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Happy Groundhog Day! The release of the 1993 film Groundhog Day starring Bill Murray, helped propel Punxsutawney and the February weather-predicting rodent ritual into a cultural phenomenon. In the years since its release, the film has grown into a cult classic. According to Wikipedia, the term Groundhog Day became part of the English lexicon, meaning a monotonous, unpleasant, and repetitive situation.

Pennsylvania seems to be stuck in a bit of a Groundhog Day situation when it comes to our legislature circumventing the checks and balances of the legislative process with its monotonous, unpleasant and repetitive process of amending the PA Constitution. Since the latest two-year session began in January 2021, legislators have proposed **more than 70 changes** to the state constitution. Most of these proposed amendments are at the beginning of the process. Of those actually moving through the General Assembly, two could be on the ballot this year:

- [HB 38](#) - would eliminate statewide elections for appellate judges and give the legislature the power to draw regional districts, a proposal critics have warned could lead to judicial gerrymandering.
- [SB551](#) - would eliminate the separate ballot or column for judicial retentions.

[Click here for a complete guide and ballot tracker for proposed Constitutional amendments](#)



The PA Commonwealth Court has ruled that mail-in ballot voting is unconstitutional! Governor Wolf is appealing that decision to the PA Supreme Court. According to the PA Department of State, "The ruling on the use of mail-in ballots has no immediate effect on mail-in voting. Go ahead and request your mail-in ballot for the May primary election." We encourage you to [apply NOW](#) to vote by mail in the primary election on May 17th. Ballots will be mailed out in late April. The deadline for your application to be received is **May 10 at 4:30 pm**. With prior issues with the USPS, we recommend applying as soon as possible.



Commissioner Corner

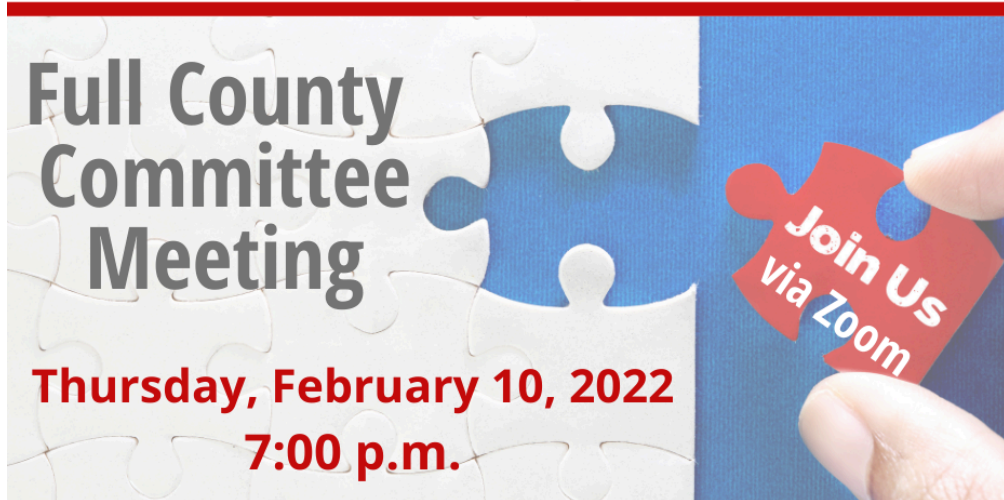
There's so much to be involved in right now. The potential [tolling of the 83 Bridge](#), the Governor's [upcoming budget address](#), proposed election code amendments in [HB 1800](#) (some of them are more voter suppression than voter protection) and the [court fight to defend mail-in balloting](#) are all topics that will affect people who live, work and play in Cumberland County.

Here's a way to take back some control amid swirling political news and partisan fights. Cumberland County received \$46.7 million dollars in American Rescue Plan Funds. Please take a five-minute break from all that is going on and complete this survey. [Take Survey](#). The county needs your opinion on how ARP funds should be utilized. This is your money and your opinion counts.

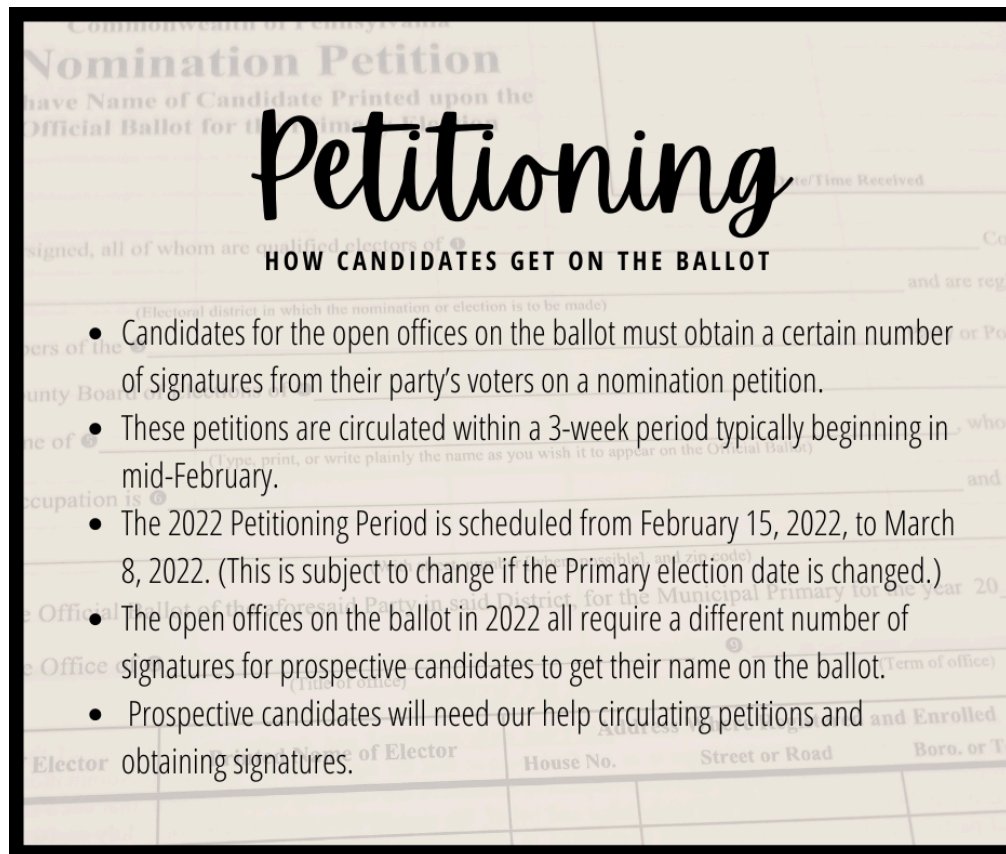
Thank you for the opportunity to serve.



*Cordially invites all
Cumberland County Democrats*



Please join us to learn more about our 2022 efforts to mobilize volunteers and get Democrats elected across the county and state. Contact Stephanie Christ at chair@cumberlandcountydems.com for the Zoom link. Hope to see you soon!



- Candidates for the open offices on the ballot must obtain a certain number of signatures from their party's voters on a nomination petition.
- These petitions are circulated within a 3-week period typically beginning in mid-February.
- The 2022 Petitioning Period is scheduled from February 15, 2022, to March 8, 2022. (This is subject to change if the Primary election date is changed.)
- The open offices on the ballot in 2022 all require a different number of signatures for prospective candidates to get their name on the ballot.
- Prospective candidates will need our help circulating petitions and obtaining signatures.

Click [here](#) to see how many signatures the candidates need to just get on the ballot. Stay tuned to this space or the [CCDC FB page](#) for upcoming **Petition Signing Events**. They are coming to an area near you soon!

You are the future of the Democratic party! We need grassroots supporters like you to build a powerful movement to help Democrats win in 2022. As a Precinct Committee Person you can be the change in your community to strengthen and protect our Democracy. Need more information? Go to <https://cumberlandcountydems.com/contact-us/> Thank you!



RUN FOR OFFICE **2022** PRECINCT COMMITTEE PERSON

- The Precinct Committee Person (PCP) is the most important grassroots level volunteer in the Democratic party structure.
 - Each precinct can elect 2 precinct committee persons. Cumberland County has 118 precincts.
 - PCP's are elected during the primary election in May.
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Legislative Reapportionment Commission

VOTING MEETING

February 4, 1 pm

North Office Bldg Hearing Room 1 and Live streamed



The PA Legislative Reapportionment Commission will vote on final PA House and Senate maps: Friday, Feb. 4, at 1 pm. In North Office Building Hearing Room 1 and [live stream](#).



SPREAD THE TRUTH!

Want to help spread the truth to combat the lies that threaten our democracy? Letters to the editor and to legislators are one effective way to do this. Please join us to share your ideas and concerns, and sign up for a Zoom letter-writing and brainstorming session on Thursday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. To receive the Zoom link, email Katie at katie.daniels@outlook.com **no later than February 23** and include your name and community.

A great big thank you to the volunteers that helped CCDC with the January Headquarter's Workdays! Significant progress is being made to the building at 46 W. Louther St. in Carlisle. Ninety percent of the painting is completed! The bathrooms are being renovated, new flooring has been delivered and we are anxiously awaiting the new handicapped

accessible doors scheduled to arrive this week. Stay tuned to this space of the [CCDC FB](#) page for additional opportunities to help renovate our meeting space. All work is volunteer driven and made possible by kind donors like you. It is never too late to donate to help transform our headquarters so we may better serve the 62,000 Democratic voters in Cumberland County. Please donate [here](#)!



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We are the Democratic Party of Cumberland County.

We are working year round to elect Democrats to positions of power at every level of government. Your contributions help us organize, train and mobilize the 62,000 Democrats in Cumberland County from Shippensburg to Camp Hill and everywhere in between!

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