

## **Mechanicsburg Area 1 2021 Democratic Municipal Candidates**

- Borough of Mechanicsburg
- Borough of Shiremanstown
- Lower Allen Township 1 Annex

## **Mechanicsburg Borough Council Candidates**



### **Laura Martin**

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I have been part of the Mechanicsburg community since the day I was born. Although born and raised in Upper Allen, I graduated from Mechanicsburg Area Senior High (MASH) in 1994, married my high school sweetheart, and bought a house in the borough where we have raised our three children. I have always had a deep love for the borough of Mechanicsburg and truly believe Mechanicsburg is “a good place to live.”

I am president of the MASH girls Tennis Boosters and active in my church, Mechanicsburg Presbyterian.

I am running for Mechanicsburg Borough Council because I believe Mechanicsburg has a bright future and I cannot wait to be a part of it. I would like to bring more diverse businesses to our town, bring nightlife and foot traffic to the borough and see a healthy and vibrant downtown. I wish to boost communication between the borough administration and residents through the usage of newsletters and social media. I want to expand our parks to include walking trails, additional pickleball courts, and safe areas for skating. Having raised three children in the borough, I have a desire to create safe streets and friendly, inclusive neighborhoods. I support the return of “block homes” as a safe haven for our children along with “Safe Pathways” to our parks. As a borough resident, I am more than aware of the condition of our streets and will work with the highway department and budgeting to repave and restore our streets making driving, biking, and walking safer for our residents.

Please join me in not only preserving our historic Mechanicsburg but also moving our beloved town into the future. Mechanicsburg is truly “a good place to live.”



## Paulette Matthews

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I have been a part of the community in Mechanicsburg for 40+ years. My husband, daughter and I love this area and want to ensure it continues to grow and thrive in the future. That is why I am running for Mechanicsburg Borough Council.

My working career spans 40 years in private non-profit accounting. As CFO, I managed all aspects of fiscal

administration including personnel, benefits, budgeting, and grant writing, working with Federal, State, and Local governments. I would like to share my skills to support opportunities that make our community special. This includes:

Mechanicsburg, like most towns, has experienced some real challenges over the last few years. Communication, budgeting, and collaboration are essential to progress in any community but will be especially vital in 2021 as we recover together from the effects of Covid-19. I have the communications skills, the fiscal tools, the experience, and the dedication to meet these challenges. I look forward to working with the Borough Council, local businesses, area organizations, and our neighbors to ensure our legacy, of “A good place to live” in Mechanicsburg, PA.



## Jenna Raniowski

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I have lived in Mechanicsburg for almost 20 years, having moved here from California via stints in Boston and Washington, DC. When my husband and I were looking to buy our first home and start a family, this community was the obvious choice for us. Currently, I balance taking care of my children full-time, and working part-time as an IT analyst at the

Pennsylvania Medical Society, developing solutions for automating business processes and supporting access to information on the organization’s employee portal. When I’m not driving around

Central PA to get my kids to swim or dance practices, or working remotely for PAMED, I'm either walking my dog around the Borough, or (when not in a pandemic), singing with the Cumberland Singers.

I decided to run for Borough Council because the most important decisions that impact us daily aren't made in Washington, D.C., or even across the river in Harrisburg. They are made right here by the people in this community. We want our children safe and in good schools. We want well-maintained roads and bridges to get us to where we need to go. We want to have fun and relax, and to spend quality time with those we care about. We want to know who to turn to when we have a question, or step up and be the neighbor called upon when someone else is in need.

As a Council Member, I will listen to my neighbors and put emphasis on being accessible and present. Through collaboration and communication, I will work to translate the needs and wants of our diverse community into innovative and tangible solutions and will do so in a fiscally responsible and transparent manner.

## Lower Allen 1 Annex

Position	Candidate	
Lower Allen Township Commissioner	John Friedhoff	
Lower Allen Township Commissioner	Joseph S Swartz	
School Board Director (Region 2, Upper Allen 4-8, Lower Allen 1 Annex, Shiremanstown)	Jessica Henning	<a href="mailto:Henningforschoolboard@gmail.com">Henningforschoolboard@gmail.com</a>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/henningforschoolboard">https://www.facebook.com/henningforschoolboard</a>

Precinct	Judge of Election	Inspector of Election
Lower Allen 1 Annex	Vacant	Vacant

## [Judge of Elections and Inspector of Elections Job Description](#)

## SHIREMANSTOWN

Position	Candidate	
School Board Director (Region 2, Upper Allen 4-8, Lower Allen 1 Annex, Shiremanstown)	Jessica Henning	<a href="mailto:Henningforschoolboard@gmail.com">Henningforschoolboard@gmail.com</a>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/henningforschoolboard">https://www.facebook.com/henningforschoolboard</a>

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**MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR CANDIDATE**  
**REGION 2, (UPPER ALLEN 4-8, LOWER ALLEN 1 ANNEX, SHIREMANSTOWN)**  
**ONLY TRUE DEMOCRAT ON THE BALLOT FOR REGION 2**



**JESSICA HENNING**  
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Coming from a long line of public educators in her family, Jessica takes a unique interest in the quality of education and the importance of programs surrounding it, especially given her background with a degree in education. Her current career in finance allows her to understand the balance between today's rising cost and budgeting appropriately. Jessica is passionate and committed to ensuring the students of MASD continue to have a positive and safe educational experience.

Jessica Henning is a graduate of West Chester University with a degree in English Secondary Education. She worked in the school system and a tutoring center for a few years until she found an alternate calling as the Director of Selection and Development with Northwestern Mutual in Mechanicsburg and has enjoyed that career journey for the past seven years. With Northwestern Mutual, she oversees the Internship and New Advisor Program where she coaches people to help them reach their goals. She is currently attending courses at The American College to obtain her Chartered Leadership Fellow designation.

Jessica, her daughter, Hadley, and their dog, Laila, reside in Upper Allen Township. In her free time, Jessica enjoys reading, writing, and watching Audrey Hepburn movies.