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Fall 2024



Fall is quickly approaching, as is the upcoming election. As we inch closer to Nov. 5, the Cumberland County Democrats are taking action to protect democracy and guarantee success at the polls.

The Cumberland County Democrats hope you're enjoying the beginning of fall and invite you to join our efforts to elect fellow Democrats, protect democracy and ensure that Cumberland County remains a great place to work, live and play in Pennsylvania! Consider joining us for our annual picnic and baseball game on Sept. 14, writing to your elected officials or attending another one of our upcoming events. Most importantly, make a plan to vote on Election Day.



"Watch the upcoming Presidential Debate on September 10!"

Presidential Debate Watch Party

Tuesday, September 10, 8 to 11pm

Cumberland County Democratic Headquarters

46 W Louther St

Carlisle, PA 17013

[Register here](#)



Commissioner's Corner

I am fired up about our Harris/Walz ticket and looking forward to their historic win in November.

I am fired up about Janelle Stelson's candidacy and looking forward to her historic win over Scott Perry in November.

I am fired up to re-elect Bob Casey to the U.S. Senate.

I am fired up with energy from the Upper Allen/Mechanicsburg Dems picnic on Aug. 25. Not only was there an excellent turnout, but we welcomed many first-time attendees. I'm looking forward to many more Dem get-togethers this election season.

The winds are at our Democratic backs in Cumberland County. Historic wins are in the cards up and down the ballot as we work together to get our candidates elected. But good energy will not be enough to get us to the finish line. We must work. It's time to chip in for our candidates by making phone calls, writing postcards, knocking on doors, donating money, having kind words for a candidate, encouraging friends and family to vote ... many hands make for light work.

Please join me Sept. 26 for a joint fundraiser in support of Cumberland County's terrific slate of down-ballot candidates. I am fired up to spend time

with you.

Jean Foschi, Cumberland County Commissioner

Register here

Donate Down The Ballot

Please join
Cumberland County Commissioner Jean Foschi | Leigh Ann Chow | Mike O'Brien | Matt Roan
*host committee in formation
for a special event in support of all our State Legislative Candidates in Cumberland County:



Mark Temons
for State Senate (PA-31)



Nate Davidson
for State Rep (PA-103)



Sara Agerton
for State Rep (PA-88)



John Flood
for State Rep (PA-87)



Rick Christie
for State Rep (PA-199)



Thursday, September 26th | 5:30pm - 7:00pm

RSVP



A DAY AT THE BALLPARK

PICNIC + GAME

FNB FIELD, CITY ISLAND, HARRISBURG

SATURDAY
Sept. 14
12:00 NOON PICNIC
1 P.M. GAME

HARRISBURG SENATORS VS. READING PHILLIES

Cumberland County Democrats
Dauphin County Democrats
Perry County Democrats
Juniata County Democrats

**Purchase
Tickets
Here**



Join the Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry, and Juniata County Democrats on Saturday, Sept. 14 for a picnic and Senators game! You won't want to miss the opportunity to connect with fellow Democrats and enjoy refreshments and a game before the election. Register to join us:

Registration link

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Letters to the Editor Create Impact

Writing letters to the editor — and to our legislators — is a key way to support our Democratic candidates. Need tips on successful letter writing techniques, links to get your letter to the papers or help with copy editing or proofreading? Contact [Katie Daniels](#), chair of Cumberland Valley Rising and member of CVR's Letter Writing Club. Below are two effective letters that were recently published.

The Sentinel published this letter by retired newspaper columnist and author Eileen Graham on Aug 16:

The Real Contribution of Immigrants

Do you personally know anyone who was murdered, raped or hooked on fentanyl by an immigrant? I live in Adams County, Pennsylvania's fruit belt, where immigrants fuel our economy by planting trees, pruning trees and

harvesting fruit. Farmworkers come here with their families, and they purposely avoid trouble, fearing deportation.

Research by the Cato Institute concludes immigrants are far less likely to commit crimes or engage in anti-social behaviors than people born here. They note that in 2023, 93% of fentanyl seizures were at legal ports of entry or interior vehicle checkpoints, and “just 0.009% of people arrested ... for crossing illegally possessed any fentanyl whatsoever.” They conclude, “fentanyl is overwhelmingly smuggled by U.S. citizens almost entirely for U.S. citizen consumers.”

Rather than poisoning our blood, as Donald Trump claims, immigrants serve our meals, clean our hotel rooms, process our meat and poultry, milk our cows, manicure our landscapes and more. To say nothing of their contributions to our medicine, art and science.

They don't want to vote, as I learned while canvassing. The first Hispanic man I approached stopped me mid-sentence saying he was not a citizen and couldn't.

A keystone of Trump's 2025 plan is mass deportation. I remember the INS raids of his presidency when local immigrant couples had to split their time at home so one parent could care for their children if the other were arrested.

No, we can't afford open borders. Nor can we afford to demonize hardworking contributors to our economy and community.

— **Eileen Graham**

Katie Daniels demonstrates how one letter can be placed in multiple news outlets. The *Patriot-News* published the letter below on Aug.20, while *The Sentinel* published the same letter four days later.

Feeling Good, Not Scared

The past few weeks have been energizing. President Biden chose country over personal power. He endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris, and Harris chose Gov. Tim Walz as her running mate. Harris quickly garnered endorsements,

and her supporters rallied for her across the country.

After their first rally, in Philadelphia, a white, straight, blue-collar male friend texted me, "Wow! I'm feeling good, finally, instead of scared." I'm with him. The Harris/Walz ticket has brought us all hope for our fragile democracy.

Here's why I'm excited about the Harris/Walz ticket:

- Harris is exceptionally competent and has been trained to step in as president since January 2021. She's ready and will continue the good work of the Biden/Harris administration.
- Grassroots support was immediate and outstanding: Black, white, Hispanics and LGBTQ+ Zoom events for Harris raised huge amounts of money and signed up record numbers of volunteers.
- Walz' life experiences and his service to our country and our children have given him empathy for the "common man." His warm, happy demeanor is, from all reports, genuine. I find him trustworthy and caring.
- The Harris/Walz team and their supporters, like Gov. Josh Shapiro, know what most of us want and are willing to fight for it:
 - Clean air and water
 - Reproductive and religious freedom
 - The right to proudly marry the person we love
 - Commonsense gun laws to protect us from gun violence
 - Fully funded public schools for all children
 - Affordable health care
 - Fair tax laws to sustain our public-safety-net programs like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.
- Harris and Walz understand public service and will do their best to serve all of us. They will be joyful as they begin their hard work.

I'll be voting joyfully this November!

— **Katie Daniels**



HELP DEMOCRATS FILL CUMBERLAND COUNTY ROW OFFICES IN 2025. WILL YOU RUN?

Inside the pages of the Pennsylvania Constitution, replete with ringing endorsements of free speech, free religion and protection of natural resources, are the provisions for each county government, including elected county officers.

According to Article IX, Section 4, “County officers shall consist of commissioners, controllers or auditors, district attorneys, public defenders, treasurers, sheriffs, registers of wills, recorders of deeds, prothonotaries, clerks of the court, and such others as may from time to time be provided by law.”

These positions, plus the coroner, are commonly known as row officers. The title of row officer came about in the early years of the constitution when the departments were first listed in a row on the elections ballot.

Counties exist to help enhance the lives of their citizens. Electing Democrats to row offices will ensure Cumberland County is providing needed services, such as public and mental health care, schools, libraries and support to veterans, senior citizens and children in need. Democrats who run for our row offices in 2025 will have a positive impact on our elections, communities, schools and the daily lives of families, long into the future!

To learn more go to <https://www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/2329/County-Elected-Officials>

Help Write the Next Chapter

“Let’s get out there and let’s fight for it, let us write the next great chapter in the most extraordinary story ever told.” — Kamala Harris

One way to help Kamala fight is by hosting a letter-writing party. Writing letters to voters can increase voter turnout and bring CCDC members and volunteers together to make election-day plans for your precinct. Include everyone! Invite them in person or send emails, texts or whatever communication method works best for you.

 Learn about letter-writing by going to votefwd.org

-  Pick a date and time for your party
-  Pick a location with enough space for everyone to comfortably write letters. Think coffee shops, parks, libraries, homes, community centers, restaurants, bars and so forth.
-  Pick a wide array of people. Area leaders can invite precinct people. Precinct people can invite neighborhood volunteers. Neighborhood volunteers can invite friends and neighbors.

Hosting a letter-writing party is a fun and exciting way to meet with volunteers in your precinct. Be creative with your letter-writing party and election-day plans. Thank volunteers for joining your party and remind them how their letters and the work you do in your precinct will make a real impact on election day. Ask everyone to sign up to canvass on Mobilize, become a sustaining member of the Cumberland County Democratic Committee and become a poll worker or greeter or consider running for office.



Cumberland County Democrats, Take Action Today!

Events and Opportunities Near You

Looking for something fun, beneficial and action-oriented to support our Democratic candidates? Here are a few upcoming events. Check out [Mobilize.US.com/Cumberland County](https://Mobilize.US.com/CumberlandCounty) for even more events and volunteer opportunities in Cumberland County.

- **Sept. 14:** Evening Fundraising event. Carlisle Dems gathering, 7 p.m., Carlisle. Enjoy live music and rub elbows at a private home. Contact [Karen Wronski](#) for details.
- **Sept. 14:** Harrisburg Senators game. Join Democrats from Dauphin, Perry, Juniata and Cumberland counties at noon for a picnic and ball game. Watch the Harrisburg Senators take on the Reading Phillies. [Get your tickets here!](#)
- **Sept. 17:** Stelson for Congress, hosted by Friends of Janelle Stelson in

Harrisburg, 5:30p.m. [RSVP to Mary for more details](#) or [donate online](#).

- **Sept. 22:** Rally for Cumberland. The CCDC will host this event at Hampden Township Park — Lower Pavilion, 5002 Hampden Park Drive. Meet the candidates from 10 a.m. to noon, then canvass with us from noon to 2 p.m. [Register online](#).
- **Sept. 30:** Postcards for Swing States and Pizza. Cumberland Valley Rising will host this event at Miseno's II, 598 W. High St., Carlisle, from 5 to 7 p.m. [Email CVR to register](#).

Let's make lots of good trouble!

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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 64,000 Democrats in Cumberland County from Shippensburg to Camp Hill and everywhere in between!

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