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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021

The fall season is upon us with all of the splendor it has to offer - cooler weather, beautiful foliage, pumpkin spice everything, and ELECTIONS! The November 2, 2021 election is considered an off-year election and while that may be true, these off-year elections are still EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. Besides our local candidates running for School Board, Borough Council, Township Commissioners, and Judge and Inspectors of Elections, Pennsylvania has 4 statewide Judicial races that are imperative to WIN! If you and other Democrats turn out we WILL WIN.

As you sit and scan this newsletter, those with contrary views are filling in ballots, planning on standing in line, if need be, to ensure that their candidate with like-minded beliefs slips in and takes a seat on the School Board, gets a chair on the Commissioner's dais, a post in the State Legislature, a role in the local election process, or gets control of the microphone.

There is no question anymore that every vote counts, every last one of them. We see that in the demands for recounts. We see that in the avalanche of voter restriction bills across the United States. We see that in the ridiculous plans to gerrymander districts to benefit one side over the other. As someone has said, "If your vote didn't matter, they wouldn't be trying so hard to take it away".

President Dwight Eisenhower said, "The future of this republic is in the hands of the American voter." That could never be truer than today. Every day we are greeted with

decisions at local and state levels that confound logic, empathy, and science. We see this in recent School Board actions, some here in Cumberland County, some in neighboring counties, that include book banning and demanding the rescinding of mandates designed to keep our children safe, among others.

Now, with the recent threat by the GOP-led PA Legislature to subpoena the personal information of voters, it's time to send a message. What we need, what we need to do is step up and tell them no. That individuals, residents of Pennsylvania, will not be intimidated by the outspoken minority who seem to think that we have rolled over and accepted their version of the status quo.

MAKE A STATEMENT. CAST A BALLOT. VOTE.



Vote Local 11/2/2021

WHY?

- 1. Local government manages things that affect our everyday lives like:**
 - a. local school quality and policies
 - b. public safety and policing
 - c. rent costs and affordable housing
 - d. spending your tax dollars
- 2. Local governments often lead the way when the federal government isn't.**
 - a. Policies such as women's suffrage, minimum wage, environmental protection, and marriage equality all began at the local and state level.
- 3. Your vote will make a difference.**
 - a. Typically, just 1 in 5 voters participate in off-year local elections — meaning your vote at the local level can have an even bigger impact.

<https://cumberlandcountydems.com/municipal-candidates/>

Commissioner Corner

Elections

Election Day, Tuesday, November 2nd will be here before we know it. Our Bureau of Elections serves county voters and is staffed with proficient, professional and reliable public servants. If you need a phone number, a date, or anything else election-related, here's a link to get you connected with what you need.

<https://www.ccpa.net/66/Bureau-of-Elections>

We have many great Democratic candidates running for office this election season. Whether it's canvassing, phone calls, or donations, every effort counts. October is a tough, tiring time for candidates so there's no better time to lend a hand. I'll be canvassing on several October weekends. You're always welcome to join me. Here's a link to all municipal candidates across Cumberland County.

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Where does your money go?

County human service mandates and operations are funded through county property tax dollars as well as federal and state grants. County Commissioners will commence a review of the 2022 County Strategy and Budget soon. The budget will be on display, online, and in-person, from November 1st to November 29th. You may comment on the budget in writing by emailing the commissioner's office or sending a letter. Looking forward to your input on how your tax dollars are spent.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.





Thanks to everyone who turned out for our sign-making event in Mechanicsburg this past Saturday. We are ready for the Bans Off Our Bodies Rally this coming Saturday, October 2nd from 11am-1pm. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so [here](#)! We must make clear to the PA GOP that we do not and will not support a birthing mandate like the one in TX. Show up! Stand up!

BANS OFF OUR BODIES

Bans Off Our Bodies March & Rally for Abortion Justice

10.2.21
Harrisburg, PA 17101

EVENT INFORMATION

"We are never
assured of justice
without a fight."

- Angela Davis

KEY SPEAKERS



Josh Shapiro
Attorney General of
Pennsylvania



Dr. Catherine Baye-Easton
OB/GYN University of
Pittsburgh Medical Center



Melissa Reed
Planned Parenthood
Keystone President & CEO



Shamaine A. Daniels
Harrisburg City Council
Member



Norma Vazquez
Certified Lactation
Counselor & Doula



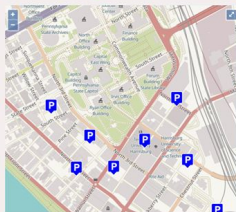
Audrey Korotkin, PhD
Rabbi



Patient Storytellers
Lou Kirkland, Sarah
Hammond, and Juanita Jones

PARKING

Paid Garage and metered street
parking are available throughout
Downtown Harrisburg. For more
information on parking, visit
parkharrisburg.com



ACCESSIBILITY

An ASL Interpreter and accessible
restrooms will be on site. For
questions regarding accessibility,
contact volunteer@ppkeystone.org

COVID SAFETY

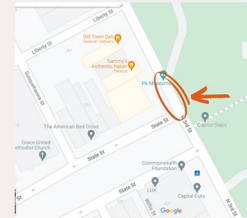
Masks and social distancing are
required for the duration of the event.
Masks and sanitizer will be available to
participants.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Event Swag & Partner Tables

10:30am - 11:00am

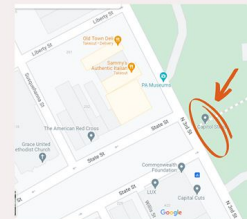
Pick up your rally signs & check out
our partner tables at the Capitol
Steps (in front of 500 N 3rd St,
Harrisburg, PA 17101.)



Rally for Abortion Justice

11:00am-12:00pm

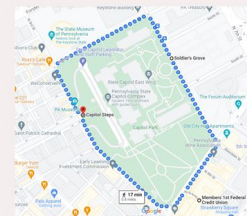
Join us for a rally on the Capitol
Steps (N 3rd St., Harrisburg, PA
17120).



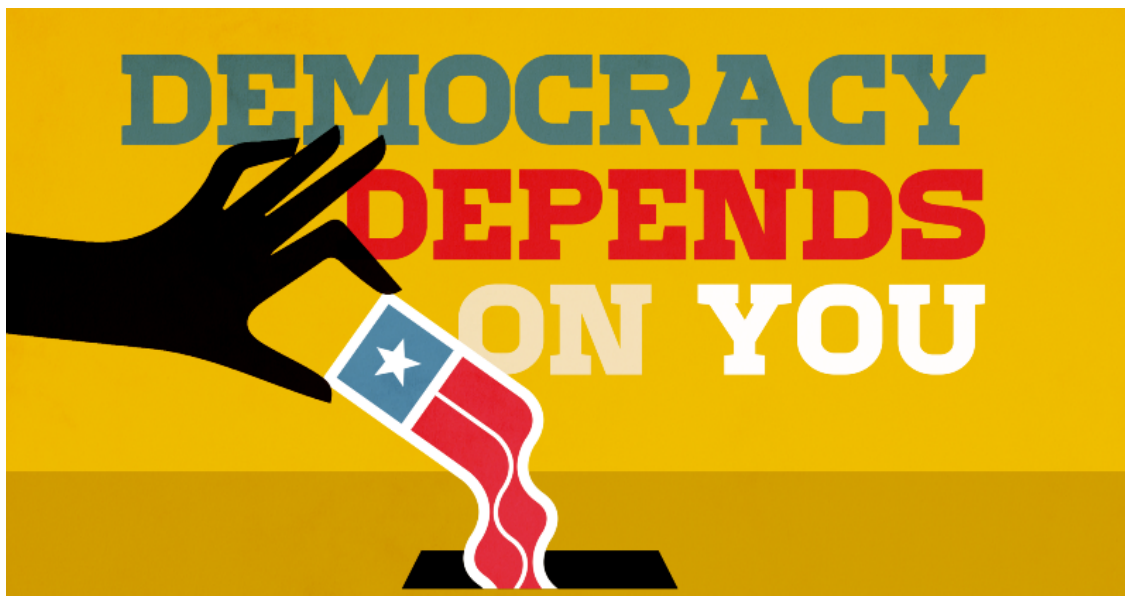
March for Abortion Justice

12:00pm-1:00pm

March with us around the Capitol
Complex (N3rd St., North St.,
Commonwealth Ave., and Walnut St.).



Please Note: This event is rain or shine. Your photo may be taken by event photographer and your image or likeness may be used.
For questions, contact volunteer@ppkeystone.org.



CALLS TO ACTION!

1. If you're a registered voter in Pennsylvania, your Social Security Number, address history, and other personal information may be in danger!

Harrisburg Republicans voted to subpoena millions of voter records so they can be turned over to unqualified, partisan fraud investigators. Josh Shapiro and the PA Democrats are suing to stop them.

Call or email your legislators today and tell them you DO NOT CONSENT to your private information being turned over to a third party and you DO NOT SUPPORT their efforts to keep Donald Trump's big lie going!

Find your legislator's contact information [here](#).

2. [Here is PA State Rep. Barb Gleim's survey regarding masks.](#)

Please tell her schools that require masks see fewer COVID-19 outbreaks. 33% of COVID-19 outbreaks took place in schools that implemented mask requirements late, and 59% in schools with no mask requirement. Please share and ask friends to do the same. Thank you.

3. Pennsylvania is 1 of 8 states with NO gift ban. This basically means bribery is legal in PA and gifts made to legislators may influence their vote. This corrupt practice must be made illegal so the issues people care about can be addressed without the influence of donor interests. Go to giftban.org and take action.



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