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“I voted today” stickers were given to voters outside polling places in Lancaster County Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023.

Reminders



Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3. The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
The deadline to register to vote in the election or to update a voter registration is Monday, Oct. 19. For more information about registering to vote, visit vote.pa.gov.

FIRST-TIME VOTERS

If you are voting in Pennsylvania for the first time or voting at a new precinct for the first time, you must bring one of the following approved forms of photo identification to vote in person:

- 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.
- Student ID.
- Employee ID.

NO PHOTO ID?

If you do not have a photo ID, you can use identification without a photo that includes your name and address. Approved forms of nonphoto ID include:

- Confirmation issued by the county voter registration office.
- Nonphoto ID issued by the commonwealth.
- Nonphoto ID issued by the U.S. government.
- Firearms permit.
- Current utility bill.
- Current bank statement.
- Current paycheck.
- Government check.

Polling place change

The Lancaster County Board of Elections has proposed a polling place change for one voting precinct. The county elections office posts notices at the former and new locations and sends postcards in the mail to affected voters notifying them of the change. The office will also post notices at three other locations within the precinct. The change will be up for approval at 11 a.m. today during the Board of Elections meeting on the seventh floor of the Lancaster County Government Center, 150 N. Queen St.,

Lancaster.
The polling place change is as follows:

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP
NO. 5304 — 4TH DISTRICT

- **Former location:** Lancaster City Operations Center, 225 Riverside Ave.
- **New Location:** Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology Naval Reserve Building, 117 Parkside Ave.

Frequently asked questions



WHERE DO I VOTE?
If you don't know the location of your polling place, visit vote.pa.gov and click on Find Your Polling Place. Enter your home address, and the website will tell you the street address of your polling place and give you directions.



WHAT IF I HAVE A PROBLEM 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 office at 150 N. Queen St., Suite 117, in the county government center at North Queen and West Chestnut streets in Lancaster. The office will be open until 8 p.m. Nov. 3, Election Day.
If you'd like to report a voting problem to the newspaper, call 717-291-8622 or send an email to news@lnpnews.com.



WHERE CAN I FIND RESULTS?
Check LancasterOnline.com after 8 p.m. on election day for the latest results in all races on the ballot in Lancaster County.

Mail-in ballots

To vote by mail-in ballot, registered voters must first apply each year to do so. Voters can opt in to a permanent list to automatically receive an application to vote by mail. The option to join that list can be found on mail-in ballot applications. You can download and print the mail-in ballot application in English at lanc.pa.gov.

news/Englishballot, in Spanish at lanc.pa.gov/news/Spanishballot, in traditional Chinese at lanc.pa.gov/news/Chineseballot, and in Vietnamese at lanc.pa.gov/news/Vietnameseballot. Fill in the application and mail it to the Lancaster County Office of Elections, 150 N. Queen St., Suite 117, Lancaster, PA 17603-3562. Any registered voter also can apply for a mail-in ballot in person at the county elections office or online at vote.pa.gov.

You will need a valid Pennsylvania driver's license or a photo ID from the state Department of Transportation. Voters casting ballots by mail rather than voting in person must include postage on the return envelope they receive with their ballot. Also, voters must place their ballot inside the security envelope which is then sealed inside the separate mailing envelope. There's a step-by-step guide at lanc.pa.gov/ballot-howto. Mail ballots must be received in the

Lancaster County elections office by 8 p.m. Nov. 3, Election Day. Voters may deliver their ballots directly to the elections office. Pennsylvania's version of early voting has already begun in Lancaster County. Through Oct. 27, voters can apply for, and fill out, mail-in ballots in person at the county elections office during business hours and turn them in directly. The elections office is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Garrity in uphill battle against Shapiro in governor's race

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HARRISBURG — The 2026 election for Pennsylvania governor is fast approaching. Voters will decide whether Democratic Gov. Josh Shapiro should spend another four years as the state's chief executive or grant his Republican competitor, state Treasurer Stacy Garrity, a turn at overseeing a vast state bureaucracy that implements programs and policies ranging from elections to environmental policy. Shapiro, 53, is hoping his years of executive experience will convince voters that he deserves a second term fulfilling his long-held pledge (one that has morphed into an oft-repeated slogan) to “GSD,” or Get Stuff Done. Also considered a 2028 presidential contender, Shapiro has raised tens of millions in campaign contributions to bolster his reelection, and recent polling shows him with a commanding lead in the race. Garrity, 62, also boasts a resume that includes years of executive leadership. But from the start, she has been the underdog — viewed that way even by her own party. She has aligned herself closely with Presi-

dent Donald Trump, telling Spotlight PA, “Who doesn’t want to make America great again?” But she has also tried to temper certain MAGA positions, waving away previous comments questioning election results and saying she would handle tariffs differently than Trump has. She has trailed Shapiro in both the polls and fundraising. Her criticism that Shapiro is using Pennsylvania as a stepping stone for a rumored 2028 presidential run does not appear to have resonated strongly with voters — at least based on polls showing her trailing the governor by double digits. Whoever wins will land a job that comes with vast powers. Pennsylvania's governor sets policy priorities, helps steer a more than \$50 billion budget through the state Legislature, makes appointments to state agencies, boards and commissions, and grants pardons (or commutes sentences) that are recommended by a state board.

The candidates

Josh Shapiro, Democrat
Shapiro, who is from Montgomery County, has spent the majority of his career in public service, including three two-year terms in



Gov. Josh Shapiro

Pennsylvania's General Assembly and six years as Pennsylvania's attorney general. Throughout his first term as governor, the Democrat has prioritized boosting funding for public education, increasing government efficiency, jumpstarting the state's agricultural sector and bolstering economic development and job creation in the state.



Stacy Garrity

Despite his willingness to strike deals with Republicans on historically difficult or complex issues, he's struggled to secure approval from a divided state Legislature for some of his top priorities. Republicans who control the Senate have blocked raising the minimum wage, enacting stricter gun laws and passing nondiscrimination protections for LGBTQ+ people.



Ken Krawchuk

The Legislature has also rejected Shapiro's repeated calls for raising new revenue, including legalizing recreational marijuana and creating a new regulatory and tax framework for skill games. Finding compromise with GOP lawmakers on the state budget has been a fraught process all four years Shapiro has been in office, **GOVERNOR**, page D9