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PENNSYLVANIA SUPREME COURT JUDICIAL RETENTION

## It's Critical: Vote 'YES' to Retain Our Justices

Majority control of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court is on the line in the November 4 general election, making it one of the most important contests in the nation. Currently, Democrats have a 5-2 majority, which can be preserved by voting "Yes" to retain Justices Christine Donohue, Kevin Dougherty, and David Wecht. These judges deserve to retain their seats on the basis of merit because they have ruled impartially on key issues and have earned the endorse-

ment of the non-partisan PA Bar Association. Republicans aim to oust these three sitting judges who were elected as Democrats, merely as a political maneuver, ignoring their record of impartial service and merit. Pennsylvania is one of only eight states where Supreme Court Justices are initially selected through partisan elections, similar to politicians like governors and state law makers. However, when a justice's initial 10-year term is coming to an end, they

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are up for a non-partisan retention election in which voters vote "yes" or "no" as to whether they should serve for another term. Multiple terms can be served, but every justice must retire once they reach the age of 75.

This year Republican operatives and conservative groups are mobilizing resources to challenge the retention of these three justices. Those funding the GOP effort against judicial retention in PA include billionaires Jeffery Yass (the richest man in Pennsylvania and a proponent of charter schools and taxpayer-funded school vouchers) and Richard Uihlein (heir to the Schlitz Brewing fortune, and founder of multi-billion dollar shipping company Uline). Both men contributed massively to the 2024 Trump campaign as well as other Republican causes.

Why don't the Republicans like the justices? It's because of several high-profile rulings in the past decade:

- Tossing out a Republican (GOP)-designed congressional map in 2018
- Decisions that defended pandemic lockdowns for public safety
- Expansion of the scope of the commonwealth's mail-in voting law, and
- Decision bringing Pennsylvanians closer to equity-funded public schools

Their dissatisfaction is based on the fact that they did not like the outcome of past rulings, and not on the legal merits of the cases.

In 2020 the state Supreme Court ruled that counties are allowed to accept mail-in ballots postmarked by Election Day and which are received up to 3 days later. Republicans claim that the court stole the election for Biden because of this ruling. Democrats and Voting Rights Activists argued that strict deadlines would disenfranchise voters during the COVID crisis. State election officials revealed that only

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Christine Donohue



Kevin Dougherty



David Wecht

☒ HOUSING

☒ HEALTHCARE

☒ VOTING RIGHTS

☒ MINIMUM WAGE

☒ JOB SECURITY

☒ BIRTH CONTROL

☒ DATA PRIVACY

☒ LGBTQ RIGHTS

☒ GUN SAFETY

☒ CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY

☒ CLEAN AIR AND WATER

☒ SCHOOL FUNDING

& SO MUCH MORE

IF ANY OF THESE ISSUES ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU THEN VOTE

yes!

IN NOVEMBER TO RETAIN OUR JUDGES

THE STRUCTURE OF THE COURTS IN OUR COMMONWEALTH

## Why Judicial Elections Matter to All Pennsylvanians

All judicial elections occur in odd-numbered years, and all judges and district justices in PA are elected by the public. Justices and judges may serve an unlimited number of terms until they reach the mandatory retirement age of 75 and are retained or re-elected by the voters. Vacancies that exist before an election may be filled by gubernatorial appointment until an election is held. These selections are subject to PA Senate confirmation. Appellate Court and Common Pleas judges serve 10 year terms, while Magisterial District Judges serve six-year terms.

When a judge's term is complete, they may choose to continue serving. The merit retention provision of Pennsylvania's constitution allows all judges except district justices to be retained with a simple "yes" or "no" vote without ballot reference to political affiliation. This provision was designed to remove judges from the pressures of the political arena after beginning their first term of office. Magisterial district judges run in competitive elections.

Judges may be removed from office, suspended or disciplined for misconduct in office. These standards are specified in the Pennsylvania Constitution, the Code of Judicial Conduct in the Pennsylvania Rules of Court, the "Rules Governing Standards of Conduct of Magisterial District Judges," and other court rules and orders set by Pennsylvania's Supreme Court.

Why should we care about voting in the judicial elections, especially for the PA Supreme Court? How does it affect life in Lansdowne?

- **Fair Funding for Education** for our school children in the William Penn School District
- **Voters' Rights Protections** in Pennsylvania
- **Protect against gerrymandering**, politically or racially
- **Reproductive Rights** for all Pennsylvania Residents

The Pennsylvania court system is structured like a pyramid, with the PA Supreme Court at the top. Just below are the two statewide appellate courts: PA Superior Court and Commonwealth Court. Below those are the workhorse (or trial court) known as the Court of Common Pleas which serves the county, and the Magisterial District Court which keeps justice for minor issues closest to home.

Too often after even-year elections, whether featuring a Presidential, Gubernatorial or Senate race, voters retreat

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NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

VOTE!

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CHAIR’S COLUMN

An Appreciation of Our Beloved Community

By Charlotte Hummel

If you are feeling defeated and overwhelmed by recent political events, please take a moment for yourself, spend time with loved ones and take care of yourself mentally, emotionally, spiritually and socially. You are a vital part of this Beloved Community, and it looks like we are going to have to rely on one another to an ever greater degree as we try to navigate the unreality of larger world we live in.

The concept of Beloved Community as popularized by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., envisions a society characterized by love, justice, peace, and equity, where all people are cared for, poverty and prejudice absent, and differences are celebrated rather than erased.

We are lucky to live in a tight knit, thriving, and welcoming community like Lansdowne. Yes, it might be a bubble, and

**Lansdowne might have its minor flaws, but it is a community in which we can find friendship, empathy and encouragement to face the larger, less compassionate world.**

it might have its minor flaws, but it is one in which we can find friendship, empathy and encouragement to face the larger, less compassionate world. Let’s try to remember that we are wearing our own ruby slippers as much as is humanly possible. While we offer our neighbors tomatoes

and zucchini from our gardens, we also need to offer our neighbors and friends grace and room to breathe, feeding both body and soul. Let’s make Lansdowne a safe place to live and let live. We really are up against a world that is more and more dystopic every day and it is easy to feel fear and threat, even when we are safe within our own small part of the world.

As we protest, resist, fight and denounce the policies and people that would turn the ideals of our nation into something completely unrecognizable as “American,” let’s use whatever means we have – our time, money, talents and courage – to resist, fight back and overcome.

The first of these things we can do is VOTE. And we can get our neighbors to VOTE. And we can work on election boards, on campaigns and in demonstrations to make sure we do everything

within our power to use whatever means we can to take back our country through our voice and our VOTE.

November 4th is a big day in Pennsylvania. We must VOTE to retain the Democratic Judges on the State Supreme, Superior and Commonwealth Courts. The Courts are the last lines of defense against current, unconstitutional policies and if we lose the PA Supreme Court, we have no way to block the inhumane, illegal and just crazy plans of the current federal government.

We are learning that the most effective ways to make a difference today and push back are on the state level. This is your chance to make Pennsylvania a state that stands up against tyranny.

VOTE NOVEMBER 4TH!

STATE LEGISLATORS AND OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Consequences of Failing to Deliver a Budget

By Jennifer Hoff

As of this writing in late September, our legislators in Harrisburg have yet to deliver a budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year. This budget, which was technically due on June 30, is now three months late.

Truthfully, the damage already created by this failure has been nothing short of catastrophic.

Sure, we all know there have been late budgets before. In fact, the last six budgets have missed the end of June deadline. But this one is hitting differently. Because of the impasse, there are no funds – zero dollars – flowing from the Commonwealth. In previous times when budgets were delayed, Pennsylvania would continue to provide funds at the previous year’s rate, so that the recipient entities would have something to work with. But not this year.

Plus, borrowing in this manner is not without cost: relying on TRANs will cost us about \$500,000 of taxpayer dollars – enough money to pay for a year of salaries, taxes and benefits for five teachers.

**Let’s be clear – the job of delivering a budget is in the hands of our state legislature, and this year, they have failed to do their job.**

Along with not having revenue (as if that wasn’t bad enough), our superintendent and school board had made some assumptions about the budget we completed for June 30, 2025. With no idea if those financial assumptions we made were correct, we won’t fully understand the outcome until we see the final budget. We can only hope that the assumptions we made were correct, otherwise we will have very short notice to make some serious financial decisions that will affect students and their families significantly.

As unfair as this is to students in Pennsylvania, we as taxpayers should all feel cheated. Running a school district under any circumstances is always a challenge – but it becomes a near-impossibility when those in positions above you don’t do their job.

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State government has also failed to listen to the courts regarding fair funding of our public schools. Article III, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania



SPEAKING OUT

On June 6, 2025 Representative Gina H. Curry held a press conference in front of Penn Wood High School to draw attention to school funding inequities and the lack of will on the part of the state legislature to address them. Teachers and students alike spoke out, emphasizing the importance of the programs most in jeopardy due to underfunding: sports, art and music.

Shown here with Rep. Curry is Kasir Sabre Scott, a 2024 graduate of Penn Wood High School who is now attending Lincoln University, giving an impassioned speech.

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PENNSYLVANIA JUDICIAL ELECTIONS

Elect and Keep Democratic Judges for PA Superior and Commonwealth Courts

In other judicial elections, two experienced Democrats are seeking election on November 4.

**Stella Tsai**, who has served as a Judge of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas since August 2016, is seeking election to the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court. Tsai brings extensive judicial experience across the Criminal, Civil, Orphans’ Court, and Family Courts.

Similarly, **Brandon Neuman** is seeking election to the Pennsylvania Superior Court. Now in his eighth year on the Washington County Court of Common Pleas, Judge Neuman currently presides primarily over Civil and Veteran’s Specialty Court, along with prior experience presiding over Criminal

and Family Law matters.

In addition to these elections, voters will also decide on the retention of two currently sitting judges.

The Delco Democratic Committee has endorsed a “YES” vote to retain Judge **Alice Beck Dubow** on the Pennsylvania Superior Court. Judge Dubow has also been recommended by the Pennsylvania Bar Association, reflecting her continued excellence and fairness on the bench.

Likewise, Judge **Michael H. Wojcik** is up for retention on the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court. He has earned endorsements from both the Delco Democratic Committee and the Committee of Seventy.

We urge you to retain and elect these qualified judges to uphold the values of democracy, fairness, and impartiality in Pennsylvania’s courts.

Vote YES to RETAIN Judges:

- Alice Beck Dubow**  
Superior Court
- Michael H. Wojcik**  
Commonwealth Court

Vote to ELECT Judges:

- Stella Tsai**  
Commonwealth Court
- Brandon Neuman**  
Superior Court



Stella Tsai



Brandon Neuman



Michael H. Wojcik



Alice Beck Dubow



Endorsed Democratic Candidates for Delaware County

Delaware County Slate of Candidates – Endorsed by the Lansdowne Democratic Committee. From left to right: **Louis Rosenthal**, County Controller candidate; **Lansdowne’s own Siddiq Kamara**, candidate for County Sheriff; **Vince Rongione**, candidate for Register of Wills; **Richard Womack** and **Joanne Phillips**, candidates for County Council; and **Jack Stollsteimer** and **Michael Power**, candidate for Judge of Court of Common Pleas.

PLEASE VOTE FOR ALL OF THESE QUALIFIED CANDIDATES.

Endorsed Democratic Candidates for Lansdowne Borough

Lansdowne Borough candidates – Vetted and endorsed by the Lansdowne Democratic Committee From left to right: **Bill Smith**, incumbent running for Tax Collector; **Carol Martsolf**, incumbent running for Borough Council; **Molly Connors**, incumbent running for Borough Council; **Jayne Young**, incumbent running for Borough Council; **Magda Byrne**, incumbent running for Mayor; **Dana Robinson**, running for Council for the very first time; and **Jan Tong**, incumbent running for William Penn School District Director (Region 6) .

We urge you to vote for them all for Accountable Leadership, Accessible Government.



It’s Never Too Late to Take Action

*“The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.”*

– Chinese proverb



This saying emphasizes the importance of taking action without delay. It means that while you might regret not having acted sooner, it’s still beneficial to start now.

The proverb highlights that the past is gone, and while you can learn from it, you can’t change it. The present moment is the opportunity you have to make a difference.

It encourages seizing the day and not letting opportunities pass you by. It’s a reminder that even if something should have been done earlier, it’s never too late to start.



A GARDEN OF BEAUTY IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

# A New Arrangement For Bonnie's Wondergardens

By Susan Corbin

It is not often that a person's vocation (their job) is also their avocation (their passion). Bonnie McShane of Bonnie's Wondergardens is one such fortunate person. She is a lifelong resident of Lansdowne Borough and currently resides in the Wildman Arms Condominiums. From childhood, Bonnie has always loved gardening, planting flowers and designing floral displays for all types of family, holiday and social occasions.

Her floral shop has been in business since the 1970s. Customers come from all over the tri-state area, especially from Delaware County and the City of Philadelphia to have her shop design their floral arrangements for their most personal events. Bonnie's Wondergardens is open seven days a week, offers free personal consultation and can

work with all budgets. She and her team create arrangements for weddings, graduations, births, funerals, meetings, seasonal home displays and wreaths.

Her artistic arrangements are always spot on and are made possible because of her staff of six talented and dedicated employees who have many years of experience and expertise. She greatly appreciates all of her customer's support throughout the years. You can read her customer's glowing reviews online. Their compliments range from the high level of customer service from her friendly staff, to the use of quality materials, great prices and her ability to capture her customer's vision for their specific life event.

Bonnie's Wondergardens is embarking on a new journey in that she has moved her floral shop to a new location here in

Lansdowne. She was previously located for many years at 233 Scottsdale Road. She has since moved to her new location at 33 S. Lansdowne Avenue which is conveniently located right next to the Lansdowne train station and directly in front of the historic Lansdowne clock. The move was precipitated by Bonnie's desire to be in the Lansdowne Central Business District and to position her store so that it would be more visible and available to the general public. She also wants to align her business with the Borough's vision for Lansdowne and its development.

**Bonnie's Wondergardens**  
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## Lansdowne Democrats at the July 4th Parade

From left to right: Rowan Curry; Jessica Pointer, Vice President of Lansdowne Borough Council; Mike McElroy; Heather Giardinelli-Cronan; Jayne Young, Member of Lansdowne Borough Council; Magda Byrne, Mayor of Lansdowne; Jennifer Plumb and her son Wyatt Seldon; Dave Grooms; Suzanne McElroy; Charlotte Hummel; Dana Robinson, Will Griffin, Member of Lansdowne Borough Council with his son; Jennifer Hoff, School Board Member of William Penn School District; and Monica Taylor, Chair of Delaware County Council.

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Constitution requires the General Assembly to provide for a "thorough and efficient system of public education" to serve the commonwealth's needs. This clause mandates a duty on the state to support this system, and creates a correlative right for students to benefit from it, a right recently affirmed in the William Penn School District v. Pennsylvania Department of Education case, where the system's funding was found to be unconstitutional due to widespread resource disparities between wealthy and poor school districts.

On February 7, 2023, William Penn v. PDE, the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court ruled that the

state's school funding system was unconstitutional, finding it did not fulfill the requirements of the education clause. This ruling, from the original case started in 2014, was claimed as a victory for the plaintiffs, however the state government, appears to not be listening.

Who loses when adults don't do their job and fund a budget? Our young people do – especially those who live in the William Penn School District. The crisis created by the legislature's failure to do their job is simply unacceptable, and we continue to hold them accountable until this tragic situation is resolved.

### JUDICIAL ELECTIONS

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from political life and awareness. Voters often overlook odd-year elections, which feature judicial elections as well as county and local council elections. But these are overlooked at our own peril. The 2025 General Election in Lansdowne (to be

held on Nov 4, 2025) will include several judicial candidates for our state, county, and local courts on the ballot, as well as retention questions for justices of upper courts.



Art by Kevin Necessary, courtesy of CartoonsForDemocracy.com

SPOTLIGHT THEATER IN LANSDOWNE

Taking the Stage at the Twentieth Century Club

By Susan Corbin

It has almost been a year since the Spotlight Theater relocated from Swarthmore to Lansdowne Borough, specifically to the historic 20th Century Club. According to the theater President Charles Hoffman, moving from their previous venue of thirteen years in Swarthmore was a time of tremendous hard work, expense and excitement. Though they were grateful for their previous location, it was prone to flooding, which is not a problem that they have at their new venue at the 20th Century Club. In addition to not having to worry about flooding issues, another advantage to relocating to the 20th Century Club is the larger size of the stage floor. This allows for bigger and more complex stage settings for performances along with space to include more actors at the same time on the actual stage.

President Hoffman remarked that upon relocation, the theater made a significant financial investment by way of installing new equipment for the sound system, new LED lights and new set pieces. The play performances have been well attended ,and the fundraisers were very successful. The theater company is looking to increase its visibility through store poster signage and promotions through the Farmers Market. They are also looking for new blood to infuse into the theatre company by way of additional actors, producers and directors and would love to see more volunteers from the local community. They have positions available for ushers, lobby hosts, stage helpers and the concession stand. You can sign up via the Spotlight Theater website.

Spotlight Theater normally has a roster of fifteen board member seats and they currently only have twelve seats filled. President Hoffman says that he is hoping that the remaining three Board Member seats will be filled by persons within the Lansdowne community. Anyone who is interested



in becoming a Board Member can contact him at 610-613-3626 or the theater at 484-326-5172.

The Spotlight Theatre’s 85th Season - 2025 to 2026:

Previous performances were: “Nunsense” – comedy about a convent of Nuns, “Incorruptible” – musical about the Dark Ages and “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels “– comedy about two con artist out to swindle wealthy women in the French Riviera

Current performances are:

*The Love Songs of J. Robert Oppenheimer* – the life reflections and relationships of the father of the atomic bomb (November 14 -23, 2025)

*Holiday Cabaret* - all of your favorite holiday songs

*Joint fundraiser* with the Parks and Recreation Committee (December 13 – 14, 2025)

*Spring Awakening* – musical about the journey from adolescence to adulthood with sex and rock and roll thrown in! (March 6 – 15, 2026)

*Spring Fundraiser* – (Saturday, April 18, 2026)

*God of Carnage* – a playground altercation de-evolves when the parents get involved and the gloves come off! (May 8–17, 2026)

SPOTLIGHT THEATRE  
spotlighttheatrepa.org  
484-326-5172  
All shows held at the Twentieth Century Club, 84 S. Lansdowne Avenue, Lansdowne, PA 19050

COMMUNITY POLICING PARTNERSHIP

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Scenes from this year’s National Night Out event, held Tuesday, August 4 at the Lansdowne Fire Company.  
Above: Monica Taylor, Chair, Delaware County Council; Fabiola, Gina Curry’s office; Magda Byrne, Mayor, Lansdowne; Majovie Bland, Mayor, East Lansdowne.  
Below: Donna Zajac, Captain, Narberth Ambulance; Kenneth Rutherford, Chief of Lansdowne Police; Mike Boyce, President , Lansdowne Fire Company



RETAIN OUR JUSTICES continued from page 1

10,000 mail-in ballots were impacted, too few to affect the outcome of the election as Biden won Pennsylvania by 80,000 votes.

The justices pushed back on this accusation in a recent panel discussion held in Philadelphia and moderated by WHYY’s Cherri Gregg.

Wecht stated, “We must interpret and apply the law that the General Assembly gave us. They’re the policy makers.”

Dougherty further emphasized non-partisanship in their decision making by saying, “The Constitution requires us to run as a partisan, but the moment we were elected, when we put that black robe on, we hung up that partisan title....”

Donohue asserts that, “...partisanship, honestly, from the time I served on the Superior Court to this very moment, has never been part of the function of my jurisprudence.”

On the back side of your ballot, Vote Yes to retain Justices Christine Donohue, Kevin Dougherty and David Wecht!

# Borough Council

## Committee Meetings

**Environment, Parks & Trees**  
1<sup>st</sup> Tue | 7pm

**Community Development & Recreation**  
1<sup>st</sup> Tue | 6pm

**Finance Tech & Admin**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tue | 6pm

**Infrastructure, Codes & Public Works**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tue | 7pm

**Health & Public Safety**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wed | 6pm

**Economic Development & Planning**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wed | 7pm

The Committees of Borough Council are led by the following council members. President Rob Curry oversees all of council and committees, and therefore, does not have an individual committee assignment.

**Environment, Parks & Trees**  
Chair, Carol Martsof

**Community Development & Recreation**  
Chair, Will Griffin

**Finance, Technology & Administration**  
Chair, Molly Connors

**Infrastructure, Codes & Public Works**  
Chair, Jayne Young

**Health & Public Safety**  
Chair, Jessica Pointer

**Economic Development & Planning**  
Chair, Molly Connors



WILDLIFE IN LANSDOWNE

Eco-Friendly Ways to Keep Pests at Bay

by Heather Girardelli-Cronan

In Lansdowne, our streets, parks, and gardens are home to more than just families, they’re alive with wildlife. From busy Carolina chickadees and dragonflies to foxes trotting at dawn, deer browsing at the edges of Hoffman Park, and red-tailed hawks soaring overhead, our borough thrives as a vibrant ecosystem. When household poisons such as insect sprays or rodenticide traps are used, they threaten these valued neighbors, and with them, the spirit of our special community.

It starts with the small things: insecticide sprays used to control mosquitoes or pests can drift, harming bees, caterpillars, and dragonflies that are essential food for young songbirds like chickadees. Without these tiny insects, spring mornings would lose their lively soundtrack because baby birds simply can't grow without them. These sprays can also affect deer, which browse on vegetation that may carry chemical residues, weakening the plants that sustain them.

But the danger goes even further when we turn to rat poison. Anticoagulant rodenticides, commonly found in many “rat bait” traps, work by preventing blood from clotting, causing rodents to die slowly. When predators such as hawks, owls, or even foxes eat poisoned rodents, they too can become sick or die. Studies have found rodenticide residues in red-tailed hawks, great horned owls, and other

predators at alarming rates. In urban settings, such poisons are even more widespread, meaning every poisoned mouse left outdoors can threaten the very animals we count on to keep rodent populations in check naturally.

Instead of rodenticides, Lansdowne residents can choose methods that protect both people and wildlife:

- Use snap traps or enclosed mechanical traps, the kind that are placed indoors or inside a secure box, so only the intended target can get to them.
- Close up the “mouse doors.” Seal small gaps, cracks, and holes around your home, and store food (including pet food) in sturdy containers.
- Tidy up outdoor snacks. Sweep up spilled birdseed and keep compost bins covered so rodents aren’t invited to an all-you-can-eat buffet.
- Let nature lend a hand. Putting up an owl box can encourage these nighttime hunters to move in, and they’ll gladly help keep the rodent population in check.

These approaches work with nature instead of against it, keeping predators safe while still addressing rodent problems effectively.

Fortunately, there’s also a kinder, cheaper way to control mosquitoes: mosquito dunks. These small, donut-shaped tablets release *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti), a naturally occurring bacterium that targets mosquito larvae without harming birds, bats, foxes, deer,



Storing food – including pet foods – in sturdy, airtight containers can help reduce the number of rodents who may be attracted to your pantry items.

fish, or pollinators. One dunk in standing water like bird baths or rain barrels prevents mosquitoes from developing, protecting both human comfort and our wildlife.

Our own Lansdowne Environmental Advisory Council has stepped up, encouraging residents to shift from chemical sprays and toxic rodenticides toward safer strategies, especially endorsing Bti mosquito dunks and non-toxic rodent control. Their leadership highlights how much our community values living alongside, and protecting, nature’s balance.

What truly makes Lansdowne special isn’t just its charming homes or conven-

ient location, but the thriving birds, foxes, deer, pollinators, and other wildlife who share our daily rhythms. They reflect our values: stewardship, respect, and a commitment to living in harmony with our natural environment. By choosing Bti dunks for mosquito control and poison-free rodent management, we send a clear message: we care about the flutter of chickadees in spring, the silent glide of hawks, the graceful presence of deer, and the quiet work of foxes keeping our ecosystem healthy. In Lansdowne, protecting wildlife is more than a choice. It’s who we are.

BAG THE BAGS, LEAVE THE LEAVES

The Benefits of Keeping Fallen Leaves on Your Yard

by Bill Horton

When fall arrives, many homeowners grab rakes, blowers, and bags to clear their yards of fallen leaves. While a tidy lawn may look neat, removing leaves completely can actually rob your yard of important natural benefits. Allowing leaves to stay where they fall—or at least using them wisely—creates a healthier, more sustainable yard.

1. Natural Fertilizer for Your Lawn and Garden

As leaves break down, they release organic matter and nutrients back into the soil. This natural compost enriches the ground, improving soil structure and fertility without the need for chemical fertilizers. By leaving leaves in place, you’re giving your lawn and garden a slow-release dose of nutrients.

2. Habitat for Wildlife

Leaves provide crucial shelter for beneficial insects, pollinators, and small wildlife. Butterflies, moths, bees, frogs, and even fireflies use leaf litter for nesting, hibernation, or protection from the cold. By preserving this natural habitat, you’re supporting the ecosystem right in your backyard.

3. Weed Suppression and Moisture Retention

A thin layer of leaves acts as a natural mulch, helping to suppress weed growth and retain soil moisture. This reduces the need for watering and discourages invasive weeds from taking over your yard.

4. Healthier Soil Over Time

Leaves add organic matter that increases soil biodiversity. Earthworms and beneficial microbes feed on decomposing leaves, creating healthier, more aerated soil. Over time, this process strengthens root systems and promotes healthier plants.

5. Lower Environmental Impact

Bagging and disposing of leaves requires energy and resources, often sending valuable organic material to landfills. By letting leaves stay on your property, you reduce waste, cut down on plastic bag use, and lessen the environmental footprint of yard maintenance.

Tips for Managing Leaves the Smart Way

Mulch mow your lawn: Run a mulching mower over fallen leaves to shred them into small pieces. This speeds up decomposition and keeps your lawn healthy.

- Create a leaf pile or compost bin: Excess leaves can be collected and used for homemade compost.



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- Use as garden mulch: Spread leaves around shrubs, trees, and garden beds for added insulation and weed control.

The Bottom Line

Leaving leaves in your yard isn’t laziness—it’s smart landscaping. By letting nature do its work, you’ll create a healthier, more sustainable environment for your plants, your soil, and local wildlife. This fall, instead of bagging up the benefits, consider leaving them right where they belong.



Showing their support for Bill 504 are (left to right) Christine DuBois-Buxbaum, Dale Harris, Jim Harris, Howard Sherman, Suzanne McElroy, and Mike McElroy

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE BILL 504

# Community Solar Bill to Bring Choice and Savings for Consumers

Lansdowne residents show up for Pennsylvania House Bill 504 (a.k.a., the “Community Solar” bill): The bill, if it becomes law, will allow communities like Lansdowne to contract to get electricity from solar generating facilities which they have helped to set up. Customers in a community (residents, businesses, organizations, government) could then subscribe to purchase portions of the energy generated by the facility. The local utility (e.g., PECO) would still be responsible for getting the energy from the generating facility to the customers, maintaining the local grid, and billing the customers, just as

utilities in PA do now. Under HB504, however, the utility would be required to give these customers credits on their bills for electricity they’ve purchased from the community solar generating facility, thus saving them money. Also, because solar energy is increasingly cheaper than fossil fuel energy, community solar subscribers could potentially save even more money compared to current fossil fuel arrangements. In sum, community solar electricity, if Lansdowne opted for it, would give us an additional energy choice, save us money, and help provide cleaner air to Pennsylvanians.



## Lansdowne Allied Youth Council Award Winners

Above: Award Winner Tyler Gardner between Barbara McCann, Secretary of Lansdowne Allied Youth Council and James Gardner, Sr.



Right: Award Winner Samuel Christensen with Barbara McCann, Secretary of Lansdowne Allied Youth Council

YOUTH PROGRAMS APLENTY IN LANSDOWNE

# Children’s Activities: An Investment in Our Future

Lansdowne invests in our children and provides numerous opportunities and activities for them. If you don’t see the kind of activities that you want, please consider volunteering to start up a new activity. Currently, the Lansdowne Boys and Girls Club is in need of new leadership. Check out the Lansdowne Public Library! It’s not just about books anymore. Here’s just a sampling of what is offered from ‘Bibs n Books’ on Monday morning to ‘Afterschool Gaming’ on Friday afternoon, they provide resources to keep children of all ages safe and happily engaged. Crafts, Book Clubs, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Club, free Museum passes, Dungeons & Dragons game play, foreign language clubs, Steps into Nature, ‘Friday Flicks’ and more. For complete information and calendar of events, visit [lansdownelibrary.org](http://lansdownelibrary.org) Check out the list of Park and Recreation sponsored events for children to participate in. Specific dates can be found by subscribing to the Borough newsletter on the Borough website at [lansdowneborough.com](http://lansdowneborough.com) and in the Calendar of this issue of the Leader. Questions can be sent to the Borough’s Park and Recreation Director, Marc Manfie: [manfrem@lansdowneborough.com](mailto:manfrem@lansdowneborough.com)

- Halloween Pumpkin Patch
- YMCA Partnership Soccer Camp
- Earth Day (April)
- Lansdowne Earth Festival (Sept)
- Egg Hunt. Expanded this year with a family fun Day. The Lansdowne Boys and Girls Club had Drune Station

- Nature Walk to Swedish Cabin (this November)
  - July 4th Parade & Family Fun Day (Partnership with the Mayor)
  - Steve Kurtz Dance Party
  - Movie Nights
- There are discussions about potential sports camps to be sponsored by the recreation department, as well as talks with children’s musical, such as Makin Music. Check out the opportunities in scouting! Scouting helps to create confident and independent children, teaching them skills and providing opportunities to explore. To learn more about Girl Scouts, email the Service Unit (SU) at [gsep520@gmail.com](mailto:gsep520@gmail.com). There are troops all over the William Penn and Upper Darby School Districts from K-12. Their mission is to create confident girls and make the world a better place. Girl Scouts is specifically for girls, focusing on their development in an all-girl, girl-led environment. Their aim is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, and their research indicates that an all-girl environment allows girls to take more risks and have higher self-esteem. To learn more about Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA, contact Betsy Klingler Burke at [BetsyKBurke@gmail.com](mailto:BetsyKBurke@gmail.com). Their focus is on life and survival skills and physical ability. Note: Since 2017 Scouts BSA have been accepting girls as well as boys, in response to the needs of modern families. Although, generally, the troops are separated by gender, some troops work together at events. The BSA offers co-ed programs like Venturing and STEM Scouts.



Opportunities for young people to get involved in Lansdowne include the safety-focused National Night Out (above), a History lesson in Sycamore Park (left) and the borough’s annual Fourth of July parade (below).



# GUN VIOLENCE

## A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

by Suzanne McElroy

Guns are deeply ingrained in American society and the nation’s political debates. The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees the right to bear arms, and about a third of U.S. adults say they personally own a gun. In 2025, the United States leads the world in civilian gun ownership, with an estimated total of over 400 million firearms – approximately 1.5 guns for every adult.

At the same time, in response to concerns such as rising gun death rates and mass shootings, the U.S. surgeon general has taken the unprecedented step of declaring gun violence a public health crisis (July 2024). Death by firearms accounts for the majority of suicide deaths.

Gun violence is now the leading cause of death for American children, a situation not suffered by the children of any other country in the world. Gun violence at school (K-12, colleges and universities) has reached peak levels. So far this year as of September 10, there have been 47 school shootings in the US. It is so commonplace that they don’t make headlines anymore and we probably can’t name any of them. The loss of even one child should stir our souls. Is this really who we are – a people who allow gun violence to steal the lives of our innocent children?

Most gun policy proposals are politically

divisive. However, majorities of U.S. adults in both partisan coalitions favor two policies that would restrict gun access: preventing those with mental illnesses from purchasing guns (88% of Republicans and 89% of Democrats support this) and increasing the minimum age for buying guns to 21 years old (69% of Republicans, 90% of Democrats). Majorities in both parties also oppose allowing people to carry concealed firearms without a permit (60% of Republicans and 91% of Democrats oppose this).

Every day in America about 316 people are shot and 110 die from their wounds. Why do we let this happen when the majority of Americans support making some changes to improve public safety? The answer lies in Dark Money (specifically from powerful billion-dollar gun industry and groups like the National Rifle Association) and how it influences our lawmakers. Politicians have decided to put the gun industry’s profits over people’s lives.

This is compounded by the vitriolic atmosphere perpetuated by the current administration. Following news of a shooting, they are quick to lay blame and remiss in taking any initiative to solve the problem. When did we become so numb to gun violence, while simultaneously becoming so fearful for our lives?

The Brady Campaign has been evaluating the causes

of gun violence to learn how, when, where and why gun violence is robbing us of valuable lives. They examined the ways that our country has tackled other public health issues, like smoking, drinking and driving. They continue to pressure Congress to take action on behalf of the 97% of Americans who support expanding Brady Background Checks to all gun sales.

Thom Hartmann, American progressive political commentor, has suggested the use of the same criteria for gun ownership and operation as we use for automobiles.

- **Establish Ownership** - Registration and Title—as a requirement rather than an option—would establish a clear chain of custody and responsibility for every gun.
- **Prove Competence** - Shooter’s License - be conditional on passing both a written and a shooting-range test to demonstrate competence.
- **Require Liability Insurance** – require all gun owners to carry liability insurance, itemizing each weapon, just like cars.

These steps are nothing but common sense and don’t infringe on the “rights” of gun owners any more than they infringe on the “rights” of car owners. They could even provide a stream of revenue for gun-owner organizations that choose to train people to prepare for their licensure test and/or offer low-cost liability insurance.

### LANSDOWNE’S ELECTION BOARD

# Our Local Guardians of Democracy

Your friends and neighbors are stepping up to ensure that our elections follow all the rules, and you can vote in your neighborhood. They work inside the polling station where you vote, starting before the polls open at 7 AM, stay through closing at 8 PM and wrap up. Please thank them for their service when you vote in-person. We couldn’t maintain our democracy without their efforts.

Democratic Judges of Election on this ballot

1 – Mary Catherine Berner  
3 – Christine DuBois Buxbaum  
4 – Jobi Zink  
5 – Pamela Polk  
6 – Margaret (Marnie) Miller  
8 – William David Grooms  
9 – Allan Withers  
10 – Margaret (Peggy) McCormack

Democratic Inspectors of Election

1 – Barbara Lange Yiengst  
3 – Marian Schaner  
4 – Susan Corbin  
5 – Mario Giorno  
6 – Joseph Robinson  
8 – Monique White Anderson  
9 – Angela Rice  
10 – Lauren Jane Penrose

### DINE-IN OR TAKEOUT

# Your Guide to Lansdowne Cuisine

Lansdowne has more options for dining out or take out than ever before. Just as the Historic Lansdowne Theater opens, we are ready to serve up your favorites – morning, noon or night! This listing graciously provided by the Lansdowne Business and Professional Association (LBPA) President, Tiara Orange.

BUSINESS	ADDRESS	HOURS
Leo’s Breakfast & Lunch	36 E Baltimore Ave	Tue–Sat 8 AM–3 PM; Sun 8 AM–2 PM; Mon closed
Sophusion Fine Dining	24 N Lansdowne Ave	Wed–Thu 4–9 PM; Fri 4–10 PM; Sat 11–2 & 5–10 PM; Sun 11–2 & 5–9 PM
Camellia Coffee House	20 N Lansdowne Ave	Mon 7–3; Wed–Fri 7–3; Sat 8–3; Sun 8–2; Tue closed
My Old Place Bakery	201 Shadeland Ave	Wed–Fri 7–6; Sat & Sun 7–3; Mon–Tue closed
David’s Breakfast & Lunch	201 E Plumstead Ave	Daily 9 AM–5 PM
Sweet Gardenia Bakery	10 N Lansdowne Ave	Sat 12–4:30 PM only; closed other days
Kia’s Cakes & Café	16 S Lansdowne Ave	Wed 12–6; Thu 12–7; Fri–Sat 10–7; closed Mon, Tue, Sun
Backstage Tap & Grille	22 N Lansdowne Ave	Wed–Thu 4–10 PM; Fri–Sat 4–11 PM; Sun 3–9 PM; closed Mon–Tue
Jamey’s House of Music	32 S Lansdowne Ave	Thu–Sat 6–11 PM; Sun–Wed closed; today likely 12–3 PM
Travers Food Market	199 Shadeland Ave	Mon–Thu 7–6:30 PM; Fri–Sat 7–5 PM; Sun 8–2 PM
Crisp Chik’n	27 N Lansdowne Ave	Mon–Thu & Sun 11 AM–9 PM; Fri–Sat 11 AM–9:30 PM
Carib Grill (Jamaican)	7 S Lansdowne Ave	Daily 12 PM–9 PM; closed Sundays
Papa John’s Pizza	7 N Lansdowne Ave	Delivery & carryout: Mon–Thu 10 AM–3 AM; Fri 9 AM–3 AM; Sat 10 AM–2 AM; Sun 10 AM–3 AM; alt. 11 AM–10 PM reported
Great Wall Chinese Restaurant	9 N Lansdowne Ave	Tue–Thu 11 AM–10:30 PM; Fri–Sat 11 AM–11:30 PM; Sun 12 PM–10:30 PM; Monday may vary
Pearl Chinese & Japanese	339 N Lansdowne Ave	Daily 11:30 AM–10:00 PM



ONE CAT’S MISSION TO HELP DOGS LIVE BETTER LIVES

The High Paw Club: A Doggie Daycare and Training Hub

by Heather Giardinelli-Cronan

For Cat Austin, dogs have always been more than pets, they’ve been lifelong teachers and companions. From the time she was just three years old training her family’s German Shepherd, Cat recognized the joy and deep connection that comes from working with animals. What began with trick training in her childhood eventually grew into a passion for helping dogs and their people build healthier, happier relationships.

Cat’s journey to founding High Paw Club in Lansdowne is one rooted in community, patience, and love. Throughout her life, she has volunteered with animal shelters, supported therapeutic programs pairing dogs and horses with autistic children, and learned firsthand the challenges of fear-based behavior through her own dog, Banksy. These experiences shaped her unique approach: seeing beyond the behavior to

the underlying emotion and helping dogs build confidence in safe, structured ways.

Before launching her own business, Cat worked in marketing. But when the pandemic hit, her partner suggested she take a job at a dog daycare to stay connected to people. That suggestion became a turning point. She joined The Dog House of Delco, where she apprenticed under trainer Mattison Skoog and dove deep into one-on-one training for dogs facing aggression, reactivity, and fear issues. Cat quickly discovered that her gift lay in supporting dogs with fear-based triggers...helping them feel safe, understood, and capable of navigating the world.

In 2023, Cat brought that expertise home to Lansdowne with the opening of High Paw Club, a dog daycare and training hub designed around the idea of a true social club for pups. The facility offers both indoor and outdoor spaces, with a fenced

With air-conditioned comfort and a focus on safety, High Paw Club feels more like a child daycare than a kennel.



property and flexible, open floor plan that can be sectioned off to meet the needs of the dogs each day. With air-conditioned comfort and a focus on safety, High Paw Club feels more like a child daycare than a kennel, where every dog is known, nurtured, and given the opportunity to learn.

What sets High Paw Club apart is its mission. Beyond exercise and playtime, Cat and her team teach dogs how to recognize body language cues, self-regulate during play, and build positive social skills. Dogs aren’t just tired when they go home, they’re learning how to thrive. Boarding services with structured social time are also available, making the club a trusted resource for families.

Cat is a proud member of the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT) and is currently working toward certification with the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (IAABC), underscoring her commitment to continuing education and best practices in the field.

Since moving to Lansdowne in 2018, Cat has fallen in love with the town’s neighborly, small-town charm. Living here with her partner and two children, she sees High Paw Club as not just a business, but a way to give back to a community that already feels like family. For Lansdowne residents, High Paw Club is more than a daycare, it’s a place where dogs can grow, learn, and belong.

To learn more, visit High Paw Club at [highpawclub.com](http://highpawclub.com).

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UNITED STATES	
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Senator John Fetterman	202-224-4254
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PENNSYLVANIA	
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Steps to Ensure Your Mail-In Ballot is Counted

- You can be sure your ballot will be counted if you follow these simple steps:
- Completely fill in the circles on the ballot with a blue or black ink pen. Don’t make check marks as they will not be counted.
  - Put the ballot in the secrecy envelope marked “official election ballot”. Seal the envelope. Do not make any marks on the secrecy envelope.
  - Put the secrecy envelope in the outer envelope and seal the outer envelope.
  - Sign the outer envelope
  - Date the outer envelope.
  - Double check that you have signed and dated the outer envelope.
  - Ballots can be returned through the U.S. mail or by Drop-Box.



BY U.S. MAIL:

- Put a first-class stamp on the outer envelope if you use the U.S. mail.
- If you mail the ballot, it must be RECEIVED at the county election board by 8PM on election night.

BY DROP BOX:

- Deposit your completed ballot at an official drop-box. Any official Drop-Box in Delaware County can be used. The Lansdowne Drop-Box is in front of the fire-house on Highland Avenue.
- Each voter must drop off their own ballot.

VOTING IN PERSON?

VOTE TUESDAY, NOV. 4

POLLS OPEN 7 AM TO 8 PM

DON'T FEEL OVERWHELMED

# Do Something!

by Terry Baraldi

There's no question that right now most of us are feeling overwhelmed and swimming against the tide. So it matters that you know how to swim; and when the waters are swamping you, how to save yourself.

What do you do when you feel that nothing you do will make a difference?

When you feel powerless while everybody else is facing down the dragons.

When you feel that you've only enough strength to get to the end of each day intact? And even that's not a given.

What can you do to feel like you are part of the solution?

Seeing RED, but feeling BLUE?  
Here's a few things you can do:

On your own:

- Make a phone call\*;
- Send an email; \*\*
- Write a letter; \*\*
- Write post cards to voters;
- Support your candidates by putting ...a sign in your front window;
- ...a sticker on your car;
- ...a sign on your lawn;
- Wear your heart on your t-shirt
- Fly the flag like it's yours... because it is!

Find your people:

- Go to rallies: city or statewide.
- Join a local activist group like Indivisible.
- Create your own group on your own turf.
- Make a sign\*\*\*and find a busy corner to wave it...once a day or once a week.
- People will join you.
- AND VOTE! IF YOU DON'T DO THAT, NOTHING ELSE YOU DO WILL MATTER.

\*Take the stress out of phone calling. Download the Five Calls app Just follow the step by step instructions and scripts to get you to the right Congress person(s) with the right message. Rinse and repeat: No limit on how many times you can send the same or different messages.

\*\*Copy that same script into an email. And then turn that email into a letter. That's three things you've done before breakfast.

REMEMBER: It's not so much how/what you say, but that you SAY SOMETHING. It goes into the record.

\*\*\*Make your sign BIG but BRIEF. Signs should average five words and be readable from a moving car.

Nothing happens in a vacuum...it all adds up. The greatest storms begin as a light breeze.



VOICES AT THE CORNER

## Resistance in Action

Pro-Democracy protests take place at 5:00 PM each Monday and Thursday at the corner of Lansdowne and Baltimore Avenues.



## DON'T BE A BYSTANDER

### TWENTY LESSONS FROM THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

1. Do not obey in advance
2. Defend institutions
3. Beware the one-party state
4. Take responsibility for the face of the world
5. Remember professional ethics
6. Be wary of paramilitaries
7. Be reflective if you must be armed
8. Stand out
9. Be kind to our language
10. Believe in truth
11. Investigate
12. Make eye contact and small talk
13. Practice corporeal politics
14. Establish a private life
15. Contribute to good causes
16. Learn from peers in other countries
17. Listen for dangerous words
18. Be calm when the unthinkable arrives
19. Be a patriot
20. Be as courageous as you can



JOIN THE LANSDOWNE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

# Make a Difference, Locally – for Democracy’s Sake

Many of us have been frustrated with the direction of the country during this President’s last term and more so this term, and especially the speed at which it all is occurring within his administration. We see how easily many of the norms and legal safeguards were ignored, dismantled or made ineffective under this administration.

Not only are national security and policies at risk, but our democracy itself. For some of us, it just seems like standing in protest on the streets or writing letters to our representatives is not enough to make us feel better or bring about the necessary changes to reverse those trends. Democracy is not a spectator sport; it’s an ongoing responsibility for all of us.

Are you ready to step up and make a difference in our democracy at a grass roots level? We urge you to vote in every election, not just for President every four years. If you have been looking for a way to get more involved in our community and to protect your values, there is no better way to start than to become a committee person in your precinct (neighborhood).

A committee person is an internal party position elected to a four-year term. All committee positions will be on the ballot in the Primary Election 2026. Each committee person is elected by their neighbors in their precinct. If a

vacancy occurs between election cycles, committee people can be appointed. Currently, there are vacancies in the Lansdowne Democratic Committee (LDC) in both the 10th and 11th precincts, but there will be more opportunities in all precincts by spring.

A committee person represents his or her precinct, the local political sub-division which also defines where you vote. The role of the Democratic committee person is to keep her or his neighbors informed and connected to the Democratic Party as well as to the government at all levels. Mostly, it simply getting to know as many of your neighbors as possible and keeping yourself informed about their concerns and ideas. This can be a vital source of help to new residents, providing information about voter

registration, recycling, trash pick-up, and parking regulations. Committee people attend monthly meetings, work outside their precinct’s polling place on Election Day to provide information to voters, distribute literature about issues and candidates, and contribute funds to support LDC’s work in community education and involvement.

If you want to learn more about how to get involved with the Lansdowne Democratic Committee, email Jennifer or Bernadette at [lansdownedems@gmail.com](mailto:lansdownedems@gmail.com).

Looking for a way to get involved in our community and to protect your values? There’s no better way to start than to become a committee person.

## GENERAL ELECTION – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

# Sample Ballot

Know who and what you’re voting for before you go to the polls!

This sample ballot for the November 4 election showing the endorsed Democratic candidates has been provided by Delco Democrats.

Please note that this is a two-sided ballot; make sure to fill it out completely.



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VOTE TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 4

POLLS OPEN  
7 AM - 8 PM

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<div>Judge of the Superior Court</div> <div>(Vote for One)</div> <div><div>(11) Brandon Neuman</div></div>	<div>Sheriff</div> <div>(Vote for One)</div> <div><div>(51) Siddiq Kamara</div></div>	<div>School Director William Penn School District Region 6</div> <div>(Vote for One)</div> <div><div>(92) Jan Tong</div></div>
<div>Judge of the Commonwealth Court</div> <div>(Vote for One)</div> <div><div>(21) Stella Tsai</div></div>	<div>County Controller</div> <div>(Vote for One)</div> <div><div>(61) Louis F. Rosenthal</div></div>	<div>Tax Collector</div> <div>(Vote for One)</div> <div><div>(141) William Smith</div></div>
<div>Judge of the Court of Common Pleas</div> <div>(Vote for Two)</div> <div><div>(31) Jack Stollsteimer</div><div>(32) Mike Power</div></div>	<div>Register of Wills</div> <div>(Vote for One)</div> <div><div>(71) Vincent Rongione</div></div>	<div>Mayor</div> <div>(Vote for One)</div> <div><div>(161) Magdalena Byrne</div></div>
<div>County Council</div> <div>(Vote for Two)</div> <div><div>(41) Joanne Phillips</div><div>(42) Richard Womack</div></div>	<div>More Candidates and Retention Questions on the Back of your Ballot</div>	

<div>Borough Council</div> <div>(Vote for Four)</div> <div><div>(181) Jayne Young</div><div>(182) Dana Robinson</div><div>(183) Carol Martsolf</div><div>(184) Molly Connors</div></div>	<div>Supreme Court Retention Election Question</div> <div>Shall Christine Donohue be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?</div> <div>YES</div>	<div>Superior Court Retention Election Question</div> <div>Shall Alice Beck Dubow be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?</div> <div>YES</div>
	<div>Supreme Court Retention Election Question</div> <div>Shall Kevin Dougherty be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?</div> <div>YES</div>	<div>Commonwealth Court Retention Election Question</div> <div>Shall Michael H. Wojcik be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?</div> <div>YES</div>
	<div>Supreme Court Retention Election Question</div> <div>Shall David Wecht be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?</div> <div>YES</div>	<div>Please Vote To Retain All Judges</div>

# LANSDOWNE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

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- Secretary (vacant)

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- One vacancy

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- One Vacancy

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LANSDOWNE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

LansdowneDemocrats.org



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 10AM - NOON**  
**Winter Holiday Market at the Lansdowne**  
**Farmers Market**  
 32 N Lansdowne Ave