

Tony Campuzano for Mayor

By Jennifer Hoff

Mayor Tony Campuzano is running for re-election to a second four-year term. With over 25 years of public service to the Borough, Tony would like to continue to serve the residents of the Borough. Tony's background includes 13 years as a member of Borough Council, four as its President. He also served 10 years as the borough constable. In addition, he served a brief stint as borough manager. Tony knows the work of local government thoroughly, and has always taken a hands on, resident-centered approach. He has been and always will be a champion and fighter for Lansdowne, a town that he loves. The people of

Lansdowne are very important to him as well — he takes pride in being available to hear the ideas and concerns of residents, and to answer any questions and advocate on their behalf. With a good working relationship with the Borough Council, the police and fire departments and borough staff, Tony feels that he can continue to help the borough move forward. He would like to continue to improve borough services, support local



events and bring new programs and activities to the residents. He wants to continue to support the young residents by advocating for high-quality education in our schools. He also works with the Boys and Girls Club to provide sports and other activities for kids. Tony will also continue to support our senior citizens and veterans by working with local and state officials and groups to ensure this vital part of the community gets the help and services that they need. Tony hopes to see the historic

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ENDORSED DEMOCRATS FOR BOROUGH COUNCIL

Qualified, Experienced Leadership for Lansdowne

Magda Byrne

By Jayne Young

When Magda and her husband Kenny moved to the borough she quickly got involved saying yes to one volunteer "opportunity" after another quickly becoming one of our bright and shining stars in the borough. It came as no surprise that the Lansdowne Democratic Committee would discover Magda and recruit her to run for Borough Council. Four years ago, she was successful in her run for council and this year Magda is on the ballot for her second term. When asked for a list of her accomplishments she mentions Comcast Cares Day, followed by the Art Museum Inside Out and her participation in the Lansdowne Landing project.

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Janet English

By Edith Ferebee

Janet English currently serves on Borough Council as the Vice President, chairs the Public Safety committee and is a member of the Finance committee. She has been a member of the Lansdowne Borough Council for two terms and is seeking a third term in the November 2017 election. Janet has been a resident of Lansdowne for twenty years. She previously resided in Upper Darby. Her husband serves as a volunteer fireman for Lansdowne and did so even while living in Upper Darby. So when they decided to buy a new home they looked at Lansdowne. She found Lansdowne to be a community with friendly neighbors and that was one of the

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Michael Schleigh, Janet English, Wardell Holt and Magda Byrne

Wardell Holt

By Clare Hughes

If Wardell Holt has knocked on your door recently, either with your copy of the Lansdowne Leader or accompanied by a Councilperson to introduce himself, you probably noticed that he was more interested in you and your concerns than any political ambitions. Soft-spoken but firm, he wants to hear about everything from your taxes to the asphalt on your block to your kid's soccer team. He's a family man-- who even brought his mother-in-law to Lansdowne to live in his home's twin-- with a strong education and impressive career background. As an engineer, Wardell both understands and is committed to the safety and infrastructure of our Borough.

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Michael Schleigh

By Kate Wagner

As president of Borough Council, Mike Schleigh is running for re-election this year. Before serving on Council, he served as a Borough Auditor and the Borough's representative on the local sewer authority. Michael's personal beliefs in sacrificing one's self for the greater good and charitable activities, values instilled in him as a child, have helped him to be a become a person who contributes in a positive way to the community. He has lived in Lansdowne for over a decade. When not leading the Council, you'll find him helping to lead his daughter's soccer team or Girl Scout troop. Since being first elected, Mike, along with other elected officials, was

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WILLIAM PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jamese Kwele for School Board

By Jennifer Hoff

Jamese Kwele serves as Senior Associate at The Food Trust, a Philadelphia-based nonprofit that works to ensure everyone has access to affordable, nutritious food and information to make healthy decisions. Through her work on The Food Trust's Consulting team, she leads multiple projects spanning a variety of healthy food access areas including early childhood nutrition, farm to school and regional food systems. Jamese is also Certified Lactation Counselor (CLC) through the Academy of Lactation Policy and Practice. She has a special interest in maternal-child health, in particular in addressing disparities in breastfeeding support in communities of color. Jamese serves as the Co-Chair of Maternity Care Coalition's Community Breastfeeding Task Force. She holds a B.A. in Urban Studies from the University of Pennsylvania and has lived in Lansdowne for nine years. Her son is in 8th grade at Penn Wood Middle School and her daughter attends preschool in Lansdowne. Jamese is running for school board to help the district better serve children.



CHAIR’S COLUMN

Plenty of Progress in our Progressive Little Town

By Charlotte Hummel

It has been a wonderful few months here in the Borough of Lansdowne. The spring and summer seems to bring out the best in people, our landscape and our volunteer activities. The opening of the Lansdowne Landing has been a great success with people gathering for both informal and planned activities ranging from a quick coffee with a friend to full on jazz concerts and pot luck suppers. The Council that is supporting this project – especially Councilperson Susan Williams – and the number of dedicated volunteers who have done the lion’s share of construction and maintenance are real examples of why this Borough is so beloved.

The Historic Lansdowne Theater project is still moving forward. Grants from various agencies, private foundations and businesses and the all -important individual donors give hope to the project, phase by phase, that it will open in the near future to resounding applause. Thanks to the board and staff who have lovingly preserved and improved the physical plant and for keeping the spirit of the Theater alive and thriving.

The Annual Arts Festival – now a one day street fair – was also a great boost to Lansdowne’s image. Artists and crafters, music, beer garden, food truck and an expanded children’s activities area made the day a spectacular one for our town. The Lansdowne Economic Development Committee and its partners deserve the credit. Again, without volunteers, this would not have happened.

And, as always – there is so much more. The Farmers Market, 2020 House, Folk Club, Boys and Girls Club Soccer season, Lansdowne Public Library events, Inside/Out exhibit, opening of Jamey’s House of Music, Kia’s Cakes, Crystal’s Comfort Food, Penn Wood High School Football and Marching Band competitions. It makes me wonder how you can fit all of this – and MORE – in the little over one square mile that is Lansdowne.

Now for the really BIG news! The William Penn School District which took on the role of lead plaintiff in the fair funding lawsuit has achieved what no one thought was possible. The PA Supreme Court reversed a long

With so much taking place in our borough these days, it can be difficult to believe that it all happens in the little over one square mile that is Lansdowne.

standing decision which allowed the legislature continue down its path of inequity in public school funding. Instead, they found that the Courts have a role to play in holding the elected legislature accountable for laws which might, in fact, be unconstitutional. In other words – checks and balances prevail. If the legislature won’t fix the problem, the people can ask the courts to force them to do it. (See related article by Jennifer Hoff). And, if you have ever wondered what the fundamental problem is with funding, read at least the first ten pages of the decision (also linked in the article). It is shocking that it has gone on for this long.

Finally, we have things to mourn in our community as well. We have lost a staunch advocate for climate change

legislation in the passing of former Lansdowne resident Jan Marie Rushforth. She was a remarkably kind and gentle person who was also fierce in her advocacy for our planet.

We have also to mourn for the folks who suffered from that climate change in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. Fellow Americans – all of them – who need us to recognize that the common welfare means everyone needs to take care of everyone else in times of crisis. Our current administration, stymied by an ocean, has clearly forgotten that part of our founding principles.

As we prepare for press, we also mourn the people who were killed and injured in the recent and largest mass shooting of modern times in our country in Las Vegas. I find it rings hollow to hear of “thoughts and prayers” going out when we have taken literally no action in terms of gun regulations to do whatever is possible to stem this bloody tide. Frankly, I despair that we watched the bodies of little children being taken from their school in Sandy Hook and even as their bullet riddled bodies were laid to rest, our elected officials did nothing to address the central issue. There are far too many guns in the hands of too many people who have no rational need for them. My prayers are for those who are in positions to open their hearts and minds and finally do something.

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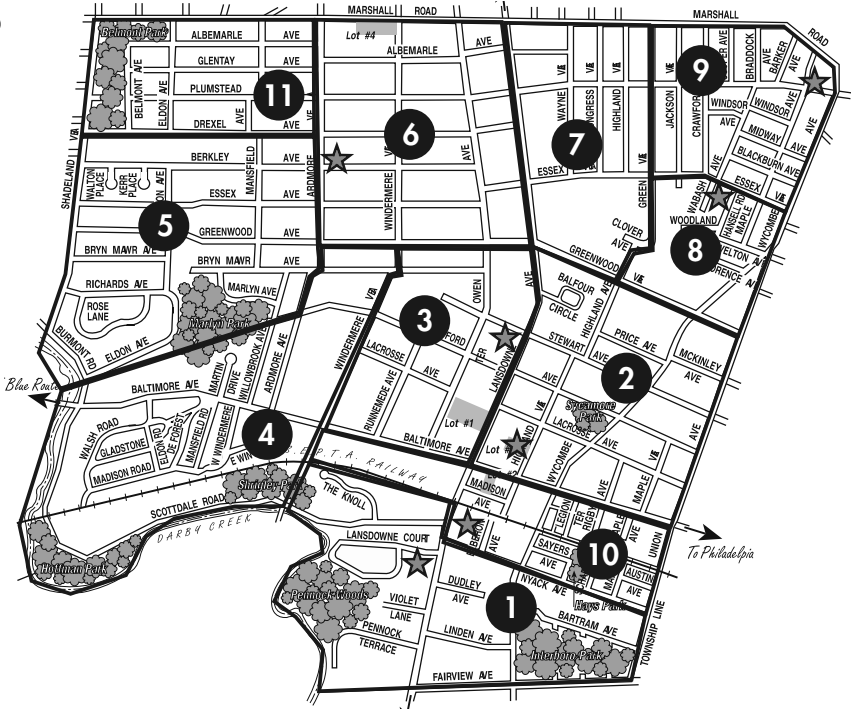
In my column in the last edition of *The Leader*, I recalled the election of Democrats to the majority in Borough government in 1997 but also said “It was only in the early 1990s that the first Democrat was elected to serve as a Borough Councilperson.”

My former colleague on Borough Council, Dick Burke wrote to say – “FAKE NEWS.” And while an opinion column is not news, I did get a fact wrong, which I am more than willing to correct. Dick Burke, a long time Republican in Lansdowne was, in fact, the first Democrat elected to Borough council in 1977 – the first in a century. But despite his good intentions, it didn’t last. Dick failed to get elected to a second term and he eventually changed parties after which he was elected and joined the GOP majority on Council.

Ironically, Dick included in his letter a local press clipping from that time touting his achievement. What I found most enlightening about the article was Dick’s criticism of the lack of openness and transparency on the part of the GOP-dominated council – the main reason the Democrats succeeded in taking over the majority in 1997. So not only was he the first Democrat, he was prescient about the reason for the ultimate ousting of the GOP majority.

POLLING LOCATIONS & PRECINCTS

- 1st Precinct
Twentieth Century Club, 84 South Lansdowne Avenue
- 2nd Precinct
Lansdowne Fire Company, SW Corner of Highland and LaCrosse Avenues
- 3rd Precinct
Simpson Gardens, Corner of Lansdowne and West Stewart Avenues
- 4th Precinct
Simpson Gardens, Corner of Lansdowne and West Stewart Avenues
- 5th Precinct
Ardmore Avenue Elementary School, Berkley Avenue entrance
- 6th Precinct
Ardmore Avenue Elementary School, Berkley Avenue entrance
- 7th Precinct
Penn Wood High School, Essex Avenue Entrance
- 8th Precinct
Penn Wood High School, Essex Avenue Entrance
- 9th Precinct
Pepper Pharmacy, East Plumstead Avenue near Union Avenue



- 10th Precinct
Lansdowne Public Library, Nyack Avenue
- 11th Precinct*
Ardmore Avenue Elementary School, Berkley Avenue entrance

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EDUCATION FUNDING UPDATE

William Penn School District Wins Court Ruling

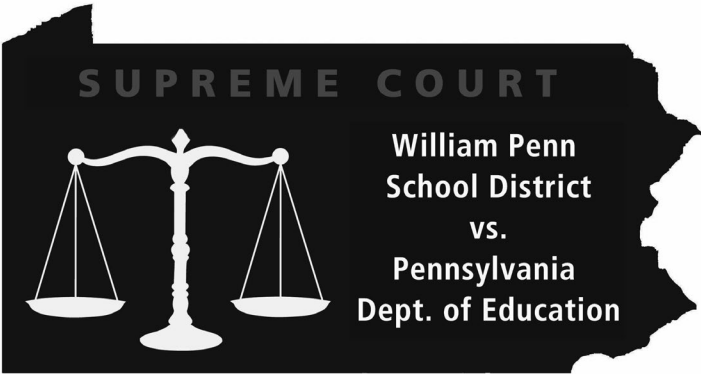
By Jennifer Hoff

On Thursday, September 28, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court released its ruling that will enable the William Penn School District to have its day in Commonwealth Court regarding the equitable funding of public schools in the state of Pennsylvania.

The state Supreme Court’s 5-2 ruling reverses the lower court’s 2015 dismissal of a petition filed by parents, education advocates and a half-dozen school districts in the state, including the William Penn School District. The Supreme Court decision can be read here: <http://www.pacourts.us/assets/opinions/Supreme/ot/j-82-2016mo.pdf>

BACKGROUND

In November 2014, the William Penn School District and other districts and groups filed a lawsuit accusing state officials of violating the Education and Equal Protection clauses of the state constitution by underfunding low-income school districts to the extent that students there could not meet state standards set by the Legislature (A Google search for "William Penn vs. PDE" will offer more background on the case). Initially, the lower court ruled that the matter was not judicable, as it was a legislative issue. The WPSD and other plaintiffs then asked the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to hear the case.



On September 13, 2016, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court heard our oral arguments in the case of William Penn School District, et. al. v. Pennsylvania Department of Education, et. al.

This Supreme Court case was not to determine whether Pennsylvania’s educational funding method violates the state constitution. Instead, it was to determine whether the courts are a suitable place to determine the constitutionality of the state’s current system of education funding.

GOING FORWARD

We now await our court date to go back to Commonwealth Court. Our lawyers at the Education Law Center and the Public Interest Law Center, who are handling the case pro bono, are diligently preparing. We

now hope the question of whether the state has failed in its obligation to provide a “thorough and efficient” system of education will be answered by the Commonwealth Court.

“The Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s landmark decision today vindicates the principle that adequate and fair school funding is a constitutional mandate, not a political issue. Now that the court has ruled that education funding is subject to judicial review, we hope the governor and Legislature will work with us and our partners to bring Pennsylvania into constitutional compliance by ensuring that every school has adequate resources,” said Michael Churchill, an attorney with the Public Interest Law Center.

“We know that we need to invest more in our public schools. The fact is that Pennsylvania is currently 46th in the nation in state funding of public schools and dead last in equity. Working together, lawmakers, educators, taxpayers and concerned citizens can make school funding a priority, give schools the resources they need and give students the education they deserve.” said Dolores McCracken, president of the Pennsylvania State Education Association.

Jennifer Hoff is the President of the William Penn Board of School Directors.

THE FACTS ABOUT THE BALLOT QUESTION

Amend Constitution to Lower Property Taxes? No!

This November 7, voters across Pennsylvania will be asked to consider a proposed amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution regarding property tax reductions. It is important to understand what the question that will appear on the ballot means, and what the impact will be for taxpayers and taxing bodies, including school boards.

What is the proposed constitutional amendment that will appear on the ballot?

The question on the ballot will ask voters if the state constitution should be amended to permit the General Assembly to enact legislation allowing local taxing authorities to exclude from taxation up to 100% of the assessed value of each homestead property within a taxing jurisdiction.

What is a homestead property exclusion?

A homestead exclusion lowers a property owner’s tax bill by reducing the assessed value of the home before property taxes are levied. For example, if a home is assessed at \$50,000 and the homestead exclusion is \$5,000, then the homeowner only pays taxes on an assessed value of \$45,000.

What does the ballot question mean, and how is the proposed change different from what is permitted now?

The state constitution was amended in 1997 to allow up to one-half (50%) of the median assessed value of all homestead property within a local taxing jurisdiction. The question now before voters is to allow current law to be expanded to raise the cap from 50% to a maximum of 100%.

What impact would this change have on my property taxes? Does this mean my property taxes will be eliminated?

Voter approval of the ballot question would not eliminate property taxes, or have any immediate impact on your property tax bill. The amendment to the constitution cannot by

itself impact your tax bill, or direct your local government or school board to make changes in setting tax rates. It simply allows the General Assembly to adopt legislation in the future expanding current law regarding homestead exemptions. Changes can be provided only if enabling legislation is signed into law, and if the state can provide revenue to fund the increased homestead exclusion. It is important to keep in mind that as a practical matter, even with legislative authorization, homestead exclusions are only possible if there is some source of new revenue to fund them.

What actions should school boards take if the ballot question is approved by the voters?

Until new legislation would be enacted, local governments and school boards have no actions that they must take. The ballot question does not interfere with a taxing authority’s ability to levy property taxes or raise tax rates. Another key point to understand is that the ballot question is separate and distinct from proposed legislation that would prohibit the levying of property taxes for primary residences and businesses. They are two very different things. The most that can be said at this point is that by expanding the constitutional limits on exclusions, the General Assembly could adopt legislation to provide additional options for property tax relief for residential property owners, likely with shifts in other tax and revenue sources to help fund the exclusions and replace the revenue needed for public services and educational programs.

Just Another Political Stunt from Harrisburg

The ballot question does NOTHING to eliminate property taxes and in fact, may lead to higher income and sales taxes. If revenue eliminated from taxing property is not replaced by another form of tax, cuts will have to be made not only in school districts but in all local government services including police, fire departments, infrastructure, and other vital public services.

This is a political stunt so that our legislators can say they voted to eliminate property taxes. The folks in Harrisburg know that most people aren't going to do a deep dive on the legislation that gets passed through the House and Senate. This amendment gives the illusion that our legislators are working towards eliminating property taxes, when in reality, the amendment doesn't really do that

This is a ploy to get extreme right-wingers and libertarians to the polls on November 7th. They have been holding clandestine Townhalls across the state to get feedback on this plan in inaccessible places and with no advanced notice. Do you remember receiving an invitation? Hmm? Must have gotten lost in the mail.

THE DELAWARE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC TEAM
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TOGETHER, WE WILL MOVE DELAWARE COUNTY FORWARD.

LEADER READER SURVEY

We Want to Know What You Think!

In the July 1996 edition of the Lansdowne Leader, the Lansdowne Democrats conducted a survey to find out what members of the community were thinking. The responses were thoughtful and helpful in helping to move Lansdowne forward. Many of the things that have happened in our Borough were a result of the survey responses.

Will you take a moment to respond to the survey questions and send your thoughts to the Lansdowne Democrats either via mail to PO Box 1136, Lansdowne, PA 19050 or via email to lansdownedems@gmail.com. We will publish the results in the next edition of the Lansdowne Leader! Thank you.

1. What first attracted you to Lansdowne? If you are a long-time resident, what keeps you here?
2. What are Lansdowne's best features? What do you brag about?
3. Explain one or two things you find frustrating or disappointing about the town? What would you like to see or suggest be done to address them?
4. Are there things you notice in Lansdowne that could be considered "diamonds in the rough"? That is, things that have great potential but have not been developed or taken advantage of?
5. What are the national or state-wide issues that have the most meaning for or greatest impact on Lansdowne? What could the federal or state government do (or stop doing) that would impact Lansdowne for the better?
6. What are some of the community activities you or your family participate in? What would you add?

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VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Innovative and progressive approaches to improving our community while honoring Lansdowne’s history and traditions.

Smart financial management mindful of the impact of taxes with a commitment to a strong return on community investment.

Priority on public safety – support our police, volunteer first responders and community involvement.

Strong economic development in partnership with the LBPA and LEDC, marketing to attract new businesses along with supporting current businesses.

Promote arts and culture with a focus on diversity of our population and full range of opportunity for creativity.

Value government transparency and increase public participation and collaboration through technology.

Lead in the area of intergovernmental cooperation among neighboring boroughs and with the William Penn School District.

Continuous improvement of public services and infrastructure within our fiscal means by being creative and setting priorities.

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RAISING HELL ... AND AWARENESS

The New ‘Old’ Activist

By Terry Baraldi

Somehow, and I’m not proud of the fact, I managed to let the 60s and even the 70s go by without me.

While my feminist sisters burned their bras and marched on Washington, I remained at home in my Maidenform.

When white men and women marched in Selma and Washington with our black brothers and sisters, I stayed on the sidelines, cheering but non-committed. While our young friends and brothers were drafted to become fodder for our military machine, I didn’t have a draft card to burn. Why worry?

Because I was too busy? Too removed? Too safe and secure? Or just too complacent and self-involved?

I was just what I appeared to be: a young white woman of a certain class, who took comfort for granted, and assumed that who I was was sufficient to my own goals. Someone else would take care of...everything else. And saying “I’m sorry” doesn’t erase any of it.

It’s half a century later, and I’ve been brought up short by reality. Turns out that all those bras, all the blood, all the sacrificed lives and futures didn’t quite get the job done. It only seemed that way for awhile. To me, and to others like me, life settled comfortably around us. But now, here we are, and here I am. But with a difference. Because I’m older. Because I’m wiser. Because I’m ANGRY!

But mostly because I now have more to lose and less time to secure it. The intervening years have blessed me with grandchildren, and saddled me with an aging body ...and both require serious tending...in education, social justice and healthcare. And my country is still failing on all three counts.

And on the morning of November 9, 2016, I recognized with a jolt the reality of my legacy. And I couldn’t allow that to stand. So, time for Granny to be about her new business: Activism!

Turns out all I needed was a good pair of walking shoes, a good sign, and a fire in the belly. The Womens’ March, Tax March, any March, and a weekly commitment to Tuesdays with Toomey, where I was privileged to meet so many incredibly brave men and women, beset but unbowed, and best of all, other grannies, all with the same fire. So I’m raising hell and hopefully some awareness. Even chased a biker or two down Chestnut Street! If you’ve never done it...very satisfying!

My enduring gratitude to all of the men and women who came before me, through all the years and all the fights. And to all of you reading this: the fights go on, and no danger of running out of causes. Healthcare, women rights, veterans, education. Pick your battles and fight... with your feet, with your voice, with your phones, and especially WITH YOUR VOTE!

Pick your battles and fight – with your feet, with your voice, and especially with your vote!

MEET THE NEWEST MEMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Family Tradition of Service to Others

By Benjamin Hover

As the newest member of Borough Council with my recent appointment, I would like to take a minute to introduce myself. Originally from Ohio, I was raised in a small community where I learned the importance of leadership and service for the community. Through the mentorship of my grandfather, who served as the Fire Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department for two decades, and the service of my father, who served on the town council for years, I developed the understanding of the importance of serving the community in which we live.

Similarly, my father and both of my grandfathers instilled in me the importance of participation in unions and working collectively to better working conditions and caring for colleagues. One grandfather was a Union Steward in the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees; my other grandfather was a Union Steward in the United Auto Workers; and, my father served on the negotiating team of the Spencerville Education Association

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and helped to organize his school.

My wife and I moved to Lansdowne and became residents of Gladstone Manor after living for a year in New Orleans and for a year in Brookhaven. Transplants from other parts of the country, we found in Lansdowne everything that we were looking for in a community. The community organizations that attracted us to Lansdowne still exist in the community and we maintain active memberships.

As a member of the Gladstone Civic Association, I have attended the Tree Lighting Ceremony, the Easter Egg hunts, Christmas Caroling with Mansfield Brass.

Likewise, I have continually supported both the Lansdowne Fire Company and the Union Athletic Association’s Fireworks with financial support.

For the past fifteen years, I have been an educator in the School District of Philadelphia working with Middle School students and High School Students. To augment my skills as an educator, I earned a Master’s in Education from St. Joseph’s University in 2003 and a Master’s in English from Villanova University in 2012. In my experience as a teacher, I am an active member of the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers and currently serve on the Building Committee and as the Political Liaison at Central High School.

Finally, I am a proud husband and father to a 5-year old son.

With great humility, I look forward to serving the community through my role on the Borough Council for the next two years. I hope to follow in the footsteps of my predecessors on council and encourage the growth of the institutions of our great Borough of Lansdowne.

William T. Smith for Lansdowne Tax Collector

By Suzanne McElroy

Bill Smith brings excellent qualifications and experience to the table for the job of Tax Collector in Lansdowne. He has worked for several municipalities in Delaware County in various roles; in Colwyn he served as Borough Manager and Borough Treasurer and in Lansdowne as Borough Treasurer. He currently serves as Finance Director and Treasurer in Sharon Hill. Further he has been elected to serve in Lansdowne previously as Borough Council member and Auditor. He is currently serving as Chairman of the Lansdowne Planning Commission. His experience with local governments has taught him that residents need easy access to both their Borough representatives and services. His goal is to be accessible and responsive, providing honest and fair services to all residents in the matter of their taxes.

Bill’s curriculum vitae include a bachelor’s degree in Accounting from St. Joseph’s University. In order to stay current in his field, he maintains membership in the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and the Institute of Management Accountants. In June he completed qualifications for Tax Collector certification as required by Act 48 which was recently passed. For added value, he is also a Notary.

Bill’s wealth of accounting experience and knowledge is enhanced by his belief in good old-



fashioned customer service. While working in another municipal office, Bill observed a great number of people seeking answers to their tax questions at their Borough Hall. Borough personnel referred those questions to their off-site Tax Collector, causing both time delays and frustration on the part of the residents. While the office of Tax Collector of Lansdowne has not historically been located in the Borough Hall, Bill sees much to be gained by doing this and he is currently coordinating with Borough officials to do so. Residents with questions about taxes frequently have questions or need for information about other services. They will be provided with easy access to all Borough services and pamphlets in one location.

In preparation to serve the Borough residents, Bill has been working with the current Tax Collector. He will be purchasing the same software for a seamless transition and will have a dedicated phone line for his Tax Collector role. He will provide residents every opportunity to get their questions answered promptly, and to pay taxes, whether early, on time or through an agreed-upon payment plan.

Suzanne McElroy is Vice Chair of the Lansdowne Democratic Committee and a Committeeperson (additional) in the 5th Precinct.

W. Keith Williams II for District Judge

Keith Williams graduated from Penn Wood High School in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania in 1983. He attended Lincoln University (PA) where he earned a B.S. in Business Administration in 1987. In Fall 1984, he was inducted into Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated, Mu Chapter. After College he worked for Kellogg’s Sales Co. as a Territory Manager. He attended North Carolina Central University School of Law where he earned his Law Degree (J.D.) in 1993. Attorney Williams is licensed to practice Law in Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia.

In March 1994 he opened The Law Office of W. Keith Williams, P.C. in Yeadon Pa. where he has been a dedicated lawyer serving the needs of his community for over 20 years. Specializing in Personal Injury Law, he now has offices in Yeadon and Center City Philadelphia.

In January 2012, Attorney Williams beat a two-term incumbent and was elected as District Judge of Yeadon and East Lansdowne Pennsylvania. On January 01,



2017, his jurisdiction was expanded to include Lansdowne Borough. Judge Williams has been committed to the community’s image, economic development, and community spirit. He sat on the Board of Directors for the Delaware County Legal Aide Association, The Yeadon Public Library, and the American Red Cross. He currently sits on the board of the Yeadon Economic Development Corporation. Judge Williams believes strongly in youth advocacy. He is a mentor and speaks often at local schools, youth organizations, and participates in Moot Court. Judge Williams has received numerous community services awards, including the “Honorable Ronald G. Waters Community Services Award”, and the “Lincoln University Alumni Achievement Award.”

Judge Williams is proud to have participated in the annual Lansdowne 5K run and is planning on becoming involved in youth-serving and other community activities in Lansdowne.

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- 11th Precinct**
- Wardell Holt II215-704-3869
- Clare Hughes610-613-3997

Accomplished Women Step Up to Serve in County Gov't

Mary Walk, Register of Wills

Mary Walk is currently serving on Borough Council in Swarthmore. Mary's lengthy experience as a lawyer and arbitrator dealing with complex financial and banking regulations, combined with her work on Borough Council, makes her highly qualified to serve as Register of Wills.

She will ensure that the Register of Wills office is run in a transparent and cost efficient manner. Mary will be responsive to citizens bereaved by the loss of a loved one, helping them work their way through the often confusing probate process.

Joanne Phillips, County Controller

Joanne Phillips is a partner at Ballard Spahr, LLP. As part of her long and distinguished legal career, she has managed the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's real estate portfolio under Governor Ed Rendell's administration and worked in the Philadelphia Managing Director's Office to advise on streamlining business and economic development processes. Her commitment to her local community is demonstrated through her past service on committees dedicated to parks and recreation in Delco and coaching soccer teams.

Kelly Eckel, Court of Common Pleas

Kelly Eckel is a partner at Duane Morris LLP. Kelly is an accomplished arbitrator and lawyer with 20 years of practical experience litigating countless cases and handling a wide range of disputes. Her significant experience as an arbitrator—presiding over hearings, resolving disputes over legal issues, making factual findings, and issuing awards—in a variety of cases for the past seven years has prepared her to be a skilled judge who will treat all parties with dignity and respect and administer the law in a fair and impartial manner.



Left to Right: Mary Walk, Joanne Phillips, Kelly Eckel

Endorsed Democrats for Statewide Judicial Offices



Woodruff



Kunselman



McLaughlin



Moulton



Nichols



Ceisler



Clark

SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Dwayne Woodruff

The Honorable Dwayne D. Woodruff is a Judge on the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County – Pittsburgh, presiding primarily in the Family Court Division since 2005.

Judge Woodruff serves on the board of the National Commission of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board, co-chairs Pittsburgh SAFE Workgroup (Shared Accountability for Education) and serves on Educational Success & Truancy Prevention Committee (ESTP).

Woodruff earned a degree in Business Finance from the University of Louisville (1979) and a Juris Doctor from Duquesne University School of Law (1988).

SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Debbie Kunselman

In November 2005, Judge Deborah Anne Kunselman became the first woman ever elected to the Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County. Judge Kunselman is a 1992 honors' graduate of the University of Notre Dame Law School, and a 1989 high-honors' graduate of the Pennsylvania State University, where she was a student of the Schreyer Honors College and elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Before taking the bench, Judge Kunselman practiced for thirteen years in many areas of civil litigation, including personal injury, municipal, family and employment law. Her varied practice consisted of representing individuals, businesses and government entities. Notably, she successfully represented several teachers in an Equal Pay Act and Age Discrimination claim, recovering a substantial jury verdict on their behalf.

Maria McLaughlin

The Honorable Maria McLaughlin is a Judge in the Court of Common Pleas, First Judicial District. Judge McLaughlin presides over both family law and criminal law matters. Currently, Judge McLaughlin serves as the co-chair on the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas FYI Committee and as the current vice-president of the Nicholas A. Cipriani Family Law American Inn of Court. She has on numerous occasions participated on judicial panels and has lectured for the Philadelphia Bar Association, the Delaware County Bar Association, PA Trial Lawyers Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. McLaughlin has appeared as a guest on local television and radio shows to discuss a variety of family law topics.

Geoff Moulton

Geoff Moulton was sworn in as a judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court in August 2016, after being nominated by Governor Tom Wolf and unanimously confirmed by the Pennsylvania Senate. His term extends through the end of 2017.

Judge Moulton has devoted the bulk of his career to public service, developing a broad range of experience that serves him well as an appellate court judge. Following his graduation from Columbia Law School in 1984, where he was managing editor of the Columbia Law Review, he served as a law clerk on both the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. After his clerkships, he spent a total of eight years as a federal prosecutor in Philadelphia, including four years as First Assistant United States Attorney.

Carolyn Nichols

Judge Carolyn H. Nichols, elected to the Court of Common Pleas in 2011, conducts felony jury trials in criminal court, with equal justice, protecting the rights of crime victims, and the accused; she works to create opportunities for positive reentry to prevent recidivism. She attended public schools and graduated from Temple University JD, LL.M., and Eastern University MBA programs.

The Pennsylvania Bar Association recommended Carolyn by saying, "based on the strong reputation, experience, and judicial temperament, the commission recommends the candidate to serve on the Superior Court."

COMMONWEALTH COURT

Ellen Ceisler

After graduating from Temple University Law School in 1986, Ellen served as a Philadelphia Assistant District Attorney, where she specialized in the prosecution of crimes of domestic violence.

In 2005, Ellen served as a consultant for the Philadelphia School District on issues pertaining to student disciplinary policies and procedures, in an effort to make the public schools safer for the teachers and students. She then served as the Director of the Special Investigations Unit of the Philadelphia City Controller's Office where she initiated and oversaw investigations into municipal waste and fraud.

Irene Clark

Former Pittsburgh Municipal Judge Irene Clark's (nee McLaughlin) law school motto, "Law in the service of human needs," connected at her core and set Irene on a career focused in public interest law. She earned a B.S. degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and her law degree from CUNY School of Law at Queens College. She was appointed a Pittsburgh Municipal Court Judge where she served for ten years. Her extensive background in housing and neighborhood revitalization led to her to being designated Housing Court Judge responsible for code enforcement cases.

Since leaving the bench in 2003, Judge Clark's legal career has centered on helping municipalities and organizations clean up and revitalize blighted and abandoned properties.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 IS ELECTION DAY

See page 2 for a map of polling places by precinct.

DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL

Madden, Zidek Look to Break GOP Reign on County Council

Kevin Madden and Brian Zidek, candidates for Delaware County Council, are small businessmen and concerned Delaware County citizens and not career politicians. This is in stark contrast to their opponents who have 50 years in politics between them. Over 40 years of single-party control must end. The choice before voters this fall is clear. This election is a choice between concerned small businesspeople vs. corrupt machine politicians who have been lining their own pockets and those of their cronies at taxpayer expense for decades.

Delco is run by career politicians who make decisions about the future of our county behind closed party doors, in secret, and waste our money. Forty-one years of single-party GOP rule in Delco has resulted in political corruption that costs every single taxpayer. Before Delco can move forward, we must break the old politics.

Decisions involving taxpayer money should never be made behind closed doors out of public view. The public has a right to know what is behind every single line of the budget. Further, the public has a right to demand that their elected officials adhere to ethical guidelines restricting the corrupt pay-to-play activities that are currently business as usual in Delco.

Zidek and Madden will seek reforms to publish an easily searchable budget online, making it open to taxpayer scrutiny, and aggressively promote competition for county contracts. No one should get a contract because



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they donated to a political campaign. Reforms must be made to immediately and clearly illuminate potential conflicts and corruption and insufficient campaign finance disclosure requirements need to be addressed.

Delaware County residents pay more taxes yet receive fewer services than our neighboring counties. We are the largest county in the U.S. with no health department, we have a bare-bones economic development program, and little action on open space preservation. Delco taxpayers are suffering from a “corruption tax” and that must end.

Zidek and Madden will review all expenditures and contracts to insure Delco taxpayers are getting the best value from investments in infrastructure, maintenance and contracted services. In turn, investments in public health, open spaces, and business development efforts should be made, and relief must be provided to taxpayers with property tax relief.

Kevin Madden and Brian Zidek have over 30 years of successful business-building experience between them. From turning around existing businesses to creating jobs in the technology, manufacturing and financial services sectors, they are immensely qualified to lead a transition to a sustainable 21st-century economy and the jobs of the future.

Zidek and Madden plan to develop partnerships with labor and industry to expand apprenticeship programs and workforce development efforts, and work with our world-class colleges and universities to build incubators for entrepreneurship focusing on STEM-related industries and women and minority businesses.

To learn more about Delaware County Council candidates Kevin Madden and Brian Zidek, please visit delcovictory2017.com.

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positive factors influencing her desire to move here.

When growing up, Janet’s family meals were filled with discussions of current events, including politics. Her mom was a union rep and Janet related that her first introduction to politics was from the womb, since her mother was pregnant with her when she attended a political rally for John F Kennedy. So when the opportunity came up to become more directly involved in politics it wasn’t exactly foreign to her.

As a new Council member she was initially somewhat reticent and it took time to become acquainted with the workings of borough government, but in time, she became more comfortable with voicing her opinion. Janet has always enjoyed the Library and that interest raised her concern that they lacked enough staff to efficiently support all of the services. The Library serves not only Lansdowne residents, and some residents of surrounding communities. Additionally its proximity to the train station results in a fairly high volume of users. Using a door counter it was determined that the Library user traffic averaged between 4,500 and 5,500 people. Increasing staff with the appropriate skills is not without cost, and borough government must always be mindful of economic burdens on the residents. The

use of grants has been employed to defray increased cost for the Library and various other borough projects.

As a member of the Finance committee, Janet participates in budget discussions and union contract negotiations. As the offspring of union member parents she is acquainted with the concerns of union members. She is also conscious that the Borough must fulfill obligations to the residents as cost effectively as possible, while balancing the need to treat employees fairly and to avoid adversarial relations. When an earlier budget talk and union negotiations came up, an opportunity arose to consider cost reductions. The idea of reducing trash collection from twice a week to once a week seemed reasonable. Janet sought input from residents to gauge their thoughts on the impact. Most residents were agreeable to the collection reduction. She feels that when residents are informed of an issue they respond positively when they know what is at stake.

Janet pointed to a number of infrastructure improvements implemented during her term. The Borough has changed street lighting to LED which is more energy efficient and ultimately less costly. The upgrade was in part funded by a grant. Sewer lines have been upgraded to help reduce runoff. Rain gardens have been installed at the Library and the Twentieth Century Club. Communities are charged according the amount of runoff. It is a goal of the Borough to continually look for ways to gradually reduce runoff and

thereby reduce cost. In addition to grants, some of the Borough enhancements have been achieved by volunteers. The need for some upgrades may not always be apparent to residents. The Borough recently replaced a Fire truck. The need was questioned by some residents. However, Insurance company rates can be impacted by the age and uniform standards of emergency equipment. The Fire truck replaced was more than twenty years old. Janet is looking forward to continuing to serve the residents of Lansdowne.

Edith Ferebee is the Lansdowne Democratic Committeeperson in the 9th Precinct.

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He looks forward to working with all parties to ensure that Lansdowne families are safe, comfortable and aware that Borough Council is working for them. He believes firmly in the importance of hearing from diverse stakeholders and really hearing their needs. He also hears community members concerns about the perception of our schools, and is ready to define the issues and work with all parties to stop the advance of those problems. The security, fair funding and quality of our schools is of the utmost concern for him.

Wardell is committed to a balanced Borough budget without overburdening the tax payer. He recognizes that Lansdowne residents are concerned about taxes and education and fear their voices may not be heard. He is committed to communicating with his constituents as he does as a Democratic Committeeman for the 11th Precinct.

Wardell Holt is used to working under a deadline with limited resources and stringent parameters. With an MBA from Drexel University and 20 years as a career problem-solver, this Lansdowne resident of 14 years, father of two and advocate for youth, mental health issues and those experiencing homelessness is ready to give back to the community he loves.

Clare Hughes is a Lansdowne Democratic Committeeperson in the 11th Precinct.

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All if these projects have been important to the borough but voters also value the day to day operations. Her “Community Relations” committee has never been stronger than under her leadership. Magda uses her committee to communicate with Lansdowne boards and civic organizations, offering access to borough government in a welcoming way. Her participation as liaison to Parks and Rec and the Library Board has brought attention to these borough assets.

Most importantly Magda has a vision for the borough she serves. She understands that moving projects forward

takes a great deal of time and effort and she willingly does the hard work. Spending time with her at borough events you get a sense of her place in the community. Residents know her and appreciate the job she is doing. She is approachable and pays attention to their concerns.

Magda has an aptitude for service. She expects a lot from herself and enjoys working with people who share a vision and enthusiasm for our “Village”. Voters should re-elect Magda Byrne. She is dedicated to Lansdowne and has earned our vote.

Jayne Young is a Lansdowne Democratic Committeeperson in the 1st Precinct.

IN MEMORIAM: JAN MARIE RUSHFORTH, 1954-2017

Remembering a Dear Friend and Determined Activist

Jan Marie Rushforth, a former Lansdowne resident, a passionate crusader for the environment, world peace, gender equality and rights of the disabled, died peacefully in her Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania home on July 29, 2017 following a courageous struggle with ovarian cancer. She was 62.

Jan Marie left the world a parting message concerning the environment in a videotape made shortly before her death which can be viewed and shared on her Facebook page, identifying climate change as the “most pressing issue of our time”. She appealed for support of a Carbon Fee and Dividend proposal endorsed by Citizens’ Climate Lobby, a non-partisan grassroots advocacy organization she worked with in recent years. Jan Marie described herself as an “unpaid lobbyist advocating for bipartisan climate action.”



She helped to organize and run the group’s Delaware County chapter. “We are the first generation to see the effects of climate change, and the last generation able to head off the worst

effects,” she said.

Born Oct. 26, 1954 in Ridgewood, New Jersey, Janice Marie Husing grew up in Allendale and Deal, New Jersey and graduated from Asbury Park High School, Class of ’72. Jan Marie earned a Master’s degree in Counseling Education from Texas Tech University in 1978. She helped establish a shelter for abused and neglected children in Lubbock, Texas. She worked for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society from 1978-1987.

Jan Marie married her husband, Alan Rushforth, on June 21, 1987. They lived in Alan’s Lansdowne residence for the next 11 years, during which time she began her environmental activism with a campaign to keep household hazardous waste out of the Delaware County incinerator. She captured attention by bringing a 10-pound sack of used batteries to a Delaware

County Council meeting.

Jan Marie also initiated a Lansdowne Tree Planting Program and organized Earth Day ceremonies in Philadelphia.

Upon moving to their home in Haverford Township in 1998, Jan Marie became a key figure in the battle to save open space at the former Haverford State Hospital site as it underwent redevelopment. She served on the Haverford State Hospital Consulting Task Force and also chaired the Ad Hoc Citizens Haverford State Advisory Board during tumultuous years in the township. Her efforts helped to preserve about 80 percent of the 209-acre site for passive and active recreation, including hiking trails through a nature preserve, athletic fields, Freedom Playground, a dog park and the award-winning Community Recreation and Environmental Center.

TECHNOLOGY AND POLITICS

Modern Political Organizing Uses Modern Technology

By Mark Anthony French

VoteBuilder, by NGP VAN, is one of the most important tools that the Pennsylvania Democratic Party provides us. VoteBuilder is an online database that

helps us organize all of our campaigns and voter data for our area in a single location. This allows us, the local volunteers, to more effectively maintain and access this data on an ongoing basis.

One advantage of being the local

branch of a large and sophisticated national organization is that resources are available to nourish our growth. The Democratic National Convention (DNC) provides the state, county and local committees with a variety of tools and training to assist us in performing the tasks needed to create and maintain an involved constituent community.

Of course, having data is useless if we do nothing with it. Data only becomes information when we invest the time to process, organize and apply it to a program of action. Those of us that worked on President Obama’s campaign saw how powerful information can be when used to target our efforts for recruiting, fundraising, registration and GOTV activities. Previously, everything was done on tattered and stained paper records on clipboards. It seemed to me that they were rarely up to date and never seemed to get carried over to the volunteers of the next election or organizing cycle. With modern systems

like VoteBuilder, the data can become information the same day we volunteers interact with our constituents.

Volunteers, Committeepersons and Candidates use VoteBuilder to generate targeted reports for a variety of actions, such as Street Lists for canvassing and Phone Lists for calls to target groups. We can also generate reports to help us find “dark houses” where we have no information about new residents that need to be welcomed and registered. It also includes plenty of data to assist in targeting, like political party and voting history.

Interested to know more about serving our Lansdowne neighbors? Contact your Committeeperson or the Lansdowne Democratic Committee to see how you can become involved in building Lansdowne’s future.

Mark Anthony French is the Lansdowne Democratic Committeeman in the 7th Precinct and his serving as the Committee’s database coordinator.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

Inside Out Lansdowne

A project of the Philadelphia Art Museum
Fall Installation through early December
in outdoor locations throughout Lansdowne

Inside Out Weekend at Philadelphia Museum of Art

October 13–15
Free admission for residents of all past and present Inside Out communities. Share your zip code at any Visitor Services desk to start exploring your Inside Out favorites and the rest of the collection.

Lansdowne Arts Board presents new work by Anne Canfield & Jeff Carpenter

Saturdays and Sundays through November 26
Noon - 4:00 pm
20*20 House

Election Day

Tuesday, November 7
7:00 am - 8:00 pm
See map of polling locations on page 2

Union AA Beer Tasting Fundraiser at 2312 Garrett

Sunday, November 12, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
2312 Garrett Rd, Drexel Hill, PA 19026
Tickets \$25 each; call Mary Kay at 610-733-4863

Lansdowne Folk Club presents Joe Crookston

Thursday November 16, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Twentieth Century Club, 84 S Lansdowne Ave
Tickets \$17 advance: \$20 at the door
folkclub.org, email Lfolkclub@gmail.com or call (484) 466-6213. Only cash accepted at the door.

Lansdowne Farmers Market Bonus Pre-Thanksgiving Market

Saturday, November 18, 9:00 am – 11:00 am
30 N Lansdowne Avenue

A Bit of the Arts Holiday Sale

Friday, November 24, 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Saturday, November 25, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Twentieth Century Club, 84 S Lansdowne Avenue

Handel's Messiah Sing-in with Lansdowne Symphony Orchestra at Lansdowne Friends School

Tuesday December 5, 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Lansdowne Friends School, 110 N. Lansdowne Ave.

Lansdowne Folk Club presents The Boxcar Lilies

Thursday December 7, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Twentieth Century Club, 84 S Lansdowne Ave
Tickets \$17 advance: \$20 at the door
folkclub.org, email Lfolkclub@gmail.com or call (484) 466-6213. Only cash accepted at the door.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays

7:00 pm Figure Drawing at Art Space Lansdowne
25 S. Lansdowne Avenue, artspacelansdowne.com

Tuesdays

4:30 pm Scrabble Club at Lansdowne Library
55. S. Lansdowne Avenue
lansdownelibrary.org

Wednesdays

7:00 pm Adult Chess Club Lansdowne Library
55. S. Lansdowne Avenue
lansdownelibrary.org

Fridays

3:00 pm Teen Game Day at Lansdowne Library
55. S. Lansdowne Avenue
lansdownelibrary.org

Saturdays

1:00 pm Chess Club (all ages) Lansdowne Library
55. S. Lansdowne Avenue
lansdownelibrary.org

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Lansdowne Theater open and become operational during his next term. He understands that the theater is a vital piece to the continued development and success of our downtown.

Tony has lived in Lansdowne for 42 years. He and wife Marie have four children and three grandchildren. A self-employed general contractor, Tony has owned his own business for 32 years. When not busy, Tony enjoys relaxing

down the shore, taking trips with his family and watching all of the Philly sports teams.

Tony’s favorite Lansdowne memory is when President Jimmy Carter visited Lansdowne in 1980. "He came down East Essex Avenue, where I lived at the time," Tony says. "My son TC was 5 years old. While TC was on my shoulders he got to shake President Carter’s hand. It's a memory we both have never forgotten."

Jennifer Hoff is the President of the William Penn Board of School Directors.

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instrumental in obtaining the turning traffic signal at the corner of Lansdowne and Baltimore. Under his leadership, Borough Council has supported the Arts on the Avenue Festival, and more recently, the Lansdowne Landing. He believes that these endeavors will be successful venues and help revitalize our business district.

Currently, Mike is spearheading the consideration of new public health

ordinance which will help the Borough deal with issues arising out of the opioid addiction that plagues our region. He is a trial attorney with over 15 years in private practice and a solicitor for another Delaware County borough and uses this experience to help examine proposed ordinances and programs particularly from a risk assessment and legal point of view.

Kate Wagner is a Lansdowne Democratic Committeeperson (additional) in the 2nd Precinct.