



# The 2021 General Election Pike County Voter Guide

## Municipal General Election November 2, 2021

Polls are open on election day from **7 A.M. - 8 P.M.**

Last day to [register to vote](#): **October 18, 2021**

Last day to [request a mail-in or absentee ballot](#): **October 26, 2021**

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### **FOR LOCAL ELECTION INFORMATION**

Contact the Pike County Board of Elections at 570-296-3427 or go to their website at [www.pikepa.org/Elections](http://www.pikepa.org/Elections).

### **ABOUT THE GUIDE**

This Voter Guide was compiled by the League of Women Voters of Pike County. In early August, the League emailed the same form to local candidates in contested races (more than one candidate on the ballot) for township supervisor (Delaware, Dingman), borough mayor (Milford) and council (Milford) and Delaware Valley School Director. The information shown here was returned to us directly from candidates. This material may not be altered or reprinted without the permission of the League, and is presented here as submitted, except for minor editing when a candidate's reply exceeded the word limit. They are listed in each race according to their ballot order.

### **PURPOSE AND POLICY OF THE LEAGUE**

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### **WRITE-IN VOTING**

Most information for write-in voting will be available at the polling place.

### **ELECTION DAY PROBLEMS**

If your right to vote is challenged at the polls on Election Day and the problem cannot be resolved at the polling place, the judge of elections at the polling place should telephone the county Board of Elections. The problem could be resolved by phone if your name appears on the county records. If it does not and you want to try to resolve the problem, then you can go in person to the county Board of Elections where a judge from the Court of Common Pleas will be on duty to resolve election problems. Alternatively you can ask for and vote by provisional ballot. If it is later determined that you were eligible to vote your ballot will be counted. You will be given instructions on how to determine if your vote was counted.

### **IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW VOTERS**

If you are a new voter or if you are voting at a polling place for the first time then you must bring your voter ID card or a photo ID such as a driver's license, student ID or some other form of Federal or State government issued ID. Some forms of non-photo ID are also acceptable such as a firearm permit, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government check. If you do not have any acceptable ID then you must be allowed to vote by provisional ballot.

**PIKE COUNTY VOTING LOCATIONS**

<b>Township</b>	<b>Location</b>
Blooming Grove	Pike County Training Facility 135 Pike County Blvd. Hawley, PA 18428
Delaware Township 1	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 16 Delaware Chest Drive Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328
Delaware Township 2	Delaware Township Municipal Building Wilson Hill Road Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328
Dingman Township 1	Milford Bible Church 110 Foxcroft Drive Milford, PA 18337
Dingman Township 2	Dingman Township Fire Department Log Tavern Road Milford, PA 18337
Greene Township	Hemlock Grove Methodist Church Roemerville Road Greentown, PA 18426
Lackawaxen Township 1	Central Firehouse 574 Westcolang Road Hawley, PA 18428
Lackawaxen Township 2	Lackawaxen Fire House Route 590 Lackawaxen, PA 18435
Lehman Township 1	Lehman Township Supervisors Building 193 Municipal Drive Bushkill, PA 18324
Lehman Township 2	Bushkill Fire House Evergreen Drive Bushkill, PA 18324
Matamoras Boro 1	Hope Evangelical Church 308 First Street Matamoras, PA 18336
Matamoras Boro 2	Matamoras Boro Hall 10 Avenue I Matamoras, PA 18336
Milford Boro	Milford Boro Hall 109 West Catherine Street Milford, PA 18337
Milford Township	Milford Township Municipal Building Route 6 & 209 Milford, PA 18337
Palmyra Township	Palmyra Township Supervisor Building Gumbletown Road Paupack, PA 18451

Porter Township	Porter Township Supervisor Building Route 402 Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328
Shohola Township	Shohola Supervisors Building 159 Twin Lakes Road Shohola, PA 18458
Westfall Township	Westfall Township Municipal Building Delaware Drive & La Barr Lane Matamoras, PA 18336

**SAMPLE BALLOTS**

**2021 Pike County Municipal Election Sample Ballots**

[Blooming Grove](#)

[Delaware Township 1](#)

[Delaware Township 2](#)

[Dingman Township 1](#)

[Dingman Township 2](#)

[Greene Township](#)

[Lackawaxen Township 1](#)

[Lackawaxen Township 2](#)

[Lehman Township 1](#)

[Lehman Township 2](#)

[Matamoras Borough 1](#)

[Matamoras Borough 2](#)

[Milford Borough](#)

[Milford Township](#)

[Palmyra Township](#)

[Porter Township](#)

[Shohola Township](#)

[Westfall Township](#)



# Pennsylvania Justice of the Supreme Court

**Description of office:** The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania is the highest court in the Commonwealth and the oldest appellate court in the nation. The Supreme Court's administrative powers and jurisdictional responsibilities are vested with the seven-member court by the Pennsylvania State Constitution and a collection of statutes known as the Judicial Code. The justice with the longest continuous service on the Supreme Court automatically becomes chief justice. Administratively, the courts within the Unified Judicial System are largely responsible for organizing their own staff and dockets; however, the Supreme Court has several committees and boards responsible for writing and enforcing rules for judges, attorneys, and litigants to ensure an efficient and fair judicial review. Annually, the seven justices receive over 3,000 requests for appellate review.

**Term:** 10 years

**Salary:** \$215,037

**Vote for ONE.**

 <p>Maria McLaughlin (Dem) Superior Court Judge</p>	 <p>Kevin Brobson (Rep) President Judge, Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court</p>
<p><b>County</b> Philadelphia <b>Mailing Address</b> <a href="#">P.O. Box 15943</a> <a href="#">Philadelphia, PA 19103</a> <b>Education</b> Penn State 1988. Delaware Law School at Widener University 1992 <b>Qualifications</b> Current Judge on our PA Superior Court; Served 6 years as Judge, Court of Common Pleas; Chief and ADA, Phila District Attorneys Office; Rated Highly Recommended for the Supreme Court by the PBA <b>campaign website</b> <a href="http://judgemclaughlin.com">http://judgemclaughlin.com</a> <b>Facebook</b> <a href="http://@Maria4PASC">http://@Maria4PASC</a> <b>Twitter</b> <a href="http://@McLaughlin4PASC">http://@McLaughlin4PASC</a></p>	<p><b>County</b> Dauphin <b>Mailing Address</b> <a href="#">P.O. Box 11683</a> <a href="#">Harrisburg, PA 17108</a> <b>Education</b> Widener Commonwealth Law School, summa cum laude (2nd in class), Managing Editor Law Review; Lycoming College (B.A., Accounting/Economics), magna cum laude <b>Qualifications</b> President Judge of the Pa. Commonwealth Court; over 11 years as statewide appellate court judge (elected 2009, retained 2019); Pa. Judicial Conduct Board, 2015-19 (Chair); 14 years' private practice; former federal judicial clerk; "Highly Recommended" by Pa. Bar Association <b>campaign website</b> <a href="http://www.brobsonforpa.com">http://www.brobsonforpa.com</a> <b>Facebook</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/Kevin-Brobson-for-PA-112608997531221">http://www.facebook.com/Kevin-Brobson-for-PA-112608997531221</a></p>
<p><b>What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?</b></p>	
<p><b>Maria McLaughlin:</b> Along with being our highest appellate court, The Supreme Court oversees our statewide court system and legal community. As such we have the opportunity to set rules, educate the legal community and create special court programs dealing with human services issues like substance abuse &amp; mental health challenges, veteran's issues &amp; initiatives focused on autism. All geared toward providing fair treatment and equal access for people with unique circumstances.</p>	<p><b>Kevin Brobson:</b> I would work cooperatively with the governor and the legislature to increase funding for legal aid programs. While in private practice, I created a program in Dauphin County to expand pro bono opportunities for lawyers to provide services to nonprofit organizations. I would encourage county bar associations to think creatively about expanding pro bono service to small and minority-owned businesses and nonprofits. I want to ensure our courts have access to interpreters for parties with limited English proficiency. I would build upon the excellent work of Philadelphia Legal Assistance with respect to the representation of low-wage</p>

workers and the unemployed by engaging law schools and other legal aid associations throughout the state.

**What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?**

**Maria McLaughlin:**

As a lawyer & a judge I have always worked to ensure everyone who comes into a courtroom has an opportunity to be heard and the law applied without bias. This is the cornerstone of our legal system. As a Justice I will not waiver from that driving principle. My work on the bench and in my life will always reflect my dedication to fairness and equality.

**Kevin Brobson**I believe I have earned a reputation as a fair and impartial arbiter of the law. I treat everyone who enters my courtroom, or has a matter before me, with equal respect and dignity. I strive to appreciate the perspectives and points of view of all parties. It is important to me that every litigant, represented and unrepresented, be given every opportunity, within the rules and the law, to present their case. Moreover, as a former Chair of the Pa. Judicial Conduct Board, I am keenly aware of how important it is to Pennsylvanians that our judges observe the highest ethical standards on and off the bench. I hold myself to this high standard. All Pennsylvanians deserve to have faith in a fair and impartial judiciary.

# Pennsylvania Judge of the Superior Court

**Description of office:** The Superior Court is one of Pennsylvania’s two statewide intermediate appellate courts. This court, established in 1895, reviews most of the civil and criminal cases that are appealed from the Courts of Common Pleas in the Commonwealth’s 67 counties. The Superior Court consists of 15 judges. The president judge is elected to a five-year term by his/her colleagues. A large number of appeals flow to the Superior Court from the trial courts. Generally, appeals are heard by panels of three judges sitting in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, or Pittsburgh. The court often is the final arbiter of legal disputes. Although the Supreme Court may grant a petition for review of a Superior Court decision, most petitions are denied, and the ruling of the Superior Court stands.

**Term:** 10 years

**Salary:** \$202,898

**Vote for ONE.**



Timika Lane (Dem)  
Judge - Court of Common Pleas



Megan Sullivan (Rep)  
Attorney

**County** Philadelphia

**Mailing Address**

[647 W Union st](#)

[Whitehall, PA 18052](#)

**Education** West Catholic High School and went on to graduate Howard University in Washington DC & received my Law Degree in 2002 from Rutgers University School of Law in NJ.

**Qualifications** Major Trials Judge presiding over 1000’s of trials, authoring 100’s of opinions. I handle all human trafficking cases & many of the most serious criminal cases & Grand Jury matters. Certified Child Advocate & as former Exec Dir of the Senate Govt Cmte advised on the constitutionality of legislation

**campaign website**

<http://www.judgelane.com>

**Facebook**

<http://@LaneforSuperiorCourt>

**Twitter**

<http://@JudgeTimikaLane>

**County** Chester

**Mailing Address**

[PO Box 3425](#)

[West Chester, PA 19380](#)

**Education** Temple University Beasley School of Law, Juris Doctorate (cum laude) Saint Joseph’s University (B.A.)

**Qualifications** 20 years criminal & civil law experience. Deputy Attorney General in PA Attorney General’s Office & Supervisory District Attorney, protected victims including the most vulnerable members of our society as a child abuse prosecutor. Asst. General Counsel at West Chester University and civil litigator.

**campaign website**

<http://www.megsullivanforjudge.com>

**Facebook**

<http://@megforjudge>

**What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?**

**Timika Lane:**

As a sitting Judge, I ensure everyone in my courtroom is treated with dignity and respect regardless of race, gender, creed, religion, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status. As a member of the Access to Justice Committee, we address this issue by looking at possible barriers and how to remove those barriers to ensure everyone has equal access. As co-chair of the Local Criminal Rules Committee we recommend the qualifications for court appointed attorneys to make sure that

**Megan Sullivan:**

I believe equal access to justice is essential to maintaining trust in our courts and our justice system's legitimacy. I am committed to providing all individuals in my courtroom with equal access to justice by ensuring their voice is heard, their rights are protected, & that they are never subject to discrimination. I support efforts to enhance equal access to justice through legal aid programs that provide individuals with access to qualified attorneys. Providing interpreters for

indigent people have capable legal representation. We ensure that the local criminal rules are fair and applied equally to all who all who come before our courts.

those individuals for whom English is a second language is also important. It is also important to give Individuals with disabilities full access to the courtroom. Everyone that comes before a judge should fully understand their constitutional rights.

**What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?**

**Timika Lane:**

The Superior Court is an error correcting court & often the last line of defense for the parties involved in a case. When reviewing an appeal It is vital the appellate judge have strong courtroom experience on both sides of the bench to best determine the if the proceedings in the lower court were fair, all parties were heard and the law has been applied fairly regardless of race, creed, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation or economic status. I will ensure equity and fairness in all cases before me, just as I do for all who appear in my current courtroom. Off the bench, I believe judges should be visible in the community. We are public servants and it is our duty to make sure the public understands how the court system functions.

**Megan Sullivan:**

I have a deep respect for our Constitution and our system of justice. I have spent a large part of my 20-year career as an attorney helping others to navigate both the criminal and civil judicial system. I respect the system but understand why some fear it. Individuals who serve in the role of a judge must recognize that they are the arbiter of the rules and the process. This is a great power that requires objectivity, an innate sense of fairness, and humility. I possess these traits and am committed to delivering to all citizens a justice system that shows respect and fairness, as well as knowledgeable decision-making that takes into account the parties' perspectives and applies the law objectively.

# Pennsylvania Judge of the Commonwealth Court

**Description of office:** The Commonwealth Court is one of Pennsylvania's two statewide intermediate appellate courts. This court, established in 1968, is unlike any other state court in the nation. Its jurisdiction generally is limited to legal matters involving state and local government and regulatory agencies. Litigation typically focuses on subjects such as banking, insurance, utility regulation, and laws affecting taxation, land use, elections, labor practices, and workers compensation. The Commonwealth Court also acts as a court of original jurisdiction, or a trial court, when lawsuits are filed by or against the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth Court is made up of nine judges. The president judge is elected to a five-year term by his/her colleagues. Generally, appeals are heard by panels of three judges sitting in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, or Pittsburgh.

**Term:** 10 years

**Salary:** \$202,898

**Vote for not more than TWO.**



Lori A. Dumas (Dem)  
Judge

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## Biographical Information

**County** Philadelphia

**Mailing Address**

[1234 Market Street](#)

[Box 40606](#)

[Philadelphia, PA 19107](#)

**Education** North Carolina Central School of Law; Duke University; Executive Certificates from Cornell University, (D&I); University of Pennsylvania, Fels Institute of Government

**Qualifications** Trial Court Judge since 2002; Jury and Non-jury experience; Presided in Family, Criminal and Civil Divisions; Former Corporate Executive, Non-Profit Leader; Adjunct Professor; National Leader in trauma informed courts; Led the creation of victim centered juvenile human trafficking court in Phila.

**campaign website**

<http://www.ijudgedumas2021.com/>

**Facebook**

<http://www.facebook.com/Judgedumas2021/>

**Twitter**

<http://Twitter.com/JudgeDumas>

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## What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

**Lori A. Dumas:**

As a judge, I must ensure that every person that comes before the Court has the opportunity to be heard. I must rule according to the law without losing sight of the ultimate goal of dispensing justice. I must remove any obstacle which prevents equal access to justice by any means necessary. As a citizen, I can involve myself with organizations and in activities which seek to educate people about the Court, its processes and procedures and to equip them with the knowledge and power to be able to use the legal system as an advocate for themselves and their interests.

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## What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?

**Lori A. Dumas:**

Judges set the tone in their courtrooms. They must model fairness, civility, patience and impartiality and demand it from those in their presence. In my courtroom, every voice will be heard and my decisions will be rooted in the law and cloaked in compassion and the urgency to do what is right. I must conduct a daily heart check to ensure that I am not bringing any biases with me that may interfere with my ability to render impartial decisions. I must call out injustice when it occurs...every time.



In the community, I can educate others about their rights and the status of the law. I should regularly attend implicit bias trainings and require my staff to do the same, to ensure that fairness is not just a mantra but embedded in my core.



David Lee Spurgeon (Dem)  
Judge - Court of Common Pleas

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### **Biographical Information**

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**County** Allegheny

**Education** McKeesport Area Senior High Duquesne University - B.A. Duquesne University School of Law - Juris Doctor

**Qualifications** "Highly Recommended" by the Pennsylvania Bar Association; Endorsed by the PA Dem; Serving as a Judge since 2016; Appointed by the Governor and unanimously confirmed by the PA Senate; Adjunct Law Professor; National Judicial Fellow; Domestic Violence National Expert; former prosecutor family violence

**campaign website**

<http://www.judgespurgeon4commonwealth.com>

**Facebook**

<http://@judgespurgeon4commonwealthcourt>

**Twitter**

<http://@davidspurgeon4J>

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### **What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?**

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**David Lee Spurgeon:**

As a judge, I use my position to promote systems change that ensure that all people have more accessibility to the courts. As a Judicial Fellow, I am using those resources to study the statistics over the year of the pandemic to understand whether the use of advanced technology communications increased participation in the court process. Often times, people with limited resources face additional obstacles inherent with our established court processes. Further, we can ensure that everyone in our community has equal access to the court regardless of how you look, who you love, the language you speak and your socio-economic status. Off the bench, judges should participate in the community as a stakeholder to promote the above matters.

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### **What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?**

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**David Lee Spurgeon:**

Judges must continue to be active members of the community. In order to understand how the court is perceived, one must be accessible and engage in intentional dialogue to understand all the people that we serve. Judges must continue to be trained in explicit and implicit bias as it relates to all aspect of the existing court system, and be open to discussing and participating in the changes identified to make the courts more equitable and fair. I recently participated in a national panel to address the racial disparities that exist in the child welfare system. On the bench, we must continue to serve as a servant leader and hold ourselves as well as our colleagues accountable for inequities.



Stacy Marie Wallace (Rep)  
Attorney

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### Biographical Information

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**County** McKean

**Mailing Address**

[5 Vista Circle](#)  
[Bradford, PA 16701](#)

**Education** B.A. Communications, University of Pittsburgh ('01) J.D., Duquesne University School of Law ('04)

**Qualifications** Nearly 17 years' experience Owner: Stacy Wallace Law LLC Specially Appointed Family Law Master & SORNA Counsel Adjunct Professor, University of Pittsburgh-Bradford Clerkships: McKean Co. Court of Common Pleas, PA Superior Court Certified Mediator-Conflict Resolution McKean Co. Bar Assn., President

**campaign website**

<http://stacyforpa.com>

**Facebook**

<http://www.facebook.com/StacyforPA/>

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### What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

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**Stacy Marie Wallace:**

Throughout my career, my purpose has been to always seek justice. I was first inspired to enter the legal field by a pamphlet for Northwestern Legal Services, a legal aid organization of which I now serve on the board of directors. I've worked tirelessly to ensure that our state's most vulnerable individuals, including at-risk children and those with disabilities, have equal access to justice, and have done much of this work pro bono. If elected, I will continue to advocate for and engage with underserved communities. On the bench, I will be a steadfast defender of equal justice under the law in all matters and safeguard the rights of all citizens regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, or financial status.

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### What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?

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**Stacy Marie Wallace:**

The makeup of the Commonwealth Court should be a true reflection of Pennsylvania and the broad perspectives and values of our residents. I will use my grassroots upbringing from McKean County, diverse experience, and values to guide informed and thoughtful opinions that produce equitable outcomes. Off the bench, I will continue to engage our citizens, lead by example in promoting inclusiveness of all people, and raise awareness of our judiciary's role. Equitable courts start with having equitable judges who value equality, fairness and a desire to serve others. As just one example of how I've done that in my personal life, I co-founded "Blessing Boxes of Bradford" which serves as small sidewalk food pantries throughout my community.



Drew Crompton (Rep)  
Judge

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### Biographical Information

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**County** Cumberland

**Mailing Address**

[PO Box 24](#)

[Harrisburg , Pa 17108](#)

**Education** Phil-mont Christian Academy Dickinson College Widener School of Law

**Qualifications** Currently a sitting Judge on the Commonwealth Court. I have authored over 100 opinions. They are balanced, well-reasoned and thoughtful. I am recommended by the PA Bar. I also serve on the Supreme Court Appellate Rules Committee. I have extensive Constitutional, statutory and regulatory experience.

**campaign website**

<http://JudgeCrompton.com>

**Facebook**

<http://www.facebook.com/judgescrompton>

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### What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure that all individuals have equal access to justice?

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**Drew Crompton:**

As a sitting Judge I have done all in my power to treat every person that comes before me with respect and fairness. Judges must ensure those with modest means have equal access to justice. We are all created equal but as judges we must insist that all are treated equally or justice is being unfairly denied. Filing fees and other court costs must be waived for those who cannot afford them. Also, quality lawyers must be available to low income individuals free of cost for civil and criminal matters. Further as judges we must ensure that no one perceives that race or wealth or political connections are weighed when a decision is rendered. High ethical standards are vital to instill confidence in the Judiciary.

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### What can you do, both on and off the bench, to ensure an equitable and fair court?

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**Drew Crompton:**

Litigants must be convinced that the Judge's personal philosophy does not impede justice. I have also defended the powers of each branch of government since citizens want to be assured that the legislative, executive and judicial branches are not overstepping their constitutional boundaries. Further I try to be a judge that has common sense and treats every person with common decency. Judges must also remain connected to their communities and not be overly isolated. People have more confidence in the Judiciary when they know Judges care about our the same things in our Commonwealth as they do. Judges must have a heightened sense of their words and actions in the courtroom. Both must be beyond reproach.

## JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT RETENTION ELECTION 1

*Shall **John T. Bender** be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?*

### Official Judicial Retention

According to [www.pacourts.us](http://www.pacourts.us), retention is a nonpolitical method of reelecting Pennsylvania judges. It is intended to be politically neutral and does not require judges to engage in campaigning against other candidates. Retention is specifically designed to keep judges out of the political fray while at the same time holding them accountable to the voters based on their overall records and performance in office. The intent is to provide a fair and nonpartisan way for the public to judge its judges. **The names of the candidates are listed at the end of the ballot, apart from other offices.** No political affiliation is listed for retention candidates.

PA Bar Association ratings and information for incumbent judges are available at [www.pavotesmart.com/current-judicial-ratings/](http://www.pavotesmart.com/current-judicial-ratings/).

Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

## JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT RETENTION ELECTION 2

*Shall **Mary Jane Bowes** be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?*

### Official Judicial Retention

According to [www.pacourts.us](http://www.pacourts.us), retention is a nonpolitical method of reelecting Pennsylvania judges. It is intended to be politically neutral and does not require judges to engage in campaigning against other candidates. Retention is specifically designed to keep judges out of the political fray while at the same time holding them accountable to the voters based on their overall records and performance in office. The intent is to provide a fair and nonpartisan way for the public to judge its judges. **The names of the candidates are listed at the end of the ballot, apart from other offices.** No political affiliation is listed for retention candidates.

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Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

## JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT RETENTION ELECTION 1

*Shall **Anne Covey** be retained for an additional term as Judge of Commonwealth Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?*

### Official Judicial Retention

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Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

## JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT RETENTION ELECTION 2

*Shall **Renee Cohn Jubelirer** be retained for an additional term as Judge of Commonwealth Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?*

### Official Judicial Retention

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Yes - For the Measure

No - Against the Measure

# Pike County 2021 Municipal Election Voter Guide

Office descriptions and compensations are taken from PA Department of Community and Economic Development Manuals, unless otherwise noted.

## Delaware Valley School Director

**Description of office:** A school director's authority is exercised through the collective decisions of the entire board acting as a governing body. The law does not convey any power or authority upon individual school board directors acting on their own merely by virtue of their office. Directors must learn the governance role of the board, the school district financials, policies, strategic plan or comprehensive plan goals, and constraint of Federal and State regulations, etc. The board does not run the district but ensures the district is well-run. The day-to-day operation of the school district is the superintendent's job. The board does not get involved unless an issue remains unresolved after school staff, principal and superintendent have all had the opportunity to solve an issue. (Information derived from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association website.)

**Term:** 4 years

**Salary:** None

**Vote for FOUR.**

**Candidate Name:** Elizabeth Mallard

**Office Sought:** Delaware Valley School Board Director

**LWV Note:** *This candidate indicated in an August 29 email to the League that she is "not pursuing office" and expects to be relocating out of the school district. However, as she did not formally withdraw from the race by the August 9 deadline, and remains on the ballot, we have included her name here.*

**Candidate Name:** John D. Johnson

**Website:**

**Office Sought:** Delaware Valley School Board Director

**Current Occupation:** Behavior Analyst at the Center for Discovery

Private Consultant Providing Parent trainings, school consultations, and BCBA supervision for those working towards BCBA certification.

**Educational Background:** 2005, SUNY New Paltz, MA-Psychology

2015, UMASS Lowell, Post Graduate Certification in Applied Behavior Analysis

2016, Board Certified Behavior Analyst Certification-Issued by the BACB

2016, New York State Licensed Behavior Analyst

**Other Qualifications for the Office:** Human Rights Committee-Working to ensure that children and adults receive education and treatment in the least restrictive and most respectful way possible.

Sexual Consent Committee-Ensuring that those with disabilities are provided the same rights in this aspect of life as all others and work with them on educational aspects in this area, with a focus on safety, as well as understanding and respecting the rights of others.

**The following question was asked of each candidate:**

"What do you consider to be the single most important issue in your race, and what would you do on that issue if elected?"

Ensuring that schools remain open for all of our students in the safest way possible and bringing much needed balance to the school board so that all the members of our community have a voice. I have worked with various school boards, districts and individual families over the last 20 plus years. I have learned how to work across aisle and get things done to support others in some of the most challenging environments.

**Candidate Name:** Rosemary Walsh

**Website:**

**Office Sought:** Delaware Valley School Board Director

**Current Occupation:** Retired

**Educational Background:** 1975 B English Immaculata College 1978 MA West Chester University

**Other Qualifications for the Office:** I understand the importance of a board member as a former reading specialist, parent of 3 DV grads, and retired person on fixed income who wants fiscal responsibility.

**The following question was asked of each candidate:**

“What do you consider to be the single most important issue in your race, and what would you do on that issue if elected?”

Delaware Valley faced difficult times as we worked through COVID. It is critical that we address the needs of families in our district while providing the best educational opportunities for all students. Board members should listen to all sides of an issue before making a decision and be open to have their preconceived ideas altered. I have tried to hear all sides of an issue and vote for our students to be safely in school.

**Candidate Name:** E.K. Guyre

**Website:** Facebook.com/EK4DVSD

**Office Sought:** Delaware Valley School Board Director

**Current Occupation:**

**Educational Background:** 2018, Sussex County Community College, Assoc. Human Services  
2019, East Stroudsburg University, B.S. Social Work, Magna Cum Laude

**Other Qualifications for the Office:** Member of DVA!, DTDC, & PCDC, community volunteer, previously held the roles of secretary and treasurer of the Human Service Club at SCCC.

**The following question was asked of each candidate:**

“What do you consider to be the single most important issue in your race, and what would you do on that issue if elected?”

School board meetings and elections are high-octane events all over our country. Our district is no different. But it is time that we were. We need to start finding more common ground, engage in more active listening, and create a more involved community comprised of both students and their families. We cannot make Delaware Valley School District the best district it can be unless we are all working together toward that common goal.

**Candidate Name:** Pam Lutfy

**Office Sought:** Delaware Valley School Board Director

*Did not respond*

**Candidate Name:** Felicia Sheehan

**Office Sought:** Delaware Valley School Board Director

*Did not respond*

**Candidate Name:** Jessica Adler Decker  
**Office Sought:** Delaware Valley School Board Director

*Did not respond*

**Candidate Name:** Derek Smith  
**Office Sought:** Delaware Valley School Board Director

*Did not respond*

**Candidate Name:** Meg Rosenfeld  
**Website:**

**Office Sought:** Delaware Valley School Board Director  
(Declared Write-in Candidate)

**Current Occupation:** Paralegal, and full time student perusing a bachelors in Legal Studies

**Educational Background:** AMS Montessori Teaching Certified  
ABA accredited Certified Paralegal  
A.A.S. In Paralegal Studies

**Other Qualifications for the Office:** Certified Victims Advocate in PA  
Previous EMS volunteer in NJ  
Coaching Eastern Pike Soccer  
Chair of the Milford Enhancement Committee Welcome Party  
Previous volunteer at Safe Haven

**The following question was asked of each candidate:**

“What do you consider to be the single most important issue in your race, and what would you do on that issue if elected?”

I have observed anti-science rhetoric, unethical practices from the current school board leadership. Covid safety decisions must be based on CDC and AAP guidance. Prior to the State mask mandate, our board ignored guidance. After the mandate, the board provided parents with an illegal temporary mask exemption option. I vehemently oppose this type of abuse of power. I will work to restore ethics and science-based decision making.

# Pike County Contested Township Supervisor Races

**Description of office:** Township Supervisors attend meetings, employ township staff, pass ordinances and resolutions, appoint committees and commissions as prescribed in the township code, set budgets and levy taxes. The organization of each township is based on local needs and is determined by the board of supervisors.

**Term:** 6 years

**Compensation:** Depends on population size but in Pike County would likely be between \$1,875 and \$3,250. This restriction does not apply to supervisors receiving compensation or benefits as township employees.

**Vote for ONE.**

## Delaware Township

**Candidate Name:** Shirley Ambrose Geffrand

**Website:** www.ftimministries.com

**Office Sought:** Delaware Township Supervisor

**Current Occupation:** Senior Pastor and Founder of Faith Tabernacle International Ministries

**Educational Background:** 2015, Doctorate of Divinity

2009, Ordained Minister

1995, Executive Secretary Certificate, license Minister

**Other Qualifications for the Office:** Community Service Founder of Faith Tabernacle Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen, serve on the Reentry Coalition for Recidivism Committee of Pike County, serve on the Police Reform Committee.

**The following question was asked of each candidate:**

“What do you consider to be the single most important issue in your race, and what would you do on that issue if elected?”

*Did not respond*

**Candidate Name:** John D Henderson

**Website:**

**Office Sought:** Delaware Township Supervisor

**Current Occupation:** I am co-owner, with my wife of 21st Century Restorations and Sales, Inc. We restore cars and do collision repairs. Established 1982. I became involved in 1999.

**Educational Background:** USAF Electronic school 1957, 60's Antelope Valley Jr. College, Police Administration, Criminal Evidence. Multiple GI Bill Aviation Schools. FAA Flight Standards, OKC, OK. NJ Dept of Ed. classes. Results: Hold FCC license, hold or held FAA certifications for Commercial pilot with instructor ratings for single engine, multi engine, instrument and ground instructor. In addition for 25 years was a pilot examiner for the FAA. Held NJ adult aviation subjects teaching certificate, taught Sussex Vo-tech 30 years. While a Sussex Boro Councilman was Police and Court Commissioner.

**Other Qualifications for the Office:** Crew chief USAF rocket engine test site managing electrical installations. Sussex, NJ Planning Board 197?-88. Elected to the Borough Council, served 6 years. Elected Mayor, 4 years. Organized the 10K races for Sussex Day. Rcv'd Award for participating in the Senior Citizens Transportation. Assisted the Conservation Corp by flying passengers over environmentally sensitive areas. Transported blood for the local hospital. Moved to Del. Twp. in 1999. Elected President of PMWFCA, 2 years. Served Del. Twp. on the Planning Commission, 4 years? Served as Del. Twp. Supervisor the last 6 years. While teaching at Sussex Tech was elected President of the Adult School Teachers Association (Union) 5+years

**The following question was asked of each candidate:**

“What do you consider to be the single most important issue in your race, and what would you do on that issue if elected?”

The single most important issue to face us is the pandemic situation. Not the illness itself, but the Rules, procedures, mandates etc. that change on an almost daily basis.

What I would do if elected?

First I would do as I have done and remember this is the taxpayers money, not the Supervisors and keep taxes as low as possible.



Second, to paraphrase Captain Sully who successful landed the airliner that became a glider saving all on board. "I have made many small, regular deposits in the bank of experiance, education and training"  
I intend to draw on my "deposits" to benefit the Twp. residents.

## Dingmans Township

**Candidate Name:** Dennis L. Brink

**Website:**

**Office Sought:** Dingman Township Supervisor

**Current Occupation:** Excavating business.

**Educational Background:** High School, then drafted. A combat veteran of foreign war who knows first hand the sacrifices that all military personnel make to defend the US Constitution and our freedoms.

**Other Qualifications for the Office:** Past Chairman/current member Pike County Planning Commission. As one of Dingman Township's non-salaried Supervisors, I've had a part in providing strong leadership, effective planning, dedication and personal committment to serving our community. Deilvered maintenance and upgrades to all township roads; catalyst to establishing 2 township parks; strong advocate for Dingman Fire Department and all emergency services; hours of volunteer work for our community; utilized effective use of applications to obtain state grants and county funds to finance projects; and consistently prepared balanced budgets.

**The following question was asked of each candidate:**

"What do you consider to be the single most important issue in your race, and what would you do on that issue if elected?"

To prepare for the future in our township, as well as maintain our improved services. This includes establishing budgets for future growth, services and requirements; partnering with county emergency planning, communications and services during natural disasters; doing effective pre-emptive planning for township land use; listening to our residents and professional advisors so that we are able to constantly adapt to significant changes in township demographics. And to continue to apply the knowledge and experience I've gained from my past years as a Supervisor serving Dingman Township.

**Candidate Name:** Theo Balu

**Website:** Facebook: Theo Balu

**Office Sought:** Dingman Township Supervisor

**Current Occupation:** Local Small Business Owner:

Patriot Arms & Munitions, LLC  
Milford, PA 18337

**Educational Background:** Adelphi University, Garden City, NY

**Other Qualifications for the Office:** Current Board Member on Dingman Township Planning Committee.

Elected to the Board of Directors for Pocono Mountain Woodland Lakes. (HOA) 2021

Founding Member of a Local charitable organization called Widows Sons.

Member of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES). Which consists of licensed radio operators who register their qualifications and equipment, with their local ARES leadership, for communications duty in public service when disaster strikes.

**The following question was asked of each candidate:**

"What do you consider to be the single most important issue in your race, and what would you do on that issue if elected?"

My goals for the Township would be to ensure that our Emergency Services and Road Department have the necessary tools and funding required to provide the level of service needed for our Township. I would increase the level of Transparency of the Board with the residents of our Township. All work performed for the Township is done through proper business proposals with multiple bids and the best candidate be awarded the contract. Make sure our hard working employees are getting the benefits they deserve. The Fiscal well being of our Township while being fiscally responsible to our Tax Payers. Being accessible to the residents of Dingmans Township for the FULL 6 year Term if Elected.

# Milford Borough Council

**Description of office:** Borough Councils are vested with specific powers including corporate powers that legalize the action of the municipality and provide elected officials authority to act on behalf of the municipality. General powers include the right to sue and be sued, to complain and defend in the courts of the Commonwealth, the right to make and use a common seal and the right to purchase, exchange, acquire by gift or otherwise, hold, lease let and convey by sale or lease, real and personal property in the best interests of the borough. The Borough Code further delineates other powers enabling council to function in the best interest of the borough. Specific powers provide authority to council to enact legislation covering governmental functions such as health, fire and police protection and taxation. Specific powers granted to the borough are intended to provide council with the capability needed to legislate for the benefit of the municipality and its citizens. The Code also includes authorization to the governing body to make and adopt all ordinances, bylaws, rules and regulations deemed necessary for the proper management and control of the borough in order to maintain good government and protect the safety and welfare of its citizens. A municipality is forbidden, however, to enact any legislation in conflict with the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth. This general grant of power authorizes any legal action on the part of council to maintain the peace, good government and welfare of the borough and to protect the health, safety, morals and general welfare of its inhabitants.

**Term:** 4 years

**Compensation:** Unknown but cannot exceed \$1,875

**Vote for ONE.**

**Candidate Name:** Maria Farrell

**Website:**

**Office Sought:** Milford Borough Council

**Current Occupation:** Retired Public Administrator

**Educational Background:** Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, Wagner College, Staten Island, NY

Master of Arts in Special Education, Wagner College, Staten Island, NY

Doctor of Philosophy in Education Leadership, Capella University, Minneapolis, MN

**Other Qualifications for the Office:** As a public school administrator for 20 years, I created and implemented programs for students with special needs, managed a \$1.7 budget, and oversaw over 100 employees across three departments.

Throughout my years in Milford, I have volunteered for many community activities including assisting with the Lions Club Christmas lights project, participating in several clean-up events, and most recently serving as a volunteer at the COVID vaccination clinic in St. Patrick's Church. Since my appointment to the Borough Council in March, I have cleaned, powerwashed and stained 34 benches and six chairs throughout the Borough, and facilitated the formal inspection of the borough's two playgrounds.

**The following question was asked of each candidate:**

"What do you consider to be the single most important issue in your race, and what would you do on that issue if elected?"

If I had to identify a single issue in the race for the open Council seats, I would say the ability to effectively manage our current and future budgets to achieve the goals set out in the Comprehensive Plan is the most important. Without effective planning and spending, the borough cannot maintain our small-town charm while making necessary repairs and upgrades, and apply for matching grants that will enhance the infrastructure, viability, and look of our truly magnificent town. We cannot accomplish that in our current financial state.

As a current Council member, I supported the implementation of the Earned Income Tax. I believe it is necessary for the financial well-being of the Borough and would have been fiscally irresponsible to vote against it.

If elected, I will continue to work with other Council and community members to find creative ways to enhance Milford Borough. If I continue to oversee the Parks and Recreation Committee, the collaborative relationships I have developed with members of the Shade Tree Commission, Milford Enhancement Committee, and the Garden Club will surely support the borough's values and economic development.

**Candidate Name:** Tamara Chant

**Office Sought:** Milford Borough Council

**Did not respond**

**Candidate Name:** Doug Manion

**Website:**

**Office Sought:** Milford Borough Council

**Current Occupation:** Executive Vice President and Head of Research and Development- Arena Pharmaceuticals

**Educational Background:** Univeristy of Ottawa- 1983 BaSc Civil Engineering; 1987 Doctor of Medicine; 1990 Residency Internal Medicine; 1992 Fellowship Infectious Diseases

Harvard University- 1997 Fellowship in Retrovirology

**Other Qualifications for the Office:** Member- Milford Water Authority Board of Supervisors

Milford Borough Public Safety Committee

Founder- Milford COVID Relief Fund

Volunteer- Bill Kiger Community Cleanup Day; Pike, Opera, Park

**The following question was asked of each candidate:**

“What do you consider to be the single most important issue in your race, and what would you do on that issue if elected?”

Our greatest challenge is preserving and enhancing services (police, fire, medical). To do so, we need to enhance our financial position by exploring additional revenue sources (e.g., parking meters, ticket revenue, other), by seeking external funding subsidies especially for capital investments such as renovating Borough Hall which could allow us to consider divesting of some of our assets. If elected, I would partner with other Council Members, local business and community leaders and external funders to generate a long-range financial sustainability plan that, ideally, would include some tax relief for our community.

**Candidate Name:** George Lutfy

**Website:**

**Office Sought:** Milford Borough Council

**Current Occupation:** Restaurant Owner

**Educational Background:** 2011, The Pennsylvania State University, B.S.

**Other Qualifications for the Office:** I am a current member of the Milford Borough Council. I chair both the Insurance and Technology committees and am a member of the Finance, Planning, and Public Safety Committees. I am a lifelong resident of Milford Borough.

**The following question was asked of each candidate:**

“What do you consider to be the single most important issue in your race, and what would you do on that issue if elected?”

I believe the single most important issue related to the Borough Council race is maintaining fiscal responsibility while continuing to deliver quality services to Borough residents. If elected my main focus will be to keep expenses down without sacrificing the services that make Milford such a great place to live.

**Candidate Name:** Timothy Haar

**Office Sought:** Milford Borough Council

*Did not respond*

## Milford Borough Mayor

**Description of office:** Borough mayor is the only executive in borough government elected by people. The mayor is the chief law enforcement officer of the borough and the elected official who takes charge during the time of an emergency. Although the mayor does not generally vote on legislative matters, he/she can vote in the event of a tie, veto an ordinance passed by council, attend and

participate in all meetings of council and from time to time report to council on the state of the borough. In many boroughs the mayor is the only borough-wide elected person who participates in the work of the borough on a regular basis. Within their boroughs, mayors are also in a unique position to exercise leadership because of the prestige of their office and its elected status. In many boroughs, the extent of the mayor's role will be determined by the mayor's view of civic responsibilities, personal skills, background in governmental affairs and individual interests. To a large degree, the mayor's role is also defined by the local political culture, the generalized local attitudes toward municipal government and commonly-held expectations of how public officials should operate.

**Term:** 4 years

**Compensation:** Unknown but cannot exceed \$2,500

**Vote for ONE.**

**Candidate Name:** Sean Strub

**Website:**

**Office Sought:** Milford Borough Mayor

**Current Occupation:** Executive Director, the Sero Project, Inc.

President, Fauchere Hospitality, Inc.

Writer

**Educational Background:** Campion Jesuit High School for Boys, Prairie du Chien, WI, graduated 1975

Georgetown University, Washington, DC 1976-1979

Columbia University, New York, NY, 1979-1980

**Other Qualifications for the Office:** Greater Pike Community Foundation, Board Member, 2012 to present

Milford Enhancement Committee, 1999 to present (currently serving as Chair)

Pike Artworks, Inc., (Milford Readers & Writers Festival), Board Member, 2014 to present

Milford Covid Relief Fund/Milford Covid Volunteer Task Force

Renovated or restored 15 buildings in Milford Borough

Appointed Mayor in 2016; elected to four-year term in 2017

**The following question was asked of each candidate:**

"What do you consider to be the single most important issue in your race, and what would you do on that issue if elected?"

In our polarized political environment, it is vital that elected officials govern in a manner that unifies rather than divides. As mayor, I seek to model civil and respectful discourse. With adversaries, I pursue projects where we can work together, to build bridges and trust. Name-calling and mud-throwing in a campaign impedes the ability to govern effectively, if one is elected. Unity isn't imposed from above, it is created by each of, as individuals, seeking common ground with our neighbors.

**Candidate Name:** Lisa Emery

**Office Sought:** Milford Borough Mayor

***Did not respond***