



SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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County Dems Attend Petition Breakfast



**SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY DEMOCRATS HOLD ANNUAL PETITION ON SATURDAY, MARCH 1st,
IN GREAT BEND**

**Thank you to our Emcee Andrew Granick with the WRC, Chris Kelly, our keynote speaker
and to all of our attendees and supporters. Special thank you to Ernie King, Wyoming
County Commissioner who supports our efforts here in Susquehanna County.**

RALLY ON THE GREEN

MONTROSE / SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

MARCH 15, 2025 A large group of concerned citizens gathered together on the Courthouse Green in Montrose, PA to make their voices heard regarding all of the cuts by Elon Musk and the Trump administration to many important federal programs that will affect every person in the county.



Rally goers spoke about national security, including concerns over Congressional inaction and support for Ukraine.

!! SAVE !!

**FUNDING FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES
& HEAD START
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
VETERANS' HEALTHCARE & JOBS
SOCIAL SECURITY
MEDICAID
USAID
NATIONAL PARKS**

STOP ELON MUSK FROM CUTTING OUR JOBS & OUR BENEFITS !!



**Susquehanna
County
Forward**

Join us March 15th at 1:00 pm

**A Citizen's Rally
for Democracy**

On the Green in Montrose
(next to the courthouse)

To Protect and Defend:

Governance of the people, by the people, for the people
Rule of Law & Constitutional Order
The working class rights and freedoms
Civil rights protection - Women's rights

To Oppose:

The abandonment of founding principles
The billionaire elite take over of the Government
A Russian alliance

CHAIR'S COLUMN by Ed Zygmunt

Fifty years ago, I graduated from Johnson College with a degree in building construction. One of the first principles the instructors drummed into my head was that a strong, long-lasting home starts from the ground up with a solid foundation.

Little did I realize at the time this same principle would apply to many other intangible aspects of my life. My family. My friends. My marriage. My contribution to making the world a better place.

Throughout those five decades since earning my degree I've been a volunteer for many organizations. One thing I learned in all those years is that building a successful, long-lasting organization is a lot like building a home. You don't start from the top and work your way down. You start with a strong foundation held together by caring, committed people like you.

So, what's in the cement that makes our county Democratic party built to last? It's someone like you who never really thought about running for office but soon realized that change starts at the local level - township supervisor, borough council, school board, or any office that's crucial to making local government function.

Even though the petition period for getting on the ballot this year has passed, it's not too late to run a write-in campaign for any local office. We'd be happy to help you through the mechanics of this. Just raise your hand.

If running for office is not for you, that's OK. A strong Democratic party also requires dedicated committee members and other volunteers to build a better future for everyone. Barack Obama and Joe Biden didn't become President by themselves. They started from the bottom and worked their way to the top. It took an entire nation of individuals like you, working as a team, to get them to get them there. And it will take that same team to save our great nation from the current horrific occupant of the White House.

There is never a closed period to become a committee member or volunteer to help our party grow even stronger. We especially need younger generations of volunteers to bring new ideas and enthusiasm to our team. Are you that special person we're looking for? Just raise your hand.

Here's my recipe for a strong, long-lasting Susquehanna County Democratic party: take a big pot of caring, committed volunteers. Add plenty of new ideas. Whip up some team spirit. Mix in a cup of fun, friendship and camaraderie. And throw in a pinch of pride for good measure.

Now that's a home built to last.

STRATEGIC PLANNING 2025

Jackie Baker

The Strategic Planning Committee met in March to develop a plan for the continual growth and development of the Susquehanna County Democratic Party. After discussion and consensus, the committee agreed upon the following goals for 2025 and beyond.

One Year Goals:

1. Focus on local elections in 2025, fill open positions with candidates
2. Maintain our public presence-
 - A) Education about the judicial candidates and PA Courts
 - B) The effects of the Republican agenda on local voters
3. Motivate and engage young people into voting, volunteering, and/or running for office
4. Create a succession plan for the future party leadership and for the continuity of Susquehanna County Democratic Committee
5. Network with local community organizations and other Democratic county committees

Notes:

Idea to name someone a “Volunteer Coordinator”, and/or create a Volunteer Subcommittee
Create LGBTQ+ Caucus

Three Year Goals:

2025 Local Elections, PA Judicial Elections
2026 Governor, Congress, State Senate, State Representative, State Committee, Susquehanna County Democratic Committee Reorganization
2027 County Elections

Upcoming Events

- 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, May 10, 2025 – Susquehanna County Forward Rally
- 7:00 pm, May 12, 2025 – **Full Committee Meeting**
- 7:00 am – 8:00 pm, May 20, 2025 – **Municipal Primary**



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VOTE FOR OUR **DEMOCRATIC**
JUDGES
ELECTION DAY | TUESDAY, MAY 20

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JUDGE STELLA TSAI
for PA COMMONWEALTH COURT

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✓ VOTE Judge [Brandon Neuman](#) Superior Court on Election Day, Tuesday, May 20! [#VoteLocalPA](#) [#PoweredbyPADems](#)



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Day,

for PA



DEM FEST
2025

**Special Guests, food,
and more!**

Meal Tickets \$15, Non-Meal Tickets \$5
Tickets can be purchased through your County
Democratic Party!

**June 28th,
10am-5pm, Pavilion U**

 **Knoebels**
Knoebels Amusement
Resort, Elysburg, PA

**Reserve your
tickets today!**

Kids under the age of 10 can attend for
free! Children under 10 who wish to
have a meal must purchase a meal
ticket.

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