

Election Guide 2019



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Lancaster County voters will elect candidates for dozens of municipal and judicial offices in the election on Tuesday. Those offices include school board, township supervisor, borough and city council, magisterial district judge and countywide offices such as district attorney and prothonotary.

There is also a race for the state Superior Court and a statewide referendum on whether to increase the rights of crime victims. Inside, you'll find summaries of each of the contested races on the ballot Tuesday — those in which there are more candidates than there are positions up for election, such as the race for county judge and district attorney. Many other races do not feature contests, and this guide does not include information on those candidates even though they also will appear on the ballot. This year's uncontested races include the one for county commissioner, in which three candidates are seeking three open seats. Though turnout is often low in so-called "off year" municipal races, the decisions made by local office-holders have significant financial impacts. County, municipal and school officials here control annual budgets that total nearly \$2 billion — money generated by property taxes and other levies. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Frequently asked questions



Where do I vote?

If you don't know where your polling place is, visit votespa.com and click the link under "Find your polling place." Enter your home address, and the site will tell you the street address of your polling place and give you directions. You also can call 877-VOTESPA (877-868-3772) for voting site information.



What if I have problems voting?

If you have problems at your polling place, call the Lancaster County Elections Office at 717-299-8293. You also can stop by the Elections Office at 150 N. Queen St., Suite 117. That's the former Armstrong building at Queen and Chestnut streets. If you'd like to report a voting problem to LNP, call 717-291-8622. If you're on Twitter, tweet voting problems or issues using #LancasterVotes.



Where can I find results?

The results will start filtering into the Lancaster County Elections Office a short time after the polls close at 8 p.m. Check LancasterOnline for live coverage and breaking news throughout the day and evening.

Reminders

If you are voting in Pennsylvania for the first time or if you are voting at a new precinct for the first time

● You must bring one of the following approved forms of photo identification:

- Pennsylvania driver's license or PennDOT ID card.
- ID issued by any commonwealth agency.
- ID issued by the U.S. government.
- U.S. passport.
- U.S. Armed Forces ID card.
- Student ID.
- Employee ID.

If you do not have a photo ID

● You can use a nonphoto identification that includes your name and address. Approved forms of nonphoto identification include the following:

- Confirmation issued by the county Voter Registration Office.
- Nonphoto ID issued by the commonwealth.
- Nonphoto ID issued by the U.S. Government.
- Firearm permit.
- Current utility bill.
- Current bank statement.
- Current paycheck.
- Government check.

2 seek term as judge

Two candidates are seeking a term as judge for a 10-year term in the Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas. (Vote for 1) Candidates are:



School board contested races in 10 districts

Ten Lancaster County school districts have contested races, meaning there are more candidates than seats available. Here are the candidates in each district, along with their party affiliations, ages and occupations. Board terms are for four years.

COCALICO

5 seats, 6 candidates

● **Pam Goshert (D)**
Age: 46.
Occupation: Elementary math coordinator for Pequea Valley School District.

● **Kevin Eshleman (R)**
Age: 57.
Occupation: Executive pastor at Ephrata Community Church.

● **Randall Renninger (R)**
Age: 55.
Occupation: Founder and CPA at INSite CPAs.

● **Juanita Fox (R)**
Age: 43.
Occupation: Storyteller at Garden Spot Communities.

● **Desiree Wagner (R)**
Age: 51.
Occupation: Language arts teacher in Reading School District.

● **Pamela Blickle (R)**
Age: 49.
Occupation: Business consultant.

COLUMBIA

5 seats, 8 candidates

● **Sandra Duncan (D)**
Age: 70.
Occupation: Retired.

● **Kathleen Hohenadel (D/R)**
Age: 66.
Occupation: Retired teacher, administrative assistant at Landis Homes.

● **Charles Leader (D/R)**
Age: 70.
Occupation: Retired.

● **Lauren K. VonStetten (D)**
Age: 35.
Occupation: Stay-at-home mom.

● **Rebecca Young (D)**
Age: 49.
Occupation: Program enrichment coordinator/grant writer at Bell Socialization Services

● **Fred Thomas (R)**
Age: 76.
Occupation: Pastor at Columbia Church of God.

● **Kaitlyn Keyser (R)**
Age: 35.
Occupation: Nurse at Lancaster General Hospital.

● **Lester W. Putt (R)**
Age: 47.
Occupation: IT coordinator/HIPAA security officer at St. Anne's Retirement Community.

CONESTOGA VALLEY

5 seats, 6 candidates

● **Idette B. Groff (D/R)**
Age: 74.
Occupation: Retired.

● **Luis D. Torres (D)**
Age: 46.
Occupation: Consultant for nonprofits.

● **John Smucker (R)**
Age: 50.
Occupation: Restaurateur.

● **Cynthia Schulz (R)**
Age: 50.
Occupation: Secretary, Zeltenreich Reformed Church.

● **Denise Zabala (R)**
Age: 64.
Occupation: Dispatcher at Manheim Auto Auction.

● **Philip Benigno (R)**
Age: 38.
Occupation: Inside sales, Huttig Building Products.

EASTERN LANCASTER COUNTY

5 seats, 6 candidates

● **Bryan K. Hower (D)**
Age: 53.
Occupation: Computer science teacher at McCaskey High School.

● **Thomas E. Wentzel (R)**
Age: 61.
Occupation: Line leader at Morgan Truck Body.

● **Brian T. Conroy (R)**
Age: 47.
Occupation: Sales representative for Master Wall.

● **Kevin McCarroll (R)**
Age: 45.
Occupation: Manager, PVH Corp.

● **Jackie Geyer (R)**
Age: 36.
Occupation: English-as-a-second-language teacher.

● **Dina A. Maio (R)**
Age: 50.
Occupation: Project manager at Mountain View Mechanical.

ELIZABETHTOWN

5 seats, 6 candidates

● **Kristy Moore (D)**
Age: 35.
Occupation: English-as-a-second-language teacher at Centerville Middle School.

● Karen Sweigart (D/R)

Age: 58.
Occupation: Social worker at Landis Homes Retirement Community.

● **Caroline Lalvani (D/R)**
Age: 58.
Occupation: Director of Elizabethtown community affairs and college special events at Elizabethtown College.

● **Terry L. Seiders (D/R)**
Age: 64.
Occupation: Acting manager for operation services, Metropolitan Edison Co.

● **Craig M. Hummer (D/R)**
Age: 45.
Occupation: Residential loan officer at Ephrata National Bank.

● **Michael Martin (R)**
Age: 44.
Occupation: President, David's Furniture & Interiors.

EPHRATA

5 seats, 7 candidates

● **Jobany Bedoya (D)**
Age: 38.
Occupation: Small business director at Greater Reading Chamber Alliance.

● **Suzanne Delahunt (D)**
Age: 61.
Occupation: Director of music, Lighthouse Vocational Services.

● **Chris J. Weber (R)**
Age: 36.
Occupation: Pastor, Ephrata Community Church.

● **Timothy Stauffer (R)**
Age: 37.
Occupation: Office administrator at Matthew's Painting.

● **Richard Gehman (R)**
Age: 35.
Occupation: Executive at Paul B. Zimmerman.

● **Judy S. Beiler (R)**
Age: 62.
Occupation: Care and visitation pastor at the Worship Center.

● **Trisha Y. Good (R)**
Age: 35.
Occupation: Payroll manager/investment fund accountant.

LAMPETER-STRASBURG

5 seats, 6 candidates

● **Susan Rhoades (D)**
Age: 52.

Occupation: Vice president of exposed structure solutions at Armstrong World Industries.

● **Melissa S. Herr (D/R)**
Age: 49.
Occupation: Auction clerk, farmer.

● **Audra R. Spahn (D/R)**
Age: 48.
Occupation: Entrepreneur.

● **James H. Byrnes (D/R)**
Age: 67.
Occupation: Customer service at Cooper Printing.

● **Scott Arnst (D/R)**
Age: 51.
Occupation: Director of information technology at Wyomissing Area School District.

● **Matthew Parido (R)**
Age: 47.
Occupation: Executive director, Pennsylvania Senate Agriculture Committee.

MANHEIM TOWNSHIP

5 seats, 10 candidates

● **Janet Carroll (D)**
Age: 72.
Occupation: Retired.

● **JoAnn Hentz (D)**
Age: 68.
Occupation: Retired.

● **Sara Grosh (D)**
Age: 47.
Occupation: Clinical specialist at Abbott.

● **Courtney Morton (D)**
Age: 41.
Occupation: Pharmaceutical quality assurance manager at Johnson & Johnson.

● **Teddy M. Vasquez (D)**
Age: 33.
Occupation: Self-employed.

● **Jon Sensenig (R)**
Age: 44.
Occupation: Construction manager at Speedwell.

● **Mark W. Anderson (R)**
Age: 57.
Occupation: Director of building and grounds, Derry Township School District.

● **Stephen W. Grosh (R)**
Age: 42.
Occupation: Attorney.

● **Dan Holler (R)**
Age: 37.
Occupation: German teacher at Pequea Valley

High School.

● **April Weaver (R)**
Age: 35.
Occupation: Social worker, behavioral health consultant.

PENN MANOR

5 seats, 6 candidates

● **Ruth Crawford-Fisher (D)**
Age: 55.
Occupation: President of Crawford Coaching and Consulting International; adjunct professor at Immaculata University; CEO of Education Consultants of Lancaster.

● **Donna J. Wert (R)**
Age: 68.
Occupation: Retired teacher, part-time receptionist.

● **Mitchell L. Sweigart (R)**
Age: 23.
Occupation: Account executive.

● **Joseph G. Fullerton (R)**
Age: 44.
Occupation: Principal at Technical College High School.

● **Carlton Rintz (R)**
Age: 59.
Occupation: Small business owner.

● **Wardell J. Jackson (R)**
Age: 62.
Occupation: Retired.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LANCASTER

5 seats, 6 candidates

● **Kareena Rios (D)**
Age: 28.
Occupation: Stay-at-home mom.

● **Robin Goodson (D)**
Age: 50.
Occupation: Fiscal clerk with City of Lancaster.

● **Edith Gallagher (D)**
Age: 56.
Occupation: Visiting scholar in biology at Franklin & Marshall College.

● **Ramon Escudero (D)**
Age: 47.
Occupation: Director of strategic engagement for the Center for Sustained Engagement with Lancaster at Franklin & Marshall College.

● **Randolph Carney (D)**
Age: 65.
Occupation: Field service technician, Eastman

Kodak Co.

● **J.S. Woody Chandler (NPA)**
Age: 54.
Occupation: Retired teacher.

SOLANCO

Region 2

2 seats, 3 candidates

● **Glenn W. Robinson (D)**
Age: 37.
Occupation: Sales/service, Kingdom Biofuels.

● **Brian P. Musser (R)**
Age: 40.
Occupation: Co-owner, Musser's Market Inc.

● **Byron W. Graybeal (R)**
Age: 47.
Occupation: Dairy farmer.

WARWICK

5 seats, 10 candidates

● **Anne Pyle (D)**
Age: 75.
Occupation: Real estate agent with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices.

● **Lynn M. Stover (D)**
Age: 62.
Occupation: Teacher at Eastern Lancaster County School District.

● **Deborah D. Ehleiter (D)**
Age: 70.
Occupation: Retired.

● **Scott Althouse (D)**
Age: 47.
Occupation: Executive director of Easy Does It.

● **David Morgan (D)**
Age: 74.
Occupation: Retired.

● **Lisa Miller (R)**
Age: 47.
Occupation: Real estate agent with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices.

● **Todd Rucci (R)**
Age: 49.
Occupation: Government and community relations officer, PAP Technologies.

● **Nelson Peters (R)**
Age: 72.
Occupation: Retired

● **Leslie Penkunas (R)**
Age: 54.
Occupation: Editor of Central Penn Parent.

● **C. Edward Browne (R)**
Age: 39.
Occupation: Attorney.

Marsy's Law would add victims rights to state constitution

Pennsylvania voters will decide Tuesday whether to constitutionalize the rights of crime victims. That's because the Legislature approved a bill known as Marsy's Law, putting the matter to a referendum in the general election. Supporters say it will strengthen the rights of victims, but opponents question whether a constitutional amendment is necessary. They point out that victims already have the power of the Commonwealth on their side. The proposal is named for Marsalee "Marsy" Nicholas, who was murdered in California in 1983. Her brother and mother encountered her accused killer in a grocery store a few days after he had been arrested. They did not know he had been released on bail. After that, they began a campaign to make sure that victims would be bet-

● **Note:** The legality of the referendum is being challenged in state court, but as of Tuesday there had been no ruling in the case.

ter informed so encounters like theirs wouldn't happen elsewhere, said Jennifer Riley, director of Marsy's Law in Pennsylvania, which advocated for the referendum. Victims already have rights under statute, but they can't petition a court to ensure those rights are protected. Marsy's Law would give victims a number of constitutional rights. Under the law, victims would be considered when courts set bail and conditions for release. It also would give them the right to be notified of pretrial dispositions and when accused perpetrators are released from cus-

today. The law also would require the prompt return of property no longer needed as evidence. If Marsy's Law is approved by voters Tuesday, the detailed process for enforcing victims' rights would still need to be hashed out through the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts. In places where Marsy's Law has been implemented, judges are constitutionally required to explain victims' rights during court proceedings. Some critics say Marsy's Law will further chip away at an accused person's presumption of innocence. The Pennsylvania chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union opposes Marsy's Law, saying it would threaten protections for the accused and clog the criminal system with "constitutionally mandated requirements that victims are already entitled to by law."

Many races go uncontested

Numerous local races are uncontested in the Nov. 5 election, meaning the number of candidates does not exceed the number of open seats. Those candidates are not listed in this guide, which focuses only on the contested races. The biggest uncontested race locally is the one for county commissioner. There are three open seats and only three candidates — Republicans Josh Parsons and Ray D'Agostino, and Democrat Craig Lehman.

2 face off for prothonotary

4-year term (Vote for 1)	developer.
● Dan Phillips (D)	● Andrew E. Spade (R)
Age: 27	Age: 46
From: Elizabethtown.	From: Lititz.
Occupation: Business-intelligence	Occupation: Assistant district attorney.

POLLING PLACE CHANGES

Voters in five Lancaster County voting precincts will have new voting locations Tuesday. The districts and new voting locations are as follows:

● Akron Borough East District: Akron Mennonite Church, 1311 Diamond St.	Landisville.
● Columbia Borough Seventh Ward: Columbia Animal Shelter, 265 S. 10th St.	● Warwick Township Millport District: Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 36 Church St., Lititz.
● East Hempfield Township Scotland District: East Hempfield Township Municipal Building, 1700 Nissley Road,	● West Lampeter Township Lampeter District: West Lampeter Township Municipal Building, 852 Village Road, Lampeter