

FACTS FOR CITIZENS

School District:
Avella Area

Municipalities:
**Cross Creek,
Hopewell,
Independence,
West Middletown**



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For League information:
724-228-9889
washingtoncountypalwv.org
lwv.washingtoncounty@gmail.com

For voter information:
•Washington County Department of Elections
100 W. Beau St., Rm. 206, Washington, PA 15301
724-228-6750

•www.votespa.com

VOTER INFORMATION

Election Dates for 2018

April 16 Last day to register before Primary Election
May 8 Last day to apply for civilian absentee ballot
May 15 Primary Election Day
Note: only registered members of a political party may vote in that party's primary. All registered voters may vote on referendum questions.
Oct. 9 Last day to register before November election
Oct. 30 Last day to apply for civilian absentee ballot
Nov. 6 General Election Day

To qualify to vote in Washington County, you must:

1. Be a US citizen at least 30 days prior to Election Day.
2. Be at least 18 years old by Election Day.
3. Be a resident of your election district at least 30 days immediately preceding election. Qualified voters who move from one district to another within the state during the 30 days prior to an election may vote in the district from which they moved.
4. Be registered to vote in Washington County.
5. Show ID if you are voting in a precinct for the first time.

Voter Registration

Register at the Dept. of Elections, County Office Building, Courthouse Square, Mon. through Fri., 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Online registration is available at Votespa.com. Mail-in forms are available at many libraries, government agencies, and from Votespa.com. Voters must submit any changes to name, address or party affiliation on the proper form on or before the last day to register to vote.

Absentee Voting

An absentee ballot may be used by a registered voter who expects to be absent from his or her municipality on Election Day; who is ill or incapacitated, who is an election worker, or whose religious holiday falls on Election Day. Application for an absentee ballot must be made to the Dept. of Elections not sooner than 50 days before the election, nor later than 5 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election. Official application forms may be obtained by mail, phone, online or in person. If an emergency arises after the deadline, an emergency application may be made until 5 p.m. on Friday before the election, or through Election Day with Court approval. Completed absentee ballots must be received by the Dept. of Elections by 5 p.m. on Friday before the election, or through Election Day with Court approval.

Be an effective voter

1. Know the candidates at election time. The Voters Guide, published before elections by the LWV, lists candidate information supplied by the candidates.
2. Let public officials know how you feel about issues.
3. Be active in the party of your choice.

Political Party Contacts in Washington County

- Democratic Party: Chairperson Linda Andrews
Tel: 724 228-7246
- Republican Party: Chairman Mark Hrutkay
Tel: 304-281-7615; Email: wcpagop@gmail.com

West Middletown Borough

Population (2014 est.): 138
18 W. Main St. P.O. Box 95
West Middletown, PA 15379
Tel: 724-587-3170 Fax: 724-587-3170
Email: west_middletown@yahoo.com

Meeting: 2nd Monday, 5:30 p.m., 18 W. Main St.
Mayor: Don Umphrey 2021

Council:
John Opal, President (D) 2019
Ellen Armstrong, V. President (D) 2021
Sandy Smith (D) 2021
Jamima Gruber (R) 2019
Vacancy

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Avella Area School District

1000 Avella Rd. Avella, PA 15312
Tel: 724-356-2218 Fax: 724-356-2207
Email: bentzd@avellasd.org
Web: www.avellasd.org

Meeting: 3rd Wednesday except for 2nd Wed. in Aug., and Nov. and 1st Wed. in December 7 p.m., Jr. / Sr. High School Library

School Board:

Region I: Cross Creek;
Region II: Hopewell & W. Middletown;
Region III: Independence
Leslie Cunningham, Pres.....Region III 2021
Karen Birdsall, V. Pres..... Region III.....2019
Jeffrey Devenney.....Region III 2019
Corey McConn, Treas.....Region I..... 2021
James GagichRegion I 2019
E. Alex ParisRegion I..... 2019
Melissa DryerRegion II..... 2021
Sharon hixenbaughRegion II.....2021
*Kim Cassidy.....Region II.....2019

Superintendent: Cyril Walther

MUNICIPALITIES

Cross Creek Township (2nd Class)

Population (2014 est.): 1,534
28 Clark Ave. Avella, PA 15312
Tel: 724-587-3442 Fax: 724-587-3672
Email: township@hky.com
Web: www.crosscreektwp.org

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Municipal Building

Supervisors:
Dean Casciola, Chairman (D) 2023
Evan Midler, V. Chairman (R) 2021
Gary Stokum (D) 2019
Rachel Waener Welsh, Tax Collector.....(D) 2021
Jennifer Stealey, Auditor.....2021
*Debra Brown, Auditor...(appointed) 2021
*Georgianne Griffith, Auditor...(appointed).....2021

Hopewell Township (2nd Class)

Population (2014 est.): 939
20 Parkview Rd. Avella, PA 15312
Tel: 724-345-3333 Fax: 724-345-8115
Email: parkview20avella@yahoo.com
Web: hopewelltownship.pa.com

Meeting: 2nd Monday, 4:30 p.m., Township Building

Supervisors:
David Rice, Chairman (R) 2019
Ron Brandenburg (R) 2019
Mary S. Rush.....(R) 2023

Independence Township (2nd Class)

Population (2014 est.): 1,528
34 Campbell St. PO Box E Avella, PA 15312
Tel: 724-587-3518 Fax: 724-587-5988
Email: indtwpwashco@hky.com

Meeting: 3rd Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Township Bldg.

Supervisors:
Thomas Jennings, Chairman (R) 2021
Louis Brandenburg, Jr. V. Chairman ... (D) 2023
Joyce McKenzie (D) 2019
Tom Simms, Tax Collector.....(D) 2023
Patrick Defilippis, Auditor.....(D) 2019
Jo Ellen Cruny, Auditor.....(D) 2021
Melinda Latynski, Auditor.....(D) 2023

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Federal Info Center: 1-800-FED-INFO

www.usa.gov

President (4 year term) \$400,000
Donald Trump (R) 2020
Switchboard: 202-456-1414; Comments: 202-456-1111
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC., 20500
Web: www.whitehouse.gov Email: via website

Vice President (4 year term) \$243,500
Mike Pence (R) 2020

U.S. Senators (6 year term) \$174,000
Robert P. Casey, Jr. (D) 2018
Local office: 310 Grant St. Ste.2415 Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Local Tel: 412-803-7370 Local Fax: 412-803-7379
393 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510
DC Tel: 202-224-6324 DC Fax: 202-228-0604
www.casey.senate.gov
Email: elizabethfishback@casey.senate.gov

Patrick J. Toomey R) 2022
Local office: 310 Grant St. Suite 1440, Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Local Tel: 412-803-3501 Local Fax: 412-803-3504
2079 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510
DC Tel: 202-224-4254 DC Fax: 202-228-0284

U.S. Representatives (2 year term) \$174,000

9th District Bill Shuster(R) 2018
2079 Rayburn House Off. Bldg., Washington, DC 20515
DC Tel: 202-225-2431^{SEP} DC Fax: 202-225-2486
Web: shuster.house.gov Email: via website
District Wash. Co. portion: Allenport; Bentleyville; California; Carroll; Centerville; Charleroi; Coal Center; Donora; E. Finley; E. Bethlehem; Elco; Fallowfield 1, 2 (all blocks except 1030 of tract 781700), 3, 4; Long Branch; Monongahela; New Eagle; N. Charleroi; Roscoe; Speers; Stockdale; Twilight; W. Brownsville.

18th District VACANT
504 Washington Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15228
Tel: 412-344-5583 Fax: 412-429-5092
District Wash. Co. portion: Amwell; Beallsville; Blaine; Buffalo; Burgettstown; Canonsburg; Canton; Cecil; Chartiers; Claysville; Cokeburg; Cross Creek; Deemston; Donegal; E. Finley; E. Wash-ington; Ellsworth; Fallowfield 2 only block 1030 of track 781700; Finleyville; Green Hills; Hanover; Hopewell; Houston; Independence; Jefferson; McDonald; Marianna; Midway; Morris; Mt. Pleasant; N. Bethlehem; N. Franklin; N. Strabane; Nottingham; Peters; Robinson; Smith; Somerset; S. Franklin; S. Strabane; Union; Washington; W. Bethlehem; W. Finley; W. Middletown; W. Pike Run.

U.S. Supreme Court (appointed, life term)
Chief Justice: \$267,000; Associate Justice: \$255,300
Web: www.supremecourt.gov
John G. Roberts, Jr., Chief Justice
Anthony M. Kennedy
Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Samuel A. Alito, Jr.
Elena Kagan
Clarence Thomas
Stephen G. Breyer
Sonia Sotomayor
Neil M. Gorsuch
Other Federal Court information: www.uscourts.gov

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Web: www.pa.gov

LWVPA Citizen Information Center: 1-800-692-7281

Governor (4 year term) \$194850
Tom Wolf (D) 2018
Tel: 717-787-2500 Web: [@pa.gov](http://www.governor.pa.gov)

Lieutenant Governor (4 year term) \$163,672
Mike Stack (D) 2018
Tel: 717-787-3300

Attorney General (4 year term) \$162,115
Joshua Shapiro (D) 2020
Tel: 717-787-3391 Web: www.attorneygeneral.gov

Auditor General (4 year term) \$162,115
Eugene DePasquale (D) 2020
Tel: 717-787-2543 Web: www.paauditor.gov

State Treasurer (4 year term) \$162,115
Joseph Torsella (D) 2020
Tel: 717-787-2465 Web: www.patreasury.gov

Governor's Cabinet

The Governor's Cabinet (listed at www.pa.gov) consists of the directors of various state agencies. Secretaries are responsible for the oversight of their agencies and advise the governor on subjects related to their respective agencies.

State Senators (4 year term) \$87,180

37th District Guy Reschenthaler (R) 2020
100 Broughton Rd. Bethel Park, PA 15102
Tel: 412-831-0250 Fax: 412-831-2740
Web: www.senatorreschenthaler.com
Email: via website
District Washington Co. portion contains only Peters Twp.

46th District Camera Bartolotta (R) 2018
135 Technology Dr., Suite 202 Canonsburg, PA 15317
Tel: 724-746-3762 Fax: 724-746-3797
316 W. Main St Monongahela, PA 15063
Tel: 724-258-3365 Fax: 724-258-3368
Web: senatorbartolotta.com
Email: cbartolotta@pasen.gov
District includes all of Washington Co. except Peters Twp.

State Representatives (2 year term) \$87,180

15th District Jim Christiana(R) 2018
34 Campbell St. P.O. Box 14 Avella, PA 15312
Tel: 724-587-3095 Fax: 724-587-3096
Web: www.repchristiana.com
Email: jchristi@pahousegop.com

District Washington Co. portion contains: Amwell, Blaine, Buffalo, Claysville, Cross Creek, Donegal, E. Finley, Green Hills, Hanover, Hopewell, Independence, Jefferson, Morris, S. Franklin, W. Finley and W. Middletown.

District Rick Saccone(R) 2018
1002 Old Hickory Lane Jefferson Hills, PA 15025
Tel: 412-653-1025 Fax: 412-653-1275
Web: www.repsaccone.com

Email: rsaccone@pahousegop.com
District Washington Co. portion contains: Finleyville, Nottingham, Somerset and Union.

40th District John A. Maher (R) 2018
711 Summerfield Commons,
2547 Washington Rd. Upper St. Clair, PA 15241
Tel: 412-831-8080 Fax: 412-831-8083
Web: www.repmaher.com
Email: jmaher@pahousegop.com
District Washington Co. portion contains only Peters Twp.

46th District Jason Ortitay (R) 2018
300 Old Pond Rd., Suite 205A Bridgeville, PA 15017
Tel: 412-221-5110 Fax: 412-221-5113
Web: www.reportitay.com
Email: jortitay@pahousegop.com
District Washington Co. portion contains: Burgettstown, Canton, Cecil, McDonald (Washington County Portion), Midway, Mount Pleasant, Robinson and Smith.

48th District VACANT
60 S. Main St. Washington, PA 15301
Tel: 724-743-7602 Fax: 724-743-7606
District: Canonsburg, Chartiers, E. Washington, Houston, N. Franklin, N. Strabane, S. Strabane, Washington.

49th District Bud Cook (R) 2018
55 Gosai Dr #112, Bentleyville, PA 15314
Tel: 855 271-9380, 724 669-2242 Fax 724 669 2296
Web: www.repbudcook.com
Email: do049@pahousegop.com

District Washington Co. portion contains: Allenport, Beallsville, Bentleyville, California, Carroll, Charleroi, Coal Center, Cokeburg, Deemston, Donora, Dunlevy, Elco, Ellsworth, Fallowfield, Long Branch, Marianna, Monongahela, New Eagle, N. Bethlehem, N. Charleroi, Roscoe, Speers, Stockdale, Twilight, W. Bethlehem, W. Brownsville and W. Pike Run.

50th District Pam Snyder (D) 2018
104 S. Market St. Suite 101 Carmichaels, PA 15320
Tel: 724-966-8953 Fax: 724-966-8958
Web: pahouse.com/snyder Email: psnyder@pahouse.net
District Washington Co. portion contains: E. Bethlehem & Centerville.

PA Appellate Courts

Information on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Superior Court, and Commonwealth Court is at www.pacourts.us .

WASHINGTON COUNTY

4th Class County
Population: 208,187 (2014 est.)

Courthouse: 1 South Main St., Washington, PA 15301
County Office Bldg: Courthouse Square, 100 W. Beau St., Washington, PA 15301

Tel: 724-228-6700; 1-888-882-8385
www.co.washington.pa.us; www.washingtoncourts.us

Commissioners

(4 year term)
Chair: \$92,208.09; Commissioners: \$91,208.09
Meeting: 1st and 3rd Thurs., (July and Aug. 3rd Thurs. only) 10 a.m., County Office Bldg., Rm. 103/4
Larry Maggi, Chr., 724-228-6722(D) 2019
Diana Irey Vaughan, V. Chr., 724-228-6721(R) 2019
Harlan G. Shober, Jr., 724-228-6720(D) 2019

Row Offices

(4 year term)
Clerk of Courts: Frank Scandale \$85,258.20...(D) 2019
Controller: Michael L. Namie \$85,258.20...(D) 2021
Coroner: S.Timothy Warco \$85,258.20.... D) 2019
District Attorney: Eugene Vittone \$179,299(R) 2019
Prothonotary: Joy Schury Ranko \$85,258.20...(D) 2019
Deeds: Deborah Bardella \$85,258.20...(D) 2021
Wills: Mary Jo Poknis \$85,258.20...(D) 2019
Sheriff: Samuel Romano \$85,258.20...(D) 2021
Treasurer: Francis L. King \$85,258.20...(D) 2019

Court of Common Pleas

(10 year term)
President Judge: \$181,871; Judge: \$180,299
Katherine B. Emery, President Judge 2025
John F. DiSalle 2025
Gary Gilman 2021
Valarie Costanzo 2023
Michael J. Lucas 2023
Brandon P. Neuman 2027

Magisterial District Judge, Dist. 27

(6 yr. term) \$90,154
1-01 **Robert Redlinger** 2021
1-02 **Mark Wilson** 2023
1-03 **Larry Hopkins** 2019
2-01 **David Mark** 2019
3-01 **Jesse Pettit** 2023
3-02 **Curtis Thompson** 2021
3-03 **Joshua P. Kanalis** 2019
3-05 **Jay Weller** 2023
3-06 **Traci McDonald Kemp** 2021
3-07 **Gary H. Havelka** 2023
3-10 **Ethan Ward** 2021

Notes:

- Expiration year listed is last full year of term.
- Information current as of Feb. 2018
- Email corrections to: lwvwashingtoncounty@gmail.com or call: 724-228-9889.