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## Local & Logical

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### Trump has secured the nomination - Why bother voting in the Primary?

In Pennsylvania, voters must be registered as Republican or Democrat in order to vote in their respective primaries. Registered Independents cannot vote in the primary.

For the Republican Presidential Primary, Donald Trump has secured the party nomination, though Nikki Haley will still appear on the ballot.

The U.S. Senate Republican primary race has David McCormick running unopposed as the Republican representative against Bob Casey in the general election. (This is expected to be one of the most expensive races in the country.)

For US House Representatives, in District 1 incumbent Brian Fitzpatrick is being challenged by Mark Houck.



In PA State District 29 representing Solebury, Steve Mekanik is running unopposed for the Republican side of the ticket.

Stacy Garrity is running unopposed for PA State Treasurer in the Primary; as is Tim DeFoor for PA Auditor General.

There is a race between Dave Sunday and Craig Williams to represent the Republican side of the ticket for PA Attorney General.

For information on all the candidates and their stance on various issues, visit <https://www.vote411.org/ballot>

### Important Dates:

- Last Date to register to vote for Upcoming Primary Election: **APRIL 8**
- Last Date to request Mail in Application for Upcoming Election: **APRIL 16**
- Primary Election Date: **APRIL 23**
- General Election Date: **NOVEMBER 5**

Click to get a [Mail in Application](#).

# welcome!

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

**Contact us for more information:**

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## How To Judge The Effectiveness Of Your Local Government

This story first appeared in Talk of the Town, a weekly newsletter by Spotlight PA's State College regional bureau featuring the most important news and happenings in north-central Pennsylvania. [Sign up for free at spotlightpa.org/newsletters/talkofthetown](https://spotlightpa.org/newsletters/talkofthetown).

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Local government plays a big role in daily life.

What do your nearest park's playground equipment, your neighborhood's trash pickup frequency, and your closest library's services all have in common? They are probably overseen by your local government, which deeply influences our daily lives in big and small ways.

To keep core services running smoothly, municipalities create policy, levy taxes, borrow money, authorize spending, administer public services, and more. This can make it tough for the average person to judge how well their local government is performing, because no uniform rule outlines what needs municipalities must meet.

Local governments in Pennsylvania have delegated powers, meaning they "can only do things specifically declared by law to be within their authority, or things the courts interpret as necessary to carry out such powers," according to a guide published by the Pennsylvania Governor's Center for Local Government Services. Home rule municipalities, such as Philadelphia and Ferguson Township in Centre County, are exceptions because they can do what is not prohibited by superseding laws.

The services provided by any borough, township, or city can vary widely: police and fire protection, road infrastructure, sewage collection, parking and traffic control, zoning, park maintenance.

State law doesn't explicitly require that local governments provide specific services — although the statute governing financially distressed municipalities does outline eight basic offerings it calls "vital and necessary." It instead gives municipalities the authority to provide such services. In practice, though, constituents expect many fundamental functions from local governments, and local officials broadly recognize those needs and work to meet them.

“Every community ... gets to set their own standard for what’s important to them and what they can afford,” said David Sanko, executive director for the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors. That’s why people tend to trust their local government more than the state or federal ones, he added. “It’s more responsive, and it’s more customizable, if you will, to the needs of the community,” he said. “It doesn’t try to be everything to everyone.”

Governing bodies — such as a borough council or a township board of supervisors — carry out municipal actions in the form of ordinances or resolutions. This information is typically accessible through open records, from which residents can find out what their local government has promised to do.

Public works and utilities such as airports and water systems can be expensive, and local governments can choose to form municipal authorities to finance and manage those projects. More than 1,500 authorities in Pennsylvania provided a variety of services in 2022, according to the latest numbers available from the state Department of Community and Economic Development.

Rising costs of materials and personnel, along with the growing complexity of state and federal regulations, have made providing public services locally more difficult, Sanko told Spotlight PA. Larger municipalities tend to face more competing needs from the community that tug at limited resources, he added.

At the end of the day, people judge the effectiveness of services provided by local governments based on their quality of life, he said. He encourages residents to attend public meetings and volunteer so that local actions reflect their community’s needs.

**Solebury Township Board of Supervisors meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday. These meetings can be attended via Zoom but you must register by 3pm on the day of the meeting to attend.**

## **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.**

# SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP UPDATES



## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4 - Solebury Twp Sustainability Forum, NHS High School Library 6pm

April 16 - Community Conversations, NHS High School Library 6:30pm

April 17 - New Hope Solebury Republican Club 7pm

## SOLUBURY PRIORITIES & OBJECTIVES FOR 2024

- Alternative Energy Ordinance - **Imminent Priority**
- AirBnB Ordinance Review
- Burning Regulation - Research and Draft Ordinance
- Dark Skies Ordinance - Research and Draft
- EV Charging Ordinance - Research and Draft
- Continue discussions on affordable housing (ADU's)



## OUR BELIEFS

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

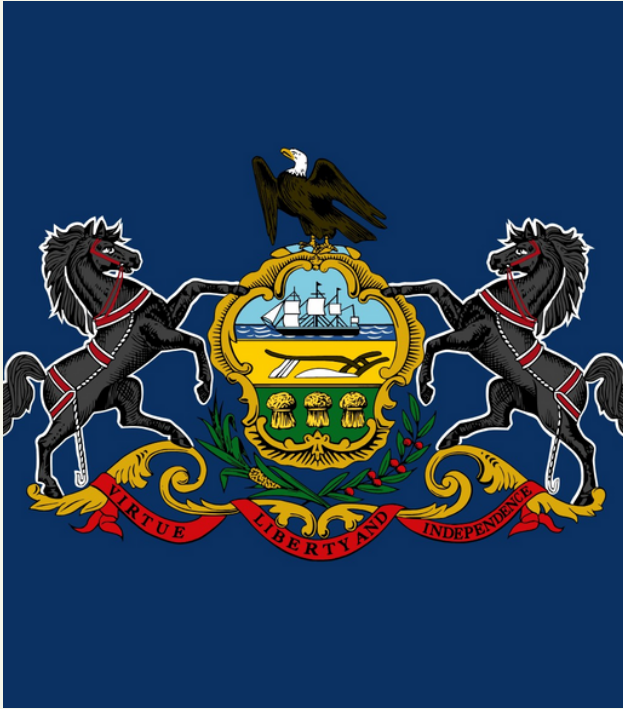
\* A belief in tolerance, inclusiveness, and optimism that rejects the notion that one must tear down the system in order to change it.

\* 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.

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# PA UPDATES AND INFORMATION



## PA: COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF SIGNATURE VERIFICATION FOR MAIL-IN VOTING

In a 2-1 ruling by three Democrat-appointed judges, the Third Circuit overturned a previous ruling from a federal district court that struck down the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's 2022 ruling that required a "dated signature requirement" for mail-in voting.

Per the RNC:

In November 2022, the RNC, NRCC, and PAGOP secured a victory on this issue in front of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. A federal district court then struck down the dated signature requirement in November 2023. We appealed, and now the U.S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals has agreed with the RNC's argument.

This was a 2-1 ruling handed down by 3 Democrat-appointed judges. This ruling will have far-reaching effects regarding left-wing attempts to weaponize the Materiality Provision of the Civil Rights Act across the country and represents a victory for mail ballot safeguards in a crucial swing state.

## PENNDOT, PA TURNPIKE ANNOUNCE THE START OF WORK ZONE SPEED SAFETY CAMERA PROGRAM

Harrisburg, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PA Turnpike), in partnership with the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), today [March 4], started enforcement of the statewide Work Zone Speed Safety Camera program.

Previously referred to as Automated Work Zone Speed Enforcement, the initial five-year pilot program was made permanent when Governor Josh Shapiro signed House Bill 1284 into law on December 14, 2023. Act 38 of 2023 reaffirmed Shapiro's commitment to public safety and built on his promise to ensure every Pennsylvanian feels safe in their community, including on the roadways.

If a driver is caught speeding through a work zone by Work Zone Speed Safety Cameras, they will not receive a second violation until 15 days after the mail date of their first violation. This allows time for the warning to be delivered to the motorist to ensure they are aware of the program and change their driving behavior. **Once the 15-day warning period has ended, multiple violations can be received on consecutive days, and even on the same day.**