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Spring 2024



As winter gives way to spring, the Cumberland County Democrats are taking action to ensure success at the polls in April and November!

The Cumberland County Democrats hope you're enjoying the warming temperatures and longer days of spring 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

attending a local candidate meet and greet, write to your local representatives, and most importantly, make a plan to vote on April 23.



You Belong!

Please commit to continuing efforts to share important issues and concerns, register and inform voters, and reach out and rally Democrats across the county.

We are counting on Democratic to apply their collective experience, enthusiasm, and skills by choosing to run in the future or by serving as poll workers, PCPs, Area Leaders, Subcommittee members, volunteers, or Sustaining Members in 2024.



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Volunteer**

Become a Sustaining Member

We are the blue wave moving across Cumberland County, Pennsylvania!

- Your monthly contribution can be in any amount you choose.
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As members of the Democratic Party of Cumberland County, we're working hard to get Democrats elected in every community and at all levels of government. Our county party is supported almost entirely through small donations. This funding stream makes it challenging to budget and plan for expenses such as answering calls, knocking on doors, participating in texting and postcard campaigns, increasing our social media and training and helping

our candidates win their races. As a Sustaining Member of CCDC you can make a difference with thoughtful, recurring donations. Register to be a Sustaining Member of CCDC at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/ccdcwebsite2020>. Select a monthly amount that you are comfortable with and click **Make it Monthly**. Thank you!



Note from the Chair: On the Ballot!

Fellow Democrats, the 2024 election cycle is officially in full swing! The first step of this campaign cycle is for candidates to collect signatures from voters to get their names on the ballot. I am happy to report that Cumberland County Democrats showed up in huge numbers to make sure that our candidates will appear on the ballot. Statewide candidates had to collect 2,000 signatures, including at least 100 signatures from at least five counties.

I am pleased that we delivered hundreds of signatures for President Joe Biden, Sen. Bob Casey, auditor general candidate State Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta and treasurer candidate State Rep. Ryan Bizzaro, the PA Dems endorsed statewide candidates. We also helped candidates Beth Farnham (U.S. House, 13th

Congressional District), Mark Temons (PA State Senate District 31), Sara Agerton (PA House District 88) and John Flood (PA House District 87) collect more than enough signatures to appear unopposed on the primary ballot.

In yet another sign of Democratic gains in Cumberland County, we also have several competitive primary candidates. The following candidates collected signatures, many of which were secured at events sponsored by Cumberland County Democratic clubs, qualifying them for our primary ballot:

PA Attorney General

Eugene DePasquale (Allegheny County)
Keir Bradford Grey (Philadelphia County)
Jared Solomon (Philadelphia County)
Jack Stollsteimer (Delaware County)
Joe Khan (Bucks County)

U.S. House, 10th Congressional District

John Broadhurst
Rick Coplen
Shamaine Daniels
Blake Lynch
Mike O'Brien
Janelle Stelson

State House, 103rd District

(Camp Hill, Lemoyne, Wormleysburg, East Pennsboro)
Nate Davidson (Harrisburg)
Mercedes Evans (Camp Hill)
Laura Harding (Harrisburg)
Jesse Monoski (Lemoyne)
Tina Nixon (Harrisburg)

State House, 199th District

(Hopewell, Lower Frankford, Lower Mifflin, Middlesex, North Middleton, North

Newton, South Middleton's Precincts 3, 4 and 5, Upper Frankford, Upper Mifflin, West Pennsboro and the boroughs of Carlisle, Newburg and Newville)
Richard Christie
Montana Hartman

We applaud all of the candidates who have stepped forward to run for public office. As the primary approaches, it is our obligation to line up behind our preferred candidates and encourage voters to participate. We will help our voters vote by mail or greet them at the polls on April 23, encouraging them to join our cause as we look toward victory in November.

Matt Roan
Chair, Cumberland County Democratic Committee



Commissioner's Corner

Cumberland County residents pay their fair share of taxes to the state. Unfortunately, those dollars are not being returned to the county for the funding of human services. County government exists to provide human services that

are mandated by the state. Among the myriad of services Cumberland County is expected to provide are the 911 system and mental-health services. Cumberland County has grown and will continue to do so well into 2050. Mental-health services have been flat funded for at least 12 years despite increased demand and costs. This year the mental-health budget faced a \$3 million deficit. A similar deficit was projected for the 911 system. In response, for the first time in 10 years, the County Board of Commissioners voted to increase the county millage rate to 2.54 mills, which will boost revenues by \$8.8 million.

You may read more about the increase [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

Raising taxes creates hardships for many people. I spent time studying the issue and considering options, ultimately deciding that cutting services was not an option for me. If you have any questions regarding the budget, please reach out to me at jmfoschi@cumberlandcountypa.gov or 717-240-6156.

Last month, I joined fellow elected Democrats, State Rep. Patty Kim, Lemoyne Borough Council President Gale Gallo and Lemoyne Borough Councilman Jesse Monoski for a tour of Lemoyne businesses with Gov. Josh Shapiro. The governor stopped by Massimo's Italian Bakery and Arthur Murray Dance Studio then headed to the West Shore Farmers Market for a media event that highlighted his Main Street Matters budget proposal. [Here's some coverage](#).

Do you have a favorite podcast? Lately, I've been listening to Politico's Deep Dive. The program's election analysis and strategy conversations are terrific. If you recommend a good podcast, please let me know at vargas@comcast.net or text me at 717-571-3343.

Jean Foschi, Cumberland County Commissioner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Speaking Out

Newly elected South Middleton school board director Rick Rovegno (former Cumberland County commissioner) had this letter to the editor published in *The Sentinel* on Feb. 20 and in *The Patriot-News* on Feb. 22.

Tax Increase Was Needed

Like many people reading this, I pay property taxes to Cumberland County Government. Naturally, I read with interest that Commissioner Kelly Neiderer and Commissioner Jean Foschi are supporting a 15% property tax millage increase in 2024. Many people have understandably expressed concern over this decision.

We expect our elected officials to work diligently to ensure our government is operating as efficiently as possible in delivering the myriad services

Cumberland County provides. Likewise, we should acknowledge that each taxpayer's circumstances are unique.

We should, however, also account for the fact that Cumberland County's millage has not changed since 2013. That means we paid exactly the same amount of property taxes in 2023 as we did in 2013. In that time, however, the Mid Atlantic Consumer Price Index—the county is a consumer, as well as each of us—rose 28.2%. In constant dollars, the county operated in 2023 with 28.2% less from individual taxpayers than it did in 2013. The net effect is that with the 15% millage increase in 2024, our county government will function with 13% less that it did in 2013.

It is never a pleasant task to vote for a real-estate tax millage increase. It is, however, a responsibility of leadership. Both Commissioner Neiderer and Commissioner Foschi continue to explore increased efficiencies and are doing the right thing in providing that leadership.

Rick Rovegno
South Middleton Township

Mechanicsburg Main Street & Friends 

HOUSE PARTY
THURS 3/21
6-7:30PM

Sara Agerton
for PA House

Main Street, Mechanicsburg
Address provided to RSVPs



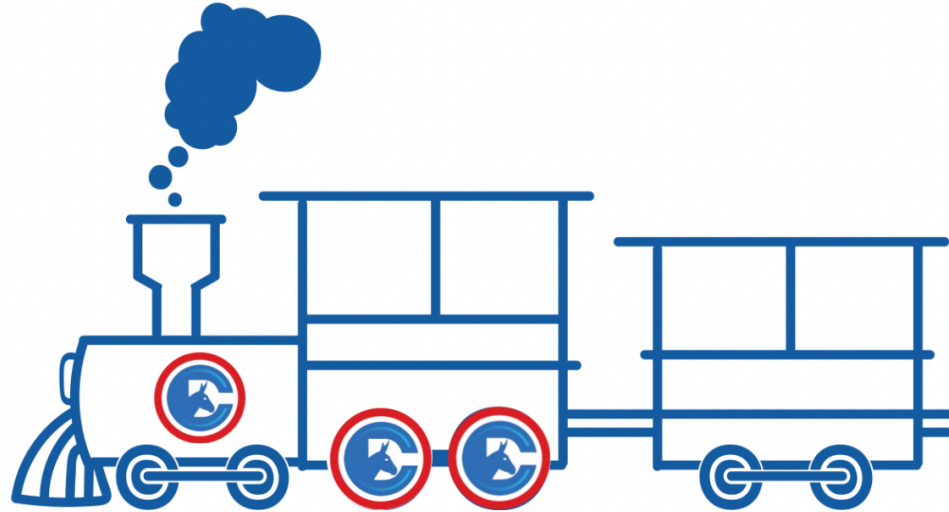
Co-hosts: Kathy Davis, Kathleen Conley, Amy Lowery, Kimberly Turner PAID FOR BY FRIENDS OF SARA AGERTON

Join Sara Agerton's House Party Fundraiser!

Control of the Pennsylvania House could rest on the outcome of a single race this November. This is the year to defeat Delozier, the 16-year incumbent who voted to pass a bill that proposes to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to exclude any rights relating to abortion. Now is the time to sign up to support Sara Agerton in the 88th, wherever you live in PA!

RSVP below for Sara's house party:

<https://mobilize.us/s/PuTVgo>



Headquarters Now Open to the Public

In the leadup to this year's consequential election season, the Cumberland County Democratic Committee is now hosting open hours at the headquarters office, 6 W. Louther St. in Carlisle, two days a week. The office will be open Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., if it is sufficiently staffed.

Before visiting, it is best to call ahead to verify that headquarters will be open, as we are dependent upon the availability of volunteer staff. Call 717-601-2493 to check on open hours or to leave a message with a specific question or request. The purpose of the office hours is to meet and assist fellow Dems and to recruit new volunteers to help our cause and our candidates. Thanks in advance for your interest in the Cumberland County Democratic Committee!

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