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GOVERNOR SHAPIRO KNOWS HOW TO GET THINGS DONE

Representing All Pennsylvanians on the Issues that Matter Most

Every day as Governor, Josh Shapiro brings people together to get stuff done and protect Pennsylvanians' fundamental freedoms. He governs in the belief that all Pennsylvanians should have the freedom to chart their own course and the opportunity to succeed. He has worked tirelessly to deliver tangible results: creating jobs and putting money back in people's pockets; improving public safety by investing in law enforcement and community organizations; simplifying approval processes for small businesses; delivering historic funding for our kids' education; protecting our freedoms and our democracy.

Governor Shapiro has delivered results on the issues that matter most; he has shown up in moments of crisis and emergency. He demonstrated his leadership and ingenuity when a commercial tank truck carrying gasoline caught fire under a bridge on I-95 in Philadelphia in 2023. The main transportation corridor on the east coast was suddenly closed for business, affecting commerce as well as citizens. He immediately issued an Emergency Declaration. When told that it would take nearly a year to re-open, he worked on an innovative fix - bringing local, state, and federal partners together with unions, contractors, and the private sector. As a result. I-95 was re-opened 12 days later. Getting stuff done in record time!

Governor Shapiro signed an Executive Order demanding proposed data centers comply with strict requirements. This Executive Order lays out strict requirements that data center developers must meet regarding energy affordability, community engagement, workforce and economic development, transparency, and environmental protection – and gives local municipalities a greater say over development in their communities

"Over the past year, I've listened to the people of Pennsylvania – and I've heard directly from many residents across our Commonwealth who are concerned about what data center development could mean for our communities, our environment, and our utility bills," said Governor Josh Shapiro. "My message to data center developers is clear: if you can't agree to our strict requirements and get the community where you want to build to say 'yes,' you're not going to have the Commonwealth's support either. These are some of the biggest companies in the world — they can afford to be good neighbors, follow the rules, and do this right."

As Governor, he has made it a priority to represent all Pennsylvanians, traveling to communities all across the Commonwealth and meeting Pennsylvanians from all walks of life. In 2026 the Shapiro administration launched a Cultural Conversation Listening Tour to hear directly from African American Pennsylvanians. This new tour launched on August 5th with a visit to Delaware County and included visits across the Commonwealth through October 2nd. The goal was to create opportunities for residents to directly share their lived experiences and help shape policies that affect Black communities throughout the Commonwealth.

Governor Shapiro's expansion of the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program during his first year in office delivered the largest targeted tax cut for seniors in nearly two decades. Under Governor Shapiro's leadership, this

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AUSTIN DAVIS FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

A Veteran at the Politics of Helping Others

Growing up in the Mon Valley in western Pennsylvania – a historic industrial center just south of the City of Pittsburgh -- Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis saw the struggles of working families firsthand. He watched his mom -- a hairdresser in McKeesport for more than 40 years -- juggle raising a family with putting food on the table. He watched his dad work hard every day as a union bus driver.

After an incident of gun violence occurred in his neighborhood, Lieutenant Governor Davis knew from an early age he wanted to dedicate his life and career to public service. Throughout his career, he has fought for economic equality, worked to lift people out of poverty, secure fair funding for education, and has been committed to bettering the lives of people in every Pennsylvania community.

A first-generation college graduate, he began pursuing a career in public service after earning a political science degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Austin started his career in Allegheny County government, spearheading the county's vision and transition teams and worked to create the county's first violence prevention office. By age 21, the Tribune-Review called him "a veteran at the politics of helping others."

In 2018, Lieutenant Governor Davis successfully ran for the state House of Representatives. He became the first western Pennsylvania African-American to serve as state representative outside the City of Pittsburgh, eventually being elected by his legislative colleagues as the leader of the Allegheny County House Democratic Delegation.

In 2022, he successfully ran for and won the nomination for lieutenant governor alongside then-Attorney

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STATE AND FEDERAL CANDIDATE PROFILES

Gina H. Curry

PA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State Representative Gina H. Curry has dedicated her career to serving her community and advocating for social justice and equitable opportunities. Elected in a November 2021 special election to represent the 164th Legislative District in Delaware County, Gina brings a wealth of experience and a passion for positive change to her role in government. With over 20 years of experience as an educator, Gina has worked tirelessly to support youth and families in her community. She is a loyal advocate for equitable funding for education, economic development, and affordable housing. Gina co-

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Tim Kearney

PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATE

State Senator Tim Kearney serves as State Senator for the 26th Senate District in Pennsylvania. When elected in November 2018, Tim became the first Democrat to serve the district in 50 years.

Since being elected Tim has fought for Pennsylvania workers and families, calling for investment in workplace safety measures, hazard pay for workers, safe staffing in healthcare, and economic relief and housing assistance for Pennsylvanians. Long before the pandemic, Tim fought to raise the minimum wage for all workers to $15 an hour and against unscrupulous business practices like wage theft and worker misclassification.

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Mary Gay Scanlon

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon has dedicated her career to serving the most vulnerable — first as a lawyer and now in Congress. Since November 2018 she has represented Pennsylvania's 5th Congressional District.

Her legislative priorities include voting rights, access to justice, education, supporting economic growth for her region, common sense gun safety, women's rights, and ending hunger, all of which align with her goal of protecting and improving the lives of America's children, families, veterans, and seniors. She currently serves on the House Committee on Rules, the House Judiciary

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CHAIR'S COLUMN

How I Became Chair of the Lansdowne Democrats

By Richard Gilbertie

When I was first asked to take over as Chair of the Lansdowne Democratic Committee (LDC) this past spring, I had my doubts. Having only attended committee meetings for a couple of years (and first elected committee person only in April), it felt premature to take on a leadership role. But Charlotte and Suzanne were very persuasive and assured me they would continue to provide guidance in my new role. So now I'm happy to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the wider community of Lansdowne Democratic Committee members and voters.

I moved to Lansdowne from Philadelphia in late 2021, into a house that was still being renovated (we didn't have a working kitchen for the first six months). Although I had been involved in various organizations back in my former neighborhood (East Mt. Airy), I was hesitant at first to get involved here. At the time I was working full-time as a healthcare data analyst and still getting to know the community. We had to find a new contractor to complete the renovations to our home, which the original contractor had basically abandoned. Later, I was unemployed and spent over a year looking for a new job (unsuccessfully). Then the 2024 elections happened, and like many, I was left feeling utterly demoralized. How could the country elect such a manifestly unfit candidate as president for a second term?

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One day I was out walking our dogs with my neighbor, who suggested coming to a meeting of the Lansdowne Democrats. I attended the December meeting, and boy was I glad I did! Charlotte's message to the committee was so uplifting! She basically said, We need to pull ourselves up off the floor and get involved with helping our neighbors. Despite the dismal turn of events nationally, there were still plenty of things that we could do in our local communities to improve the lives of our fellow citizens. There was an upcoming food drive being sponsored by the Boy Scouts, and she encouraged everyone to participate. This was just the message I needed to hear. I started attending LDC meetings regularly thereafter (along with meetings of Borough Council), helped out at the polls during the primary elections, and distributed the *Lansdowne Leader* in my neighborhood. I considered running for a seat on Borough Council and later worked to elect Dana Robinson along with the other council members who were up for re-election. It felt good to be making a difference on the local level, despite what was happening nationally.

Thanks to the hard work of many people over the years, the Lansdowne Democratic Committee is a strong and vibrant organization, and part of a county-wide Democratic majority. Two decades ago, Republicans controlled the borough and county governments, and wielded power to keep taxes low while neglecting needed investments in public services. Since 2022 Delaware County has had its own Health Department, and that same year retook control of the George Hill Correctional Facility, which subsequently saw lowered daily population counts and expanded mental health and substance abuse services. Recently efforts began to transform the former Don Guanella property in Marple Township into the county's largest public park, with other greenspace improvement projects also underway. In our immediate neighborhood, last year saw the long-awaited re-opening of the Lansdowne Theater, along with new restaurants and businesses along Lansdowne Avenue.

As Chair, my goals include continuing Charlotte's legacy by building a stronger Lansdowne Democratic Committee, working to make sure all parts of the community are represented.

I'm grateful for the many members who continue to step up and volunteer their time and effort to make sure our polling places are staffed adequately at election time, and help to deliver the *Leader* to every household in the borough. At the same time we want to encourage under-represented groups to take an active role on the committee, including younger people. I also want to help our neighboring boroughs as they build their own local committees, and work generally to help our community with block and park clean-ups, food drives and the like. I hope you will be able to join me in these efforts.

Values Platform

of the Democratic Party in Delco

- Equal opportunity for ALL citizens
- Restoring and strengthening our democracy
- Ensuring ballot access for all eligible voters in free and fair elections
- Building a stronger, fairer economy
- Achieving universal, affordable, quality healthcare
- Protecting communities and building trust by reforming our criminal justice system
- Providing a world class education in every zipcode
- Achieving racial justice and equity
- Protecting ALL Americans civil rights, including LGBTQ+, Women, and Indigenous Peoples
- Combating the climate crisis and pursuing environmental justice
- Creating a 21st Century immigration system
- Ending the epidemic of gun violence
- Supporting freedom of the press
- Combating misinformation
- Building an effective, transparent government that is accountable to the American people

NEWTOWN TWP. VETERAN CHERYL GROSSO ELECTED CHAIR

New Leadership for Delco Democrats

Cheryl Grosso was recently elected as Chair of the Delaware County Democrats. She is a veteran, an experienced IT professional, and a committed public servant with a strong focus on effective governance and community collaboration. In her current job, she works across systems and stakeholders to improve processes and deliver solutions that support critical government services.

In Delaware County, Cheryl serves as Secretary of the Planning Commission, where she works alongside the Planning Department to evaluate development projects and ensure growth is strategic, community-informed, and sustainable.

As former chair of the Marple Newtown Democratic Committee, she helped build grassroots engagement, support candidates, and strengthen civic participation throughout the community. Last year, she was elected to the Newtown Township Board of Supervisors.

Cheryl is valued for her thoughtful approach, ability to listen closely, and skill in bringing people together to find common ground. She works well in complex environments, helping groups with different perspectives move toward shared solutions and meaningful progress.

Sheryl is joined making change Delaware County by the following team of Committee Leaders:

First Vice Chair, Vince DiPillo (Mid-County Democrats), Vice Chair, Cathy Spahr (Garnet Valley Democrats); Vice Chair, Jessica Pointer (Lansdowne Democrats); Treasurer, Laurie Friedman (Nether Providence Democrats); Secretary, Shira Alberts (Upper Darby Democrats); Co-Solicitor, Neal Troum (Garnet Valley Democrats); Co-Solicitor, Shelley Chauncey (Garnet Valley Democrats); Executive Committee Member, Dr. Monica Taylor (Upper Darby Democrats); and Executive Committee Member, Anthony Moss (Swarthmore Democrats).

All Delaware County Democrats can look forward to Cheryl and her team doing the hard work of making things happen to make our communities better.

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LANSDOWNE TAKES A STAND ON IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

Understanding Lansdowne's New 287(g) Ordinance

by Jessica M. Pointer
President, Lansdowne Borough Council

On August 19, Lansdowne Borough Council unanimously adopted an ordinance establishing a long-term policy regarding the Borough's participation in federal civil immigration enforcement. It was a proud moment for our Council and our community—and one that did not happen overnight.

In simple terms, the new ordinance says that **Lansdowne will not voluntarily participate in the federal 287(g) program or use Borough personnel, property, funding, equipment, or other municipal resources to assist with federal civil immigration enforcement**. The ordinance does not prevent our Police Department or Borough from enforcing criminal laws or complying with lawful judicial warrants, court orders, or other requirements of law.

Why was this important?

Lansdowne is a diverse community. People from many backgrounds have chosen to raise families, build businesses, become neighbors, and call this Borough home. Council believes that trust between residents, local government, and our Police Department is an important part of keeping everyone safe.

We also believe our local resources should remain focused on the responsibilities of local government and the safety and well-being of the people we serve.

How Did an Idea Become Borough Law?

Residents sometimes ask why Council cannot simply introduce an ordinance and vote on it immediately. The answer is that creating local law requires a deliberate public process.

Our ordinance was researched and drafted, reviewed by Council and committees, and carefully examined with our professional staff and Solicitor. Council then voted to move it forward for public advertisement. The proposed ordinance was advertised as required, residents had an opportunity to review and comment, and it eventually returned to Council for final consideration.

Then, on **August 19, Council unanimously voted to adopt it.**

That last step is significant. A resolution generally expresses the position or policy direction of a governing body. **An ordinance establishes local law**. This means the policy extends beyond the current Council and remains in effect unless it is changed through a future legislative process.

Based on our review of publicly available municipal actions, we believe **Lansdowne is the first municipality in Delaware County to enact this type of 287(g) restriction through an ordinance rather than solely through a resolution**. That is something of which our community can be proud.

But I am equally proud of **how** we got here.

Residents raised concerns. Council listened. Our Mayor, Police Department, Borough Manager and staff, Solicitor, Council members, and community all had roles in the conversation. Questions were asked, language was refined, and the required public process was followed from beginning to end.

This is what good local government should look like.

The ordinance is ultimately about preserving the Lansdowne we know: a community where people feel that they belong, where residents can trust their local institutions, and where our resources are used responsibly to serve the people who call Lansdowne home.

We are proud of what we accomplished on August 19. **More importantly, we are proud that we accomplished it together.**

GETTING TO KNOW OUR WILDLIFE NEIGHBORS: VIRGINIA OPOSSUMS

Lansdowne's Most Misunderstood Nighttime Residents

by Heather Giardinelli-Cronan

If you live in Lansdowne, chances are you've encountered one of our most misunderstood nighttime residents: the Virginia opossum. Maybe you've spotted one ambling across your yard, found one beneath your deck, or seen one quietly crossing Lansdowne Avenue after dark. While their appearance can be startling, opossums are actually peaceful, helpful neighbors, and one of the best animals you can have in your backyard.

Opossums are nature's cleanup crew. As omnivores, they eat insects, fruits, vegetables, small animals and even carrion. In a borough like Lansdowne, where homes, gardens, parks and wooded areas exist side by side, they can help keep our little urban ecosystem in balance. They clean up fallen food and other things we don't want lingering in our yards, while also consuming beetles, slugs, cockroaches and other insects.

They are particularly helpful when it comes to ticks. Opossums are excellent groomers and consume large numbers of ticks they encounter while moving through vegetation. Estimates often put the number at up to 10,000 ticks in a year for an individual opossum. They also have an impressive reputation for resisting rabies. Although no wild mammal is completely immune, rabies is exceptionally rare in opossums.

And did you know that the animal quietly wandering through Lansdowne's backyards are a genuine American original? The Virginia opossum is North America's only native marsupial. Just like kangaroos, female opossums have a pouch for carrying their young.

Opossum babies, called joeys, have an extraordinary beginning. After a very short, or essentially "negative", gestation, newborns are only about the size of a jellybean. They crawl into their mother's pouch, where they continue developing for roughly two and a half months. Once they become too big for the pouch, they climb onto Mom's back, and she carries them around while they grow. A mother can have as many as 13 joeys!

One behavior that often causes alarm is "playing dead." But the opossum isn't actually playing. When frightened, it can enter an involuntary state called thanatosis. Its body becomes limp, its mouth may open, and it can appear completely lifeless. This is a defense mechanism, not aggression, and the animal has no conscious control over it.

Lansdowne is fortunate to have wildlife living alongside us. Our gardens, mature trees, parks and residential neighborhoods provide habitat for countless species. Opossums are part of that community.

So, the next time you encounter an opossum in Lansdowne, give it some space and let it go about its business. Secure garbage and pet food, keep your distance, and remember that the funny-looking creature quietly passing through your yard may be doing more good than you realize. Our Lansdowne opossums aren't pests…they're neighbors!

HOLLOWED OUT: HOW PRIVATE EQUITY DESTABILIZED OUR SAFETY-NET HOSPITALS

Profit vs. Healthcare

A recent paper which highlighted the impact of Prospect Medical Holdings (PMH) on our Delco community was shared to us by Max Cooper, MD. Prospect's activities also severely impacted hospitals the company owned in Connecticut and Rhode Island. The Executive Summary is included here. It is hoped that by increasing public awareness, legislators will be held accountable to enact policies to prevent further erosion of our healthcare system in this way.

While investors and executives made hundreds of millions of dollars, healthcare workers lost jobs, and communities lost access to critical services.

Below is the executive summary from the report, the report *Hollowed Out: How Private Equity Destabilized Safety-Net Hospitals in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Rhode Island*, by Karen Davenport and Kennah Watts. Read the entire document online at **https://lnkd.in/eWxbZEF7**

Executive Summary

This case study examines how Prospect Medical Holdings (Prospect) and the private equity firm Leonard Green & Partners (LGP) destabilized safety-net hospitals in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Rhode Island while maximizing their own profits. LGP, which owned a controlling interest in Prospect for more than a decade, leveraged a private equity playbook that emphasized stripping these facilities' assets through financial tactics such as debt loading, sale-leasebacks, and dividend recapitalizations. These strategies culminated in Prospect's January 2025 bankruptcy filing that left a trail of shuttered facilities, unpaid vendors, and patient safety concerns. While LGP and Prospect executives extracted hundreds of millions of dollars in dividends and fees, they burdened the individual hospitals with high-interest debt and unsustainable lease payments for property the hospitals previously owned.

The mismanagement of these facilities led to distinct yet equally devastating outcomes in each of the three states. In Pennsylvania, the Crozer Health system suffered from dangerous service cuts and the eventual closure of four hospitals. Connecticut saw Prospect shut down nearly all inpatient beds at Rockville General Hospital and accumulate millions of dollars in unpaid state provider taxes. Rhode Island experienced a near-collapse of the medical supply chain in Prospect-owned hospitals where many vendors refused deliveries without cash payment, resulting in canceled surgeries and hazardous conditions. To prevent total closure, Rhode Island and Connecticut eventually provided state funds or financed public bond sales to facilitate the transfer of Prospect-owned hospitals to new, nonprofit owners or existing health systems.

As they were extracting wealth from these facilities, Prospect also generated revenue by charging hospital facility fees for services delivered in physician offices and other outpatient settings—a practice that many health systems use to provider revenue. By doing so, five outpatient facilities in Pennsylvania remained lucrative throughout Prospect's ownership and, as a separate offering from the Prospect hospitals, attracting multiple bidders in a bankruptcy auction.

By hollowing out the financial core of safety-net hospitals through debt while shielding these revenue-rich outpatient lines, private equity investors successfully prioritized short-term financial gains even as many of their tactics undermined inpatient care.

Legislators in all three states introduced reform proposals responding to the Prospect saga in their 2025–2026 legislative sessions. Pennsylvania is evaluating legislation that would grant the Attorney General enhanced authority to block certain health care transactions and prohibit private equity and hedge funds from owning hospitals in the state. Connecticut has enacted legislation banning sale-leaseback transactions, and Rhode Island policymakers are considering measures to expand premerger notification requirements and prohibit corporate ownership in health care. Furthermore, regulators have continued exercising their authority to impose conditions as they approve ownership changes, such as Connecticut's three-year ban on Waterbury Hospital and Manchester Memorial Hospital converting their existing non-hospital physician offices into hospital-based billing sites to protect patients from unwarranted facility fees.

The entry and exit of Prospect Medical Holdings in these states highlights how targeting safety-net facilities for asset extraction and short-term profits can result in significant damage. While investors and executives walked away with hundreds of millions of dollars, health care workers lost jobs, and local communities lost access to critical services and facilities. The survival of the remaining facilities often depended on extraordinary state intervention and other taxpayer-funded financial backstops. Ultimately, the Prospect story demonstrates that current state policy and administrative structures may be insufficient to guard against these sophisticated predatory tactics, necessitating a fundamental reexamination of how states protect their health care delivery infrastructure from players primarily focused on their own short-term interests.

The timeline and executive summary presented are from the report *Hollowed Out: How Private Equity Destabilized Safety-Net Hospitals in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Rhode Island*, by Karen Davenport and Kennah Watts.

Read the entire brief at the following URL: **https://lnkd.in/eWxbZEF7**

THE CROZER TIMELINE

2016 — Prospect acquires the Crozer-Keystone Health System (Crozer) in a deal valued at $300 million.

2018 — Prospect pays a $457 million dividend to LGP and Prospect executives. Prospect used a $1.12 billion loan to finance this dividend, burdening the Crozer hospitals and other Prospect properties with significant new debt.

2019 — Prospect sells hospital properties across its multi-state network to Medical Properties Trust in a sale-leaseback agreement for $1.55 billion.

2021 — Prospect puts Crozer hospitals up for sale.

2022 — In February, ChristianaCare and Prospect reach a preliminary purchase agreement for Crozer. In August, ChristianaCare pulls out of the potential Crozer acquisition. In September, Prospect announces plans to close Delaware County Memorial Hospitals, and is sued by The Foundation for Delaware County.

2024 — CHA Partners and Prospect reach a preliminary agreement on the Crozer sale, but a county court denied the sale. Taylor Hospital, a Crozer facility, loses its accreditation for surgical residency and stops providing surgeries. In October, the Attorney General files a lawsuit against Prospect's "corporate greed" and failure to comply with the conditions of the asset purchase agreement.

2025 — In January, Prospect files for bankruptcy and continues to search for Crozer buyers. In May, ChristianaCare successfully bids for five of Crozer's outpatient facilities with an acquisition price of $50.3 million. In August, the Upper Darby School District purchases Delaware County Memorial Hospital. In September, KQT Aikens Partners purchases Taylor Hospital.

2026 — KQT Aikens Partners purchases Springfield Hospital.

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General Josh Shapiro, winning all of Pennsylvania's 67 counties in a three-way primary. He was subsequently elected as Pennsylvania's 35th and first African-American lieutenant governor. In addition, he is our nation's youngest sitting lieutenant governor.

As lieutenant governor, he serves as President of the Pennsylvania Senate. Additionally, he chairs the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the Governor's Local Government Advisory Committee, the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council, the Pennsylvania Advisory Council for Inclusive Procurement, and the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Aerospace States Association. He also serves as co-chair on the Pennsylvania Early Learning Investment Commission.

Since taking office, Lieutenant Governor Davis has led the efforts to drive out $85 million in Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) grants to over 130 projects statewide, $5 million increase in funding to secure places of worship and community centers, and $60 million in new funding for county 911 services.

He also championed efforts to provide $11.5 million to launch the Building Opportunity through Out of School Time (BOOST) program, supporting 46 programs in its first year to give young people in Pennsylvania a safe environment during after-school hours. This is the first ever state program that directed state dollars directly into after school programs in Pennsylvania history.

Governor Davis championed efforts to re-establish Pennsylvania's Office of Gun Violence Prevention and won a $4 million competitive grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to expand hospital-based violence intervention programs.

His steadfast commitment to providing second chances to deserving individuals, has resulted in a modernization of Pennsylvania's Board of Pardons. During his tenure, Lieutenant Governor Davis oversaw the launch of a fully online pardons application system, an increase in staffing to help process a record number of applications, which resulted in a record number of hearings being held over the course of his tenure as the board chair.

Along with service to Pennsylvania, Lieutenant Governor Davis also served as chair of the Democratic Lieutenant Governors Association (DLGA) and a member of the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA).

He currently resides in the Mon Valley region of western Pennsylvania with his wife, Blayre Holmes Davis, and their daughter, Harper.

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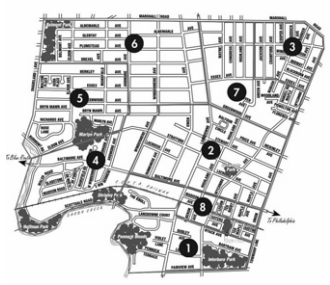

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DRAGON SPIRIT ARTS STUDIO: A PLACE OF RESPITE, PEACE, AND COMMUNITY

Mind/Body Practices Offer Help in Trying Times

By Michelle Ramirez

Like many of you, I'm finding the current political moment very difficult (to put it mildly). My common refrain sounds like this, "What god awful, democracy/planet- destroying thing has the current administration done today?" When reading or watching the news, I vacillate between rage and despair feeling my heart rate and anxiety levels rising. So one way I have learned to cope with the rage/despair do-si-do is to lean into my mind-body practices. Qi gong (a moving meditation similar to Tai Chi) and yoga have been a tremendous support for me while I have navigated some of our nation's most daunting collective challenges, from COVID to encroaching fascism.

The Dragon Spirit Arts Studio (DSA) is a place of respite, peace, and community. It is housed in the 20*20 Gallery, 20 Lansdowne Court, Lansdowne. The studio's founder, Gabrielle De Burke has been trained in martial arts, yoga, qi gong and Tai Chi and combines several of these elements in her teaching and practice.

One long-term DSA member, Catherine Cutuli, notes that Gabrielle is a masterful teacher who understands the importance of mindfulness which "continues to balance me during stressful times."

In this current stressful political moment, where division, rancor and misinformation fuel political discourse, when asked to reflect on what she sees as the benefits of mind/body practices, Gabrielle noted that "they align people with oneness, unity, because it requires you to unify the different parts of yourself and let go of your ego in the practice. I do believe it helps us to find unity." She went on to consider regulation of the nervous system: "When we're constantly in fight or flight our cortisol levels go up, our hormones are depleted, we become much more triggered by the environment." Indeed, research continues to demonstrate positive health effects of mind/body practices on a variety of health outcomes—such as stress management, positive mental health, pain management among many others.*

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For me, as a student and teacher of qi gong, the practices offer the respite of the current moment. For example, right now, in my back yard a beautiful oak tree's leaves are gently swaying in the wind, and in this moment everything is okay. Breathe. When I visit the DSA studio with the wonderful Judy Glass teaching chair yoga at 5:00 PM on Thursdays, we breathe together, we move together and we offer thanks for the gift of life and movement. These practices fortify me for all of the important work we need to do to protect our beautiful and fragile democracy, they help me have more compassion (on good days!), and make me grateful for this little democracy-loving corner of the universe. Xie-xie, thank you, gracias Lansdowne.

* **National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health, Clinical Digest for Health Professionals. Yoga for Health: What the Science Says, February 2020.**

The Election Cycle in Lansdowne: Local, State, and Federal Elections

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2024 – 2028 – 2032 – 2036	
NATIONAL:	• President • Vice President • United States Senator, six-year term (in 2024, 2030, 2036) • United States Representative
STATE:	• Attorney General • Auditor General • Treasurer • State Senator (odd-numbered districts) • State Representative
LOCAL:	None
PARTY:	Delegates to Democratic National Convention (elected in Primary election)

2025 – 2029 – 2033 – 2037	
NATIONAL:	None
STATE:	Appellate Justices and Judges
LOCAL:	Mayor, School Board Director (WPSD Region 6), Four Borough Council Seats, Tax Collector, Two County Council Seats. Judges of Election and Inspectors of Election (Primary election).
PARTY:	None

2022 – 2026 – 2030 – 2034	
NATIONAL:	• United States Senator, six-year term (in 2022, 2028, 2034) • United States Representative
STATE:	• Governor • Lieutenant Governor • State Senator (even-numbered districts) • State Representative
LOCAL:	None
PARTY:	Democratic State and Borough Committee members (elected in Primary election) Republican State and Borough Committee members (elected in Primary election)

2023 – 2027 – 2031 – 2035	
NATIONAL:	None
STATE:	Appellate Justices & Judges
LOCAL:	Three Borough Council Seats, Constable, School Board Director (WPSD Region 5), Three County Council Seats
PARTY:	None

Vote-by-Mail Decisions at the Supreme Court

What happened: The Supreme Court issued a ruling on 8/30/26 on Executive Order 14399. This deals with one of the obstacles that the Trump Administration is attempting to put on mail-in ballots.

The Court did not rule on whether Executive Order 14399 is constitutional. They essentially said the states challenged part of the order too early because the Postal Service (USPS) had not yet issued its final rules. USPS published those rules on August 26, but further legal challenges are expected. It is a setback but not the final word. The real concern now is the administration's support of the USPS slow delivery times, which likely will become even more sluggish for ballots.

UPDATE: On September 14, the Supreme Court ultimately ruled to block President Trump's executive order on mail-in ballots. However, Trump has stated that he still intends to assert greater control over elections, despite the fact that it is illegal for the nation's executive to interfere in the election process.

What voters need to know: Right now, focus on the facts, stay informed, and understand how you can vote in Delaware County:

Vote in person on Election Day. If you already received a mail-in ballot, you must bring it to the polls, turn it in to the Judge of Elections, and request a provisional ballot.

Vote by mail. Ballots are expected to be mailed out by Delco Bureau of Elections in early October. If you already requested one, complete it, and return it using one of the drop boxes in Delaware County. Lansdowne's box is located in front of the fire house on Highland Avenue.

On-Demand Mail Ballot Voting. Go to the County Election Office in Media, request your mail ballot, receive it, complete it, and return it during the same visit.

COMMITTED TO KEEPING OUR DEMOCRATIC VALUES ALIVE AND WELL

Lansdowne Democratic Committee Leadership Team

All Democratic Committee members were elected by the public in the recent Primary Election. In June the members convened to elect their new Chair, Richard Gilbertie. As chair, Richard designs the roles of his leadership team (aka Executive Committee) and invites specific members to fill those positions. This is an introduction to the new Executive Committee of the Lansdowne Democrats. They are all highly-qualified and committed to keeping our Democratic values alive and well in Lansdowne.

Bernadette Domenick

Bernadette Domenick serves as our Secretary and Chair of Internal Engagement, and her commitment to our community is evident in everything she does. A recipient of our 2024 Volunteer of the Year award, she works the polls every election, helps distribute the Lansdowne Leader throughout her precinct, organizes voter engagement efforts like petition drives, and regularly lends her voice as a writer for the Lansdowne Leader.

Whether she's encouraging civic participation, supporting our committee behind the scenes, or helping neighbors stay informed, Bernadette embodies the spirit of service and community engagement. She shows dedication, passion, and countless hours as she gives to Lansdowne.

Heather Giardinelli-Cronan

Heather Giardinelli-Cronan will serve as Vice Chair of External Engagement for the Lansdowne Democratic Committee. She is working to strengthen the connection between our committee, community partners, and the residents of Lansdowne. She is passionate about building a Democratic Committee that is inclusive, engaged, and responsive while supporting leaders who reflect the values and priorities of our community.

She has already served as an at-large committee member of the Lansdowne Democratic Committee, a member of Lansdowne's Environmental Advisory Council, and Delaware County's Youth Aid Panel. She works as Church Administrator and Lay Minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), where service and community are at the center of her work. She is also dedicated to wildlife rehabilitation and conservation education - reflecting her passion for caring for both people and the environment.

Richard Gilbertie

Richard Gilbertie was recently elected as Chair of the Lansdowne Democratic Committee (LDC) by his fellow committee members. His first official act was to invite and appoint individuals to serve on the Executive Committee. Together this dynamic team will guide the LDC to strengthen the Democratic party, to educate and inform all voters in our community, and develop strong candidates to serve in elected office in the borough. Richard's leadership style is one of collaboration and inclusion.

Richard serves as Committee Person for the 4th Precinct He has delivered the Lansdowne Leader, attended Borough Council meetings, and volunteered at the polls. His commitment to public service extends beyond his role in Lansdowne. He is an active member of Lansdowne Friends Meeting, chairs its Adult Religious Education Committee, and serves with the local chapter of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, advocating for peace and humanitarian efforts.

Before moving to Lansdowne, Richard served his community in Northwest Philadelphia as Chair of the Zoning and Land Use Committee for West Mt. Airy Neighbors and as a committee person with Philadelphia's 22nd Ward Democrats. Professionally, he recently retired after a career in data analysis with local healthcare organizations.

Jennifer Hoff

Jennifer Hoff's role will be Vice Chair of Marketing Engagement, to which she is well-suited and experienced through her professional work.

Jennifer has faithfully served as School Board Director in William Penn School District for nearly two decades. Her tireless advocacy for the students, families and

Left to right: Jennifer, Heather, Richard, Bernadette, Jessica, Bill

educational excellence is guided by a simple tenet: our children deserve opportunity to succeed. She has supported those students in classrooms, on athletic fields, at STEAM competitions, throughout the community, and in Harrisburg lobbying for fair funding for education.

Jennifer's dedication, integrity, patience, and unwavering belief in public service have strengthened our schools for nearly 20 years. We are excited to see these same qualities help strengthen the Lansdowne Democratic Committee as we continue building a more informed, connected, and engaged community.

Jessica Pointer

Jessica Pointer serves as First Vice Chair and Chair of Fundraising and Development. Her leadership style of doing the hard work and "walking the walk" will serve the Lansdowne Democratic Committee well. She is guided by the belief that we must listen first to the people who will be affected by a decision.

She serves as President of Lansdowne Borough Council and Chair of the Borough's Health and Public Safety Committee. Her municipal leadership has centered on building safer, healthier, and more inclusive communities through policy and partnerships that protect children and families, strengthen public-health and emergency-response systems, promote community wellness, and safeguard immigrant residents.

Her party-building experience spans from the local to state level as she is a member of PA State Democratic Committee, and Vice Chair of Delaware County Committee.

Bill Smith

Bill Smith serves as the Treasurer of the Lansdowne Democratic Committee! He brings exceptional financial expertise and integrity to ensure that we remain a responsible steward of its resources.

Throughout the years, Bill has served Lansdowne in numerous leadership roles, including Borough Council, Chair of the Planning Commission, Borough Tax Collector, and other key municipal finance and management positions. In every role, he has earned the trust and respect of the community through his integrity, attention to detail, and dedication to good government. His steady leadership and institutional knowledge help strengthen both our committee and our community.

> "I am a Democrat because I believe in protecting freedom, fairness, families, and the future."
>
> *Pete Buttigieg*

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program delivers more than $1.1 billion in rebates for eligible older Pennsylvanians, and people with disabilities.

Under Josh Shapiro's leadership, investments in public education have increased more than ever before. Now, when children in Pennsylvania go to school, they can get free breakfast and there are more mental health counselors and resources available when they need them. When those students graduate from high school, they have more opportunities to chart their own course -- whether in the workforce, through an apprenticeship program, or in college -- and their communities are safer and more prosperous. (Editor's note: Although the Penn Wood lawsuit for equitable state funding for education was victorious in the courts, the lack of a plan and subsequent implementation is a failure that falls on the shoulders of the state legislature. Due to their inaction the school district is forced to take the matter back to the courts.)

Through it all, Governor Shapiro continues -- as he's done throughout his career -- to take on big fights and not back down when it comes to defending the rights and freedoms of Pennsylvanians. His previous experience as Pennsylvania's Attorney General has certainly paid off for Pennsylvanians.

The Shapiro Administration worked alongside local officials and residents in Berks and Schuylkill counties, where bipartisan opposition to the proposed detention centers grew as communities raised concerns about the impact the facilities would have on public safety, infrastructure, water and sewer systems, and local taxpayers. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) took action to protect local communities by issuing administrative orders requiring the proposed facilities to meet the Commonwealth's environmental requirements and address critical water and sewer infrastructure concerns.

While Department of Homeland Security has confirmed that these particular warehouses will not be used as ICE detention centers, the Shapiro Administration's administrative orders will remain in place.

Governor Shapiro sued the Trump Administration over its illegal effort to hold millions of critical homeland security dollars in another attempt to control Pennsylvania's elections. The lawsuit seeks to stop the unlawful imposition of conditions that require states to change the way they administer elections in order to receive funds awarded through the 2026 Homeland Security Grant.

Governor Shapiro is challenging the Trump Administration's decision to politicize funding for Pennsylvanians' reproductive health care and family planning services. The lawsuit seeks to stop the unlawful implementation of conditions that require applicants and grantees to demonstrate "alignment" and "ongoing compliance" with the Trump Administration's political priorities in order to apply for federal family planning dollars appropriated under Title X of the Public Health Service Act — ultimately undermining the program's purpose and governing regulations. Governor Shapiro is fighting to prioritize the health of Pennsylvanians over political agendas.

Governor Shapiro has proven every day that he is a Governor who fights for all of us. Now, Governor Josh Shapiro and Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis are running for reelection to keep getting stuff done and to keep moving our Commonwealth forward.

IT HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER – AND MORE WORTHWHILE – TO BECOME BILINGUAL

The Joys of Learning a Second Language

By Susan Corbin

Hola! Hallo! Ya tua! Bonjour! Xin chao! Sannu! Ciao! Shalom! Namaste!

The above translations are for the English word "Hello!" in Spanish, German, Liberian dialect Kpelle, French, Vietnamese, Nigerian dialect Hausa, Italian, Hebrew and Hindi.

Currently, the English language is the dominant language on the planet Earth. Most people in other countries can speak at least two languages, varying degrees of English in addition to their native language. In contrast, most Americans can only speak one language, English.

Because of the advances in technology, the world has become increasingly interconnected, and it has become easier to access and participate in other cultures. One of the ways to truly immerse yourself in another culture is to speak its language. It has never been easier than today! From in person classes, virtual lessons via zoom, phone apps for language and translation, picture books, self-taught DVD lessons and YouTube classes, whatever your learning style and budget, you can become bilingual. For those who don't want to learn a whole new language just to visit their favorite country, with apps such as Google Translate, you can share audible instantaneous translations with another person. With these same apps you can take snapshots of roads and building signages and it will convert the words into English. Could it get any easier?

There are many benefits to learning a second language:

1. You will strengthen your short- and long-term memory through grammar and vocabulary memorization. You will also develop a sharper focus and improved concentration from studying.

2. You can delay the onset of cognitive decline and Alzheimer's by many years.

3. You can improve your career as bi-lingual employees are highly valued and in demand.

5. Being bilingual can help you develop a global perspective towards the world at large and your country of interest specifically through learning about its culture, literature, films, and traditions.

6. Being able to communicate with someone who speaks another language in the country that you are visiting will heighten your level of enjoyment and is a proven way of truly immersing yourself in the culture.

7. Being able to speak with family members so you can access their memories to talk to them about your family's history and traditions.

As an additional resource, The Language Club at the Lansdowne Library offers the opportunity to speak conversational Italian, Spanish or Norwegian twice a month via zoom. This is a fun and friendly way to keep your language skills fresh and is suitable for all levels. To participate, contact the library at 610-623-0239 and ask for Bill Paterson, Library Director.

Also, Delaware County's Senior Community Services offers beginning and intermediate virtual Spanish classes. For information call 610-237-6222.

ONE VISION: TO STRENGTHEN DELAWARE COUNTY'S VOICE

Delco Women United Share Their Perspectives

This summer, Democrats from all 67 counties gathered in State College for the Pennsylvania Democratic Party's first State Committee meeting of the 2026 cycle. Delegates arrived from every corner of the Commonwealth with different experiences, perspectives, and priorities, but united by a common purpose: strengthening our communities, protecting our democracy, and preparing for the work ahead.

Delaware County was proudly represented by a delegation of elected officials, community leaders, grassroots organizers, and advocates committed to public service and civic engagement. Delco Women United, a group of local female delegate hope to keep the local community informed and engaged through their reports from State Committee. Members of Delco Women United are **Tanya Allen, Lisa Goldstein, Amanda Hammock, Gwendolyn McCullough and Jessica M. Pointer**.

Throughout the weekend, delegates elected their leadership and participated in caucus meetings, leadership elections, committee organization, and discussions focused on strengthening Democratic engagement across Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania Democrats elected the following leadership with an eye toward building success in every corner of Pennsylvania while preparing for victories up and down the ballot in 2026.

Chair: Eugene DePasquale - Allegheny County; Vice Chair: Jamila H. Winder - Montgomery County; Treasurer: Amanda Hammock - Delaware County; Secretary: Sharon Vaughn – Philadelphia County; and Parliamentarian: Lisa Felix – Dauphin County.

Members of the Delaware County delegation were selected to serve in additional leadership roles during the Summer State Committee Meeting, as follows:

Amanda Hammock – Treasurer, Pennsylvania Democratic Party

Jessica M. Pointer – Secretary, Pennsylvania Democratic Women's Caucus

Jonathan Larsen – Executive Committee Representative, Senate District 17

Cheryl Foreman Grosso – Executive Committee Representative, Senate District 26

Malcolm J. Yates – Vice Chair, Southeast Caucus & Executive Committee Representative, Senate District 9

Sharon J. Booker – Treasurer, Southeast Caucus

T.J. DeLuca – Treasurer, Pennsylvania Democratic LGBTQ+ Caucus

Rob Yannuzzi – Executive Committee, Veterans Caucus

The work doesn't end when State Committee adjourns. As Democrats across Pennsylvania organize for the 2026 election cycle, there will be opportunities for volunteers, committee members, activists, and voters to become engaged across the Commonwealth. If we all do our part, we can make the change we want! Will you answer the call to action?

The next meeting of the Pennsylvania State Democratic Committee is September 18-19, 2026. Look for an update by United Women of Delco on Lansdowne Democrats' website: lansdownedemocrats.org.

Delco Women United (Left to Right): Tanya Allen, Lisa Goldstein, Amanda Hammock, Gwendolyn McCullough, and Jessica Pointer

LANSDOWNE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

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Jennifer Hoff,
Vice Chair Engagement (Marketing) 610-220-1385

William T. Smith, Treasurer 610-213-2022

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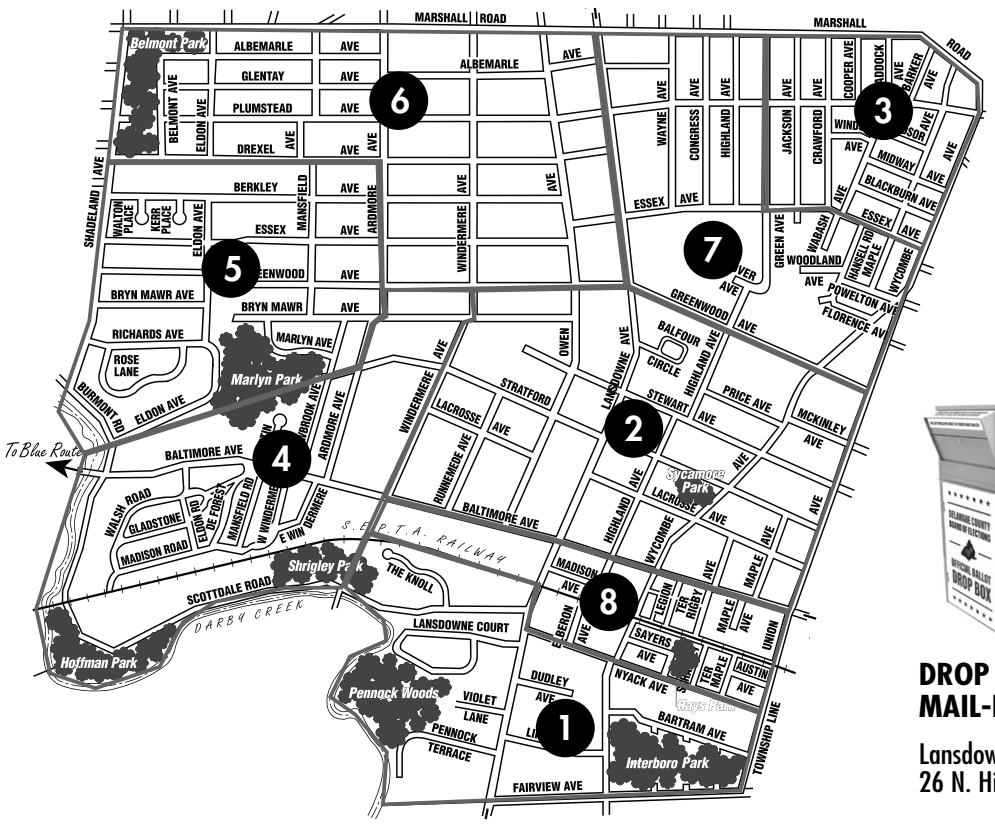
LANSDOWNE POLLING PLACES AND PRECINCT MAP

UPDATED JANUARY 2026

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



DROP BOX FOR MAIL-IN BALLOTS:

Lansdowne Fire Station
26 N. Highland Avenue

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Delaware County Libraries Event Calendar
Lansdowne Public Library
delcolibraries.libcal.com

Lansdowne Economic Development Corporation
Utility Works
Two locations for workshops
32 E Baltimore Ave; 18 N Lansdowne Ave
Check website for workshop listings
eventbrite.com/o/ledc-utility-works-31358426101

Lansdowne Symphony Orchestra
Check website for season tickets and information
lansdowneso.org

Lansdowne Theater
thelansdownetheater.com for schedule of events

Spotlight Theatre 2026-2027 Season
spotlighttheatrepa.org
Twentieth Century Club
84 S Lansdowne Ave

Darby Creek Valley Association
Check website for upcoming events
dcva.org/events

MONTH OF OCTOBER
OctoBOO Judging by Mayor Byrne
Celebrating creative and spooky Halloween house decorations
Recognitions announced in November

EVERY SUNDAY, 11:30AM - 4:30PM
Jamey's House of Music presents Sunday Blues Brunch
32 S Lansdowne Ave

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 8PM
Jamey's House of Music presents The Claudettes
32 S Lansdowne Ave

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 8PM
Jamey's House of Music presents The Outcrops
32 S Lansdowne Ave

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19
Last day to REGISTER to vote in the November election

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 7:00 PM
Lansdowne Folk Club presents Rupert Wates
Twentieth Century Club
84 S Lansdowne Ave

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 5PM - 8PM
A Nightmare in the Underworld
A Haunted Library Adventure & Halloween Fair
Lansdowne Public Library
55 W Lansdowne Ave

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27
Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 THROUGH SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
Lansdowne Police Department Annual Toy Drive
Drop off new/unopened toys, clothes, books, art supplies, gift cards
Pick up can be arranged by calling 610-623-0700
12 E Baltimore Ave

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 11AM - 1PM
Annual Halloween Party at the Lansdowne Farmers Market
Costumes encouraged. Free trick or treat bags (while supplies last)
32 N Lansdowne Ave

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
Last day for County Boards of Election to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8 PM)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 7:30PM
Last day to REGISTER to vote in the November election

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
GENERAL ELECTION DAY
Polls open 7am - 8 pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 7:00 PM
Lansdowne Folk Club presents Dan Navarro
Twentieth Century Club
84 S Lansdowne Ave

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 10AM - NOON
Thanksgiving Market at the Lansdowne Farmers Market
32 N Lansdowne Ave

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 4 PM - 8 PM
THRU NOVEMBER 28, 10 AM - 6 PM
A Bit of the Arts Art Show and Sale
20th Century Club
84 S Lansdowne Ave

MONTH OF DECEMBER
Mayor Magda's Jingle Judging - Holiday House Decorations
Celebrating neighborhood spirit
Recognitions announced in January

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 7:00 PM
Lansdowne Folk Club presents David Jacobs-Strain and Bob Beach
Twentieth Century Club
84 S Lansdowne Ave

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 6PM
Winter Lights Parade, Night Market, Santa and Tree Lighting
For information:
shoplansdowne.com

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Committee, and as Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government. She also chairs the House Caucuses on Access to Legal Aid, Youth Mentoring, and Foster Youth.

Believing everyone is entitled to equal protection under the law, Congresswoman Scanlon previously worked as national pro bono counsel at a major U.S. law firm, where she directed and supervised over 600 lawyers across 15 offices in providing more than 50,000 hours of pro bono legal services annually to low-income clients and nonprofit organizations. Under her leadership, the pro bono program worked on critical issues including voting rights, child advocacy, immigration, public benefits, and criminal justice reform.

Before her election to the U.S. House of Representatives, Congresswoman Scanlon also served as an attorney at the Education Law Center, president of her local school board, and co-chair of the Voting Rights Task Force of the Association of Pro Bono Counsel. She is a graduate of Colgate University and University of Pennsylvania Law School. The Congresswoman and her husband, Mark, reside in Swarthmore and have three adult children.

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Tim has introduced legislation to improve public safety, including providing resources and funding to first responders to keep our communities safe. Tim secured funding for Delaware County's first health department, and brought state and county stakeholders together to get public health infrastructure up and running in the middle of the pandemic.

Senator Tim Kearney is a longtime community leader in southeastern Pennsylvania, where he and his wife Claudia raised their family and started a small business, providing architecture and design services to clients small and large in Delco and beyond. Working as an architect for 35 years led Tim to public service through participation in his borough's planning commission. His work in the community motivated him to serve as a borough mayor and later as state senator.

The son of a teacher and parent of two public school graduates, Tim believes that every child in the Commonwealth deserves a quality public education and a safe learning environment. During his time in the Senate, Tim has championed capital funding for school buildings to address classroom crowding and show our kids that we care about them and their future.

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founded the PA Black Maternal Health Caucus, working to improve health outcomes and addressing racial disparities in maternal mortality rates statewide.

Before her election to the state legislature, Gina served as a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion/Racial Equity consultant and trainer, and as owner of Coach Your Vision LLC. She was vice president of the Upper Darby School Board and served two terms between 2017 and 2021. Gina holds bachelor's and master's degrees from St. Joseph's University, and has served as clinical supervisor, behavioral specialist, and therapeutic consultant to children and families. Gina's advocacy began with her involvement with the Home and School Association at the Kindergarten Center and Highland Park Elementary School. Additionally, Gina served as a local Girl Scout Troop leader, fostering leadership development among girls in elementary and middle school. Gina is an active member of the Chester Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

> "Healthy citizens are the greatest asset any country can have."
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> *Winston Churchill*