

PROTHONOTARY LEVY'S NEWSLETTER – FALL 2015

Unanimous Vote Elevates County Prothonotary Mark Levy To Help Lead Statewide Organization

On July 16, 2015, Montgomery County Prothonotary Mark Levy was elected by a bipartisan unanimous vote to serve as the Second Vice President of the Pennsylvania Association of Prothonotaries and Clerks of Courts. This honor puts him in line to become President in the summer of 2017 and host the state convention here in Montgomery County in the summer of 2018.

Prothonotary Levy is looking forward to showcasing Montgomery County's achievements to his fellow colleagues.

Commissioner, Josh Shapiro, congratulated Levy on his bipartisan election. "As Chairman of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, I am proud to partner with the Association of Prothonotaries and Clerks of Courts. It was great to speak to the organization in Bucks County in July and I'm happy that Mark Levy, Montgomery County's own, was elected Vice President."

Levy added his appreciation to the Montgomery County Commissioners for their continued support of his office. "Government works best when it works together, and that is what we do here in Montgomery County."

Montgomery County Women's Center

The Prothonotary Office processes Protection from Abuse Petitions. We work in conjunction with the Women's Center to assist victims of domestic violence – both male and female. The Women's Center services over 4,000 new victims of abuse *annually*. Their Domestic Violence Support Services include:

- A 24-hour toll-free hotline [1-800-773-2424](tel:1-800-773-2424), 7 days a week
- Assistance filing protection orders onsite at the court house along with Crime Victim Compensation and restitution filings.
- Court accompaniment for victims in PFA hearings, district court for preliminary hearings, and trial hearings for criminal court.
- Individualized counseling and support groups for battered women or men. They have bi-lingual counselors for hotline and in-person counseling
- Assistance with SAVIN registration which lets the victim know if their offender is in custody (in jail) and would also contact the victim if the offender is being transferred, released, or has escaped
- Help with locating emergency shelter or affordable and/or temporary housing. They offer an array of informational and referral resources
- Emergency cash assistance for victims escaping an abuser
- Advocates to intervene on a victim's behalf with an employer or creditor
- Referrals to family law attorneys and therapists

The Women's Center is located next to the Prothonotary's Office on the first floor of the court house.

Passport Office - Award of Excellence

Congratulations are in order for our Norristown and Willow Grove Passport Offices. This year at the Pennsylvania State Association of Prothonotaries and Clerks of Courts, our passport offices were awarded the Passport Integrity Award from the United States Department of State. Nice job everyone!

On Saturday, September 12, in conjunction with Philadelphia and a few of our neighboring counties, Montgomery County Court House Passport Office opened its doors to the public in celebration of Passport Day. No appointments were necessary. We processed routine and expedited passport services. For more information on passports, call 610-278-3783 or visit www.montcopa.org/prothy

Passport Hours

Norristown – Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Willow Grove – Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Naturalization Ceremony in Montgomery County

There were 63 people naturalized in Montgomery County on October 7, 2015. The ceremony was held at Abington Senior High School. The new citizens represented 29 countries throughout the world. Judge Silow presided over the ceremony. I want to thank everyone involved with the preparation for making the day such a success. Good luck to all of our new citizens.

Mark Levy, Montgomery County Prothonotary

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Services Offered:

Civil Records	610-278-3364
Divorce Records	610-278-3344
Electronic Filing	610-278-3361
Filing Civil Cases	610-278-3361
Name Change	610-278-3361
Naturalization Information	610-278-3857
Notary Certification	610-278-3361
Passports	610-278-3783
Protection From Abuse	610-278-1191

Laurel House - Domestic Violence

24/7 Hotline 800-642-3150

Women's Center - Domestic Violence

24/7 Hotline 800-773-2424

Law Library 610-278-3805

Origin of "Prothonotary"

The word "Prothonotary" is a Latin word meaning "first, chief, or highest administrator" and the title dates back to the Court of Rome.

Norristown Office:

Montgomery County Court House
Prothonotary Office – First Floor
Swede and Airy Streets
Norristown, PA 19404-0311
610-278-3360
Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Willow Grove Office:

Prothonotary Office – Suite 302
102 York Rd.
Willow Grove, PA 19090-3286
215-784-5438
Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Passport Offices:

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