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A Letter from Chairman Sharif Street



Dear Pennsylvania Democrats:

Thank you for all the work you have done and will continue to do heading into election day on November 7th. We are proud that Democrats came out again to protect the state House majority. Congratulations to Lindsay Powell on her victory in HD-21's special election. We are appreciative of the support of everyone who helped ensure her victory.

Our statewide judicial slate continues to gain momentum heading into election day. Judge McCaffery, Jill Beck, Judge Lane, and Judge Wolf all need to be elected to protect our rights on important issues, including redistricting and a women's right to choose. They are all continuing to adhere to a rigorous travel schedule and continue to pick up endorsements across the state.

Also, Happy Birthday to Jill Beck who we should all help celebrate on October 16th.

Governor Shapiro and his administration took an important step by implementing automatic voter registration (AVR) for eligible Commonwealth residents obtaining driver licenses and ID cards at PennDOT driver and photo license centers. With unprecedented attacks on the right to vote, this new initiative will make it easier for Pennsylvania residents to maintain and update their voter registration.

I would like to thank everyone for attending and supporting the 2023 PA Dems Independence Dinner which served as a Tribute to former DNC Chairman and PA Governor Ed Rendell this past weekend at the Valley Forge Casino Resort. Selected pictures from the event are in this month's newsletter.

As we enter the final weeks before November 7th, I want to say thank you. Thank you for everything you have done to support our candidates this election cycle. We are strong because of the work each and every committee member, staffer, volunteer, and supporter has done to support our candidates and get them a victory on November 7th.

Sincerely,

Sharif Street

Chairman Sharif Street



Governor Josh Shapiro Announces AVR



Last month, Governor Josh Shapiro announced that Pennsylvania has implemented **automatic voter registration (AVR)** for eligible Commonwealth residents obtaining driver licenses and ID cards at Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) driver and photo license centers. By implementing AVR, Pennsylvania joins a group of 23 states with leaders from both parties – including Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Georgia, Virginia, and West Virginia – who have taken this step to promote election security and save taxpayers time and money.

Starting today, Commonwealth residents who are obtaining new or renewed driver licenses and ID cards and are eligible to vote will be automatically taken through the voter registration application process unless they opt out of doing so. Previously, eligible voters were required to take additional steps to opt into the voter registration process. Today's changes also increase access to voter registration by adding instructions in five more languages, for a total of 31 languages.

"Pennsylvania is the birthplace of our democracy, and as Governor, I'm committed to ensuring free and fair elections that allow every eligible voter to make their voice heard," said Governor Josh Shapiro. "Automatic voter registration is a commonsense step to ensure election security and save Pennsylvanians time and tax dollars. Residents of our Commonwealth already provide proof of identity, residency, age, and citizenship at the DMV – all the information required to register to vote — so it makes good sense to streamline that process with voter registration. My Administration will keep taking innovative actions like this one to make government work better and more efficiently for all Pennsylvanians."

Pennsylvanians have been able to apply to register to vote during these visits at PennDOT centers since the 1993 passage of the National Voter Registration Act, which includes what is known as the motor voter law.

"Registering eligible Commonwealth residents to vote during their visits to driver and photo license centers is a commonsense action," Secretary of the Commonwealth Al Schmidt said. "The voter is already in a state government facility with their identification documentation in hand, and they will have their picture taken and sign their name electronically. Having all of that happen at the same time means the verification process is extremely secure and makes the registration process more efficient."

"At PennDOT, we're proud of our role in the voter registration process," said PennDOT Secretary Mike Carroll. "These latest enhancements are a great example of how, through constant collaboration with the Department of State, we work to make this process as efficient as possible for eligible Pennsylvania residents."

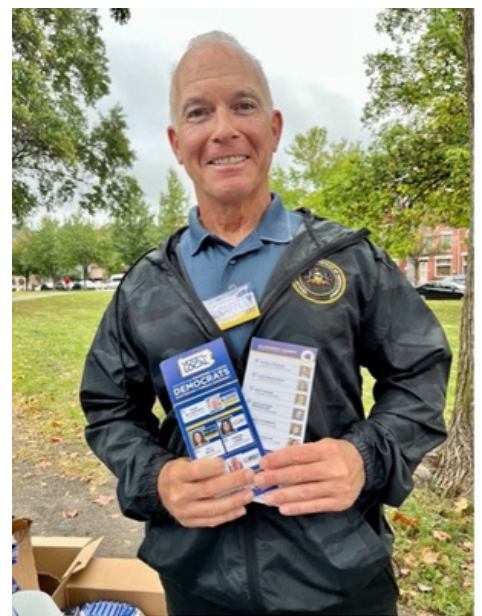
In other states, automatic voter registration has been shown to streamline the registration process for military families, who tend to move more often than other Americans. Automatically updating their voter registration information during their PennDOT visits will ensure that these families can continue to participate in the democracy they work so hard to defend.

PA DEMS Field Updates



Vote Local PA

With the hard work of PA Dems staff and the support of local County and Regional Chairs, the PA Dems have successfully distributed our Vote Local PA slate cards to all 67 counties which are being used daily in the field. Additionally, since launching our first ever County Campaign Initiative, The PA Dems have recruited over 1500+ Volunteer Shifts to organize within our targeted counties, and contacted over 200,000+ Democratic Voters to date. Whether it's at local events or door-to-door canvassing, our County Parties are armed with important information to help educate voters about our Democratic slate of candidates along with important voting information.



PA DEMS

Latest News



Caucus News

Bedford County is fighting the good fight! Proof that our Pennsylvania Democrats know there is no such thing as “off year” elections... while most folks were catching the local Sunday afternoon and evening NFL games, our Bedford County Chair, Valerie Pawuck, and a group of about 16 committee members and volunteers gathered around her kitchen table, stuffing thousands of envelopes with information about the upcoming election and our PA Dems Vote Local PA slate cards.

This is what democracy looks like. We’ve got warriors in our Rural counties all across the Commonwealth. Let’s go get it, PA Democrats!!!

Ballots have already started dropping and voting has begun, it’s time to GOTV!!!



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News from Around the Commonwealth with our Judicial Candidates

Judge McCaffery has been busy campaigning across the Commonwealth and the stakes of this race could not be higher! Women's reproductive rights, voting rights, and civil rights are all on the ballot this November. We cannot afford to lose this seat. [Bolts Magazine recently covered the stakes](#) this race could have on mail voting, redistricting, and even election certification. Stay up to date with Judge McCaffery by following him on Twitter (@judgemccaffery) or on Instagram (@judgemccaffery).

Jill Beck has continued her rigorous travel schedule, visiting all 67-counties (most more than once!) and putting over 45,000 miles on the family car. Support for Jill continues to build, as evidenced by her powerhouse grassroots fundraising operation and diversity of endorsements. From the PA Corrections Officers Association to Planned Parenthood, Pennsylvania is ready to elect Jill Beck! You can help Jill [celebrate her birthday on October 16th by making a donation to the campaign](#), and join Team Beck for her "[Bowling Birthday Bash](#)"!

As we head into the final weeks of this campaign, **Judge Lane's** commitment to engaging with Pennsylvanians about the importance of this election is the highest priority. She has garnered significant endorsements from individual and organizational supporter advocates for public safety, women's rights, labor unions, law enforcement, LGBTQ+, BIPOC communities, and many more. This is because Judge Lane hears the needs of the people in every community, and it has been clearly expressed that her unparalleled judicial qualifications coupled with her passion for impartial justice and fairness, make her election to the Superior Court a necessity.

Judge Matt Wolf continues to pick up endorsements across the state. In addition to earning every major labor union's endorsement, Judge Wolf is proud to have earned the endorsements of AFSCME, SEIU, Philly Unite Here, Vote Vets, Vote Pro Choice, Sierra Club, and Conservation Voters of PA. To learn more about Judge Wolf, visit judgemattwolf.com or follow on socials (@judgemattwolf).



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2023 PA Independence Dinner Photos

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Upcoming Events



Armstrong County

Thursday, October 12th, 6:30 PM

Clubhouse on The Hill,

499 Freeport Rd. Freeport, PA 16229

Tickets: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/armstrongvictory23dinner>

Clinton Democratic Dinner

Thursday, October 12, 6:00PM

Dunnstown Fire Company, 119 Woodward Ave, Lock Haven, PA 17745

Indiana Democrats Dinner

Friday, October 13, 6:00PM

Chestnut Ridge, 132 Pine Ridge RD, Blairsville 15717

Blair Dems Banquet

Sunday, October 15, 5:30PM

Casino at Lakemont, Altoona, PA 16602

Tickets: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/blairdemsbanquet23>

Somerset County Democratic Dinner

Sunday, October 15, 5:00 PM

Somerset Masonic Temple, 145 Masonic Temple Road Somerset, PA 15501

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/somerset-county-democratic-committee-fall-dinner-tickets-707834480987>

Bedford Democrats Dinner

Tuesday, October 17, 5:00PM

1409 Dunkard Hollow RD, Pleasantville

Lawrence County Democratic Party Annual Dinner

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Scottish Rite Cathedral, 110 East Lincoln Avenue, New Castle, PA 16101

Donation: \$40.00 per ticket



Upcoming Events



Sullivan Democrats Dinner

Friday, October 20, 5:00PM

Eagles Mere Country Club, 1 Country Club DR, Eagles Mere, PA 17731

Columbia Democrats Dinner

Saturday, October 21, 6:00PM

Berwick Golf Club, 473 Martzville RD, Berwick, PA 18603

Dauphin County

Saturday, October 21, 2023

5:00PM: Meet & Greet Reception with Featured Guests

7:00PM: Dinner & Awards Banquet

Tickets: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2023dauphingala>

Erie Dems 2023 Dinner

Monday, October 23, 2023 6:00 PM

Erie Maennerchor Club

1607 State Street, Erie, PA 16501

Tickets: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/f2023dinner>

Clearfield County Tailgate for Candidates

Thursday, October 26th, 6:00-8:00PM

Curwensville Civic Center,

11 Stadium Dr. Curwensville, PA 16833

Clearfield County Fall Dinner

Tailgate For Candidates

Thursday, October 26, 2023, 6:00PM

11 Stadium Drive Curwensville PA 16833

Franklin County Democratic Luncheon

Saturday, October 28, 2023, 11:00AM - 2:00PM

155 South Antrim Way, Greencastle, PA 17225

Tickets: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/fcdcfall>

Our 2023 Judicial Slate



Judge Dan McCaffery, Jill Beck, Judge Timika Lane, and Judge Matt Wolf

Voting on Election Day

Polls will be open 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM on Tuesday, November 7th. Be sure to [confirm your voter registration and polling location by October 23rd](#) as you make your plan to vote on Election Day!

Voting Early In-Person

Through October 31st at 5:00 PM, you can vote early by going to your county elections office in person, requesting a ballot, completing it, and handing it back on the spot!

Voting by Mail

Voting by mail is an easy three-step process! Request your ballot [online](#) or with a [paper application](#), complete the ballot as instructed, and return the completed ballot by mail or drop it off at the right place by 8:00 PM on Election Day.

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