



# NHSRC

## Local & Logical

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### It's Time for a Change

Did you know that the Solebury Township Board of Supervisors is comprised solely of Democrats? We need diversity on the board to inspire more debate and offer differing points of view.

John DeAndrea is running for Solebury Township Supervisor and offers the change we need to see on the board.

- John is a proven problem solver with 35+ years as an electrical systems engineer.
- He advocates for transparent budgeting and efficient use of taxpayer dollars, protecting essential services without bloated overhead.
- He will fight to protect private property rights, opposing intrusive zoning and land-use overreach.
- John supports land conservation but with **BALANCE**, respecting both nature and homeowners' rights.

We need healthy checks and balances in our town leadership. This November vote to restore bipartisan collaboration, vote to have all voices in Solebury reflected in our Township and vote to end one-party rule.



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JOHN DEANDREA, SOLEBURY RESIDENT

To find out more, please visit [deandreainfo.com](http://deandreainfo.com) and follow him on Facebook and Instagram.

Election Day is November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please return your mail-in ballot or get out on Election Day and vote for John for Solebury Supervisor.

# Another Hidden Tax

Did you know another toll increase is being proposed for the New Hope-Lambertville Bridge?

The commission's Pennsylvania and New Jersey Commissioners unanimously authorized staff to initiate a public hearing process this fall that will follow the formal advertisement of proposed toll schedule changes on the commission's website.

Under the proposed adjustments, the E-ZPass rate for Class 1 passenger vehicles (two axles and under eight feet high) would increase by 50 cents to \$2. The corresponding Toll-By-Plate rate for the same vehicle without E-ZPass would rise by \$2 to \$5.

Toll rates just increased in January 2024 from \$1 to \$1.50 for Class 1 passenger vehicles using E-ZPass. (Prior to that, tolls had increase from \$0.85 to \$1 in January 2021. And prior to that, the last increase was in April 2011 when they increased from \$0.75 to \$0.85.)

The adjustment, they claim, is aimed at offsetting rising construction costs, maintaining the agency's bond rating, and continuing infrastructure investment along its network of bridges connecting New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Of course! Costs are rising everywhere, all the time. But we also see completely unnecessary construction removing the toll plaza on our local bridge, citing that it will reduce traffic. Did anyone encounter traffic when they were crossing from Lambertville to New Hope via the toll bridge prior to the construction starting?

Under the commission's toll-setting policy, a public comment period with three virtual hearings must be scheduled for any proposed toll schedule changes. Comments will also be accepted online, via U.S. Mail, and through a recorded phone line.

All eligible comments will be compiled into a report with responses from staff and presented to commissioners before a final decision is made on the potential toll adjustments.

We will keep you posted on when the public comment period begins.

*tell a friend*

Tell a friend! Forward this information to  
a like minded neighbor.  
And join our mailing list.

## OUR BELIEFS

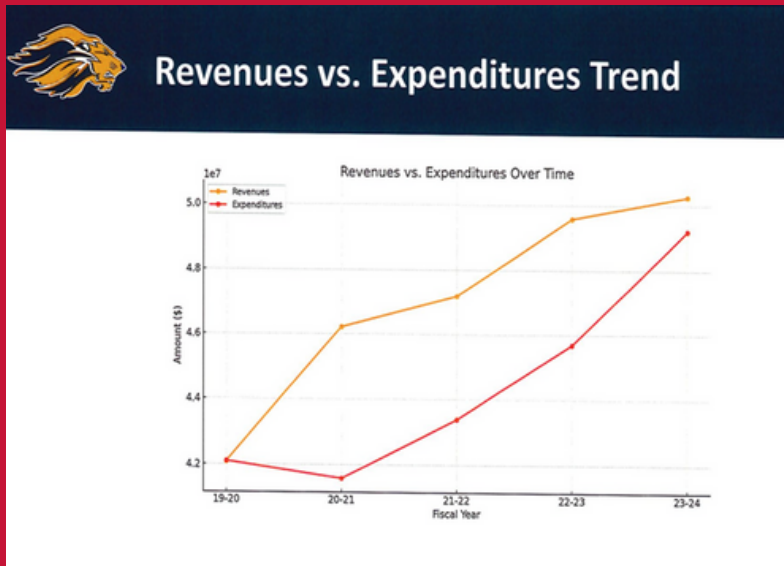
A belief in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all without regard for race, creed, age, sex or national origin.

\* A belief in tolerance, inclusiveness, and optimism that rejects the notion that one must tear down the system in order to change it.

\* A belief in the right to disagree on matters of principle and policy, and in the need to be respectful of different points of view.

# New Hope Solebury School District Update

The New Hope Solebury School District passed the 2025-2026 budget at the June 2025 Board Meeting, saddling the Solebury Township and New Hope Boro residents with a 4% tax increase. Even with that burden placed on the tax paying residents, the passed budget includes \$2.8 MILLION more in expenses than the revenue it will take in.



And as a reminder, an article in [Bucksco.Today](#) pointed out that the New Hope Solebury School District tops the whole state of Pennsylvania with an average teacher salary of \$111,968. (For context, in PA, the average teacher salary was \$74,945 last year, ranking 11<sup>th</sup> nationwide.)

**Park Mobile Update:** The last large free parking lot in New Hope Borough is gone. Working with New Hope Borough, the New Hope-Solebury School District will now charge for parking during high demand hours, including evenings and weekends, at the high school lot.

Parking tickets will be given to those who do not pay for parking at the school.

The mobile parking app system will be turned off during school hours and for school events, including football games and plays.

The parking payment will only be active during high traffic times, such as the Christmas season, summer and weekends. You know, when you actually want and need to park there.

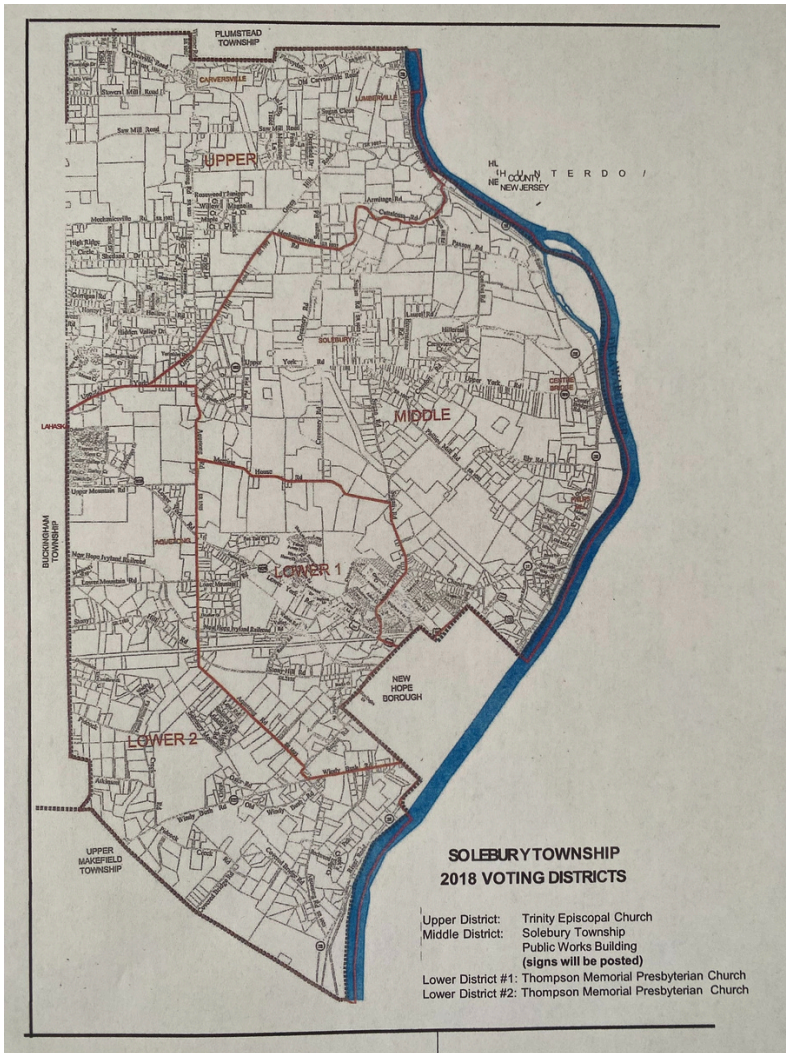
On the plus side, while the Board was originally intending to use the funds gained from fleecing the residents, workers and tourists to compensate for the budget shortfalls, it may make you feel better when forking over the money to know that it will be distributed to the school's sports teams and various clubs to offset their expenses as the proceeds collected by students on-site previously did.



# VOTE VOTE VOTE

## All Voting Is Local

The 2025 Pennsylvania General Election will take place on **November 4th**.



### Polling Places:

**Lower District #1 - Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church**  
1680 Aquetong Road

**Lower District #2 - Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church**  
1680 Aquetong Road

**Middle District - Solebury Township Public Works Building**  
3092 Sugan Road

**Upper District - Trinity Episcopal Church**  
6587 Upper York Road

### **New Hope/Solebury:**

**House of Representatives - District 1**  
**PA State Senate - District 10**  
**PA State House - District 29**

## Our Beliefs:

- \* A belief in smaller government, and by extension, a belief that the size and reach of the federal government should be limited.
- \* A belief that the proper function of government is to provide those few things that have to be done but cannot be done, or done well, by the private sector.
- \* A belief in fiscal conservatism, embodied in limited taxation and limited government spending.
- \* A belief in strong national defense to preserve the peace and protect our national interests abroad.

**The New Hope Solebury Republican Club meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7pm.**

**Contact us for more information:**

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