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Dear Residents of SD-44:

November 3<sup>rd</sup> (tomorrow) is election day! Before you scroll down to make sure that you have all of your election day questions answered, I wanted to make sure that you saw [this profile](#) of Annamarie's in Royersford Borough.



Annamarie Hewitt Chestnut has poured her heart and soul into building a renowned small business that has served as an anchor in revitalizing Main Street in Royersford and Spring City.

If you haven't had a chance make sure to stop by for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. You won't be disappointed (or leave hungry- you may need a to-go container!)

I hope that you and your family are staying safe and healthy. If there is anything that my office and I can do for you, please reach out as I know that these are difficult times and many of us are faced with a number of uncertainties. My team and I can be reached at [senatormuth@pasenate.com](mailto:senatormuth@pasenate.com), or via phone at 610-792-2137.

Sincerely,

Senator Katie Muth

## November 3rd: Final day to vote in the General Election



# Election Day 2020

VOTING IS POWER

[www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com)

Tomorrow marks the final day to cast your vote in the General Election. If you're voting in person, polls will be open from 7am to 8pm. Remember that you can get in line to vote before 7am, and you can vote as long as you were in line before 8pm—even if you don't get into the actual voting booth until later. Also remember: due to COVID-19 there have been a number of polling place changes, so make sure you know where to go by [checking here](#).

### Make a plan to vote and stay safe

- Wear a mask
- Bring your own black or blue pen
- Distance yourself from others (6+ feet)
- Wash your hands before entering and after leaving the polling station
- Avoid early morning or evenings for shorter lines & less crowds.
- In Pennsylvania, if you've voted at your polling place before (even if it moved), you don't need to show ID. But, if you're a first-time voter or you moved within the state, you must show ID to vote.

### Return your mail in ballot via drop box

The USPS says that it cannot guarantee that ballots mailed now will arrive in time to meet state guidelines. It is imperative that you take your ballot to a drop box, satellite voting center, or county voter services office.

Click below for locations by County:

- [Montgomery](#)
- [Chester](#)
- [Berks](#)

### Did you change your mind and now want to vote in-person?

Did you request a mail in ballot, but changed your mind and plan on going to the polls on election day? If so, please make sure to keep these two things in mind:

- Take your ballot AND the envelope that it came in with you to the polls. The poll worker will take your unused ballot and you will be allowed to vote like normal.
- If you do not bring your ballot with you, then you will have to vote via a provisional ballot.

## ACT 91: Supporting our Emergency Responders

I am happy to report that omnibus legislation signed by Governor Wolf as Act 91 of 2020, included language directly from Senate Bill 796, that I introduced in July of 2019 to support our community emergency responders.

I introduced Senate Bill 796 following discussions with numerous local volunteer fire companies throughout Montgomery, Chester, and Berks counties. My legislation

addressed a significant deficiency in the Volunteer Loan Assistance Program that limited the purchasing power of our emergency responders by increasing the maximum amount that volunteer fire and ambulance companies are able to borrow in order to match current inflation rates.

Our firefighters and emergency responders can now continue to fight fearlessly without the worry of inadequate equipment or station facilities. This is important especially during COVID as some emergency responders have not been able to fundraise as they normally would. The bill signed today grants our heroes another important pillar of support.

The Volunteer Loan Assistance Program is a proven, successful initiative that provides fixed 2% interest loans to volunteer fire, ambulance, and rescue companies for the purpose of purchasing and modernizing apparatus, facilities, and equipment. However, the maximum limits on the loans offered through this program have not been raised since 2013, and in that time, inflation has increased by approximately 10%.

The omnibus bill, now Act 91 of 2020, was recently amended to include language that I proposed to allow volunteer fire companies access to greater capital by increasing the borrowing limits of the Volunteer Loan Assistance Program. These amendments were unanimously approved by the Senate on October 20, 2020.

I am extremely thankful for the vital work our emergency responders provide each and every day and am incredibly pleased that our community heroes will now have greater access to up-to-date equipment. During an emergency, we depend on our volunteer fire, ambulances, and rescue companies to respond. This bill will allow our fire and ambulance companies greater access to modern equipment, increasing their ability to respond in emergency situations as well as helping to ensure our emergency responders are safe and protected.

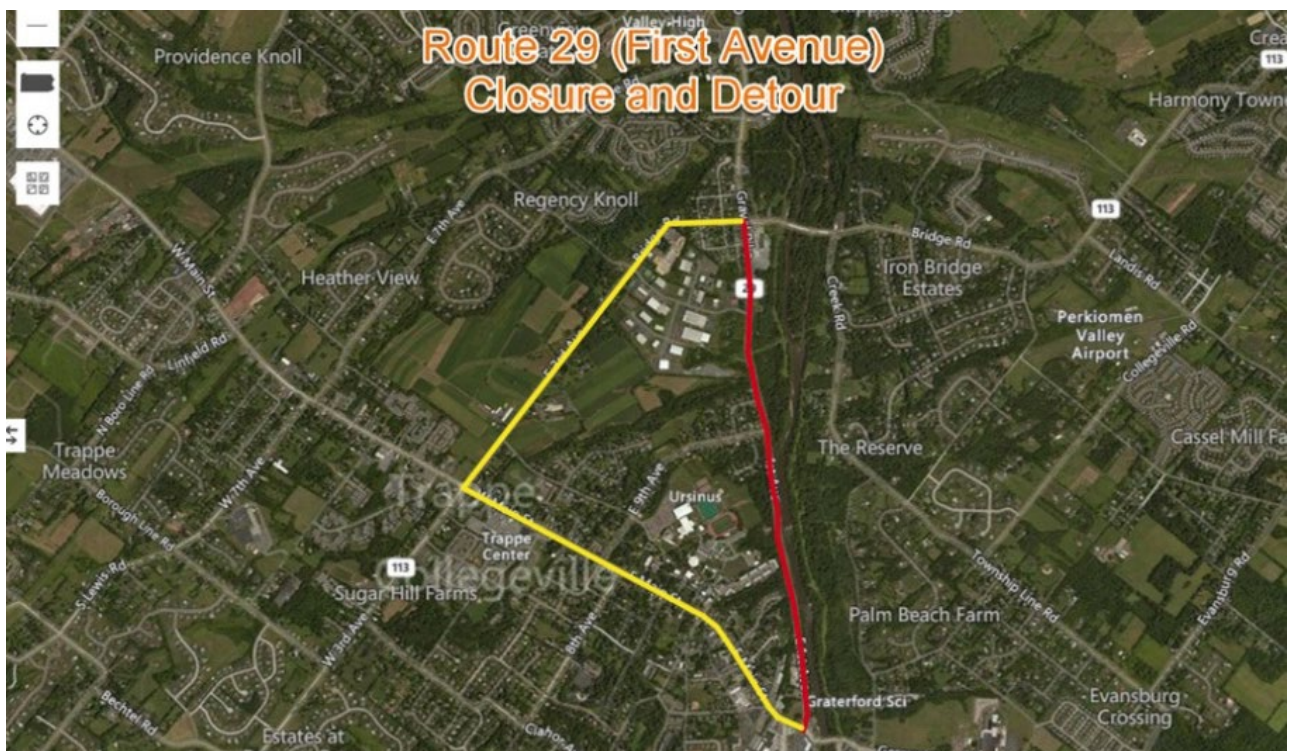


## Roadwork Alert: Route 29 in Collegeville Borough

Two Farms Inc., is planning to close Route 29 (First Avenue) in Collegeville Borough on **Friday, October 30, through Saturday, November 14**, for roadway realignment.

The work locations are:

- ✓ Route 29 (First Avenue) will be closed to motorists between East Main Street and Route 113 (Bridge Road). Motorists will be
- ✓ Route 29 (First Avenue) will be closed to trucks between East Main Street and Ott Road. Trucks will be directed to use Ott Road, Township Line Road and East Main Street.
- 🚚 Local access will be maintained up to the construction zone. Motorists are advised to allow extra time when traveling near the work areas because backups and delays will occur. The schedule is weather dependent.



## Methacton Alumni & Friends

The Methacton Education Foundation is introducing a brand new initiative geared toward engaging Methacton alumni, as well as local supporters and community members. The new digital community grants access to alumni and community members to regular updates about district news, mentorships, volunteer opportunities and events.

Sign up for the Methacton Alumni & Friends network here:

<https://www.methactonalumni.org/>

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## How to Stay Informed

### Pennsylvania Department of Health

- The PA DoH [Daily COVID-19 report](#). Updated regularly throughout the day.
- Follow the PA Health Department on [Twitter](#).
- Follow them on [Facebook](#).

### U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Follow the CDC on [Twitter](#).
- Follow the CDC on [Facebook](#).
- Learn how best to [prevent “community transition”](#) with specific details on what to do before, during, and after outbreaks.

Be sure to check out the complete list of information, data, and resources available to those in:

[Berks County](#)

[Chester County](#)

[Montgomery County](#)



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