

Mechanicsburg 2 Area 2021 Democratic Municipal Candidates

- Upper Allen Township

Position	Candidate	Contact Info
Township Commissioner	Karen Overly Smith	karenoverlysmith55@gmail.com facebook.com/UATC commissioner
Tax Collector	Sharon Shipman	Just an FYI - Sharon Shipman is a registered Republican who received 28 Democratic write-in votes. No Democrat was willing to run. She will be on ballot as Democratic candidate.
School Board Director	Brian Sanker	sankerb@gmail.com (Region 1, Upper Allen 1,2,3,9 & 10)) ONLY REGISTERED DEMOCRAT RUNNING. OTHER CANDIDATE CROSS-FILED.
School Board Director	Jessica Henning	Henningforschoolboard@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/henningforschoolboard (Region 2, Upper Allen 4-8, Lower Allen 1 Annex & Shiremanstown)

JUDGE AND INSPECTOR OF ELECTION CANDIDATES

Precinct	Judge of Election	Inspector of Election
Upper Allen 1	Vacant	Vacant
Upper Allen 2	Vacant	Vacant
Upper Allen 3	Vacant	Peter Adams
Upper Allen 4	Martin Rosenbloom	Rosemary Hughes
Upper Allen 5	Vacant	Christine Cressler
Upper Allen 6	Vacant	Arlene S Paoletta
Upper Allen 7	Vacant	Dale Bicksler
Upper Allen 8	Nancy Adams	Leon Yannacci

Upper Allen 9	Vacant	Vacant
Upper Allen 10	Steve Lee	Fred Miller

It is not too late to run a write-in campaign for the precincts that are vacant. Do we really want Republicans to be in charge of every voting precinct in 2024? Contact Jo Bitzer at 717-329-7805 for more information. [Job description for Judge and Inspector of Elections](#)

UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE



**KAREN OVERLY
SMITH**

for UPPER ALLEN
TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONER

*A new leader for our
growing community!*

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Karen Overly Smith is a candidate for Upper Allen Township Commissioner. Her experience includes Land Use Development Planning Analyst, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development; Board Secretary/Treasurer, Suburban Lancaster Sewer Authority; Board Treasurer, Friendship Force International; and Director, Southern Lancaster County Municipal Services Office.

Karen grew up on her family's dairy farm in southern Lancaster County. She received a B. S. in Business Administration from Millersville University and an M.A. in Geography

Regional Planning from West Chester University. Her published thesis was an analytic study of a regional municipal comprehensive plan's intentions and its comparison to actual implementation through zoning ordinance and sewage facility plan development. She holds membership in Service Employees International Union 668.

Karen retired from the United Way of York County, June 2020 and has since curated and self-published two collections of correspondence, one from letters of a veteran of WWI and another from letters of a veteran of the Korean War. She lives with her husband, Chris Smith, in the Upper Allen Township community of Messiah Village.

Karen is within striking distance to win in November! She was only 80 votes behind the lowest Republican vote! WE NEED YOU TO TURN OUT TO PUSH KAREN TO A WIN IN NOVEMBER!! HELP HER MAKE HISTORY!!

MECHANICSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR CANDIDATES REGION 1 (Upper Allen 1,2,3,9,10)



Brian J. Sanker

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Brian Sanker is a candidate for re-election as School Board Director for Mechanicsburg Area School District - Region 1, a position he was appointed to in Spring 2017 and was elected to in November 2017. He is currently School Board Vice President and Chairperson of the Finance and Facilities Committee. As part of his role with the school board, Brian serves on the Joint Operating Committee of the Cumberland-Perry Area Vocational Technical School and is the Chairperson of the Buildings and Grounds

Committee. His experience with both the Mechanicsburg School Board and working with Vo Tech has been invaluable to understanding the diverse needs of the student body from K-12 and after graduation.

Brian grew up in Upper Allen Township and graduated from Mechanicsburg. He received a B.S. in Operations and Information Systems Management from Penn State.

Brian works as a financial advisor for a firm that serves local governments and school districts nationwide. He and his wife are proud Wildcats, with a daughter who will be in third grade this fall and a son who will be entering kindergarten this fall.

BRIAN IS THE ONLY REGISTERED DEMOCRAT RUNNING IN REGION 1. DUE TO CROSS-FILING, THE OTHER CANDIDATE, RYAN HARTMAN IS LISTED ON THE DEMOCRATIC BALLOT BUT IS NOT A REGISTERED DEMOCRAT. BRIAN SECURED A PLACE ON BOTH THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER.

REGION 2, (UPPER ALLEN 4-8, LOWER ALLEN 1 ANNEX, SHIREMANSTOWN)



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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.