

COLLEGEVILLE MATTERS

SUMMER 2017



We all live here in this one town. Together we work and play; together we make community. And now it's your turn: your turn to be heard; your turn to participate; your turn to be a part of what makes YOUR town OUR town!

Photo: Borough Council and Mayoral candidates (from left): Shannon Spencer, Aidsand "Ace" Wright-Riggins (Mayoral), Mat McKnight, Marion McKinney, and Cathy Kernen.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE BOROUGH OF COLLEGEVILLE

ISSUES OF COMMUNITY INTEREST AND CONCERN:

10-Point Action Plan for Collegeville

1. Register to vote if you haven't already done so. The deadline for registering to vote in the 2017 election is 10/10/17. Go to this website to apply: <http://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx> (If this link doesn't work, please copy and paste it into your browser.)
2. Monthly Borough Council Meetings! Come out to the meetings and let your elected officials know how you feel about the issues of the day.
3. Form a team of friends and neighbors to spread the word about actions in Collegeville. Talk to your friends and neighbors about what you want our town to be.
4. Join local organizations (like Collegeville Democrats) that care about the future of Collegeville.
5. Volunteer to help your local democratic candidates get elected this November 7.
6. Keep resisting! Local issues matter to our Borough's future. If things happen that you don't like in Collegeville, stand up to your local leaders, ask questions, let them know how you feel.
7. Help Collegeville's Democrats take back the party, attend meetings, keep our politicians on track.
8. Run for local or state office. Really.
9. Become the media. Use social media to spread the word about things happening in Collegeville: good and bad.
10. Vote, in every primary and in every election. This is how you can voice your opinion. Did you know that when Democrats lose in Collegeville, they lose by between only 2-10 votes! YOUR VOTE MATTERS!

PV School Board Candidates (from left): Beth Roberts, Eugene Halus, PhD, Judy Lofton, MS, and Wayde Weston, PhD



Going to be away for election day?

Apply for an absentee ballot! Pick them up at any library or at borough hall. Or go to this site:

montcopa.org/754/Absentee-Voting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7/14 @ 6:30 PM Perkiomen Valley School Board Meeting – PV High School Library

7/18 @ 6 PM – Zoning Hearing Board meeting. Collegetown Borough Hall.

7/18– CEDC Meeting CANCELLED

7/26 @ 7:30 PM – Collegetown Democrats monthly meeting – Ursinus College campus, Wismer Hall Faculty/Staff Dining Room

8/14 @ 6:30 PM – PVSD School Board meeting, PVHS library.

8/15 @ 7 PM - CEDC Board Meeting (open to the public!) Freeland Lounge, lower level, Trinity Church, Main Street.

8/23 @ 9AM-3PM – Collegetown Fire Company Car Show, Main Street.

9/9 @ 9 AM-1 PM – Colossal Community Yard Sale, Waterworks Park.

9/10 @ 6 PM – Concert in the Park, Elastic Karma, Collegetown Park.

10/10 – Last day to register to vote in 2017.

11/7 – ELECTION DAY – VOTE!!!

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ROYAL FARMS Update: Royal Farms has received approval from Borough Council to proceed with a development plan to build a convenience store with gas pumps similar to those at WaWa on the vacant lot across from McDonald's. This site is in the floodplain. As part of the site's development, they will "straighten the dogleg" by creating a new section of Rt. 29 from McDonald's to the Power House, which will then align with Rt. 29 N. The current road in front of the Perkiomen Bridge Hotel will then be closed off and function only as an access road to those businesses and homes, and the traffic light at the Bridge Hotel will be removed which is hoped to help improve the traffic flow.

This is only the first step in the process; Royal Farms must now submit plans to PennDOT (regarding road issues), FEMA (regarding environmental issues) and other agencies, and receive their approvals, before building.

FIREHOUSE Update: A new tax **averaging** about \$100 annually per household will be levied beginning in 2018 on Collegetown residents. The new firehouse, which will address structural and size issues, will be constructed on the Fire House's current location at Fifth and Main St.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES & INFORMATION

Recurring Meetings to Remember:

***Borough Council** meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7PM.

***Planning Commission** meets as needed on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7PM

***CTMA & Public Works Committee** meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

***Perkiomen Valley School Board** meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30PM, usually at the PV High School Library.

Online Information:

Borough of Collegetown website:
<http://www.collegetown-pa.gov/>



Collegetown Economic Development Corporation:

<https://www.collegetowndevelopment.org/>

Perkiomen Valley School District:

<http://www.pvpsd.org/>

Collegetown Fire Department:

<http://www.collegetownfire.org/>

Collegetown Police Department:

<http://www.collegetown-pa.gov/node/8>

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