

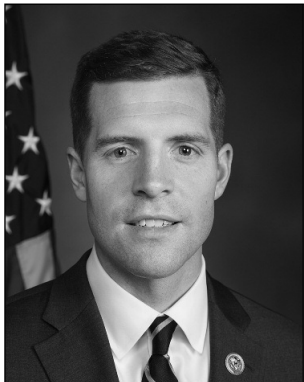
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Make The Choice: A PA Democrat for U.S. Senate

For the 2022 Primary Election, the Lansdowne Democratic Committee (LDC) has decided not to endorse a candidate for the US Senate race. *The Leader* is providing information on the three top candidates – Conor Lamb, Malcolm Kenyatta, and John Fetterman. We encourage you to make the choice that best represents your positions on issues and your interests.

Conor Lamb

Congressman Conor Lamb was sworn into the United States House of Representatives on January 5, 2021 to represent Pennsylvania's 17th Congressional District, which includes parts of Allegheny and Butler Counties, as well as all of Beaver County in southwestern Pennsylvania.



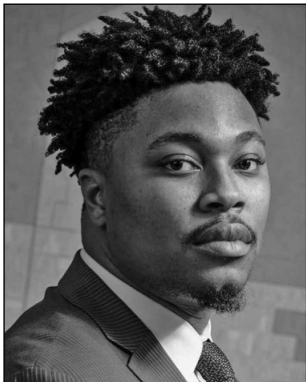
Lamb previously served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Justice Department's Pittsburgh office. In this position, he prosecuted violent crimes and drug trafficking and helped establish the office as a national leader in the fight against the heroin epidemic. Lamb served on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps from 2009-2013 and went on to serve as a Major in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves.

Lamb's priorities during the 117th Congress include protecting Social Security and Medicare as well as fighting for good jobs and strong unions. Using his own personal knowledge and experience to help veterans,

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Malcolm Kenyatta

Malcolm Kenyatta is running for Senate to be a transformative voice for the future that lifts up ALL Pennsylvanians; no matter where they are from, who they love, how they identify, or how they worship. He will fight for a commonwealth that sees and lifts up all of us.



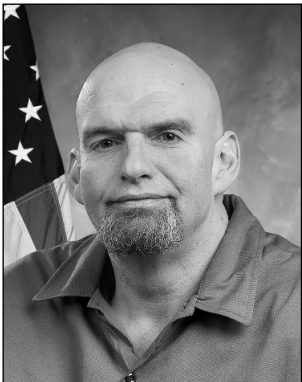
Malcolm earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in strategic communication from Temple University and a Master of Science in public communication from Drexel University. He completed Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government as a David Bohnett Fellow. Malcolm Kenyatta was elected to the Pennsylvania State House as Representative for the 181st district in 2018 and has served in that role since then.

Representative Malcolm Kenyatta currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Philadelphia Delegation, as a member of the Governor's Task Force on Suicide Prevention, and

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John Fetterman

In running for Senate this year, Lt. Governor John Fetterman is supporting the same core set of truths that he has been advancing for the last 20 years. He believes that the country is plagued by rampant inequality, a paltry minimum wage that has not changed in the last 12 years, poor housing and healthcare in marginalized and abandoned communities, a broken criminal justice system, a failed war on drugs, and continued restrictions on the right to vote.



John first settled in Braddock, PA, a steel town where he still lives, spearheading a program helping kids get their GEDs and find jobs. John decided to run for Mayor after two of his students were shot and killed, and he made it his mission to reduce gun violence. John was elected Mayor of Braddock in 2005 after winning his first race by one vote.

As Mayor, John created opportunities for Braddock youth, brought in new business and jobs, and helped

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Ribbon Cutting for Gateway Slope Park

Lansdowne Borough held the ribbon cutting for Gateway Slope Park on April 8, 2022. This opening ceremony included a dedication to Norman "Marty" Council, a previous Borough Council President who conceived of the project several decades ago, but did not live long enough to see the results of his vision. Attendance at the festivities included public officials at all levels of government, members of Marty Council's family, and about 50 Lansdowne residents. During her remarks, Delaware County Councilperson Elaine Schaeffer cited the importance of parks and trails to complement economic developments in creating a healthy and successful community.

Pictured in top photo, from left to right, Sinoe Naji-Taylor (Vice President, Lansdowne Council); Elaine Schaeffer (Vice Chair, Delaware County Council); Bill Smith (Treasurer, Lansdowne); Ben Hover (President, Lansdowne Council); Tony Campuzano (previous Mayor Lansdowne); Magda Byrne (Mayor, Lansdowne); Tim Kearney (PA Senator 26th District); Anthony Hardy Williams (PA Senator 8th District); Sharon Coleman (previous President, Lansdowne Council); Marty Council's family members Hannah Council, Katie Dunnington, and Liz Council; Kellie Bowker (Lansdowne Council); Jayne Young (Lansdowne Council); Mary Gay Scanlon (US Representative 5th District); and Carol Martsolf (Lansdowne Council).



Delaware County's New Health Department

by Katie Mertens

On March 3, 2022, the State of Pennsylvania officially approved the creation of the Delaware County Health Department. This represents over two years of concerted effort on the part of the Delaware County Council, the Board of Health, 49 municipal governments, and a steering committee composed of community stakeholders. Our health department will help address "the (health) disparities that exist in Delaware county... our county's health outcomes have historically been much lower than those counties with health departments, such as Montgomery and Chester County," says Dr. Monica Taylor, Chair of the Delaware County Council.



These days, the words 'health department' probably evoke vaccination sites and COVID testing. However, a health department's role is multifaceted and encompasses three main branches: personal, population, and environmental health. Personal health includes preventative care such as childhood immunizations and maternal/child health. Population health focuses on infectious disease and prevention. Environmental health includes health inspections and lead exposure prevention. The Health Department will streamline processes that have historically been the responsibility of each municipality. "Right now, we have 49 different municipalities completing health inspections 49 different ways," said Taylor. The health department's oversight will

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CHAIR’S COLUMN

A Republic – If We Can Keep It

By Charlotte Hummel

Welcome to the May 2022 Primary Election edition of the Lansdowne Leader! This edition is full of useful information about the upcoming election (May 17th) as well as articles that focus on aspects of our community that are important for everyone – the fair funding lawsuit lead by the William Penn School District, information about our environment, an interview with our police chief and the new Presbyterian pastor and much more. Thanks to our latest editor in chief, Suzanne McElroy, this edition should arrive in time for those of you who vote by mail to get all the information you need to complete your ballot. The deadline to apply for a mail in ballot is May 10th; the last day to submit your mail in ballot by mail (the earlier the better), drop box or in person to the County Election Bureau (the latter two no later than 8pm on Election Day May 17th.)

I hope that we will all be motivated to vote, to get involved in the political and civic life of our borough, and to remain aware.

On the political side, this Primary election will ask Democratic voters to make some choices for candidates to appear on the General Election Ballot including governor, lieutenant governor, US congress and US senate, PA senate and PA house. You can find our endorsements in this edition. Please note that the Lansdowne Democratic Committee (LDC) has decided not to endorse a candidate for the US Senate race so we are providing information

on the three top candidates – John Fetterman, Malcolm Kenyatta and Conor Lamb – and encourage you to make the choice that best represents your positions on issues and your interests.

On the purely political and local side, LDC has endorsed a slate of candidates to serve on the State Democratic Committee. These folks will represent Delaware County Democrats as a delegation to the State Party. A voter can vote for 6 women, 6 men and 1 of either gender for a total of 13.

Most important will be your vote for your local precinct’s Democratic Committee person. The folks elected to this position represent the precinct they live in and are the go to people for any questions, concerns or ideas you would like to share with the local Democratic party and elected officials. Think the old fashioned “block captain.” Each precinct can elect two Committee people to serve on the Lansdowne Democratic Committee.

The Committee meetings are held monthly and are open to any registered Democrat in Lansdowne. It’s one way to connect with neighbors and friends and to have a voice and lend an ear to the goings-on in the borough. We have provided a photo and a brief introductory statement for each of the candidates. In three precincts – we are asking voters to write in the name of a Committee person – Desmond Pringle (5th), William Smith (6th), and Cathleen Beemer (10th). Greeters will be available at your polling place to answer any questions you may have on election day.

Given everything happening to challenge and threaten the future of democracy both at home and abroad I would hope that we will all be motivated to vote, to get involved in the political and civic life of our borough and to remain aware. As Ben Franklin replied when asked if our new Constitution gave us a Republic or a Monarchy – “A republic, if you can keep it.”

Lansdowne Borough Council 2022

YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

President - Ben Hover

Vice President - Sinoe Naji-Taylor

Members: Kellie Bowker, Robert Curry, Ben Hover, Tangela James, Carol Martsof, Sinoe Naji-Taylor and Jayne Young

Public Meetings: First and Third Wednesdays 7 pm

Borough Council Committees - Members are all appointed by the Council President * Committee Chair					
Community Relations	Diversity, Equity & Inclusion	Economic & Community Development	Environment, Parks & Recreation	Finance & Administration	Infrastructure
Public Meetings					
1st Tues 6:30pm	2nd Tues 6pm	2nd Wed 6pm	2nd Mon 6pm	2nd Tues 7pm	2nd Mon 7pm
Kellie Bowker*	Robert Curry*	Benjamin Hover*	Carol Martsof*	Tangela James*	Jayne Young*
Robert Curry	Tangela James	Sinoe Naji-Taylor	Jayne Young	Sinoe Naji-Taylor	Carol Martsof
Tangela James	Carol Martsof	Robert Curry	Kellie Bowker	Jayne Young	Sinoe Naji-Taylor
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS					
Members appointed by Council. Each board or commission reports to the Borough Council Committee above it.					
Schedule of public meetings for each board or commission are available on the borough's website.					
Lansdowne Arts Board	Human Relations Commission	Code Appeals Board	Environmental Advisory Council		Historic Architecture Review Board
Library Board		Planning Commission	Parks & Rec Board		Zoning Hearing Board
		Redevelopment Authority	Shade Tree Commission		

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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standardize these processes.

Our new health department uses a “health 3.0” model, which Dr. Taylor described as “easy access for our community, whether that is with educational opportunities or clinical care...we are also trying to be more outward-facing, so we have positions like community health workers who work with community stakeholders... get important public health information out.” The health department recently hired its new director, Melissa Lyon, MPH, and is looking to

nearly double the department’s workforce in the next few years. Ms. Lyon has been out and about in the county, touring health facilities and gathering feedback from stakeholders.

Our health department focuses on health equity and access. According to Dr. Taylor, “We are trying to come to our residents instead of the residents coming to us...Our vision is to be out in the community. Our childhood immunization program... will set up a program with every school district to make sure that we’re getting all those kids who don’t have regular access to a physician the immunizations that they need to be in school.” Access to this programming

ensures that the kids in our community will not be excluded from school due to missing immunizations - improved health outcomes mean improved quality of life for even our youngest residents.

Our health department will also analyze hyper-local data to create county-specific programming. “Delaware County is much different than Monroe County or Allegheny County, so it’s much more efficient and effective to have that local control”. Delco has its own specific needs when it comes to population health. Dr. Taylor mentioned one future project would involve completing research and obtaining grant money for lead exposure prevention. Delaware County (and Lansdowne

specifically) is full of older homes, and programs to prevent possible lead exposure will directly impact our town for the better.

A health department’s research allows the department to create programs that specifically address disparate health outcomes along a broad range of characteristics, whether those health disparities exist between municipalities, along racial lines, or between income brackets. Ensuring that everyone has access to high quality health programming will ultimately pay dividends not just for the people who access these resources, but for everyone in Delco.

To learn more, please call 484-276-2100 or email DelcoWellness@co.delaware.pa.us

THE RACE FOR PENNSYLVANIA’S LEADERSHIP

Josh Shapiro for Governor

Throughout his career as a public servant, Josh Shapiro has taken on the status quo, brought people together to solve tough problems, and delivered results for the people of Pennsylvania. Since 2017, he has served as the People’s Attorney General, working every day to stand up to powerful institutions and protect Pennsylvanians’ rights. Now, Josh is running to be Pennsylvania’s next Governor — to move our Commonwealth forward and tackle our biggest challenges.

Josh grew up in Pennsylvania, watching his parents serve their community – his father was a pediatrician, and his mother was an educator. Their example inspired Josh to enter into public service, and from a young age, Josh recognized that standing up for others was how he wanted to spend his career. That’s why, after graduating from the University of Rochester, Josh began working in government while putting himself through law school at night.

After marrying his high-school sweetheart Lori and welcoming their first child, Josh returned to his hometown and successfully ran for State Representative. As Representative, Josh helped establish some of the toughest ethics laws in state history. His work earned him a reputation as a rare public servant willing to take on the status quo – “a blast of oxygen in the smoke-choked back rooms of quid-pro-quo Harrisburg.”

Then, as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania’s third-largest county, Josh led a fiscal and ethical turnaround. Before he took office, Montgomery County had a \$10 million budget deficit and an underfunded pension for county employees. Josh put the county back on solid financial footing, took early steps to combat the heroin epidemic, helped the first LGBTQ+ couples in Pennsylvania marry, and fired Wall Street money managers to save taxpayers and retirees millions.

In 2016, Josh successfully ran to be Pennsylvania’s Attorney General. As AG, he has restored integrity to an office badly in need of reform and taken on big fights for the people. He has proven to Pennsylvanians he can bring people together to solve tough problems, and is unafraid to enforce the law without fear or favor.

Josh exposed the Catholic Church’s decades-long cover up of child sexual abuse, identifying 301 predator priests and thousands of victims — and spurring investigations across the United States. He forced an agreement between two of the Commonwealth’s largest insurance companies, protecting health care access for 2 million Pennsylvanians, and he has repeatedly gone to court to defend Pennsylvanians’ reproductive rights and a woman’s right to choose. He has held more than 90 public officials, Republicans and Democrats alike, accountable for breaking the law. Working with law enforcement partners at the local, state, and federal level, he’s arrested thousands of mid- and high-level drug dealers while getting thousands of illegal guns off our streets. During the 2020 presidential election, Josh protected the right to vote and defended Pennsylvania’s election result, winning in court dozens of times before and after Election Day. He continues to call out the dangerous lies that undermine our democracy and provide steady, strong, and competent leadership to protect voting rights in Pennsylvania.

In January 2021, Josh was sworn in for his second term as Attorney General, and he continues to stand up for Pennsylvanians, take on big fights, and deliver real results.

Josh is fighting the opioid epidemic head on. He’s arrested more than 6,000 drug dealers while investigating and suing pharmaceutical companies and the CEOs who knowingly perpetuated the crisis to line their own pockets. He’s standing up for everyday consumers, seniors who’ve been scammed, and students preyed upon by private lenders by obtaining over \$328 million in relief to Pennsylvanians who have been ripped off. He is leading on criminal justice reform, bringing activists and law enforcement together to launch a new statewide police misconduct database, taking on employers who steal from Pennsylvania workers.

Josh Shapiro knows Pennsylvanians need a Governor who will take on the biggest fights and solve our most pressing problems. As long as Josh is serving our Commonwealth, he will continue to defend Pennsylvanians and deliver results.



Josh Shapiro is running for Governor of Pennsylvania to move the commonwealth forward and tackle our biggest challenges.

Austin Davis for Lieutenant Governor

Growing up in the Mon Valley in western Pennsylvania – a longtime industrial center outside Pittsburgh – Austin Davis saw the struggles of working families firsthand. He watched his mom – a hairdresser in McKeesport for more than 40 years – juggle raising a family with putting food on the table, and he watched his dad work hard every day as an ATU bus driver.

Austin knew from an early age he wanted to dedicate his life and career to public service. Throughout his career, he has fought for economic equality, worked to lift people out of poverty and secure fair funding for education, and has been committed to bettering the lives of people in western Pennsylvania.

In high school, when he felt young people needed a voice in city government, Austin founded and served as chairman of the Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council under McKeesport Mayor Jim Brewster. Working with city leaders, Austin helped combat rising youth violence and provided the young people of McKeesport with more opportunities to get involved in civic life.

Austin is a first generation college graduate in his family, and after studying political science at the University of Pittsburgh, he began



pursuing a career in public service. By the age of 21, the Tribune-Review called him “a veteran at the politics of helping others.”

Beginning in 2012, Austin joined Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald’s team, spearheading the office’s vision and transition teams in the early days of the administration and serving as Fitzgerald’s representative on the Jail Oversight Board; the Kane Foundation; the Minority, Women, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Advisory Board; and the Shuman Detention Center Advisory Board.

Then in 2018, Austin successfully ran for the state House of Representatives to represent the Mon

Valley and his hometown of McKeesport.

Rep. Austin Davis took the oath of office to serve the people of the Mon Valley on February 5, 2018. When he was sworn in, Austin became the first African American to serve as state representative for the 35th Legislative District in Allegheny County, and he became one of only four African American lawmakers to represent a majority-white district.

Currently, Austin serves as chair of the Allegheny County House Democratic Delegation and vice chair of the House Democratic Policy Committee, as well as serving on the House Appropriations Committee, House Consumer Affairs Committee, House Insurance Committee, and House Transportation Committee. Austin is also a member of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus, Climate Caucus, and PA SAFE Caucus.

Austin remains committed to the Mon Valley and McKeesport, serving as a board member of the Port Authority of Allegheny County, YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh, Communities in Schools of Pittsburgh, and Auberle.

Austin currently resides in McKeesport with his wife, Blayne Holmes Davis. You can follow Austin on Facebook and Twitter!

BETTER “SHOES” FOR OUR BIG, STINKY FEET

Simple Suggestions to Reduce Our Carbon Footprint

by Christine duBois-Buxbaum

In the last *Leader*, I explained that our “carbon footprints” are like footprints we make on wet sand, except that they represent our impact on the air, which is of great concern. Carbon in the air traps heat around the Earth like a blanket. People have put lots of extra carbon into the air for 150 years. That’s led to higher temperatures, overall, which is leading to wild and dangerous weather. It’s like we’re putting huge stinky feet into the sky.

We can all help by making lifestyle changes and by asking companies and politicians to create even more changes. This is the only planet we’ve got, after all.

In my last article, I outlined ways people can reduce their carbon footprints without having to spend extra money. In fact, almost all of those suggested actions would save you money as well as improve our environment.

Today’s article is for people who have some extra money for reducing their carbon footprints. Think of it as buying nicer “shoes” for your stinky carbon feet. Some of these

suggestions cost a lot; some not very much. Choose what works for you. Remember, every little bit of change helps.

- Use LED light bulbs. They use WAY less electricity than other light bulbs. They cost more to buy but will save on energy costs in the long run.
- When you buy a car, choose an electric, plug-in hybrid, or hybrid one.
- Improve your home’s insulation.
- Buy electricity generated by wind mills. It only costs a little bit extra.
- Consider powering your home with solar energy.
- If you take an airplane, donate money to save old-growth landscapes. They keep the most carbon out of the air; saving them is even better than planting new trees.
- But planting native trees is good, too. Trees take carbon out of the air.

- Buy toilet paper and paper towels made from recycled paper or recycled wood fiber. Especially avoid buying super-soft toilet paper: big old trees in Canada are being chopped down to get super-softness into TP. Whenever an old tree is destroyed, there’s more carbon in the air.
- Avoid buying paper napkins, plates, and cups. Use cloth napkins: it’s elegant! If you do use paper products, only buy ones made from recycled paper or recycled wood fiber. Save trees: they help us with our carbon problem!
- Buy Energy Star appliances; they cost more, but over time you’ll save on energy costs.

Then reward yourself with a walk in a beautiful park! Also, did you know that Lansdowne’s Environmental Advisory Council is developing several environmental initiatives? For more information: eaclansdowne@gmail.com

RE-ELECT MARY GAY SCANLON FOR CONGRESS

A Record of Leadership, Service, and Advocacy

Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon is a life-long advocate for children and families. In November 2018, she was sworn into Congress following a special election victory - the first woman of the new wave of representation to be sworn in.



In her second full term in Congress, Mary Gay has continued her relentless advocacy on behalf of children and families in Pennsylvania’s 5th District and across the country. She was appointed, by her peers, to serve as Vice Chair of the prestigious House Judiciary Committee, and also serves on the House Rules Committee and the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. She is a member of dozens of important caucuses, including the Bipartisan Working Group on Addiction, the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, and the Equality Caucus.

Mary Gay has cosponsored over 400 bills to improve the lives of families in our region and across the country. When roughly 4,000 jobs at the Boeing Plant in Ridley were on the chopping block, Mary Gay led the charge to successfully restore funding for this critical program in the National Defense Authorization Act. She also helped secure a \$650 million contract to produce new ships at the Philadelphia Shipyard. Congresswoman Scanlon has introduced legislation to reduce the burden of student loan debt and the costs of prescription drugs. She led House floor debate on critical legislative victories, including the Equality Act and the Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women’s Act. Mary Gay also helped push forward two critical pieces of commonsense gun violence prevention bills, which earned bipartisan support in the House. Congresswoman Scanlon has been tirelessly fighting for the people, working to restore faith in our democracy following the disastrous Trump Administration.

Congresswoman Scanlon’s advocacy journey began

while she was a law student at the University of Pennsylvania, when she began volunteering at People’s Emergency Center, a homeless shelter for families which was founded by former Congressman Bob Edgar. Upon graduating, she began representing abused and neglected children with the Support Center for Child Advocate and has since served as a board member for numerous legal services agencies.

Mary Gay continued to work on behalf of children and families as co-chair of both the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Commission on Children at Risk and the Legal Rights of Children Committee. She later was appointed by the Bar to serve as a founding board member and officer of Philadelphia Legal Assistance, the federally funded legal services agency for Philadelphia County.

As a senior staff attorney at the Education Law Center of Pennsylvania, Mary Gay led class action lawsuits to enforce the rights of students with disabilities, in addition to representing individual students and their parents from across the state, drafting legislative and regulatory proposals, and producing training materials and educational programs for parents, educators, social service providers, government agencies and other advocates. She has also served on two statewide interagency councils charged with implementing federal special education laws, and testified before the Pennsylvania legislature about the ill-effects of zero-tolerance policies.

From 2007 to 2015, Mary Gay was an elected member of the Wallingford-Swarthmore School Board, during which she served as Vice President and President and led a tax commission to address school funding. Her experience provided her with a deep understanding of the fundamentals of local government and grassroots politics. On the school board, Mary Gay was able to respond to community concerns, promote transparency and work with diverse interest groups.

Mary Gay served as national Pro Bono Counsel at Ballard Spahr LLP for 15 years, supervising over 600 lawyers in 15 offices as they provided more than 50,000 hours of pro bono legal services annually to low-income clients and nonprofit organizations. Her program received

the American Bar Association’s annual pro bono award in 2018 for its work to address many critical public interest issues, including voting rights, child advocacy, immigration, housing, public benefits, criminal justice reform, free press, and other constitutional rights.

When President Trump ordered a travel ban that stranded thousands of legal immigrants, attorneys at her pro bono program sprang into action. They arrived at airports across the country to write habeas petitions from waiting rooms. While the Trump administration’s unconstitutional restrictions created a fresh urgency for strong representation, her immigration practice had a long-standing history of representing refugees and seekers of political asylum. Many of these clients included victims of domestic violence and human trafficking, as well as those fleeing violence and persecution.

In 2017, Mary Gay became Co-Chair of the Voting Rights Task Force of the Association of Pro Bono Counsel which was formed to combat voter suppression and gerrymandering.

Under Mary Gay’s leadership, her former law firm embraced the Wills for Heroes program, which provides free estate planning for veterans and first responders. She organized and volunteered for dozens of Wills for Heroes clinics annually, providing peace of mind to first responders, veterans, and their families.

Mary Gay has a longstanding interest in promoting civics education to protect our democracy. She volunteered for and led civics programs in her children’s schools and, in 2006, created a career development and mentoring program at Constitution High School, a magnet school in Philadelphia with a focus on civics education. Students from Constitution High attended her swearing in ceremony.

Mary Gay is a graduate of Colgate University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She served as a Judicial Clerk for the Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

Mary Gay and her husband, Mark Stewart, have three children: Casey, Daniel, and Matthew. All three children graduated from the local public school system. Mary Gay and Mark reside in Swarthmore with their two rescue dogs named Abby and Emma and their cockatiel named TJ.

Tim Kearney for Pennsylvania Senate

As a result of redistricting in Pennsylvania, Lansdowne is no longer in the 8th PA Senatorial District but has joined the 26th PA Senatorial District which includes the Townships of Marple, Newtown, Ridley, Springfield, Upper Darby and Upper Providence and the Boroughs of Aldan, Clifton Heights, East Lansdowne, Glenolden, Lansdowne, Media, Millbourne, Morton, Prospect Park, Ridley Park, Rutledge and Swarthmore. The incumbent Democratic Senator for the 26th District is Tim Kearney.



Tim Kearney was elected to the Pennsylvania Senate in 2018. Tim ran for state Senate because Pennsylvania’s legislature has long been beholden to the wealthy and to corporate special interests at the expense of everyday working families and vulnerable people of the Commonwealth. Tim’s mission in Harrisburg is to reclaim our legislature for the people, not the powerful.

Prior to running for Senate, Tim was a long-time community leader in Swarthmore, Delaware County. He chaired the Borough Planning Commission for 7 years, and served two terms as Mayor. Thanks to Tim, Swarthmore is a leader in environmental protection and sustainability practices, fair and equitable policing practices, and LGBTQ equality.

Tim’s experience as a husband, a father, an architect, and a small business owner has given him a strong understanding of everyday Pennsylvanians. With strong relationships in his community, he knows the issues that affect people in this district and across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Tim believes that every child deserves a quality public education. He knows that early childhood education is the best economic and community investment the

Commonwealth can make. Tim is an advocate for reform of Pennsylvania’s politicized and unfair education funding system, which has been called the most inequitable in the nation by The Washington Post.

As a former mayor, Tim knows that budgets must reflect the values of residents and communities, not lobbyists and special interests. As the 26th District’s senator, Tim has fought to ensure that Pennsylvania’s budget supports programs and investments that help the most people right here in the Commonwealth—instead of enriching the wealthy and out-of-state corporations that do not hire local residents.

Tim knows that Pennsylvania’s natural resources are important to the tourism and agriculture industries, as well as to the public’s health. Tim has fought to ensure that state rules and regulations abide by Pennsylvania’s Environmental Rights Amendment. Tim will always put the public health and welfare before corporate profits, and he has been a vocal advocate to hold the gas industry accountable for environmental disasters and damage associated with fracking and pipelines.

A partner with his wife in their architecture business as well as in their home, Tim is a strong champion of women’s rights, including the right to equal opportunities in education and the workplace, the right to equal pay and anti-discrimination practices such as hiring based on salary history, and the right to affordable health care and family planning decisions.

Tim is a member of the American Institute of Architects, Mayors for Peace, Mayors Against Illegal Guns, Climate Mayors, Mayors for Solar Energy, Mayors Against LGBT Discrimination, We Are Still In – Climate Action, and Mayors for Solar Power.

REDISTRICTING UPDATE

Following the U.S. Census of 2020, the boundaries of Congressional districts and PA House and Senate Legislative Districts are redrawn to maintain equal representation based on population. The 5th Congressional District has not changed much as it still includes all of Delaware County. Mary Gay Scanlon currently represents the 5th District. The PA House 164th District still includes all of Lansdowne, East Lansdowne and parts of Upper Darby Township. Gina H. Curry currently represents the 164th District. Effective on March 15, 2022, Lansdowne is now in the 26th Senatorial District, which is represented by Senator Tim Kearney.

RE-ELECT GINA CURRY FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 164TH DISTRICT

A Leader Committed to Community, Children and Families

by Shawn Michele Lacy

Gina Curry became the representative in the 164th District by winning a special election in November 2021. She stepped into this space as a trustworthy and competent public servant, ready to lead at the state level on issues that have been the focus of her life’s work.

Gina is an educator with more than 20 years of experience working with youth and families. Prior to being elected PA State Representative for the 164th, Gina diligently served in many community-based roles including: Vice President of the Upper Darby School Board; a Diversity/Racial Equity and Inclusion consultant and trainer; and a small business owner of Coach Your Vision LLC, where her mission has been to mentor young women in the areas of professional development and leadership. Gina’s life has been committed to community, children and families.

Gina’s passion for assisting individuals in all areas was evident during her tenure as a key member of the Constituent Services Team for State Senator Tim Kearney. Gina was a kind, compassionate professional, working with



tenacity to cut through red tape and overcome challenges regarding the issues presented by community members seeking assistance from the Senator’s office. She went above and beyond to get answers and achieve resolution for every person with whom she was in contact. She listened to people and truly heard their stories, with no judgment or impatience.

She is working hard to deliver on the promises that she made in her recent campaign. Her platform, then, and now, includes steadfast efforts to achieve equitable funding for education, affordable and safe housing and economic development. Gina’s

focused vision is to collaborate and fight for all things critical to the collective health, safety and wellness of all the constituents of the 164th. She brings to Harrisburg a strong understanding of community needs, fairness, and grassroots advocacy in all of the areas mentioned above. This fuels her fight for access and equity for all Pennsylvanians. Gina knows at the core of her being that fighting for the 164th is fighting for Pennsylvanians across the state: each one reach one. We are a whole community.

As state representative, Gina continued her practice of

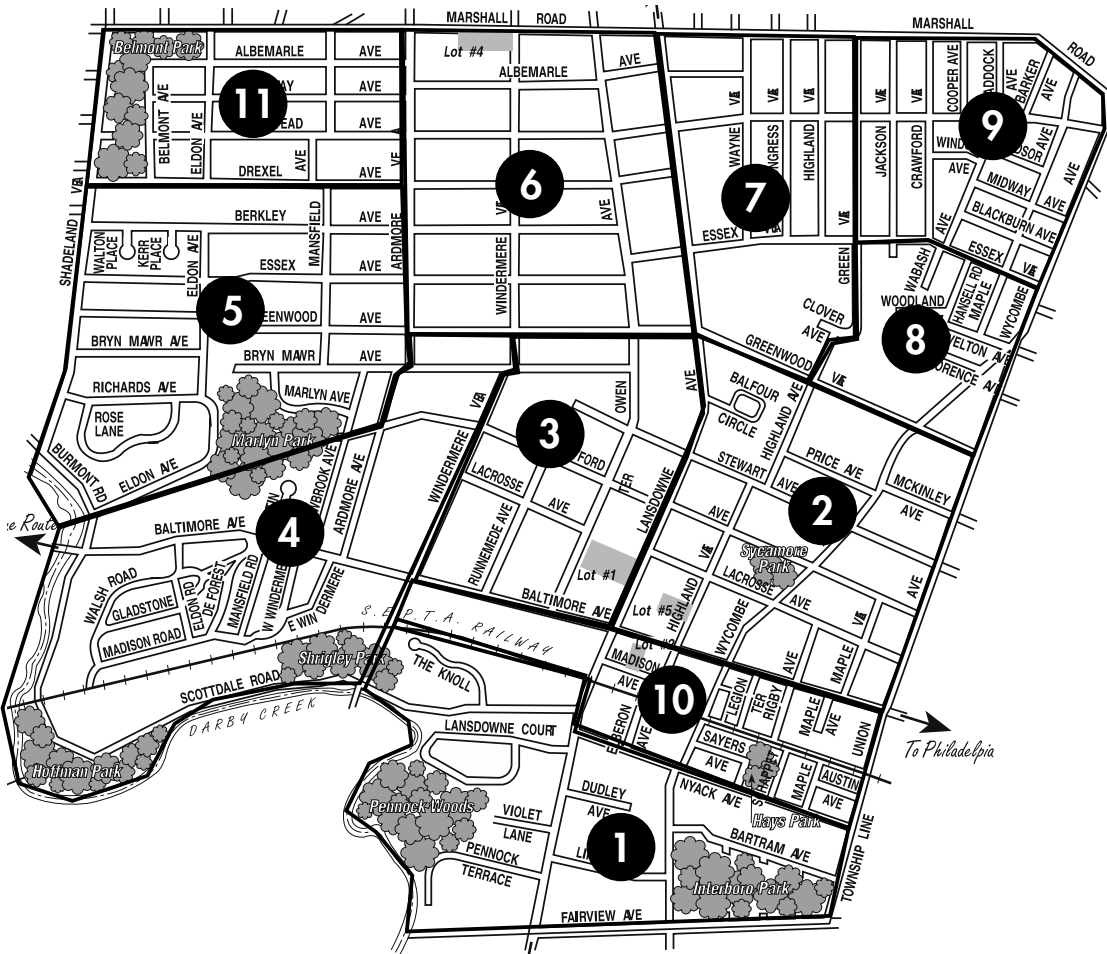
talking to everyone. Because of her ongoing community involvement and collaborative partnerships, she was able to hit the ground running and has been going full speed ever since. In her first 100 days of service, Gina was appointed to serve on several committees that correlate with her platform: Education, Children and Youth, Local Government and Transportation. She was appointed by Governor Wolf to the Pa Women’s Commission which acts as an advocate for policies and legislation serving the best interest of women and girls in Pennsylvania. She has co-sponsored 11 bills with her colleagues covering rental assistance, prison reform, health and safety issues, and much more. She has hosted and co-hosted several events of interest to our communities, with several more scheduled this spring. Information regarding these events can be found on her website.

Gina is working hard on behalf of her current constituents and welcomes her new constituents in part of Drexel Hill, resulting from new redistricting plan, confirmed by the State Supreme Court on March 16. Gina wants to get to know the residents in this community while welcoming them to get to know her. As she and her team in Delco and Harrisburg look forward to the election, the work for the people continues and the learning and growing process does as well.

POLLING LOCATIONS & PRECINCTS

- 1st Precinct: Twentieth Century Club
- 2nd Precinct: Penn Wood High School
- 3rd Precinct: Penn Wood High School
- 4th Precinct: Penn Wood High School
- 5th Precinct: Ardmore Avenue Elementary School
- 6th Precinct: Ardmore Avenue Elementary School
- 7th Precinct: Penn Wood High School
- 8th Precinct: Penn Wood High School
- 9th Precinct: Pepper’s Pharmacy
- 10th Precinct: Twentieth Century Club
- 11th Precinct: Ardmore Avenue Elementary School

DROP BOX FOR MAIL-IN BALLOTS:
Lansdowne Fire Station
26 N. Highland Avenue



Endorsed Candidates for Pennsylvania State Committee

The Democratic Party is organized at all levels, similar to government: local, county, state, and national. As many of you already know, the Lansdowne Democratic Committee works at the grassroots level, listening to and keeping citizens informed, and endorsing and getting elected Democratic candidates for local office.

The Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee (State Committee) is the governing body of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party. Founded in 1792, they are charged with steering the direction of the party and organizing for Democrats across the ballot!

State committee members, who are elected to four year terms, meet in full three times each year. Members elect party leadership, hold nominating conventions,

The PA State Committee moves the party forward with the help of regional and interest caucuses.

pass and promote a party platform, and help lead organizing efforts all across the commonwealth.

State Committee moves the party forward with the help of regional and interest caucuses, including Black, Progressive, LGBT, Rural, and Labor, to name just a few. During the Biden cycle, the Rural

Caucus took action to get lawn signs out across the state. With their effort of bulk buying and distributing through county party offices, tens of thousands of signs helped get the Democratic message into the public eye in rural, suburban and urban areas.

The number of State Committee members is allocated by county population, and Delaware County has 13 spots. We elect our members to represent the interests of Delaware County specifically, while promoting Democratic candidates and values throughout the state.

The Lansdowne Democratic Committee is proud to endorse the top six men and six women in each list. The seventh person in each list is provided to give you a choice for your 13th spot.

- Jennifer Toof

Lisa Ilene Goldstein

Amanda Hammock

Sharon Jean Booker

Bonnee Breese Bentum

Gwendolyn McCullough

Colleen Kennedy
- Vince A. Rongione

Malcolm J. Yates

Rob Yannuzzi

Brett W. Burman

Emilio Buitrago

Michael Diaz

David Diano

BOOK REVIEW

Examining the Human Pyramid of Hierarchy

by Terry Baraldi

WARNING: *Opening this book may result in irreparable harm to your complacency, cause permanent damage to your patriotic pride, and recalibrate your personal sense of “woke”ness.*

The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Archaeology defines caste as “a form of stratification in which an individual’s social position is fixed at birth and cannot be changed.”

In author Isabel Wilkerson’s expansive and highly readable *Caste*, the author explores, often in horrific detail, not only the earliest inception of America’s colonial shame, but why we are, in 2022, still tangled in its chains. And why we may never be free.

Made clear from the very first pages, racism and caste are not synonyms... rather one is cause and one is symptom. Racism is only a convenient tool for keeping the order of things we can no longer see. The white Anglo colonists of Jamestown, needing a permanent and tractable labor force, quickly designed a

social construct based on color and cruelty...and America’s “peculiar institution” was born. *Caste* became a creed. Race became the yardstick.

As Ms. Wilkerson asserts “You cannot fully understand the current upheavals or most any turning point in American history, without accounting for the human pyramid encrypted into us all. The caste system, and the attempts to defend, uphold or abolish the hierarchy, underlay the American Civil War, and the civil rights movement a century later, and pervade the politics of 21st century America.”

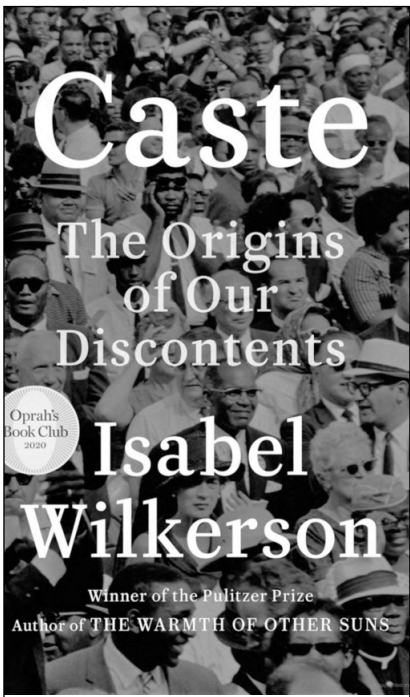
There’s no way to encapsulate all that Ms. Wilkerson lays out in the pages of *Caste*. The story is too old, moving in and out of our collective consciousness like some eternal tide. Never far from the surface, the American caste system underwrites everything we, at both the highest and lowest rungs of the ladder, believe about ourselves; and whether we admit it or not, how the color of our skin dictates our place in the American psyche and on what rung of the ladder. And, our mincing half-century of social

progress aside, in ways that matter we’re still stuck in 1619 Jamestown.

Throughout the book, Ms. Wilkerson actually eschews the racial terms “black” or “white” as New World constructs, but instead identifies people by their position on the caste ladder. It isn’t about race...it’s about place. It’s the reason an impoverished white man will vote against his own best interest, lose his home or his healthcare, and still feel superior to, even blessed, above any person of color. It’s the reason a young black man might lower his eyes when passing a white woman on the sidewalk.

Caste is so wide-ranging in scope that to focus on one or two pieces would be like judging a painting by looking only at its frame. The American caste is exactly that...a frame within which, throughout every century and according to our skin, we are assigned and accept our particular share in the Bill of Rights.

If you occasionally see yourself in the pages of this book, it isn’t a rebuke, but a looking glass. Recognizing your unaware advantage of white privilege, or the subconscious body language of black



subservience may be a catalyst for change. But also learn that we, as a nation, are still in bondage, often with savage and devastating results, to the legacy and lesson of the American caste system.

Read *Caste* with a strong stomach, and your eyes wide open.

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- Representative Gina Curr: 610-259-7016
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OPENING DAY MAY 28th



SATURDAYS, 9 AM – 1 PM

Held weekly through October 30th
in the parking lot at 30 N. Lansdowne Avenue
(across from the Lansdowne Theater)

LansdowneFarmersMarket.com

TUESDAY, MAY 17
PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
POLLS OPEN 7 AM - 8 PM

See a map of Lansdowne precincts and
polling places on the previous page

WILLIAM PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT V. PA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: AN UPDATE

Eight Years In, The Fight for School Funding Equity Continues

By Jennifer Hoff

We are now eight years into the William Penn School District v. Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) Fair Funding case.

Here is a timeline of events:

NOVEMBER 2014: The Education Law Center (ELC) filed suit in Commonwealth Court. Plaintiffs in the case include: William Penn School District, the School District of Lancaster, Panther Valley School District, Greater Johnstown School District, Shenandoah Valley School District, and Wilkes-Barre Area School District. The lawsuit was filed on behalf of parents, school districts, and statewide organizations in response to the failure of Pennsylvania’s legislature to adequately and equitably fund public education and provide students with the resources they need to succeed academically.

APRIL 2015: Commonwealth Court initially dismisses the case, stating that courts cannot get involved in school funding issues. ELC appeals that decision.

SEPTEMBER 2017: The Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled that the claims in the case are subject to judicial review; that, in fact, the Courts can get involved in school funding issues. The case is returned to Commonwealth Court for further proceedings. State officials make numerous pre-trial motions to have the case dismissed before the trial begins.

MAY 2018: Commonwealth Court overrules the State’s motions to dismiss the lawsuit.

AUGUST 2018: Commonwealth

“The General Assembly shall provide for the maintenance and support of a **thorough and efficient system of education** to serve the needs of the Commonwealth”

– PA Constitution, Article III, Section 14:

Court dismisses a claim by Senate President Pro Tempore Joseph Scarnati that the adoption of a fair funding formula in 2016 rendered our case moot. In ELC briefs contesting this claim, it was demonstrated that state funding available for classroom expenses had actually decreased since the lawsuit was filed in 2014, and gaps between low- and high-wealth districts had grown.

DECEMBER 2018: Commonwealth Court ordered the parties to follow a set schedule for exchanging information to ensure that the case proceeds in a timely and efficient manner before trial.

SUMMER 2020: All parties completed the pre-trial discovery phase. Over the course of the discovery process, the parties completed more than 70 depositions. In September and October 2020, the parties exchanged multiple expert reports and rebuttals. Finally, a court date for the fall of 2021 was set.

NOVEMBER 12, 2021: Court commences, hours of testimony and many witnesses leading to closing statements on March 10, 2022. The plaintiff and defendants have been asked to provide

more documentation. A decision in this case is not expected until fall, 2022.

Advocates for Fairness

One of the most powerful parts of this case has been the voices of our students, staff and our Superintendent, Dr. Eric Becoats. Children First (formerly PCCY) worked closely with our students to co-produce a student-led podcast, PENNding Funds, that shares their thoughts, frustrations, experiences, and hopes for future education funding. PENNding funds is available on most major podcast distributors and is well worth checking out. The voices of the students must be louder and more impactful than people like Defense attorney John Krill, representing GOP Senate President Pro

Tempore Jake Corman. Krill said that the trial was about whether Pennsylvania was meeting its constitutional obligation to provide a “thorough and efficient” system of education. “The question in my mind is, thorough and efficient to what end? To serve the needs of the commonwealth,” Krill said. “Lest we forget, the commonwealth has many needs. There’s a need for retail workers, for people who know how to flip a pizza crust.”

We need to be relentless in our pursuit of educational funding equity. Our students should not be predestined by the state to “flip(ing) a pizza crust” due to their parent’s or guardian’s zip code. All students deserve an education that lets them pursue their options. Certainly, some will choose retail, but that is their decision, not the decision of our State.

“Anyone who doubts that low-wealth schools and their students continue to suffer from this state’s lack of investment needs only to visit one. The harm caused is obvious: crumbling buildings, overcrowded classes, and a lack of technology that does not benefit the dignity of the children of this Commonwealth,” said Michael Churchill, attorney with the Public Interest Law Center and long-time advocate for equity in education funding. “It seems like the only people who can’t see that are in the legislature.”

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– Michael Churchill

A Look at Recycling in Lansdowne

By Dale Harris

Lansdowne’s recycling program operates through separate collection by the Sanitation Department on the same day as your trash collection. All recyclables are deposited into the green recycling cans provided by the Borough. This zero-sort recycling stream is then delivered for sorting, processing and marketing to Total Recycle.

While the Borough only collects recycling from residential addresses, all apartments, condominiums, and businesses are also required to recycle.

Where does it all go?

We hear statistics from the general news about recycling; that only 9% of plastics actually gets recycled. How is our town’s program doing? To find out, a group of us visited Total Recycle, which takes all Lansdowne’s recycling on March 3, 2022 for a tour. This 90,000 square foot facility in Berks County, sorts all our recycling and finds manufacturers who will take their sorted product to make other things from it.

We were very thankful for the thoughtful answers given to all our questions. Our tour guide had “heard it all before” and helped us delve into the “nitty gritty” of life in a sorting facility. Primary among our questions was, can all plastics actually be recycled into other products. With a resounding “yes” he showed us the graphics on the wall, of just how many uses they have found for recycled plastic— all the numbers. Most recycling plants can only handle numbers 1 and 2—easily recycled into soda bottles, etc. He will be sending us more information on what products they know can be made from numbers 3 through 7.

Cardboard is another valued commodity. They can get it all recycled—ice cream containers, frozen food packaging, cereal boxes, newspapers, even cardboard that has a plastic coating. Total Recycle says “throw it all in the recycling bin” and they will sort it out— if it is paper.

WHAT IS RECYCLABLE?

Lansdowne Borough’s contract with Total Recycle currently allows for the collection of the following materials:

- Soda/Juice/Water Bottles, Milk Jugs,
- Bleach/Detergent, Shampoo Bottles
- Cardboard/Brown Paper Bags
- Food containers, baby bottles, disposable cups
- Glass Bottles/Jars (any color)
- Junk Mail/Envelopes (all types)
- Metal Cans (tin/steel/aluminum)
- Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs
- Paper (all colors, staples/paperclips are okay)
- Paperboard (cereal boxes - remove plastic liner, beer and soda carriers)
- Plastic narrow neck bottles numbered Number 1-2
- Plastics Number 1, Number 2, Number 4, Number 5, Number 7
- Telephone/Soft Cover Book

Much of this recycled material goes toward the paper covering on plaster board in new construction. However, NEVER PUT RECYCLING IN PLASTIC BAGS. Especially if it is a closed plastic bag, they will have to throw it out into their landfill.

Lansdowne’s contract with Total Recycle will be ready for re-evaluation this fall. We would like the program to be expanded. We could add #3 and #6 plastic to the mix. Another new program is their “flexible packaging” program. This program would allow us to recycle snack bags such as chip bags, power bar bags, etc. A new



Materials are sorted at the Total Recycle facility in Berks County. Photo by Carol Coster

company in Philadelphia will recycle these bags into roofing material, to substitute for the wood planking underneath roof tiles.

To conclude, we found the staff at Total Recycle to be very informed and operating with the newest technology in the recycling field. They look to be sustainable in all their operations, keeping a close eye on their transportation greenhouse gas footprint. They process 500-800 tons of material a day, running 24 hours a day 5 days a week. However, seeing that amount of material thrown out for disposal was rather disconcerting. Keep in mind that the goal of a Zero Waste lifestyle is to REDUCE our consumption and REUSE what we buy.

LANSDOWNE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

FIRST PRECINCT

Rosell Dixon

Rosell Dixon has lived in Lansdowne for the past 10 years. She enjoys the quiet neighborhood and parks. Feeling a strong sense of community, she has volunteered with LEDC on various projects in the past. She would like to continue to serve our community as committee person for the 1st precinct.



Donna Lewis Jackson

Donna Lewis Jackson has lived in Lansdowne over 20 years, loving the diversity and acceptance of the community. She has been working as a driver for the Postal Service for 28 years. She wants to feel the “pulse of the people”, to learn more about how democracies work at the grassroots level, and to serve as committee person in the 1st Precinct.



SECOND PRECINCT

Liz Moorhead

Liz Moorhead has lived in Lansdowne for seven short years, but long enough that it feels like home. She is running for committee in the 2nd Precinct. Liz has the practiced authority of a former high school teacher, the free time of a stay-at-home mom, and the grit of a mother of four boys. You’ll find her cheering on the sidelines of the LBGC soccer field, putting up crepe paper at the East Lansdowne Home and School dances, or with armfuls of cheese and pastry (and okay, sometimes a veggie) at the Lansdowne Farmers Market. Be sure to say hello!



Kate Schleigh

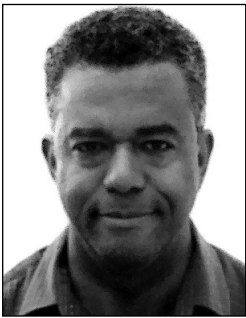
Kate Schleigh is running to be the Democratic Committee person for the 2nd precinct. She has been a Lansdowne Resident since 2015. Her family consists of her husband and two children, who attend/will be attending the William Penn School District. She is employed as a Constituent Services for the Honorable Kristine Howard (D-Chester County) and has been for the past 2 years.



THIRD PRECINCT

Patrick Cheston

Patrick Cheston has been a resident of Lansdowne since 2006. Prior to relocating his family here, he served as a board member of multiple non-profits and county government agencies. Since 2010, he has been an insurance professional. As an active member of the Lansdowne Democrats Committee, he welcomes serving as committee member for the 3rd precinct and asks for your support.



William Hodgson

William Hodgson lives on Bryn Mawr Avenue with his wife and cats. He taught Spanish and social studies in Philadelphia public schools until he retired. He now works in Princeton, New Jersey. He values relationships with my neighbors, and helping to make Lansdowne a better place to live. He is running for Committee Person in the 3rd Precinct.



FOURTH PRECINCT

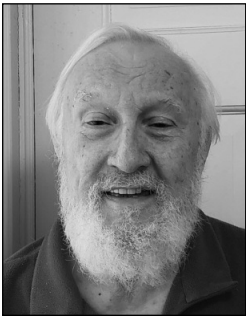
Susan Corbin

Susan Corbin moved to Lansdowne sixteen years ago as she was attracted to the town’s quaintness, volunteerism, and community spirit. She served on Lansdowne’s Board of Health for five years and was just elected as Majority Inspector in the 4th Precinct on the Election Board. Since joining the Lansdowne Democratic Committee, she held the position of Committee Secretary for five years. Susan currently serves as a Committee Person in the 4th Precinct, and with your support, will gladly serve her 3rd term.



Craig Horle

Craig Horle, Ph.D., and his wife Laurie Wolfe have been residents of Lansdowne since June 1997. He is now running for his second term as Democratic committeeman in the 4th precinct. His strength is going door to door on behalf of candidates and issues and also in overseeing delivery of The Lansdowne Leader, for which he has written various articles. Like all the other Democratic committee representatives, he reports on any concerns relating to his neighborhood.



FIFTH PRECINCT

Mike McElroy

Mike McElroy has lived in the 5th precinct since 1978, and raised his family here. He is currently retired, but still keeps his hand in the antiques and collectible business. He has served as Democratic Committee Person since 2003 and wants to continue serving you. He enjoys meeting new neighbors while working at the polls to keep voters informed of Democratic candidates and issues.



Desmondé Pringle

Desmondé Pringle, a Borough resident for over two decades, is a proud military veteran, and has over 30 years’ experience consulting in the areas of human resources, change management, and organization development. In addition to working with Fortune 500 companies, he has provided services to regional health-care organizations. One of Des’ guiding principles is the philosophy of giving back: serving on various boards, and serving the community through volunteering his time. He is running again to serve as committee in the 5th precinct.



SIXTH PRECINCT

April Hall

April Hall has lived in Lansdowne’s 6th precinct for 16 years where she and her husband, Peter, raise their children Daniel (13) and Lillian (9). She has volunteered with the Ardmore Avenue Elementary School Home & School, Cub Scouts and currently the Brownies. She also serves on the vestry of Incarnation Holy Sacrament. She feels deeply rooted in her community and considers herself an experienced human rights advocate. She is seeking her first term as committee person in the 6th.



Bill Smith

Bill Smith lives in the 6th precinct and has lived in Lansdowne for over 53 years. He currently serves as Lansdowne Tax Collector, Democratic Committee Treasurer, and committee person in the 6th precinct. He is a former member of the Lansdowne Planning Commission and currently serves on the Delaware County Planning Commission. In addition, he is a Notary Public and works as a financial / accounting consultant. He has served as a Democratic Committee Person in the 6th precinct for 8 years and wants to continue serving.



Do You Know Your Constable?

Constables are elected to six-year terms and serve all Pennsylvania townships, boroughs and cities, with the exception of Philadelphia. Constables can also be appointed by the president judge of their county or appointed as a deputy under an elected constable.

Constables serve a variety of functions, including preserving the peace at polling locations during elections, performing judicial duties for civilian and criminal courts like serving warrants, summons, complaints and subpoenas; and providing court security to the magisterial district courts and prisoner transport services in criminal cases.

All newly elected constables or appointed deputy constables, who want to perform judicial duties, are required to successfully complete basic training, and all constables must complete annual training requirements.

The voters of Lansdowne elected Jerome Fletcher II as their constable in November 2021. When you see him at your polling place, introduce yourself and say hello.

Primary Election Day
TUESDAY
MAY 17
POLLS OPEN 7 AM - 8 PM

LANSDOWNE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

SEVENTH PRECINCT

Bernadette Domenick

Bernadette Domenick has resided in Lansdowne for 20 years. Joining the Democratic Committee in 2018 gave her a new perspective on the happenings in our wonderful town with a chance to serve in the 7th Precinct. She would like to continue helping to keep our Democratic Party active in Lansdowne.



Madalyn Holliday

Madalyn Holliday is a retired teacher and administrator who served children proficiently for 35 years. She received all of her educational degrees from Cheyney University: Bachelors, Masters, and Educational Leadership. She has always been a strong advocate of Special Needs students and equality for all. A resident of Lansdowne for nine years, she looks forward to serving residents of the 7th precinct as committee person and working together for the betterment of our community.



EIGHTH PRECINCT

Monique Anderson

Monique E. W. Anderson has been a resident of Lansdowne for the last 20 years. She is grateful to have a fun supportive family and works as a licensed hairstylist and educator. Communicating with the neighbors and the children in the neighborhood is what she loves to do. She looks forward to being able to serve the community as committee person in the 8th Precinct.



Dave Grooms

Dave Grooms is a multimedia designer by trade, husband, and father to the best daughter in the world. He has lived in the 8th precinct for 14 years. Dave has served as Majority Inspector for his precinct since 2016 and was elected Judge of Elections in 2021. He is looking to serve his neighbors as their committee person.



NINTH PRECINCT

Louis Govinden

Louis Govinden has been a Lansdowne resident for fifteen years. Born in the Ivory Coast, he came to America when he was nine. He had the opportunity to grow up in our part of Delco attending the William Penn School District. He is running for committee person in the 9th precinct and currently serves as the Majority Inspector there. He graduated from Widener University with a degree in political science and had the opportunity to work on several political campaigns before transitioning to his current job in the advertising department at Comcast. He hopes to have your support.



Jan Tong

Jan Tong is running to be the Democratic Committee person for the 9th precinct. He has been a Lansdowne Resident for about 15 years. His family consists of his wife and five children, who all attend the William Penn School District. He has represented Lansdowne as a School Board Director for the past 4 years. He is employed as an educator for the School District of Philadelphia and has been for the past 24 years.



TENTH PRECINCT

Cathleen Beemer

Cathleen Beemer currently resides at Wildman Arms and has lived her whole life in Lansdowne. She is marking her 13th anniversary of volunteering at the Interfaith Food Cupboard, which serves to feed to those in need throughout the William Penn School District. She recently became a deacon in her church and wants to also serve her community as committee person in the 10th precinct.



Yvette Calvin

Yvette Calvin grew up in Lansdowne and is proud to be a product of the William Penn School District. She is a long time resident of Lansdowne; her family has been raised here. She has been a teacher at Penn Wood High School for 26 years. She currently lives in the 10th precinct and is interested in representing her fellow residents in this area, which is often forgotten and underserved.



ELEVENTH PRECINCT

Tanya Hoard

Tanya Hoard has been a resident of Lansdowne for over 18 years. Currently, she serves as the Majority Inspector of the Election Committee for Precinct 11. She hopes to represent the 11th Precinct as committee person on the Lansdowne Democratic Committee. She has been an educator for over 33 years.



Jessica Pointer

Jessica M. Pointer, MPA, earned a Master's in Public Policy and Administration from Walden University, in 2010. For over 25 years, she has been on the frontline of grassroots organizations that have fought relentlessly for social change and justice. Whether the moment called for advocating in reform, providing services or resources, or demanding change in policies, she has answered the call to action without hesitation. She is looking forward to serving you in the 11th precinct and making sure your voice is heard.



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8th Precinct
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David Grooms215-218-8797

9th Precinct
Louis Govinden610-213-3789
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10th Precinct
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(one vacancy)

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Arts: Driving Lansdowne’s Economic Development

By Jenny Beer

Would you like to turn your craft hobby into a small business? Listen to great musicians up close and personal? Print in 3D or make large banners? Move your craft activities out of your dining room? Create and enjoy public art? Broadcast your podcasts or videos? Lansdowne is the happening place!

First, we visit Utility Works on East Baltimore Avenue, which rents out affordable private and semi-private studios. Get a fruity drink from their juice bar, and come look around, or check it out when they restart their arts workshops. Utility Works is run by the non-profit Lansdowne Economic Development Corporation (LEDC).

LEDC’s mission is to support, encourage, and promote sustainable economic growth in the Borough of Lansdowne through focused community and economic development activities. Their executive director, Debbie Brodeur, is on year four of a five-year plan funded by a significant PA Main Street grant for the Arts. She is pleased with the cool Arts projects that they have well underway, as well as other ideas from all over the USA that they may pursue next.

Just a few weeks ago, in partnership with Penn State Brandywine, Utility Works opened a second location called the Utility Works MakerSpace, on North Lansdowne Ave where the thrift store used to be. For modest fees, any local resident is welcome to use the equipment, rent a studio space, take a workshop, and enjoy the camaraderie. MakerSpace has already held one class series here: Arduino coding

for kids. Its main goal, however, is to help Lansdowne area entrepreneurs in making, branding, and marketing their ideas and products. In addition to providing equipment, MakerSpace will host Penn State’s LaunchBox program, which includes free classes on launching your business.

GET INVOLVED!
LEARN MORE AT:
LEDC: lansdownesfuture.org

Arts Festival:
lansdowneartsontheavenue.com

Theater: lansdownetheater.org

Arts Board: lansdownearts.org

Utility Works: utility.works

LaunchBox MakerSpace:
brandywine.launchbox.psu.edu

The building has been completely transformed into a sunlit main space, a row of studios, and a conference room. (The old stamped tin ceiling is still there though!) The main room has a tantalizing line-up of spanking new 3D, sublimation, and banner printers; cutting and engraving tools; and sewing machines. Two fully equipped sound proof booths for recording podcasts are also in the work.

As Evan Ludwig, the MakerSpace manager, was demonstrating what the machines can do, several people from the

Utility Works Committee who helped conceptualize the MakerSpace came in, along with an excited team of Penn Wood STEM students who are preparing to enter a state-wide innovation competition. They will be using the MakerSpace equipment to create a prototype of their heating and cooling system for bus stops.

Lively conversation ensued. The committee members remarked that this kind of community connection already happens at Utility Works and they hope to foster these connections in the new MakerSpace too.

Lansdowne has been building up other Arts activities and attracting businesses that will enhance the Arts. Nearly a quarter of the companies and organizations listed in membership of the Lansdowne Business and Professional Association are arts related, either creating art or supporting the Arts with services, supplies, and locations.

The Lansdowne Arts Board, appointed by Borough Council, hosts residencies and exhibitions at its 20*20 Gallery (the house behind the 20th Century Club). The Borough is redesigning the parking lots downtown to be attractive community spaces.

LEDC runs the popular Arts on the Avenue Festival with help from dozens of devoted volunteers. Originally showcasing about 40 artists, it has gradually expanded till its 20th festival on October 2nd will host double that number! LEDC has also coordinated efforts to attract and keep arts-related and arts-supporting businesses, such as Jamey’s House of Music and Heffernan’s Craft Shop.

Musically, we must give appreciative applause to the Arts organizations and venues that have been here a long time: the Lansdowne Symphony Orchestra (since 1946), Todaro’s Music (since 1988), and the Lansdowne Folk Club (since 1993). Jamey’s House of Music, Lansdowne’s own small live music club, is somewhat newer to town, but brings the conviction “that music is humanity’s universal language” and delivers on that promise with every performance.

The centerpiece of leveraging the Arts for economic development in Lansdowne is, of course, the revitalization of the Historic Lansdowne Theater into a region-wide performance venue. Last month, after decades of patient fundraising, the Theater was awarded a \$1.5 million Federal grant (thanks to the leadership of Senator Bob Casey and Representative Mary Gay Scanlon) and a \$2 million grant, thanks to the vision and support of Delaware County Council. They are now close enough to the total goal to allow construction to begin and to project an opening in 2023. Congratulations and gratitude to everyone involved!

LEDC’s Debbie Brodeur is thrilled that despite the pandemic shutdown, many projects are coming to fruition, and she’s hoping that LEDC and the Borough will create a Public Art Plan, and work to secure a new 5 year PA Main Street grant to keep the momentum going as the theater opens.

We thank all of our neighbors who are musicians, actors, crafters, sculptors, and dancers, who are photographers, painters, and poets...for inspiring us. What a creative little town we have. Join in

NEW MINISTER AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LANSDOWNE

Meet Pastor Jonathan Britt

By Jenny Beer

The First Presbyterian Church of Lansdowne’s new minister, Pastor Jonathan Britt, arrived from Houston last July, glad to be back in the Philadelphia area, and ready to dive into his work with the congregation. Within weeks, in came Delta, then Omicron, and it’s been hard to get a full sense of his church community. They’ve been holding hybrid worship services for a while now, with about 20 households tuning in via Zoom and 50 people in the pews. In a welcome step, he reports happily, “We had our first congregational dinner on Ash Wednesday. This church loves to eat together!”

Jonathan and his spouse Allison have bought a house nearby on West Greenwood Avenue, as the church will no longer be housing the minister in the manse. They got to meet their new neighbors when the pod containing all their belongings was jammed shut, and it took ten people with various tools and know-how to pry it open. Since then, they’ve met a lot of folks through Buy Nothing Lansdowne. Allison is a Genetic Counselor at CHOP, and now that they are

both settled into their new jobs and house, they plan to invite neighbors and congregants over often.

When asked what he likes about Lansdowne, Jonathan immediately mentions living with “people from many walks of life,” as well as the walkability of the borough—extra important when you have two dogs (Wrigley and Chopper). He loves how many people express a deep attachment to Lansdowne, and are involved in

making things happen in the borough.

Yes, Pastor Jonathan is all about community breadth and cohesiveness. “The super-diverse congregation is one of the things that brought me here.” Also key was his enthusiasm for the church’s five commitments:

to LGBTQ+ members, the BLM movement, legal immigration, women in ministry and leadership, and peace-making. About a third of the congregation are immigrants from many countries across Africa, and one reason the church selected Jonathan was that his Houston youth ministry successfully combined African immigrant teens and white teens from high income neighborhoods.

He is impressed with how the Lansdowne church is truly member-led and

community driven. Group decision-making can take a while, but during the pandemic the church was able to pivot quickly in response to immediate needs: “Smaller churches can move like a Jet Ski rather than cruise ship.”

The large and venerable stone church campus is an expensive challenge, though as one congregation member pointed out “it has good bones.” Except, that is, for the corroding iron steam pipes behind the plaster walls – the big project will be putting in a new heating system this year.

The church hosts the expanding William Penn School District Interfaith Food Cupboard, several Scout troops, and daily Alcohol Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous groups. They lease space to a preschool program, and also to a before-and-after school care program. The Repurpose thrift shop was cleared out during the pandemic, and the refreshed space has just re-opened to take donations.

When Jonathan isn’t reading from his well-stocked bookshelves, or pastoring (he has the congregation reading the book Caste together for the Lenten month), he enjoys the outdoors or hanging out in a baseball stadium. Although he grew up in South Carolina, he followed his Dad in becoming a die-hard Cubs fan. He likes Citizens Park and its passionately argumentative Phillies fans. Apparently, Astros fans are way more



contained. He will root for his new home team now, except of course, when they are playing the Cubs. As indoor dining becomes more relaxed, he and Allison have been seeking out breweries in the region, as a favorite way to explore new places as well as appreciate good food and local beer.

What would Pastor Jonathan like Lansdowne people to know, even if they aren’t attending the Presbyterian Church or its activities? He is eager to get to know his new Lansdowne community now that COVID is waning. “Please stop me on the street to say hello and introduce yourself!”

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Ken Rutherford, Lansdowne’s Chief of Police

Ken Rutherford has served Lansdowne Borough for 22 years, and was promoted to Chief of Police in February 2021. Now that he has a year under his belt, *The Leader* wanted to find out a bit more about him as a person, and learn about the direction of his leadership.

A self-described “city kid from South West Philly” who attended Catholic schools, the only time Rutherford went out to the suburbs was to the Lansdowne and Yeadon movie theaters. Four years in the Marines introduced him to a much wider world. His Marine desk job taught him how to manage records and finances, and typing (pushups for each mistake!) – all of which have proved invaluable in police work and now in administering the police department. Following his military service, he worked his way up from sales to general manager of a car dealership in just 3 years, saving money to pay for Police Academy training.

How did he end up in Lansdowne and why did he stay? He applied to many DelCo police departments, but was told that you “needed to know someone”, and he was a city kid who knew no one, so he went to work for Philly. However, Lansdowne was hiring based on merit only, and surprised him with a call offering him a job. He “clicked” with the chief and his fellow officers right away. After a few years as a patrol officer, Rutherford took a more prestigious federal job as a U.S. Marshal, but he missed the community aspect of policing, and Lansdowne’s team of officers. The chief hired him back, soon promoting him to sergeant. He then took on the risky work of undercover narcotics investigations with the Delaware County unit, and still trains other officers in these techniques.

As chief, Rutherford’s first task has been replacing the officers who have left or retired and covering for several who have been injured. Hiring in Lansdowne is still based solely on qualifications, he emphasizes, and a good team is shaping up, geared to his emphasis on engaging with the community. Officers need to get out of their cars, he says, and have friendly interactions with residents, becoming familiar faces. He also wants his officers to take an “explaining” approach at the start of a call or stop.

What other changes is Chief Rutherford bringing? He first points to stacks of folders to be scanned and then discarded; police work is still snowed under with paper and faxes, and he’s trying hard to digitize the work and upgrade

computers and information systems. He has expanded the department’s social media presence, including the department’s Facebook page and his weekly police blotter report (read or sign up here: lansdowneborough.com/165/Police-Blotter). He monitors the various Lansdowne-related online sites, alert to anything he might be able to take care of, and careful to keep his opinions out of the comments (“It’s frustrating when posters put out false information but I am not going to correct people.”).

And speaking of the hottest topic on FB posts: yes, his officers are now taking at least a half hour per shift to monitor locations where residents report speeding, danger to school children, and blowing stop signs! He can’t catch all of the reckless drivers out there, but he can put them on notice that the police are watching.

Also new are body cameras, with random reviews of the recordings. Chief Rutherford is 100% behind this change. Cameras remind officers to behave professionally even when they’re stressed due to a hectic 12-hour shift. Victims can give statements at the crime scene,

rather than having to come into the office afterward to write one. The chief can get a first-hand view when complaints come in. And in some cases, previous footage has given police useful information before entering a potentially dangerous situation. He admits that there is a learning curve though (remember to turn the camera on!) and they’re all trying to get in the habit.

In terms of the civil rights violations highlighted by the Black Lives Matter protests of 2020, a revised Use of Force policy will be finalized soon. The chief urges anyone experiencing or witnessing an officer appearing unprofessional or biased in interacting with residents to contact him (privately if you prefer), knowing that the chief will investigate the matter promptly.

More changes are coming: Chief Rutherford has hired a consulting company to bring the department up to State standards in terms of policies and practices, hoping to achieve formal State accreditation. This includes modernizing Lansdowne’s policies around mental health and discrimination issues. Since each new policy requires review by multiple parties, this process will take a few years. He is grateful that in Lansdowne, leadership from the Mayor and Council down to the guys in the truck ? support



his visions and policies. Chief Rutherford claims to have a life outside of policing. When he started in Lansdowne in 2000, he also married, and moved to Delco. His daughter is now first year at Penn State, and his son is a swimmer for Cardinal O’Hara High School. The guy doesn’t tire easily – despite his 24/7 job as chief, in his off hours he goes running, preparing each year for one or two half marathons, the Broad Street run, and a 15 mile run coming up in April. Relaxation comes while hanging out on the beach with his family and friends at their house down the shore, which he enjoys year round. His request to Lansdowne residents? Don’t hesitate to contact him whenever you have a concern or information—about an incident, an internet post, an interaction with an officer. He is likely to pick up the phone and give you a private call. Meanwhile, come out to Lansdowne’s many events - Chief Rutherford and his officers will be stopping by and hope you’ll come over to say hello.

LANSDOWNE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE			
Endorsed Candidates for the 2022 Democratic Primary Election			MAY 17, 2022
United States Senator (Vote for One) (12) Conor Lamb (13) Malcolm Kenyatta (15) John Fetterman	Member of Democratic State Committee (Vote for not more than Thirteen) 4 Year Term Electing 6 females, 6 males and one other member (71) Jennifer Toof (72) Michael Diaz (73) Emilio Buitrago (74) Colleen Kennedy (75) Thomas J. Deluca Jr (76) Robert Yannuzzi (77) Lisa Goldstein (78) Malcolm J. Yates (80) Sharon J. Booker (81) Vince Rongione (82) Gwendolyn McCullough (84) Amanda Hammock (85) Bonnee Breese Bentum (86) Brett Burman (88) David Diano	Committee Member 2nd Precinct (Vote for not more than Two) 4 Year Term (91) Katherine Lee Schleigh (92) Elizabeth Moorhead	Committee Member 7th Precinct (Vote for not more than Two) 4 Year Term (91) Madalyn Holliday (92) Bernadette Domenick
Governor (Vote for One) (21) Josh Shapiro		Committee Member 3rd Precinct (Vote for not more than Two) 4 Year Term (91) Patrick L. Cheston (92) William C. Hodgson	Committee Member 8th Precinct (Vote for not more than Two) 4 Year Term (91) William David Grooms (92) Monique E. White Anderson
Lieutenant Governor (Vote for One) (31) Austin Davis		Committee Member 4th Precinct (Vote for not more than Two) 4 Year Term (91) Craig Horle (92) Susan T. Corbin	Committee Member 9th Precinct (Vote for not more than Two) 4 Year Term (91) Jan S. Tong (92) Louis Govinden
Representative in Congress 5th District (Vote for One) (41) Mary Gay Scanlon		Committee Member 5th Precinct (Vote for not more than Two) 4 Year Term (91) Michael J. McElroy	Committee Member 10th Precinct (Vote for not more than Two) 4 Year Term (91) Yvette V. Calvin
Senator in the General Assembly 26th District (Vote for One) (51) Tim Kearney	Committee Member 1st Precinct (Vote for not more than Two) 4 Year Term (91) Rosell Dixon (92) Donna M. Lewis Jackson	Committee Member 6th Precinct (Vote for not more than Two) 4 Year Term (91) April J. Hall	Committee Member 11th Precinct (Vote for not more than Two) 4 Year Term (91) Tanya G. Hoard (92) Jessica M. Pointer

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 1 at 3 PM
Lansdowne Symphony Orchestra
Upper Darby Performing Arts Center
602 N. Lansdowne Ave, Upper Darby

MONDAY, MAY 2
Deadline to Register to Vote in Primary Election 2022

SATURDAY, MAY 14
Rain Date: Sunday, May 15
Town-Wide Yard Sale
See lansdowneborough.com for map.

TUESDAY, MAY 17
PRIMARY ELECTION
Your vote counts!
If you haven’t already mailed your ballot, you can vote in person,
See map of polling places.
POLLS OPEN 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 19 at 7 PM
Lansdowne Folk Club presents
Walter Parks & Bob Curto
20th Century Club
84 S. Lansdowne Ave

SATURDAY, MAY 21 from 12 PM to 3 PM
STEAM Festival
20th Century Club
84 S. Lansdowne Ave

SATURDAY, MAY 28 from 9 AM to 1 PM
Opening Day Lansdowne Farmers Market
See Ad for more info

MONDAY, MAY 30 at 9 AM
American Legion Post 65 presents
Memorial Day Parade
NEW ROUTE: starts at Ardmore Avenue
School and ends at Penn Wood High School

SATURDAY, JUNE 4 at 12 PM
Pride Flag Raising
Borough Green
Lansdowne & Baltimore Aves

Thursday, June 9 at 7 PM
Lansdowne Folk Club presents
Shanna in a Dress
20th Century Club
84 S. Lansdowne Ave

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Pride Parade
Route: Lansdowne Landing to
Upper Darby High School

SATURDAY, JUNE 11
Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Rose Tree Park
1671 N. Providence Rd, Media, PA
You must register in advance at Delcohhw.eventbrite.com

SATURDAY, JUNE 18 at 12 PM
Juneteenth Flag Raising
Lansdowne Borough Green
Lansdowne & Baltimore Aves
Family activities at Lansdowne Landing
In the afternoon.

MONDAY, JULY 4
Independence Day Parade
You can Watch or March.
Stay tuned for more info!

SATURDAY, JULY 23 at 12 PM
Liberia Day Flag Raising
Lansdowne Borough Green
Lansdowne & Baltimore Aves

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Emergency Services Training Center
1600 Calcon Hook Rd, Sharon Hill, PA
You must register in advance at Delcohhw.eventbrite.com

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 12 PM – 6 PM
Arts on The Avenue
20th Anniversary Festival
Lansdowne Avenue Downtown
LansdowneArtsonTheAvenue.com

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15
Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Upper Chichester Twp Municipal Bldg
8500 Furey Rd, Upper Chichester, PA
You must register in advance at Delcohhw.eventbrite.com

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24
Deadline to Register to Vote in General Election 2022

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29
Halloween Festivities for Kids
Lansdowne Landing
30 N. Lansdowne Ave

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Reminder from Lansdowne Fire Co to
Turn clocks back an hour and
change batteries in smoke
& carbon monoxide detectors

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
GENERAL ELECTION
Your vote! Your voice!
If you haven’t already mailed your ballot,
See map of polling places.
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JOHN FETTERMAN
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restore access to health care after a hospital closed. John served as Mayor of Braddock for 13 years, and one of his proudest achievements is going 5 ½ years without a loss of life due to gun violence in Braddock.

In 2018, John ran to be Pennsylvania’s Lieutenant Governor, and won a five-way Democratic primary and a commanding victory in the general election. He is the only candidate in this Senate race, Republican or Democrat, who has already run and won statewide.

As Lt. Governor, John has transformed the position into a bully pulpit to fight for LGBTQIA+ Pennsylvanians, unions, raising the state minimum wage, criminal justice reform, and marijuana legalization.

In 2019, John launched a statewide listening tour on legalizing recreational marijuana that persuaded Pennsylvania’s Democratic Governor Tom Wolf to support legalization.

John also chairs the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons through his position as Lt. Governor, which makes decisions on clemency and pardons in the commonwealth. Since taking over, he has revolutionized the post to fight to free the wrongfully convicted and give second chances to deserving longtime inmates, many of whom are disproportionately people of color that have been wronged by the criminal justice system.

In this race, we have to be honest that 2022 is going to be a hard year for Democrats. To win in Pennsylvania in a year like this, we’re going to have to do things differently. John’s campaign is going to turn the map on its head, and compete for votes in all 67 counties. We can not cede county after county to the Republicans.

This campaign is building a true grassroots movement across the commonwealth, powered by over 500,000

individual donations, with an average donation of just \$27. People are chipping in whatever they can because they believe in the campaign and believe in what it is running on. And the campaign has built out an impressive volunteer operation, with over 5,500

MALCOLM KENYATTA
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on a host of committee leadership positions. As the first openly LGBTQ+ person of color and one of the youngest members elected to the PA General Assembly, he is deeply committed to creating an equitable and inclusive society. As a legislator, he has championed proposals to address generational poverty, raise the minimum wage, protect workers’ rights, increase access to mental healthcare, stem the rise of gun violence, and protect our digital infrastructure.

In 2016 and in 2020, he was elected as Delegate to the Democratic National Convention, both times garnering the second-highest vote total of any delegate in the Commonwealth. He has also appeared on local and national media outlets to discuss systemic poverty, affordable education and childcare, and making government more accountable to citizens. He was the subject of an award-winning short documentary about his election run, ‘Going Forward’ produced by Seven Knot Productions, which premiered on ‘The Atlantic Magazine Selects’ in 2018. In 2020, he was chosen by President Joe Biden to give the keynote address at the Democratic National Convention along with a group of other ‘Rising Stars.’ He was one of twenty Electoral College votes cast for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, in Harrisburg on December 14, 2020.

Malcolm was deeply involved in fighting for his neighbors from a young age—as a community activist and

volunteers on the ground across Pennsylvania who are ready to make calls, send texts, and knock doors. That’s the kind of grassroots enthusiasm we need to turn this seat blue.

junior block captain, a former board member of Smith Playground, and a leader of the Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives at the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. Malcolm lives in the same neighborhood he grew up in North Philadelphia with his husband, Dr. Matt.

CONOR LAMB
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Lamb serves on House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. He is also a member of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology and the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, where he serves on multiple subcommittees to develop common sense solutions to our nation's toughest challenges.

Lamb serves as the Chair of the Congressional Steel Caucus, working with colleagues from both parties to strengthen the steel industry to protect the jobs and workers in PA-17. He is determined to make healthcare more affordable and to take aggressive action to combat the heroin epidemic. Lamb also serves on the Problem Solvers Caucus, For Country Caucus, Expand Social Security, and the Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus.

Lamb resides in his hometown of Mt. Lebanon. He is a graduate of Pittsburgh Central Catholic High School (2002) and of the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pennsylvania Law School (2006, 2009).