



Chester Heights Democrats

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Vote Local

"Be the change you want to see in the world."

Over the last 4 years, national politics has drowned out local government issues. In 2020, **1934 ballots were cast in Chester Heights - 42% to Mr. Trump and 57% to PRESIDENT-ELECT JOE BIDEN.** This victory will be shallow if we cannot elect Democrats up and down the ballot to local positions in 2021.

In the next 4 years, Chester Heights will embark on updating their local Comprehensive Plan, and will be faced with multiple proposals for increased development. The last Comprehensive Plan was completed in 2013 under an all Republican Council proposing 0% population growth, only to be cast aside to approve 110 new homes in 2014.

As you read this the council member with the most accounting and finance experience is NOT a member of the finance committee, because she's a Democrat. This resulted in the 2020 budget being riddled with mistakes and next year's spending budget increased by 50%.

It's time for integrity and good fiscal policy to be the norm in the borough of Chester Heights.

Are you curious?
Are you ready to join us?
Are you ready to be the change?

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Thank You
**Election DAY
Poll Workers**

Minority
Inspector
Kelly Block

Clerk
Bernie Miller

Volunteers

Jeff Durst

Jeanne
Montgomery

Susan Clarke

Deb Nathans

Anne Searl

Philip Block

Chester Heights 2021 Open Positions

- MAYOR
- COUNCIL – 4 SEATS
- TAX COLLECTOR
- GV SCHOOL BOARD – 4 SEATS
- JUDGE OF ELECTIONS
- MINORITY INSPECTOR

Council and Mayor position description can be found on the next page.

If you are interested in becoming a Democratic Candidate, please contact Marta Driscoll at 267-761-8346 or email us at chesterheightsdems@gmail.com

Join Us

Chester Heights

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COUNCIL

As required by the [Pennsylvania Borough Code](#), the Borough of Chester Heights is governed by a Council composed of **7 council members** who serve four-year terms. Elections are held every odd-numbered year. Three or four council members are generally elected at any one time. **Four are up for election in 2021** for the term beginning in January 2022.

An organizational meeting is held the first Monday of January of each even-numbered year where the council elects a president, a vice president and a pro tem to serve at the pleasure of the council for the coming 2 calendar years.

A primary responsibility of the Council is to set policies regarding:

- Borough Finances including the approval of the annual budget and establishing tax rates.
- Safety of the Borough Residents
- Road Program
- The Zoning, Development, and License and Inspections of residential and business properties in the borough.

These policies are reviewed by committees, approved by council via ordinance, resolution or a motion and then implemented by the staff.

Time, Meetings & Compensation: The council meets 2 times per month once for a regular session and once for a work session. Council members also participate on committees. Depending on who is the president of council they are either assigned a committee or they choose the committee they want to participate on. Committees have a standing meeting once per month that is advertised. In Chester Heights each council member is compensated at the rate of \$500 per year.

MAYOR

A mayor is elected in Chester Heights in odd years with the next election taking place in 2021. The winning candidate will be sworn in for the next four-year term on the first Monday of January 2022. The powers and duties of the Mayor are governed by the [PA Borough Code](#). The Mayor is the head of the Police. Since CHB does not have a police department in the past the Mayor has managed the relationship with our local State Police representatives.

The Mayor:

- Presides over the organization meetings of council until it is organized.
- Approves or vetoes resolutions and/or ordinances enacted by council.
- Administers oaths and affirmation in borough matters
- Declares States of Emergency. This declaration allows the mayor to prohibit activities the mayor reasonably believes should be prohibited to help preserve life, health, property or the public peace for up to 7 days.
- Breaks a tie in a council vote.

The Mayor may:

- Perform Marriage Ceremonies (but must advise council of his/her intention to do so in writing)
- Sign papers contract, obligation and documents required by law.
- Collect costs and fees on behalf of the borough

In the past CHB mayors have served on various committees including, but not limited to parks, events and finance. Currently, the compensation of the Mayor is \$500 per year.