



## NEWSLETTER

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Mercer We the People of Hopewell Valley is a steady source of news to heal the accelerating erosion of our fundamental freedoms nationally and locally.

### Embrace our First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Source: <https://billofrightsintstitute.org/primary-sources/bill-of-rights>

Kind regards,  
Publius Bonhomme Richard, Publisher & Co-Editors

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**Printed copies of the newsletter will be made available at Rosedale Mills and local library. Any other suggested location(s) please let us know.**

### Call for Contributors!

MercerWe the People of Hopewell Valley is looking for contributors to write articles, especially informing the community about what is happening at local meetings. If you're interested in writing for us about that or any other topic, whether it is monthly or as needed, please reach out to us at [info@mercervethepeople.com](mailto:info@mercervethepeople.com)

### AUDACITY, MORE AUDACITY, ALWAYS AUDACITY! ("DE L'AUDACE, ET ENCORE DE L'AUDACE, TOUJOURS DE L'AUDACE!")

#### Trump Has Become 21st-Century George Patton

*By Victor Davis Hanson originally published in The Daily Signal (Commentary, February 05, 2025)*

**Editor's note:** This is a lightly edited transcript of today's video from Daily Signal Senior Contributor Victor Davis Hanson.

I'd like to talk about this frenzied activity of Donald Trump's and the reaction that the Democrats are exhibiting. Remember Donald Trump, almost by fiat, has said that the USAID [United States Agency for International Development] should be cancelled. He sent Elon Musk in. It has this huge \$50 billion budget.

It's been released that they were subsidizing everything from trans festivities overseas to gay comic books. But what was very interesting was there was a \$40 million-plus grant to the Wuhan virology lab and channeled, apparently, through EcoHealth [Alliance], Peter Daszak's organization. This is important because under testimony, we were under the impression that Anthony Fauci only had his hands on \$600,000.



Photo courtesy of <https://www.rushlimbaugh.com/daily/2020/08/04/trump-voters-look-at-the-president-as-their-george-patton/>

In addition to the instrumentation that was allowed to be used by Wuhan from American sources and the expertise that was transmitted, we were [told]—well, we could—there was some money and maybe it was against the law in the United States, but it was a third party. But it was—it didn't make any difference.

This was a multimillion-dollar project. But now we learned that it did make a difference because some of that money was hidden and packed with this rogue organization, USAID. And the Democrats went crazy about the very mention that it should be cut out. It was—Samantha Power ran it. It's just an autonomous agency that was created by executive order. So, if you live by executive order, you can be canceled by executive order. We don't know whether Trump will cancel the entire rogue operation, but probably tuck it under Marco Rubio's State Department. But here's the thing, he is doing so many things so quickly that the Left is entirely off guard.

We've had these seven or eight countries: Panama, Venezuela, Colombia, Canada—again on the same issues about the border as Mexico—and remittances and drugs and surpluses and the EU [European Union] and China, that nobody can catch their breath. And then we've had these confirmation hearings where we have these unorthodox and new faces that's driving the Left crazy.

And one of the results of Donald Trump doing so much, so quickly, on draining the swamp and making untraditional appointments and trying to readdress open borders and fentanyl and Greenland and Panama—is that the opposition is in complete disarray. And we can see that by their hysterical reactions—as we've talked about on this video series before—Elizabeth Warren or Bernie Sanders are screaming, they're yelling, they're making fools of themselves.

We saw a clip from Democratic National [Committee] elections where there were all these bizarre Orwellian, sermons about you had to be a particular gender or trans person to be inclusive, and that would override votes for their own chairmanship. Then we saw David Hogg become the next, the assistant chairman. And he's got a long tweeting record about outlawing guns and saying the NRA is a terrorist organization.

What am I getting at? At the very time the Democratic Party is polling, according to Quinnipiac—a very liberal polling organization—just 31% approval, a historical low—they all know what they have to do. And that is move to the center. But Donald Trump has moved so fast and in so many untraditional ways, that their natural hysteria has overcome their sense of reality.

So, in addition to keeping them off guard, he's almost forcing them to implode. So, the question is now people are saying, "Well, Donald Trump, slow down." No, no, do not slow down. You might want to get another group of your supporters in the administration that follow up. You're George Patton.

It's Aug. 1. Third Army has been activated and you are going full blast to the Rhine River and you're not going to stop. Remember what [Gen. George] Patton said, "Audacity—I'm audacious, toujours l'audace, l'audace—audacity," Always audacity, more audacity; encore l'audace. And you cannot stop, you've got them completely in disarray. They're floundering. They're screaming. And then other people can follow up, like Marco Rubio did, in brilliant fashion, in Panama.

So, Donald Trump is a shock corp. He is the 3rd Armored Division, that's got the enemy completely disorganized. And then behind him comes the infantry and they consolidate and institutionalize the accords that he's made. So, the next group of people will go down to Mexico and they'll get things institutionalized. They'll go to Panama. They'll talk to Denmark. They'll do the mechanics of getting aid. But Donald Trump's the tip of the spear. And the more audacious, the more ambitious and the more rapidly—in this brief window of four years—he can dismantle this administrative state and bring us back to common sense, the less opposition. They are trying to suggest to you, if you'll slow down—we're going to make him slow down and we're organizing against him. They're not organizing. They're completely in disarray and they're doing exactly what they should not do if they want to climb back from 31% up to 50[%] or 60% approval, the Democratic Party.

So, my advice to Donald Trump is pedal to the metal. Audacity, audacity, audacity. And keep on going.

Read and access the article: <https://www.dailysignal.com/2025/02/05/trump-has-become-21st-century-george-patton/>

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## Education

### What's Happening in HVRSD Schools?

#### HVRSD Board Of Education Meeting February 24, 2025

By The Wall of Ed

Agenda: <https://go.boarddocs.com/nj/hvrsd/Board.nsf/Public#tab-meetings>

Recording: <https://youtu.be/WNC6ge3X2ml>

February 24 2025 meeting summary to be provided in next newsletter.

**The next BOE meeting will be on Monday - March 17th, 2025 at Stony Brook Elementary School, tour at 5:30 PM followed by meeting at 6:30 PM at Stony Brook Elementary School, 20 Stephenson Rd, Pennington, NJ 08534**

### HHS Takes Action On President Trump's Executive Orders Defending Women And Children

*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Press Release, February 19, 2025*

WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) took action to support President Trump's executive orders defending women and children and restoring the concept of biological truth in federal government.

As part of the initiative, HHS released guidance to the U.S. government, external partners, and the public to expand on the clear sex-based definitions in Executive Order 14168 -- "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government." The guidance recognizes there are only two sexes: male and female. HHS will use these definitions and promote policies acknowledging that women are biologically female and men are biologically male.

"This administration is bringing back common sense and restoring biological truth to the federal government," said HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. "The prior administration's policy of trying to engineer gender ideology into every aspect of public life is over."

HHS is also taking steps to implement policies protecting children from chemical and surgical mutilation, as directed by President Trump's Executive Order 14187 and keeping men out of women's sports as specified in Executive Order 14201.

In conjunction with today's rollout, Riley Gaines filmed a short video about her plight as a female athlete.

"The executive order 'Keeping Men Out of Women's Sports' ensures the next generation of girls has a fair opportunity to compete with the safety, privacy, and equal opportunity they're entitled to," said Gaines. "The clarity and decisiveness of the Trump administration sends a strong, clear message to women and girls across the country that we matter."

Also today, HHS' Office on Women's Health launched a webpage to promote guidance on sex-based definitions and other resources on efforts to protect women and children.

Definitions in HHS' guidance include:

- **Sex:** A person's immutable biological classification as either male or female.
- **Female:** is a person of the sex characterized by a reproductive system with the biological function of producing eggs (ova).
- **Male:** is a person of the sex characterized by a reproductive system with the biological function of producing sperm.
- **Woman:** an adult human female.
- **Girl:** a minor human female.
- **Man:** an adult human male.
- **Boy:** a minor human male.
- **Mother:** a female parent.
- **Father:** a male parent.

"In health care, sex distinctions can influence disease presentation, diagnosis, and treatment differently in females and males," said Dorothy Fink, MD, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Women's Health. "HHS recognizes that biological differences between females and males require sex-specific practices in medicine and research to ensure optimal health outcomes."

About HHS: The mission of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is to enhance the health and well-being of all Americans, by providing for effective health and human services and by fostering sound, sustained advances in the sciences underlying medicine, public health, and social services.

Access the press release: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2025/02/19/hhs-takes-action-president-trumps-executive-orders-defending-women-children.html>

## Did the Government Have To Tell Us What God Already Said?

*By Janet Boynes originally published in The Center for Garden State Families newsletter (February 19, 2025)*

On January 21, 2025, by executive order, the Federal government will only recognize the two genders assigned at birth which are male and female. The order will not allow parents to check the "X" box because they want their child to decide their gender as they grow up. The Federal documents will revert to just two genders. The question we must ask is, why did we need an executive order to tell us what God already set in stone? Of course, just plain common sense tells us that out of the millions of people born in this world, only two genders have come forth. There are only males and females since the beginning of time.

God made a man, and then He made a woman. In Genesis, these genders join so life can continue. The genders created, were made to come together and create a new life. The reproductive organs were formed so that the two would be one, and together, they could multiply and replenish the earth. This was the divine plan, made perfect from the beginning.

What should have been just plain common sense has been warped and perverted by the sin that dwells within. Lust and pride within the heart have determined that God's plan wasn't good enough. When one yields to the flesh, they are not interested in fulfilling the will of God. The flesh wars against the spirit, and the two are contrary to each other. The wicked desires of the flesh have told men and women that their assigned birth can be altered or ignored, and they can determine their own identity. The lust and perversion of the flesh and the world have misguided our young people to create alternative lifestyles that are opposite to what God has created.

Even our natural eye can see that they are male and female, but they want us to ignore the obvious and go with what their minds have dictated to them. They are blind to the truth. They believe that with the right clothes, walk, attitude, or even body alterations, they can be whatever they create themselves to be. They have eliminated their Creator and instead created their own image. One thing they cannot change is their DNA. They are who God created them to be. They can try to hide or deny it, but the DNA determines that it is still male or female.

The Federal Government is not telling us anything new. They are not reinventing the wheel. The government is only reiterating and bringing us back to a foundational truth. There are only two genders. Every child born will either have a male reproductive organ or a female reproductive organ. They will not have anything different than that. Everything else that they want to be recognized by is only in the mind and in the heart of those who want to dictate to God their plan instead of accepting His plan.

Since the heart of man is desperately wicked, it won't change what people want or desire. Sin is a reproach to people. Sin leads us down dark paths and causes us to be blinded to righteousness. People will continue to demand their right to decide that their reproductive organs given at birth do not determine their gender. This is the blatant disregard for God and His will for their lives. They are, in essence, saying God made a 'mistake'.

Did we need the government's help to tell us what God already said? Perhaps we needed a reminder that God's way is the only way. We need someone to take a stand. We needed someone to stop the foolishness of a nation that rejects God and wants to live in unrighteousness. As a nation, we needed something that would bring us back to the reality that God has the ultimate say and that His way is the only way. This may not change the hearts of the people, but it will let everyone know we have had enough, and we are taking a stand and a step in faith to go against popular opinion and stand on the Word of God.

Access the newsletter article: <https://www.votervoice.net/iframes/CGSF/newsletters/392644?isInformationalBroadcast=true>

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## Election 2025

### Save the Whales Campaigns, Team Trump Boost Anti-Wind Legal Action

*By Kevin Mooney originally published in Restoration News (February 19, 2025)*

#### Rising energy costs will be a decisive issue in 2025 governor's races.

Whales migrating up and down the East Coast are getting at least a temporary reprieve from offshore wind. So are property owners, homeowners, business owners, tourists, and anyone with a stake in beach communities. The people of New Jersey, Virginia, and other states hope the Trump administration can end these expensive boondoggles once and for all.

#### Offshore Wind On Its Last Legs

In New Jersey, the Atlantic Shores South offshore wind energy project President Joe Biden's Interior Department had approved last year has come to a halt. The application of fresh legal pressure in combination with a new executive order from President Donald Trump could prove to be the coup de grace for the project. In Virginia, opponents of Dominion Energy's Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) project are asking the Trump administration to reverse the Biden administration's approval for the project, which is already under way. The public utility's executives insist the Virginia project will still move forward.



Both states have gubernatorial races this year where the specter of higher energy costs associated with taxpayer subsidized green energy initiatives will tip the scales in the campaigns. Trump's executive order calls for the temporary withdrawal of new areas for offshore wind leasing and a halt on new project approvals pending a review of leasing and permitting practices.

Craig Rucker, the president and founder of the Committee for a Constructive Tomorrow, or CFACT, told Restoration News in an interview that Trump's order creates new opportunities to press federal officials over violations of the Endangered Species Act. CFACT joined with the Heartland Institute and the National Legal and Policy Center to file suit against the Biden administration in March 2024. The coalition argues that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), The Interior Department, and the Commerce Department violated the ESA when they approved the Dominion Energy Project. The suit also names Dominion Energy as a defendant.

Rucker would like to see Republican Lt. Gov. Winsome Earle-Sears come out forcefully against Dominion's offshore wind project. Earle-Sears is running this year to succeed fellow Republican Glenn Youngkin as governor.

### **Test Cases for Team Trump?**

In New Jersey, a grassroots citizen activist group known as Save Long Beach Island (LBI) filed a federal lawsuit in January against the Atlantic Shores project—on top of state-level suits the group has filed. The Jersey litigation could serve as “test cases” for how Interior Secretary Doug Burgum and Attorney General Pam Bondi “implement the results of their leasing and permitting reviews,” in the words of Bob Stern, an engineer and LBI resident, who heads up the group of citizen activists.

Stern, who previously served in the U.S. Department of Energy, and sees “strong justification” for the new Trump administration to cancel existing leases and rescind project approvals. New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy, a term-limited Democrat who will leave office next January, has been a strong proponent of wind power and the Atlantic Shores project. The state's Republicans, including the current field of gubernatorial candidates, have been largely united in their opposition to Murphy's green energy plans including offshore wind.

Youngkin, who is limited to one term under Virginia law, leaves office in January. He has actively opposed his state's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), a multistate climate agreement. He has also resisted implementation of Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA), a state-level version of the “Green New Deal.”

Rucker views both programs as “costly green energy schemes” that could present Earle-Sears with an electoral opportunity. CFACT's president recommends that Earle-Sears “pick up the mantle from Youngkin” on energy policy.

### **Whales as a Migratory Species**

Both the New Jersey suit and the Virginia suit cite a “Save the Whales” perspective—bringing in several studies showing how offshore wind power harms marine life. Save LBI has a section of its website devoted entirely to updated research highlighting “unprecedented spikes in whale deaths” that coincide with vessel surveys for the Atlantic Shores project.

CFACT has called attention to statistical evidence showing that offshore wind sonar surveys the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) first authorized in 2016 are responsible for whale deaths. After Joe Biden took control of NOAA, they did a 180, releasing an analysis concluding that there are “no known links between large whale deaths and ongoing offshore wind activities.”

The “biological opinion” the NMFS issues is flawed, Rucker argues, because it only looked at each wind project individually rather than taking “a more comprehensive approach” that accounted for the whales' migratory pattern.

Rucker expressed dismay that some of the larger environmental groups such as the Sierra Club and the Natural Resources Defense Council have not come out against offshore wind plans that can damage natural habitats.

“There's no way an environmental group should be in favor of offshore wind,” Rucker said. “They are always opposed to offshore oil drilling which involves only speculative harm. But here we actually see dead whales washing up on beaches in Virginia and other places along the East Coast and this is happening in increased numbers. But all we hear from the environmental groups is crickets.”

CFACT has successfully petitioned the Trump Justice Department to stay the case. This way defendants could adopt a more intensive review of the permits the Biden administration awarded to Dominion. CFACT and Trump's Interior Department are expected to submit additional filings.

Rucker is particularly concerned about the North Atlantic right whale population, which is listed as endangered. Only 350 remain—with only about 70 females capable of producing new offspring, according to court records in the case.

“Whales are a migratory species meaning they are not just staying off the coast of Virginia,” Rucker explained. “The population will be impacted by projects up and down the East Coast whether it's in New Jersey, Maryland, Rhode Island, Massachusetts or other states. That's the problem with how the feds operated under Biden. They needed to look at the cumulative effect on the whale population up and down the coast.”

CFACT's goal is to have Dominion cease construction of the Virginia Offshore Wind Project, which would consist of 176 wind turbines located 25 miles off the coast of Virginia Beach. Rucker points out that each wind tower will be taller than the Washington Monument with turbine blades longer than a football field.

A solution may be in order compliments of Save LBI. The New Jersey group plans to petition NOAA to designate a migration corridor for the right whale since it involves a critical habitat vital to the survival of the species. If NOAA complies, the order would exclude wind turbines would in this area.

The Atlantic Shores project envisioned 200 wind turbines positioned as close as 8.7 miles off the coast of LBI, Brigantine, and Atlantic City. Save LBI has visual displays showing that the proposed windmills, which could reach up to 1046 feet tall, would be taller than the Washington Monument, the Statue of Liberty, and rival the size of some skyscrapers.

While the litigation is focused on federal environmental laws, SAVE LBI and CFACT have also called attention to the anticipated economic fallout from offshore wind.

### Higher Prices, Economic Losses—Who Wins with Wind?

Save LBI posted a study from Tourism Economics, attached to Oxford University, that estimates “reduced visitor spending” at the Jersey Shore would generate \$668 million in economic losses throughout Ocean County, N.J. In similar fashion, CFACT has repeatedly warned Virginia residents about the high costs of wind energy.

Among the many action items Save LBI has recommended—a proposal to remove all the investment tax credits in Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) so that green energy companies cannot profit at taxpayer expense.

Gubernatorial candidates in both states could be asked if they support this proposal. The IRA is loaded with multibillionaire grants such as the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund that have taxpayers on the hook. SAVE LBI’s proposal to remove investment tax credits from the IRA legislation is designed to prevent companies taking advantage of perverse incentives. As New Jersey and Virginia voters become more attuned to their elections, they become more likely to reject unsustainable green energy projects.

Kevin Mooney is a Senior Investigative Researcher for Restoration News.

Read and access the article: <https://restoration-news.com/save-the-whales-campaigns-team-trump-boost-anti-wind-legal-action>

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## Election Integrity

### Citizens For NJ Election Integrity To Host Second Annual Election Integrity Conference

By Mark Demo

**Hamilton, NJ** – Citizens for New Jersey Election Integrity is proud to announce its **Second Annual Election Integrity Conference**, taking place on **Friday, March 7, 2025**, at the **Hilton Garden Inn, 800 Route 130, Hamilton, NJ**. This year’s event will focus on **ballot initiatives and referendums in New Jersey**, with particular attention to communities governed under the **Faulkner Act**.

As New Jersey prepares for a vitally important Gubernatorial election year, election integrity takes center stage in the Garden State.



This conference will provide an opportunity for community leaders, advocates, and concerned citizens to gain insights provided by Matt Moench, partner at King, Moench & Collins LLP into **New Jersey’s ballot initiative and referendum processes**. Matt will also highlight how voters can engage more effectively in **Faulkner Act municipalities**, where local governance structures often shape the way citizens can propose and vote on key issues.

The conference will also feature:

- **Bill Eames** from Working Together New Jersey providing a legislative update covering recent developments and proposed changes to New Jersey’s election laws. This session will provide attendees with up-to-date information on pending bills and regulatory changes that could impact election administration and voter participation in the state.
- **Dorothy Bolinsky**, partner at Farage Drinker Biddle and Reath LLP’s Real Estate Group. Dottie will share her unique insight into the different ways that citizens can become involved in their local election process. Dottie has worked as a poll worker, a poll challenger, a volunteer election day attorney and most recently in this past November election leading Curtis Bashaw’s election day “war room”.
- **Cleta Mitchell**, Senior Legal Fellow at the Conservative Partnership Institute and founder of the National Election Integrity Network. Cleta joins us via Zoom for a discussion on the U.S. Citizens Election Bill of Rights. Cleta will also give us an update on the status of federal election integrity legislation.

## Event Details:

Date: Friday, March 7, 2025 – Registration begins 9:30am

Location: Hilton Garden Inn, 800 Route 130, Hamilton, NJ

Focus Topics:

- Ballot Initiatives and Referendums in NJ
- Special Focus on Faulkner Act Communities
- Legislative Update on Election Integrity Issues
- Getting Involved in your Local Election Process
- U.S. Citizens Election Bill of Rights

Registration here to register for this event. Be sure to use access code "march" when ordering your ticket(s). For more information on the conference, please contact Citizens for New Jersey Election Integrity at [info@citizens4njei.org](mailto:info@citizens4njei.org)

## About Citizens for NJ Election Integrity

Citizens for NJ Election Integrity is a non-partisan organization dedicated to ensuring fair and transparent elections in New Jersey. The group advocates for electoral reforms, improved voter verification processes, and public education on election integrity. For more information, please visit <http://www.citizens4njei.org/>.

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**BILL EAMES**  
NJ LEGISLATIVE UPDATE ON ELECTION LAWS

**MATT MOENCH**  
BALLOT INITIATIVES AND REFERENDUMS IN NJ

**DOROTHY BOLINSKY**  
LOCAL ELECTION PROCESS - HOW TO GET INVOLVED

**CLETA MITCHELL**  
U.S. CITIZENS ELECTION BILL OF RIGHTS

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH 2025**

**Hilton Garden Inn, Hamilton, NJ, 800 US Route 130**  
10am to 4pm. (Registration starts at 9:30am)

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## Local News

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**HOPEWELL VALLEY**  
**BULLDOG BLOSSOM RUN**

**5K**  
RUN/WALK  
MARCH 22ND, 2025

**WHEN**  
1M Fun Run @ 8:45 AM  
5K Run/Walk @ 9:30 AM

**WHERE**  
Hopewell Valley  
Central High School

**TO REGISTER**  
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[WWW.HOPEWELLVALLEY5K.COM](http://WWW.HOPEWELLVALLEY5K.COM)

**RAIN, SNOW, OR SHINE Event!**  
T-Shirts for All Registrations Received by February 20, 2025  
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30-39	40-49	50-59
60-69	70-79	80-89

**REGISTRATION 5K/FUN RUN**

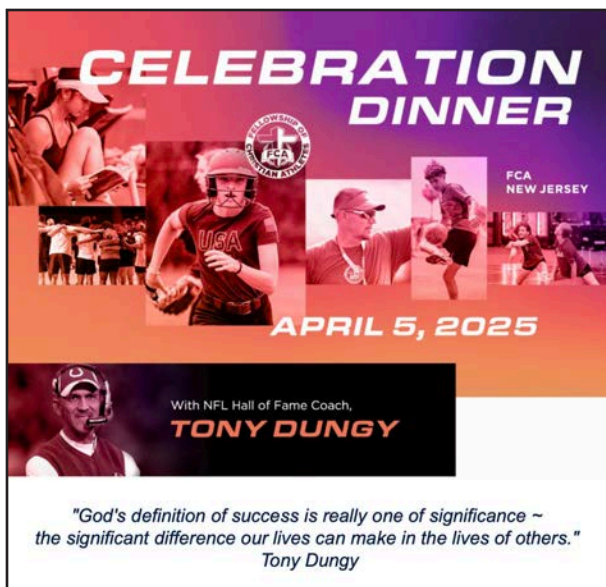
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Proceeds to benefit the HVCHS PTO Class of 2026 & 2027 senior events.

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Register at: <https://hopewellvalley5k.com/>





Reserve Seats Here: <https://fcanj.org/celebration-dinner>

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## Public Corner

### Public Local Meetings

Interested in attending public meetings? Here are a few in your area for this month.

<https://www.mercercounty.org/i-want-to/calendar-meeting-list>

### HVRSD School Board Meeting

Monday - March 17, 2025 at Stony Brook Elementary School, tour at 5:30pm followed by meeting at 6:30pm at Stony Brook Elementary School 20 Stephenson Rd, Pennington, NJ 08534

Or Livestream on YouTube

### Municipal Township Meetings

<https://www.hopewelltpw.org/calendar.aspx?CID=32>

Monday, March 3, 2025 6:30pm (Special Budget Meeting 5:30pm)

Monday, March 17, 2025 6:30pm

Meetings are in hybrid format- Township Municipal Building & Zoom

Township meetings will be held at HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUILDING 201 Washington Crossing - Pennington Road, Titusville, NJ 08560

### Board of Elections Meeting

Tuesday - March 11, 2025 10:00am Regular

Board of Elections Meetings will be at 930 Spruce St., Lawrence, NJ 08648

### Mercer County Board of County Commissioners

Meeting Schedule -- March 2025

Tuesday March 11, 2025 6:00pm Agenda

Thursday March 13, 2025 6:00pm Formal Meeting

Tuesday March 25, 2025 6:00pm Agenda Meeting

Thursday March 27th, 2025 6:00pm Formal Meeting

Agenda and Formal Meetings will take place at the Mercer County Administration Building, Room 211, 640 South Broad St, Trenton, NJ unless otherwise stated.



In order to encourage full participation of these meetings, please submit any requests for accommodations of people with disabilities to the Clerk to the Board, Mercer County Administration Building, PO Box 8068, Trenton, NJ 08650

(609) 989-6584 {V/TTY}

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## TruthBTold



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## At the Movies, Bookstores

### Beneath Sheep's Clothing: The Communist Takeover Of Culture In The USSR & Parallels In Today's America

Documentary – 1h 49m – August 16, 2024

Directors: Julie Behling, Cristhian Palacios, Steve Rey Sorensen

Writers: Julie Behling, Alexis Marie Sorensen

Stars: James Lindsay, Trevor Loudon, Pastor Rob McCoy

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## Why We Honor George Washington

By Jack Warren originally published in Newsmax (Opinion, February 21, 2025)

We have honored George Washington more than any other American.

A state and dozens of cities, towns, and counties are named for him, as are mountains, parks, universities, bridges, highways, and streets. His home, lovingly maintained by private citizens rather than the government, is a national treasure attracting nearly a million visitors each year.

Hundreds of statues and dozens of monuments are dedicated to his memory. The greatest is an obelisk — the tallest monumental column in the world — in the heart of the capital city we named in his honor during his lifetime.

Saturday is George Washington's birthday. Feb. 22 was a national holiday until the passage of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act in 1968 (see 5 USC 6103), which moved the commemoration to the third Monday in February.

It is still Washington's Birthday by act of Congress, but marketers have decided to call it "Presidents Day," as if we need a national holiday to recall the achievements of James Buchanan and Chester Arthur.

We should reflect on what Washington did to merit such honor.

George Washington was born into a world ruled by kings, where no one was truly free. Slavery and servitude were common.

The right to participate in public life was limited to men of property. People were subjects, not citizens.



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No one was secure in the right to speak or worship freely. Women were subordinated to men — their talents stifled, their natural rights ignored, and their civil rights denied.

It was a world of grotesque injustice, repellent to the modern mind.

Washington was born into privilege and grew to manhood in that world. At 43, having secured wealth and influence, he risked everything to command an army to secure the liberty and independence of the United States.

It was an army of ordinary men — farmers and tradesmen, young and old, from every part of the new country.

He forged them into an army of free men. He led that army through trials few could have endured.

After eight years of war, they won the independence of the first great republic of modern times — a nation dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal and endowed by their creator with inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; a nation dedicated not to the interests of kings and aristocrats, but to the interests of ordinary people. Nothing like it had ever existed.

Washington worked to perfect our nation. He worked to cement the fragile union, so the country might survive in a world of predatory powers.

He called on Americans to sacrifice their selfish interests for the public good and spent his life in public service, neglecting his private affairs while devoting his days and nights to the business of the United States.

It was an imperfect nation. Grotesque injustices remained.

Yet with each year, those injustices became harder to rationalize.

No sooner had the revolutionary generation declared that all men are created equal than the injustice of slavery became a subject of national debate that did not end until slavery was extinguished. No sooner had the revolutionaries declared that all men are created equal than women began to assert that same equality and to demand the same inalienable rights so proudly asserted as the rights of men.

George Washington was not perfect, but he worked to build a more perfect union.

He and the women and men who struggled with him laid the foundation of our freedom in a time of darkness and oppression. They did not finish demolishing the vast framework of injustice they inherited.

That has been the task of subsequent generations, including our own. It has been the work of many hands and many minds — of all races, of both sexes — of men and women from many lands, who have come to this great republic to find freedom, and of men and women of our own land, denied freedom, who have followed Washington and fought for liberty.

Wherever men and women fight for liberty, they fight in the spirit of George Washington. Wherever men and women are oppressed — wherever tyrants rule, and wherever people, young and old, are victims of ignorance and bigotry, of racism or sexism — wherever their liberties are denied, trampled, or ignored, and people rise up, defiant and proud to demand their inalienable rights — the spirit of George Washington is with them.

We should honor him as long as our love of freedom endures.

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