

COLLEGEVILLE MATTERS

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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!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE BOROUGH OF COLLEGEVILLE ISSUES OF COMMUNITY INTEREST AND CONCERN:

ALL POLLING LOCATIONS HAVE CHANGED IN COLLEGEVILLE for 2017!!:

Precinct 1: now Trinity Church, Main St. (old: St. Eleanor)
Precinct 2: now Kaleidoscope Theater at Ursinus (old: Borough Hall)
Precinct 3: now Borough Hall (old: Trinity Church, Main St)

ON THE November 2017 BALLOT:

This year we have elections for Borough Council (4 open seats), Collegeville Mayor, Perkiomen Valley School Board, Collegeville judge of elections, and regional and state judges.

Voting in Local Elections Matters!

Ever thought that local elections weren't worth your time or that they don't really matter...well, we'd like to bend your ear. Rock the Vote has made a list of why your participation in local elections matters, and we're sharing parts of the article here.

1. Local government manages a *lot* of different things — things that directly affect your life.

Here's just a few of the things they're responsible for:

- Police protection and public safety
- Local ordinances that dictate things like snow removal, park rules, restrictions on open fires, etc.
- Local taxes and the Borough's budget
- Interacting with local businesses, including the college
- Trash and recycling collection and contracts

2. State and local governments can lead the way

- According to Rock the Vote, "women's suffrage, minimum wage, environmental protection, and

marriage equality all began at the local and state level." That's pretty amazing! Just think what the possibilities are for us!

3. Your vote will make a difference.

In non-presidential elections, Montgomery County has only about 1 in 5 registered voters show up at the polls to vote. In Collegeville, we've had Democratic candidates lose by as few as two (yes, 2) votes!! Your vote matters!!!

Our local government has a *lot* of influence to decide what Collegeville's priorities are and how it will be run.

So, take 15 minutes to exercise your constitutional RIGHT to VOTE this November 7th!!!
It Matters because Collegeville Matters!

Source: <https://medium.com/@RockTheVote/why-local-elections-matter-6e7ba4545c00>

What do Borough Council Members do Anyway??

Collegeville's Borough Council is made up of 7 elected officials. Council members are elected for 4-year terms in non-presidential years (2017 and 2019 are the next two elections). Council meets every month in a public meeting to discuss matters relevant to the community. These matters include the borough budget, the fire department, the police department, and any relevant issues that are brought to them (development, relations with Ursinus, individuals' property concerns, etc.). Council members serve on various committees to improve the community, such as pedestrian safety, economic development, parks, and personnel.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events in Collegeville:

9/19/17 @ 7pm: Freeland Lounge (Lower Level Trinity Church): CEDC Board Meeting (open to the public)

11/7/17: ELECTION DAY: vote for Borough Council, PVSD School Board, Judges!!!

9/11/17: @ 6:30pm: PVHS library (usually): PVSD School Board Meeting

10/4/17 @ 7pm: Borough Hall: Borough Council meeting

10/10/17 Last day to register to vote in the 11/7/2017 election.

11/7/17 @ 7am-8pm LOCAL ELECTIONS!!!

Events at Ursinus College:

9/12/17 @ 7pm in Olin Auditorium: TALK: Dr. Nina Fedoroff: Feeding 10 Billion: Can we? Will we?

9/15/17 @6:30-8:30pm Ursinus Campus, Main St. Entrance: Community Fair!! (family friendly)

9/15/17 @4-7pm in Berman Museum of Art Main Gallery: Opening Reception: Real Estate

9/25/17 @ 7pm in Olin Auditorium: TALK: Dr. David Mortensen: Lock-in: What to do when crop technologies fail?

9/28/17 @ 5pm: Kaleidoscope Steps (outside) Tour of campus art exhibit: Scene/Unseen

10/11/17 @7pm: Olin Auditorium: TALK: Mitch Hunter: Agriculture in 2050: The Path Forward



Back to School? Register for Absentee Ballots at

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

What does the School Board do??

The PVSD school board is an elected body whose members meet monthly in public meetings as well as in executive sessions about the school system, the educational resources and how to use the resources to meet the educational needs of our children. The school board budgets and spends tax dollars to further the education of Collegeville (and surrounding area) children. They also work with the teachers' union to implement educational programs. They literally shape the education of our future community, business, and world leaders.

Voter Registration & Voting Information:

Go to: <http://www.votespa.com/en-us> click on the box for online registration, absentee ballots, etc. Download or print the form you need, fill it in, and follow the directions on how to proceed. You can also register to vote when you get a new/renewed driver's license.

In-person registration: fill in the voter registration form from the site above and take it to the Montgomery County election in Norristown (instructions and locations are on the form).

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 Collegeville website: <http://www.collegeville-pa.gov/>

Collegeville Economic Development Commission: <https://www.collegevildevelopment.org/>

Perkiomen Valley School District: www.pvsd.org

Collegeville Fire Department: <http://www.collegevillefire.org/>

Collegeville Police Department: www.collegeville-pa.gov/node/8

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