



LOCAL GOVERNMENT: WHAT'S YOUR ROLE?

A workshop series offered by the **Greater Waynesboro Chamber of Commerce**: local governments – townships, boroughs and school districts – impact our lives in many ways. They levy taxes, guide land use and development, educate our children and provide basic services like roads, water and sewer. They improve our quality of life and build a sense of community with parks and recreation, downtown revitalization, cultural and historical resources.

But who is 'they'? It's your friends and neighbors and it could be you! There are many ways to become involved in local government as an informed citizen, a volunteer, an appointed official serving on a board or commission, or as an elected official participating in the governance of your municipality. Getting started means learning about local government – how it works, what it can and cannot do, and what issues can be addressed at the local level.

The **Greater Waynesboro Chamber of Commerce** is offering a series of workshops in collaboration with **Penn State Extension** to help you decide what role you'd like to play in your local government. You can become better informed about state level elections occurring in 2018, and prepare for municipal elections in 2019.

FIRST UP IN THE SEMINAR SERIES: MYSTERIES OF PA LOCAL GOVERNMENT

February 15, 2018 | 6-8 pm | Chamber Offices | 118 Walnut Street in Waynesboro, PA

This workshop presents an overview of how local government works with a focus on county, boroughs, townships and school board. We'll look at the roles, responsibilities and basic functions of elected and appointed offices for each level and explore typical hot-button issues such as taxation and land use.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING SESSIONS:

GETTING INVOLVED IN PA LOCAL GOVERNMENT

November 8, 2018 | 6-8 pm

Chamber Offices at 118 Walnut Street in Waynesboro

This workshop explores appointed and elected offices. We'll look at local offices that will be on the ballot in 2019 and what you can expect from each. A panel of local officials – people you know – will talk about their experiences: how they got involved, what it's been like to be an elected official. We hope this workshop will encourage community members to seek appointed or elected office.

RUNNING FOR OFFICE – THE NUTS AND BOLTS

January 31, 2019 | 6-8 pm

Chamber Offices at 118 Walnut Street in Waynesboro

Penn State Extension's popular workshop will walk potential candidates through the details of the filing and reporting process, with help from the Franklin County elections office. We'll also emphasize the scope of duties and responsibilities for each office, and general considerations for running a campaign – placement of signs, access to voter lists, etc.