - Events – Cate Mellen (chair)
 - Fundraising (new committee)
 - Voter Registration – Kathleen Keadan (chair)

If you are interested in joining one of these Subcommittees or finding out more about them, please contact, Jo Bitzer at 717-329-7805 or jobitzer88th@gmail.com.



Commissioner Corner is taking a brief hiatus and will return for the September/October edition of Dems Notes. CCDC thanks Jean and Tony Foschi for opening their home and providing the food and drinks for our first major in-person gathering since the pandemic started.



Cumberland County is currently experiencing levels of substantial COVID-19 spread and is targeted for this Eviction Protection Order. Here is where to find more information on transmission levels: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

For help with rental assistance please visit the Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authority website at:

<https://cchra.com/.../Emergency-rental-assistance-program>

Protection from Eviction Order in Areas of Substantial and High Spread Includes Cumberland County

- CDC is issuing a new order temporarily halting evictions in counties with heightened levels of community transmission.
- It is intended to target specific areas of the country where cases are rapidly increasing, which likely would be exacerbated by mass evictions.
- **CUMBERLAND COUNTY IS A TARGETED COUNTY**
- The eviction moratorium allows additional time for rent relief to reach renters and to further increase vaccination rates. **This order will expire on October 3, 2021**



CALL TO ACTION! We cannot continue to let Republicans hold our democracy hostage. Senate Republicans have used the filibuster to block S. 1, the For the People Act, from passage, despite the fact Republicans are in the minority. This critical democracy reform is popular among both Democrats and Republicans and would expand early voting, end partisan gerrymandering, reduce dark money in politics, and more. **PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL our Senators NOW** and tell them to do whatever it takes to pass S. 1 – including fixing the filibuster and delaying recess if necessary!

Bob Casey - 202-224-6324/<https://www.casey.senate.gov/contact>

Pat Toomey - 202-224-4254/<https://www.toomey.senate.gov/contact/email-senator-toomey>



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2021 Municipal Election

IMPORTANT DATES

- OCT 18** Last day to register to vote for the general election.
- OCT 26** Last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot.
- NOV 02** Voted mail-in and absentee ballots must be received by 8 p.m.
- NOV 02** Municipal election day. Polls are open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

<https://cumberlandcountydems.com/how-to/>



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