

Financial Planning

AP
Anthony Petsis & Associates
215.968.6638
apetsis.com





Does Brown have motive behind his comments?

SPORTS, 1C

BUCKS COUNTY

Courier Times

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025 | PHILLYBURBS.COM

PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK



Nakashima original furniture sits on display in the Conoid Studio at the George Nakashima House and grounds in New Hope on Oct. 13. PHOTOS BY DANIELLA HEMINGHAUS / BUCKS COUNTY COURIER TIMES

A Bucks landmark in peril

Repairs needed for house built by renowned Bucks County woodworker George Nakashima

JD Mullane
Bucks County Courier Times
USA TODAY NETWORK

After the Japanese internment camp, after the war, Spokane, Washington, native George Nakashima moved east to Bucks County.

There, in the 1940s, a friend and fellow architect who owned a farm near New Hope employed him as a laborer. Nakashima worked a deal to do back-breaking labor in exchange for a few acres of land along Aquetong Road.

"It was wilderness," Nakashima recalled in his 1981 memoir.

See LANDMARK, Page 3A



Mira Nakashima-Yarnall's signature on one of the pieces in the finishing room at the George Nakashima House and grounds in New Hope.

Help kids across Lower Bucks this Christmas

Lacey Latch
Bucks County Courier Times
USA TODAY NETWORK

On the first day of the Give A Christmas 2025 fundraiser, the Levittown-Bristol Kiwanis Club received more than \$1,000 in donations, according to Kiwanis foundation chair Mary Berman.

But it's still too early to tell just how large the community's need will be this year.

So far, Kiwanis has identified more than 2,000 children in need across Lower Bucks County and additional reports from two large school districts will likely identify at least another 1,000



children, Berman said.

The bulk of requests for help from seniors and other families in Lower Bucks are also likely still weeks away as the annual campaign has just begun, she said.

As we wait to see how many people request assistance, its the perfect time to donate since no matter the number we know the need is substantial this year.

For the 67th year, the Kiwanis Club and the Bucks County Courier Times

are asking you to think about your neighbors in need as we try to raise \$125,000 this holiday season.

The Kiwanis Club coordinates with local schools to identify children and families in need. Each family is given a \$35 voucher per child that can be used to help fill in anywhere there may be a need, whether its a holiday gift, food or other necessity.

Last year, 3,947 vouchers were distributed to 2,649 families. Our generous donors, whether individuals, businesses, or through community efforts, gave more than \$100,879 through 407 donations.

See CHRISTMAS, Page 2A

GOP swept less than half of their own precincts

Chris Ullery
Bucks County Courier Times
USA TODAY NETWORK

Republicans might lead Democrats by 10,000 registered voters in Bucks County, but a record-setting turnout on Election Day Nov. 4 was a boon for Democrats in sweeping key races.

Nearly half (49.7%) of all registered voters in Bucks County cast a ballot in the 2025 municipal race, according to information on the county's election results website as of Nov. 10. But most of the county's 304 voting precincts swung for whichever party had the most registered voters in the races for district attorney, sheriff or Superior Court judge.

Democratic candidates Joe Khan and Danny Ceisler beat out Republican incumbents Jennifer Schorn and Fred Harran in their respective district attorney and sheriff races, and Democrat candidate Brandon Neuman defeated Republican Maria Battista in the state judge race. The margin of victory for each race was between 8 and 11 points.

Those three races were among 15 on the ballot Nov. 4 that received 239,471 votes, the most cast in any one race across the county, most of which were nonpartisan judicial retention races.

Regardless of turnout, Democratic candidates had an easier time winning over precincts this year compared to Republicans overall.

Democrats win despite lower turnout in blue precincts

Average turnout in the 107 precincts where Democrats led Republicans by at least 5 points in the voter rolls was approximately 45%. That average typically varied by 10 points across those precincts, but overall average was lower than the county's turnout.

Still, Republicans couldn't win a single Democrat-led precinct in Bucks County last week, even in blue precincts where turnout was nearly half the county's 49.7% turnout.

Republican-led precincts saw a higher average turnout — a little more than 52%, give or take approximately 6 points — but only swept races in 59 of the 129 red precincts. Democratic candidates swept 46 of those precincts and split another 24 GOP-majority precincts.

Average turnout was also higher in those Republican precincts where Democrats swept (52.2%) than in the ones where Republicans took all three races (50%).

In 68 purple precincts where neither major party leads the other by at least 5 points, Democrats swept all but five precincts where the Republican incumbent District Attorney Jennifer Schorn and Sheriff Fred Harran won.

Turnout in all 68 of these precincts was approximately 51%, but turnout in the five precincts where Democrats lost at least one race was higher (53%) than those where Democrats took all three seats (51%).

See ELECTION, Page 2A

