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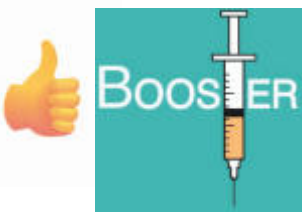
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## Get to Know Our Chester County Commissioners



Our Chester County Commissioners: (Above) Michelle Kichline, Josh Maxwell, and Marian Moskowitz are an elected team serving a 4-year term. They are responsible for policy making, fiscal management, and the administration of county affairs. They are involved with every issue of great impact and concern to taxpayers in Chester County.

They serve on many community boards such as Salary, Prison, and Election boards; appoint county authorities; and provide guidance on major issues such as the Open Space Task Force, Tax Reform, and Climate Control. They travel extensively in the county, attend as many functions as possible and are devoted to making our county a safe, enjoyable, prosperous place to live.

They have been there for us during COVID, Hurricane Ida, and the development of a new train station in Coatesville, which will boost the economy and provide much needed access for daily commuters.

*But let's get to know them a bit more personally.*

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Marian Moskowitz has 2 children and 3 stepchildren. She and her husband Dave cared for Dave's mother and Marian's father while raising the children which created a very busy household.

Marian also has 5 grandchildren. She is pictured on the left with her 6-year-old golden doodle, Lucca. Marian grew up in Philadelphia and took college classes at night while working to pay for her tuition. At the age of 25, Marian, as a single mom, started her first business: selling clothes at a flea market. Over the years, she has owned several small businesses in the trucking and cosmetic fields.

Marian loves to play the piano and is passionate about cooking, particularly recipes that take 3-4 days to complete. "It's my stress reliever," says Marian, "and fortunately, husband Dave is passionate about eating!"

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In addition to the boards she serves on as a commissioner, Marian serves on the boards of West Chester University, The Colonial Theater, The People's Light Theater, the PA State System of Higher Education and the Israel Guide Dog Center.

In fact, Marian and Dave helped establish the Israel Guide Dog Center. That organization trains dogs for blind Arabs and Israelis near Tel Aviv (where her youngest son lives and works).

Despite this busy schedule, family is very important. Every Sunday, Marian's children and grandchildren come over for

brunch. A favorite are her homemade bagels with a variety of toppings.



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Josh Maxwell is a lifelong resident of Chester County and, before becoming commissioner, he served 10 years as Downingtown's Mayor.

Josh went to West Chester University and got his Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Pennsylvania. He is very passionate about ensuring a thriving county, creating opportunities for working families, and safeguarding the equality of all people.

Josh is also passionate about woodworking and has completed multiple projects, including his deck sectional, dining room tables and built-in bookshelves. He even went on a 2 week mission trip to build homes in Juarez, Mexico.

Josh enjoys running marathons, traveling, and football (Go Birds!). Since Josh's grandmother immigrated from Tipperary, Ireland, Josh and his wife, Blair, traveled there a couple of years ago to visit the farm where she was born. In the picture, Josh is with Channel, a rescue dog at the BVSPCA. Josh and Blair hope to adopt a dog of their own sometime soon. His wife, Blair Thornburgh, is an author of books for children and teens. They live in Downingtown.

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Michelle Kichline also grew up in Chester County but, interestingly enough, English was not her first language. Michelle's parents immigrated to the US from Hungary.

Michelle learned Hungarian before speaking English. Her parents chose Chester County because of its great schools, strong communities and abundant job opportunities. Besides having a B.A. in Political Science from the University of PA, Michelle earned her Juris Doctor (J.D.) from the Beasley School of Law at Temple University.

Michelle has two children, one in New York City, and one currently in Dublin, Ireland. Her two dogs in the picture are Indy (anyone a fan of Indiana Jones?), and the Westie is Buddy, who was a rescue.

Michelle's hobbies include yoga, biking, running, and photography. She is also taking a class to learn how to play the card game Bridge. Michelle and her husband reside in Tredyffrin Township.



*I'd like to thank the commissioners for sharing their personal lives with us and for all the time and effort they put in to running our county government. -- Jeani Purcell, Director*



**Executive Director Julie Gaudan and Christine McManus, Program Coordinator of Phoenixville Senior Center (PSC).**

*As* we continue our series on the Chester County Senior Centers, this month we focus on the Phoenixville Senior Center (PSC) and the Executive Director, **Julie Gaudan**.

PSC is located in downtown Phoenixville (153 Church St.). The center offers a wide range of activities and serves a culturally diverse group of people beyond the local community including Spring City and Montgomery County residents. Although COVID limits some of the in-person classes and the opportunity to go in for lunch, PSC has provided over 120,000 meals since COVID began. They hope to fully open in January 2022.

## PHOENIXVILLE SENIOR CENTER (PSC)

Currently, the drive through is open on Fridays, 10:00-11:00, to pick up frozen meals, bagged breakfasts, a 5-pound bag of produce, bread, milk, and eggs. **PLEASE CALL FIRST** to reserve what you need (610-935-1515). There are also a few small groups meeting at the facility such as exercise classes and mahjong.

PSC offers information and assistance for Apprise Counseling, tax preparation, rent rebates, SNAP program, Senior Food box program, Farmers Market Food Voucher program, and more. During COVID, you can call Cari at 610-935-1515 extension 24 for help with complicated Medicare Insurance Programs, Apprise or make an appointment for tax help in the coming year. Cari can also help you apply for SNAP, Senior Food Boxes, Rent Rebates, Food Vouchers and other government programs for seniors.


The center will be providing booster shots for those seniors who received Pfizer shots at least 6 months ago. Call the center to schedule your Pfizer booster.

Out of an abundance of caution PSC did not host indoor activities this fall because the Chester County positivity rate exceeded 5%. The PA Acting Health Secretary announced that 97% of COVID related deaths, 95% of hospitalizations and 94% of reported cases are in UNVACCINATED or NOT FULLY VACCINATED people.


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# PHOENIXVILLE SENIOR CENTER (CONTINUED)

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**A spirited game of mahjong in the library area.**

Data shows that compared to unvaccinated people, fully vaccinated Pennsylvanians are **seven times less likely** to get COVID-19, and **eight times less likely to die from COVID-19**. If you are not vaccinated, no matter what the reason, please remain vigilant.

You need to limit activities to essential trips, avoid crowds and wear a mask. Masks help prevent the development of variants.

PSC has been in the historic Sacred Heart Social Center since 1988. They have replaced windows and done a lot of restoration which offers an excellent space for activities.

There is still much more to do. The HVAC system needs replacing and there are plans to alter some areas for a private counseling area and other programs. The center's greatest need at the moment is financial. You can help improve this awesome facility by donating to the PSC. Visit their website if you want to support the PSC at [phoenixvilleseniorcenter.org](http://phoenixvilleseniorcenter.org).

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