

# COLLEGEVILLE MATTERS

2017: SPECIAL POST-  
ELECTION EDITION

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

### 2017 Local Election Results

On November 7, 2017 Collegeville residents came out to vote at their three new voting locations. The following candidates were elected:

#### Collegeville Borough Council:

Catherine Kernen (752 votes), Marion McKinney (708 votes), Mathew McKnight (704 votes), Shannon Spencer (695 votes) (All DEMS)

#### Mayor of Collegeville:

Aidsand "Ace" Wright-Riggins (730 votes) (DEM)  
Al Stagliano (568 votes) (REP)

#### Perkiomen Valley School Directors:

Judy Lofton (3,975 votes), Beth Roberts (3,932 votes), Wayde Weston (3,823 votes), Eugene Halus (3,800 votes) (All DEMS)

#### Collegeville Tax Collector:

Kelly Taylor (REP)

#### Judge of Elections:

Precinct 1: Lawrence DiPiano (REP)  
Precinct 3: Susan Williams (DEM)

#### Inspector of Elections:

Precinct 1: Judith Fryer (DEM)  
Precinct 3: William Akin (DEM)

#### Judges:

PA Supreme Court Justice: Debra Todd (retained)  
PA Supreme Court Justice: Thomas Saylor (retained)  
PA Supreme Court Justice: Sally Mundie (REP)  
Judge, Superior Court: Maria McLaughlin (DEM)  
Judge, Superior Court: Carolyn Nichols (DEM)  
Judge, Superior Court: Deborah Kunselman (DEM)  
Judge, Superior Court: Mary Murray (REP)  
Judge, Superior Court: Jacqueline Shogan (Retained)  
Judge, Commonwealth Court: Ellen Ceisler (DEM)  
Judge, Commonwealth Court: Christine Cannon (REP)  
Judge, Court of Common Pleas: Wendy Rothstein (DEM)  
Judge, Court of Common Pleas: Jeffrey Saltz (DEM)  
Judge, Court of Common Pleas: Thomas Del Ricci (Ret)

#### Constitutional Amendment:

Statewide: 54% YES (960,016 votes)  
(In Montgomery County only: 59% NO (77,002 votes))

#### PVSD Artificial Turf Field Question:

District wide: 73.03% NO (4,932 votes)



### A Note from Our Newly Elected Officials:

Thank you to those who voted on November 7! As we move forward in our community after the election, we are sincerely grateful to the many people who supported us and worked with us through the past months. We could not have won the election without the countless hours given by our volunteers!! Thank you for walking, knocking, talking, door hanging, stuffing, calling, striking, more calling, writing, advocating, and most of all, thank you for exercising your sacred right to vote!

We would also like to offer our thanks to the outgoing officials for their service to our community. We all seek to work toward the common good of Collegeville. Thank you to Mayor Al Stagliano, Rowan Keenan, Brian Dubas and Arnold Mann. Of note, Arnie Mann faithfully served our town since 1987 as an advocate for our residents.

We pledge to serve the entire Collegeville community – not just the Democrats. We are committed to our platform: we believe in it and will work hard to implement it. We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

*Aidsand Wright-Riggins, Catherine Kernen, Marion McKinney, Mathew McKnight, and Shannon Spencer*

## Democratic Borough Council & Mayoral Platform:

- Work to identify, attract, and keep new businesses in our town
- Listen to and engage with the community
- Develop partnerships with local organizations
- Improve transparency and communication

## Digital Borough Newsletter:

We are now working toward collecting email addresses for Collegetown residents so that Borough Council can send out occasional emails regarding Borough business. These emails will include notices of upcoming issues that will be discussed at Council meetings, changes in services, issues that impact our community, etc..

Stay tuned for information on how to sign up!



## Transition Information:

Newly elected officials will be sworn into office at a special January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 meeting of Borough Council. That meeting will be at 6:45PM at Collegetown Borough Hall.

Also at that meeting, and after new members are sworn in Council Members will elect a Council President to serve for the coming year. Also, the Council will appoint committee members to serve on all standing council committees.

You may contact Borough Manager Geoff Thompson if you have questions about happenings in the Borough: [gthompson@borough.collegetown-pa.gov](mailto:gthompson@borough.collegetown-pa.gov)

## Contact Information:

We are working on getting borough emails for our newly elected officials. These email addresses will hopefully be working by January 2, 2018 meeting. Stay tuned.

## Why this election was historic!

If you voted this year in



Collegetown, you did something historically notable!

This year marked the first time that Collegetown has elected an **African-American** as mayor. Wright-Riggins will be the first **Democrat** to be elected mayor in Collegetown's almost 200 year history. He is also, the only African-American mayor elected in Pennsylvania this year!

Another first: we now have a majority of **women** on our Borough Council (5 women; 2 men).

Finally, we had historically high voter turnout for a non-presidential year election! **We had 1,298 residents who voted!**

**Way to go!**



## STAY IN TOUCH

We'd like to hear what makes Collegetown special to you!

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