

MEET THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

EAST PENNSBORO SCHOOL BOARD

VOTE
NOV. 4

- Promoting fiscal responsibility, dedicated to reducing wasteful spending
- Innovating excellence in education to help student achievement
- Listening to and communicating with EP families and our community

CHUCK GATTEN



"I'm an old school Democrat running for School Director. Nothing is more important than providing a Safe, Secure and Exceptional Education in a fiscally responsible manner for an Exceptional Educational Experience for the children of our township."

Chuck Gatten served in the US Air Force from 1978-90 and attended the University of Maryland, European Division while stationed in Italy. He later worked in management at Giant Foods and Coca-Cola as a District Manager, supervising and developing many associates. He will bring that leadership experience to represent our community on the School Board, to promote the development of well-rounded, confident and responsible children to young adults. Together we can inspire and enable our students to reach for and achieve their life's potential.

MIKE ALSHER



"I look forward to working with the school district administration to keep taxes as low as possible while creating a first-rate education for our children in a safe and secure school environment."

Mike Alsher has been a township resident for almost thirty years. He and his wife Lisa moved to East Pennsboro in 1997 with their two children, Robin and Phil, who attended East Pennsboro schools K through 12. Mike is a retired attorney with litigation expertise in highway and bridge construction claims, property damage, bankruptcy and more. Mike is currently on the board of the Township Environmental Advisory Council, and a board member of the East Pennsboro Education Foundation.

STEVEN BODLEY



"My new focus as a retired classroom educator is to use my background to find ways to form relationships and work to improve the educational experience for our East Pennsboro students, educators, parents and community."

Steve Bodley has been a township resident for over 20 years and worked for 33 years as a Physical Science teacher at East Pennsboro Middle School. Steve brings his education knowledge and leadership as a department chairman and as a coach for track and football for many years. Since his retirement in 2021, he continues to serve as an advisory board member of *Science Is Elemental*, a national organization created to improve the quality of science education in elementary school classrooms; he also works as a residential solar consultant. His wife Rainie is also a career educator at EPASD and lifelong resident of the township, they have 3 sons and 1 daughter.

EAST PENNSBORO TAX COLLECTOR

DEBBIE LUPOLD (RE-ELECT)



A long time East Pennsboro Township resident, Debbie Lupold has served in the Township's Tax office for 23 years. She became Deputy Tax Collector in 2002 and has served as elected Tax Collector, certified by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, from 2006 to present. She provides friendly, courteous and efficient service to residents in East Pennsboro Township. Debbie was also the President of the Cumberland County Tax Collector's Association for many years, is a former two-term president of the Fredricksen Library Board and current Trustee for nearly 20 years. She has volunteered on the East Pennsboro Education Foundation Board and is a founding member of the Friends of the East Pennsboro Library serving as President since the Friend's inception. Debbie is married to Larry, has two children and one granddaughter. She is seeking reelection as our Tax Collector in 2025.

MEET THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS - ELECT ALL THREE!

- No more township tax & fee increases
- Stop plans for an unnecessary and taxpayer-costly multi-million \$\$\$ new township building
- Restore transparency and accountability, stop current restrictions on community input and start livestreaming township meetings



PATTI GILBERT

Patti Gilbert is a 35-year township resident, served 9 years on East Pennsboro School Board, including as President. She is the proud parent of two East Pennsboro School District graduates. Patti retired in 2022 from a paralegal management position at Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Student Loan Agency. She has served in various church and ministry leadership positions, currently attends a local Methodist church, and is a board member of the Historical Society of East Pennsboro. Patti is committed to leading with transparency, listening to and addressing citizens' concerns, and reducing waste, costs and fees for taxpayers while prioritizing environmental protection associated with development.



MATTHEW FRANCHAK

Matt Franchak is a 37-year resident of East Pennsboro Township, a 1996 graduate of East Pennsboro High School, with 25 years of state government experience – currently working as the policy director for state Senator John Kane – and is a former East Pennsboro School Board member, a member of the East Pennsboro Alumni Association, East Pennsboro youth soccer and softball coach, an adult leader of Boy Scout Troop 89, and a member of the East Pennsboro Industrial Development Authority. Matt and his wife Ariel have two children, Joshua and Sofia, who attend East Pennsboro schools. Matt attends Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church is a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #12404, and a member of the West Shore Harrisburg Elks Lodge 2257.



JON DEMARTYN

A life-long East Pennsboro Township resident, Jon DeMartyn is an East Pennsboro Township business owner, former 27-year township employee, East Pennsboro (1991) High School graduate, former youth soccer coach and vice president of Friends of East Pennsboro Parks (Christmas Lights at the Park). His wife of 28 years and his two grown children are also East Pennsboro graduates. Jon is a member of the Historical Society of East Pennsboro, East Pennsboro Alumni Association, and Perry Lodge #458 F&AM. Jon believes, with his knowledge of township operations, he can be effective immediately in controlling/cutting costs and addressing/resolving residents' concerns.

VOTE ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025
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