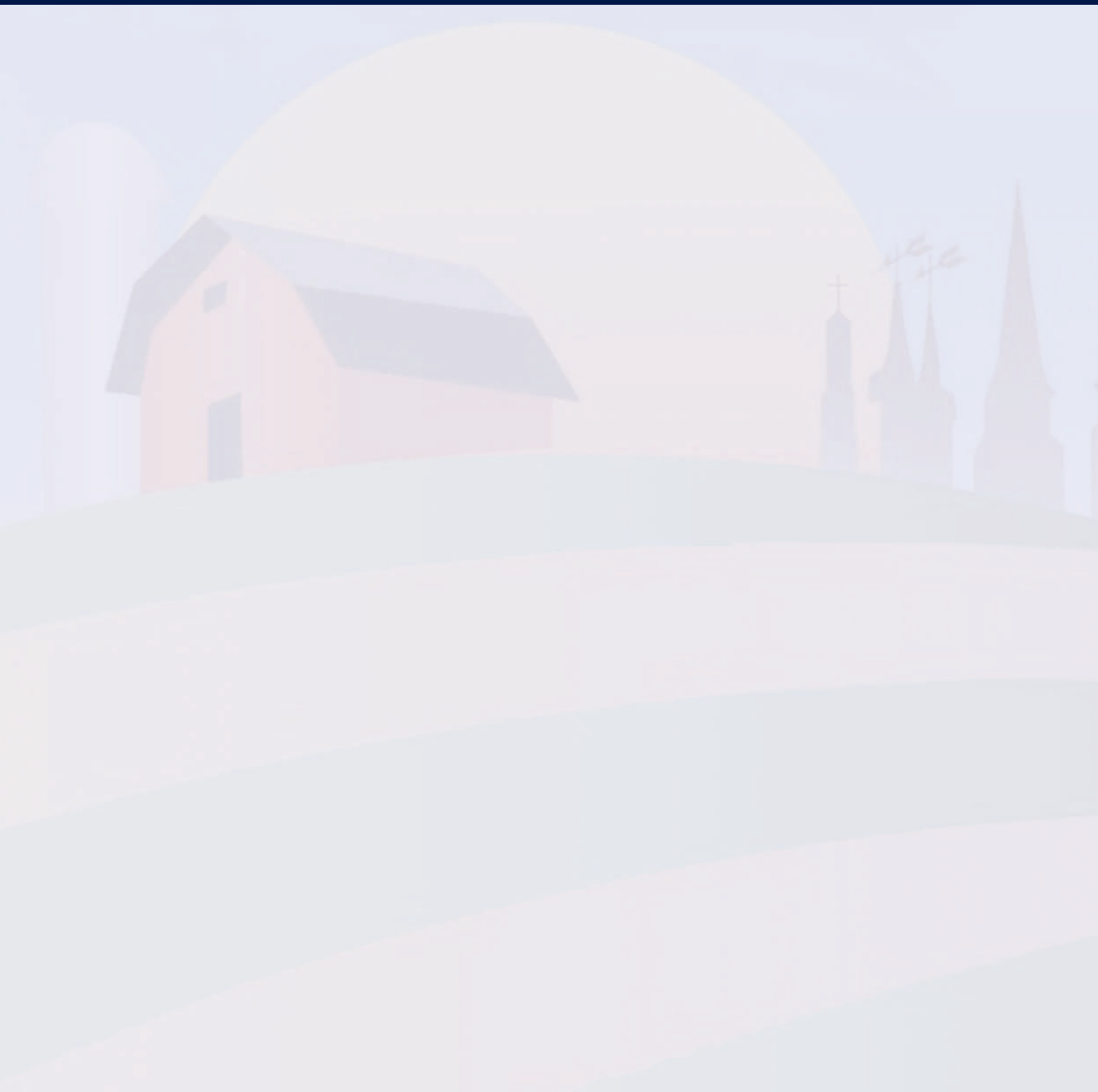


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CHAIR'S CORNER

Chairwoman Deborah Carter

“MAY YOU LIVE IN INTERESTING TIMES,” AS THE ANCIENT CURSE SAYS

The last two years have been interesting - sometimes painfully so. As we approach the February 22 filing deadline for the 2022 election, I fear more interesting times to come. The Republicans have nearly filled their primary ballot, and we have not. They have raised more money than they did in 2018, while we have raised less. And since a midterm year often goes badly for the party in the White House, Dems across the county, state, and nation could be devastated in November.

Check out the group Moms for Liberty. The organization started in Florida last year and now has chapters in most states, including right here in Frederick County. You may have seen their t-shirts at local Board of Education meetings or followed how they influenced the Virginia gubernatorial race. As I write this, well over half of the current candidates for BoE are aligned with this terrifying organization. If you still believe it's a nonpartisan election, you're fooling yourself. Pay attention to what the candidates are saying; donate time and money to those we support. All of them will be on your primary ballot in June - and let your unaffiliated friends know that they can vote in the BoE primary as well!

Think about putting your name on the ballot, too, or reach out to a friend and suggest it. In addition to the BoE, we have empty spots in legislative district 4 and 2A, as well as in the courthouse. Ever thought of running for Judge of the Orphans' Court? It's a part-time position, open to any registered voter and high school graduate. And of course, you could run for

Central Committee! See a full list of the county offices up for election this year [here](#) and feel free to contact us at info@frederickdemocrats.org for more information.

Finally, redistricting has been a mixed blessing. While County Council district 2 has become a bit more competitive, district 5 is redder than ever. Make sure you know who's running in your district as well as at large, and support our candidates! At the state level, while the redistricting map has not been officially determined as I write, it looks like we're adding some Republican strongholds to the Frederick County delegation to

Annapolis, threatening to undo all the work we've done in recent years to turn our delegation blue.

Our monthly Central Committee meetings are open to the public, but we're back to Zoom meetings for now. Drop us an email if you'd like the link for February 17. We regularly meet at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month.

And please - make sure your friends and families are masked up and as vaxxed up as they can be!



Frederick County

COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER JESSICA FITZWATER



We were all hoping that 2021 would have marked the demise of COVID-19. But in recent months, the Omicron variant has pushed Frederick County and Maryland into record numbers of cases and hospitalizations.

As a member of Frederick County's Board of Health, I — along with my colleagues on the County Council and County Executive Jan Gardner — have had to make many difficult public health decisions during the past two years. Our actions have been based on the strong scientific recommendations laid out by our Frederick County Health Officer Dr. Barbara Brookmyer and her outstanding team.

I'm proud of the work we've done on a bipartisan basis. Our health department has provided daily free COVID testing at its Hillcrest location and offered free vaccines at the Himes Ave. location (formerly Oak Street). But we've also established pop-up clinics in rural communities, partnered with many nonprofits and engaged folks at community events, and established a full-time satellite office of the Health Department in the Hillcrest area.

As a result of these efforts, over 93% of people over 65 are fully vaccinated, as are over 80% of adults over the age of 18. Our health department administered over 90,000 COVID-19 vaccines during 2021 alone. But there's still more to do, and we will have to maintain vigilance until the pandemic abates.

It's also important not to lose sight of the other aspects of our public health mission — everything from encouraging regular immunizations for our kids, to improving pre- and postnatal care, to offering essential mental health services and drug recovery programs, and so much more. We are fortunate to have the assistance of many nonprofit organizations who help us extend the reach of public health.

I was pleased to join over 150 community members, health care providers, non profit advocates, policy makers, business leaders, and more for the Frederick County Health Priorities Public Input Session last month. This event focused on five health priorities based on local data— Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in Adolescents, Diabetes Type 2, Lack of Early Prenatal Care, Mental Health, and Obesity— and gathered input through breakout groups. By analyzing the resulting input, work groups will be established that will inform the work of the Local Health Improvement Process.

One extremely important initiative that is now getting underway is a study and strategic planning effort to address and eliminate maternal and infant health outcome disparities experienced by Black and Brown mothers in Frederick County. This new initiative is moving forward through the leadership of a grassroots group of local mothers, Brown Mamas Building Bridges, and I'm proud to say it is one of the first projects the County is funding with American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Access to healthy food must also continue as a priority. Through the collaborative work of nonprofits and many others, food has been distributed at 80 locations around the county, and we've significantly expanded delivery to seniors through our Meals on Wheels program. These efforts led to FeedingFrederick.com, a resource that uses GIS technology and community partnerships to map out food distribution sites and food banks throughout the County.

We cannot overlook the impact the environment and our changing climate has on our community's health. Air and water quality, availability of locally grown food, weather events and flooding, and many other factors will impact Frederick County in the years to come. Through recommendations from the County's Climate Emergency Mobilization Work Group Final Report, County Executive Gardner and the Council are moving ahead with a significant expansion of our Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources.

Public Health is one of the four key components of our Liveable Frederick Master Plan and is essential in helping us realize our shared vision for 2040: Frederick County is a vibrant and unique community where people live, work, and thrive while enjoying a strong sense of place and belonging. We must keep public health at the forefront of our decision-making, not only as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, but beyond.

These and many other issues affecting the well-being of Frederick County residents will be on the agenda of the County Council in the months ahead. Please contact me any time at JFitzwater@FrederickCountyMD.gov if I can ever be of assistance.





District 3A – Frederick

DELEGATE KAREN LEWIS YOUNG

Reviewing and revising the Governor’s proposed budget is one of the most important tasks of the state legislature. Last week, the Appropriations Committee began its work on next year’s budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23). The Senate moves the budget first this year.

Spending in the Governor’s FY23 operating budget proposal totals \$58.2 billion, approximately 5.5% less than fiscal 2022, with cash reserves over \$4.0 billion.

While the State’s General Fund grew by 21.9%, overall spending declines in fiscal 2023 as the temporary stimulus from the federal government ends.

The budget does not include funds from the federal Infrastructure and Jobs Act, which is expected to provide approximately \$3.0 billion of new funding over a five-year period.

Education is not fully funded. The Governor’s FY23 budget does not include \$125.0 million in funding for the Education Effort Adjustment component of the Blueprint (Kirwan). The budget also fails to fund \$15.0 million in other Kirwan programs. Notwithstanding the underfunding, education funding still increases by \$263.0 million or 3.6%.

“Record levels of funding” is often code for mandated spending or formula-driven investments created by the Maryland General Assembly.

The budget provides \$832.0 million for enhancements to State employee compensation. This is much needed considering the

Administration has been unable to fill over 10% of its positions, which is a significant safety concern for Marylanders.

The budget also provides \$60.0 million to assist childcare providers and support the child care subsidy program.

The Governor’s proposal includes funding to keep tuition increases at Maryland public colleges and universities at 2%. This continues a trend started by the General Assembly in 2006.

The Governor has also included perennial tax cut proposals, including a proposal to phase out the income tax on retirement income. This proposal would, by fiscal year 2027, cost the State nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars that could jeopardize funding for programs like the Blueprint.

The Governor is also proposing an extension of the earned income credit enhancements passed last year by the General Assembly in the Relief Act – this proposal, however, does not include individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) filers. Our current EITC and ITIN enhancements could be extended in the 2023 legislative session without interruption.

These points are just a few highlights from initial observations. Although I do not serve on a budget committee, many of my health care initiatives are dependent on budget funding. I have already been working with my colleagues, who serve in leadership positions on both budget committees, to increase funding for education, health care, and housing insecurity.



Frederick City

ALDERPERSON KATIE NASH



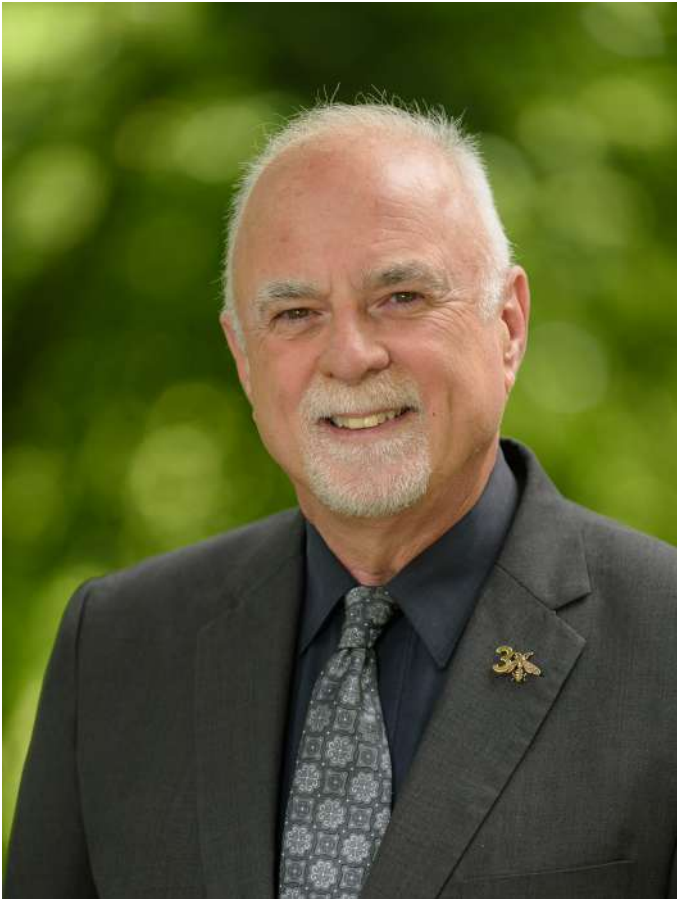
Your Democratic Mayor and City Aldermen have been hard at work in our first month of this Administration. I am particularly proud of our December 15th budget priority presentations - your members of the Board provided a comprehensive and inclusive agenda for the upcoming year. These priorities are now being used to drive the City's 2022 legislative agenda for members of the Board and I invite our Democratic activists to partner with us in this work. Although the Board of Aldermen is a part-time legislature, we have full-time priorities. I hope to use my Banner submissions to update everyone on the great work of your City Democratic leadership. We will continue to work together as a team to communicate the positive impact of local government.

As our 2022 agenda forms, we are taking a fresh look at our City legislative process as well. In the last four years, the all-Democratic Mayor and Board of Aldermen made important investments to expand access to government. This work continues! Now we are working on creating a transparent and formalized process to increase resident engagement and visibility for legislative priorities. As legislation moves through the introduction, edit, debate, amendment, and approval phases, there should be a mechanism for stakeholders to track legislation and weigh in. Creating a new process with limited resources during a pandemic takes effort and there is no "quick fix". I imagine there are a lot of good government nerds reading this - your input is most welcome as we work through this project.



District 3B

DELEGATE KEN KERR



Greetings from Annapolis. We convened the 444th Maryland General Assembly on January 12. In all, I have 11 bills before the MGA this session, and I will explain a little bit about a few of them. But first, let's discuss legislative redistricting.

Each decade, as a result of the US Census, The Governor and Legislature draft redistricting maps. As the Democrats have supermajorities in both chambers, the committees in both the House and Senate submitted and approved a different map from the governor. Frederick County grew faster than any other county these past 10 years, and my district, 3B, grew faster than any other district at over 17%. As a result, I knew the boundaries of my district were going to shrink. What I didn't know was that the legislature would combine the remaining parts of my single-member district 3B with the two-member district 3A making a three-member district. Currently, there are 5 of us running for the 3 seats in the newly redrawn District 3.

While Frederick grew in population, Allegany and Garrett Counties lost population and had to push deeper into Washington County to find sufficient population for District 1. That means Washington County did not have enough remaining population to form District 2 and had to encroach on Frederick County District 4 to find enough people (about 132,000) to make up that district. Thurmont, Sabillasville, Emmitsburg, and Rocky Ridge will now be part of District 2. This means the Frederick County Delegation to Annapolis will grow by 2 for a total of 10, with two people in our delegation who do not live in Frederick County. As of January 25, there were no Democrats running for senate or delegate in District 4 which now includes Braddock Heights, Jefferson, Adamstown, and Point of Rocks.

The deadline to file for office is February 22

As for my Bills:

HB 136 Seizure Safe Schools—Brynleigh's Act requires that all public school personnel who have contact with children complete a 45-minute training from the National Epilepsy Foundation to recognize the symptoms of a child having a seizure and know how to respond. One-in-ten people will have a seizure at some time in their lives and 7,900 children in Maryland Schools live with epilepsy. Additionally, the #1 emergency in schools is seizures. Senator Young is my senate cross-file.

Statewide 3-1-1 establishes a one-stop point of contact to access all government services. Currently, 37% of all calls to 9-1-1 are not emergencies. Rather, many of these calls are requests for the state, county, and local services. Statewide 3-1-1 will alleviate that strain on 9-1-1 resources and provide a high level of customer service.

A final bill I will discuss is the Maryland Physicians Assistant Modernization Act. The regulation of the practice of a Physicians Assistant (PA) has not been addressed in some time. They don't take into consideration changes in technology, and regulations for physicians that intersect with PAs do not agree. There are also burdensome requirements for a PA to move from one practice to another. At a time when access to care is an increasing problem, modernizing the laws that regulate PAs will go a long way to address that.

I'll follow up next month with an update on these bills and talk about a few more. Stay warm, stay safe, and stay healthy.



The Rest Of the Story

A LONG TIME AGO

*Tom Slater,
Frederick County Democratic Central
Committee
Frederick County Democratic Party
Historian*



As I was trying to organize some of my stuff (and I have lots of stuff), I came across this program “Super Saturday – Maryland Democrats Working” about a conference that was held in 1987. Quite frankly I have no recollection of this event despite the fact that I was on the planning committee and the program. What struck me as I was looking at the program is how many of the persons involved are still active in politics (thirty-four years later this past December) including Joel Rozner, Delores Kelley, John Willis, Peter Franchot, Tom McMillen, Maggie McIntosh, Casper Taylor, Jr., Parris Glendening, Beverly Byron, Liz Bobo, Steny Hoyer, Lanny Davis, Jim Kraft, Ellen Moyer, Greg Pecoraro, and Mary Jo Neville (I may have missed some, but you get the idea). It shows that some people have politics in their veins.

We have lost a great one

I am so sorry to report the death of my good friend Stephen Sachs at age 87. He was a top-flight lawyer and was hired by U.S. Attorney Joe Tydings to work in the U.S. Attorney’s office after President Kennedy appointed Tydings to be the U.S. Attorney General for Maryland in 1961. Steve was United States Attorney himself from 1967 to 1970 and Maryland Attorney General from 1979 to 1987. He argued cases before the Supreme Court three times. After serving two terms as Attorney General of Maryland he unsuccessfully sought the Democratic nomination for Governor of Maryland but was defeated in the primary by William Donald Schafer. After he slowed down his high-powered practice as a lawyer, he championed the cases of those on death row who he felt had been unfairly convicted, the mentally disabled, and the indigent, often on a pro bono

basis. I first met Steve in the early 1970s. We were among a small group of people who served as a steering committee for former Senator Joe Tydings’ attempt to secure the Democratic nomination for his old seat in the Senate in 1976 (then-Congressman Paul Sarbanes was the winner). Steve was known for his kindly demeanor, fierce intelligence, withering wit, progressive politics, love of history, and loyalty to his friends. The Daily Record reports that Congressman Anthony Brown considered Sachs “an extraordinary mentor.” Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh called him “a champion of civil rights, ... a superbly talented lawyer,” and former Maryland Attorney General and candidate for governor Doug Gansler called him “a legend in state attorney general circles.” Baltimore Sun columnist Dan Rodricks said, “Steve Sachs had integrity in his bones.” Former delegate and super lawyer Tim Maloney is quoted in the Baltimore Sun as describing Sachs as “a magnificent lawyer and an even better human being.” Sachs was all those things and more.



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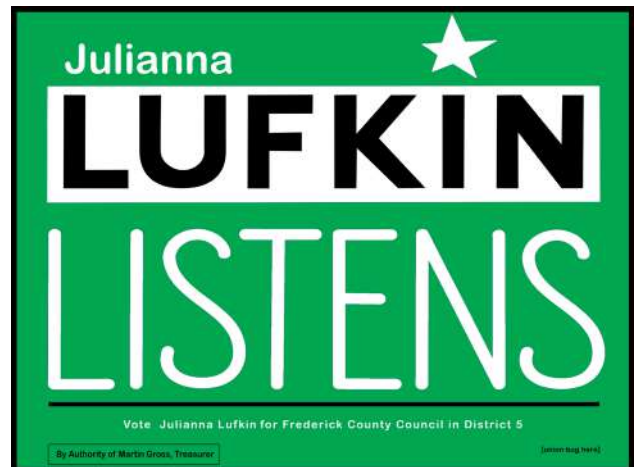
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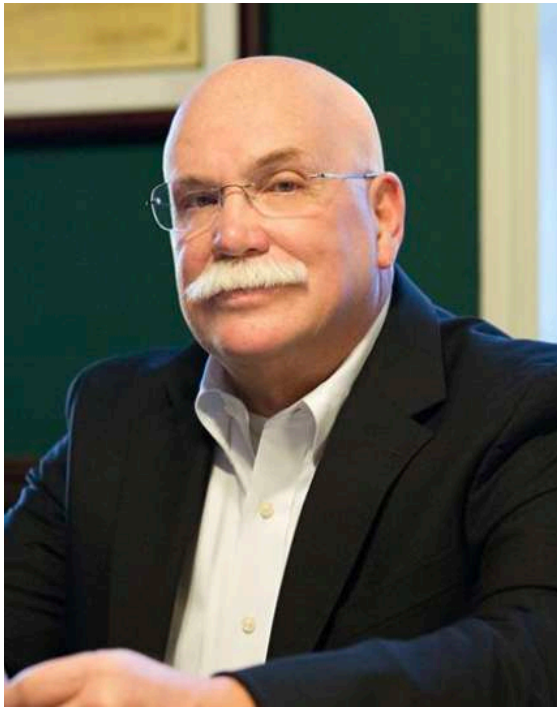


For those of you who haven't met me, I'm Julianna Lufkin, I'm thirty years old, and this year, I'm running as a Democrat for Frederick County Council in District 5. District 5 stretches from Myersville, where I've lived for almost three years now, to Emmitsburg and Sabillasville, through Walkersville and Woodsboro, all the way down to Union Bridge and Libertytown. District 5 is the largest by area of Frederick County's 5 districts, which means it's more important than ever to have a strong, competent, and compassionate representative on the Council. I hope that you will elect me to be that representative.

I was born and raised here in Frederick County, and I think it's the best place in the world. Our community is welcoming to new ideas and ways of living, while still holding true to our strong agricultural roots. I've worked for years in my family catering business, building relationships with our local producers and providers. As well as being a caterer, I'm a blacksmith, and I also teach enrichment classes to middle and high school-aged kids, that focus on literature and history. In 2019, I was the first woman to graduate from the Virginia Institute of Blacksmithing, from which I hold a certificate in Artistic Blacksmithing.

I have chosen the slogan "Lufkin Listens" so that every constituent of District 5 will know that they can find in me a representative who wants to hear the concerns and questions that matter to them. 





CANDIDATE: KARL BICKEL

Have you ever considered running for political office? If so now may be the time. If not, please think about it, now may be the time. Your community, your Democratic Party needs you now!

Are you dissatisfied with the political turmoil, the rancor that has taken over today's politics? If so, think about getting involved in bringing about positive change, change that will build on the progress that has been achieved in our county in recent years.

All politics start at the local level and policy set at the local level most impacts our day-to-day lives. According to 2020 census data, Frederick County was the fastest-growing county in Maryland, with a 16.4% increase in population between 2010 and 2020. Frederick County is growing in size and sophistication bringing a more diverse population to our community, a population that will demand quality service based on sound policy from our local leaders.

Our county is growing more Democratic every day moving from purple to blue representing hope for our Democratic Party and hope for the continued building of a better community for all who live, work in and visit Fredrick County.

I will be filing to run for sheriff of Frederick County. Please consider joining me on the ballot, a

ballot for positive change building on the progress of recent years. You have until February 22nd to file for office.

If I have sparked interest on your part, I suggest contacting the [Frederick County Democratic Central Committee](#) and the [National Democratic Training Committee's Do You Want to Run page](#)

Keep in mind the words of Theodore Roosevelt, who today would undoubtedly only be welcome in the Democratic Party:

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

Let's be the doer of deeds with great enthusiasm and devotion. Now is the time!



*State Delegate:
District 3*

CANDIDATE: KAREN SIMPSON



Karen Simpson officially filed her candidacy for a Maryland House of Delegates, District 3 seat for the 2022 Democratic Primary election.

Simpson is a #MeToo champion for those who experienced domestic violence and intimate partner abuse, and all who love them.

Simpson is running to give a voice to everyone whose safety and well-being are often overlooked. Frederick has a domestic violence and intimate partner abuse problem. Everyone knows someone who has been abused, harassed, or assaulted. Far too many know someone who did not survive.

Domestic, school, and workplace violence are community safety issues. When we protect women, we protect everyone. Simpson promises to use her position as delegate to fight for victims. She has done it before.

As a child protective services worker and citizens review program manager, Simpson advocated in Annapolis for the rights and protection of women and children. She testified in support of bills to improve their well-being.

Simpson is running to bring her experience to Annapolis so we can pass laws to plug legal loopholes that jeopardize our general welfare.

Simpson cares about Maryland and her citizens. Simpson cares about Frederick.

Simpson will be a qualified delegate with a servant's heart who will always put our community first.

Simpson is a graduate of Maryland public schools, a Towson University master's degree graduate, a Teamster, and an Education Manager for the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System.



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CANDIDATE: CHRIS MANNERS

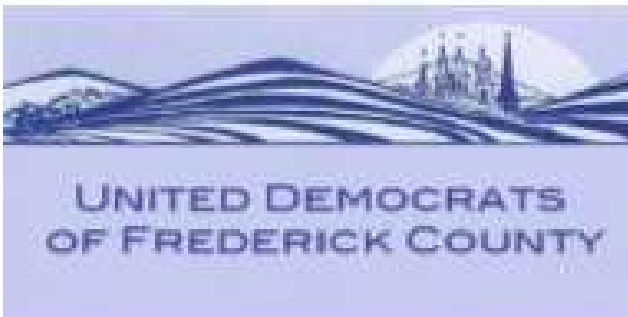
My name is Chris Manners and I am running for the office of the Register of Wills for Frederick County. First, I will answer the question, “what is a Register of Wills.” The Register is responsible for oversight of decedent’s estates, maintains the docket and records of the Orphans’ Court, and collects fees and inheritance tax revenues for the Comptroller. Most other states call these “probate” offices and courts. There - now I can tell you why I am running.

I have served as Chief Deputy Register since 2010, and have assisted two Registers in developing an office that is responsive to the needs of our constituents. For most people, the need to contact the Register corresponds with some of the hardest times in their lives. Sensitivity and awareness are required; knowledge of the law, even

more so. Estates and Trusts have historically been a quiet area, however, over the past decade, the legal landscape has become much more complicated and litigious.

I am an attorney who has worked in estates & trusts exclusively since my admission to the bar in 2003. Attorney licensure is invaluable in this quasi-judicial position. During my tenure, we have received three “crystal clear” audits from the Office of Legislative Audits, and remit several million dollars annually to the Comptroller.

I hope to be your next Register and ask for your vote to continue to serve the needs of Frederick County families during some of their most sensitive moments.



UNITED DEMOCRATS OF FREDERICK COUNTY

Happy 2022! We hope everyone is staying safe and engaged. This year will be a big challenge for Democrats at all levels of government, so we need our members to pitch and help. The UDFC, along with the Democratic clubs and central committee are working to set some great candidate forums to introduce you to our party’s candidates and to get you energized.

We had our first joint club meeting (along with the Women’s Democratic League and the Young Democrats of Frederick County) of the year on January 3rd with our special guest, Barbara Wagner, Director of the Frederick County Board of Elections. Ms. Wagner succeeded Stuart Harvey last year. Mr. Harvey was a staple in county elections for many years and we wish all the best in retirement. Ms. Wagner spoke to us about the complex process of creating and modifying voting precincts. She also stressed the importance of redistricting at all levels of government every 10 years, based on changes in the Census. We will see some changes in voting districts for the

2022 elections, so please be sure to follow the state and county board of elections websites for the final maps.

Our next meeting will be a panel on Farming in Frederick County on Monday, Feb. 7th. This will be a joint meeting with the WDL and YDF. Until we see COVID cases coming down, we will continue with virtual meetings, but we intend to return to in person business meetings soon. We always welcome Democratic candidates for office to attend our meetings and to add to the conversation. We will announce future programs online, via email and in the next Banner.

Become a member! Dues are \$20 individual or \$35 family. As a reminder, dues are payable in January of each year. You can contact us at UnitedDemsFrederick@yahoo.com, by phone at 240-630-4280, or by mail at P.O. Box 3882, Frederick MD 21705. We’re also on Facebook, so please “like” the page and interact with us there!



CANDIDATE: RAE GALLAGHER



I am thrilled to announce my candidacy for the Board of Education. I unequivocally believe in our public education system and the educators who make it a safe learning environment for our students. The last two school years demonstrated the critical importance of our schools to students and the greater community. The BOE must work with local and state officials to secure the resources necessary for students, educators, and staff to thrive. If elected, I will bring my collaborative approach and experience in educational advocacy, equity, and partnership development to the Board of Education.

resources must be directed to school buildings and classrooms ensuring every student an opportunity to be nurtured, to be fed, to be inspired, and to go to school in an environment conducive to learning. FCPS must incorporate the Blueprint's investment in early childhood education, career/college readiness, and resources for mental health, social-emotional learning, and special education needs. I look forward to fighting for the needs of all Frederick County students over the next four years with your continued support and input.



My campaign priorities are simple, but solutions are likely to be complex requiring advocacy and teamwork. Our education system will always be as good as the people who make it work. As a BOE member, I will take long-term action in the budget process to ensure that all FCPS staff receive a full, comprehensive, and competitive salary and benefits structure. Considering the myriad challenges facing our students and community, sufficient

A dark blue campaign banner. On the left, the name 'RAE' is written in large white letters, with a yellow pencil tip integrated into the letter 'A'. To the right, 'GALLAGHER' is written in large green letters. Below this, 'BOE 2022 / Investing In Our Future' is written in orange and white. At the bottom, in smaller white text, it says 'By Authority of Brandon Chuhran, Treasurer'.



CANDIDATE: RENEE KNAPP

I am Renee Knapp, and I'm running for Frederick County Council At-Large. As an at-large candidate, I'm running for one of two open seats this year to represent all residents in the county. Frederick County transitioned to the County Charter form of government in 2014. Under the County Charter, the County Council initiates and votes on legislation. Our council is comprised of five council members elected from five districts and two at-large members.

I have served as an advocate for my son with special needs for over 25 years. We have worked hard for the level of independence he has now. I'm excited to have the opportunity to dedicate the next part of my life to public service. Raising a child with special needs has given me the considerable experience to bring to the County Council. I will work for the people of Frederick County like I did for my son. I am determined, persistent, and I recognize the power of incremental progress.

I hold a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Mount Saint Mary's University. I understand the importance of ethics and data-driven decisions when legislation is considered.

I want to be part of the county government specifically because it's close to people and is

responsive to needs in their daily lives. If you are a subscriber to The Banner, I don't need to tell you how important this upcoming election is. Please know that I understand too and will work every day to earn your vote.



**RENEE
KNAPP**
County Council At-Large

BY AUTHORITY OF FRIENDS OF RENEE KNAPP, CHRISTOPHER KNAPP, TREASURER

State Of Maryland:
Governor

CANDIDATE: ASHWANI JAIN



Ashwani Jain is a childhood cancer survivor, the son of immigrants and minority-owned small business owners, and a product of Maryland public schools. Though he would be the nation's youngest governor, his service in the Obama White House and in two federal agencies—along with his work in the public, private, and non-profit sectors—have given him the well-rounded experiences, perspectives, and policy solutions needed to effectively govern our state.

Jain is leading an historic volunteer-run, crowd-sourced campaign that focuses on one-on-one interactions with voters rather than fundraisers where big names with deep pockets try to buy influence. Ashwani is running this grassroots campaign to take big money out of the equation and make Maryland politics more inclusive and accessible for all. The Jain for Governor campaign is not paying consultants to develop its policies; rather, all policies have been developed in partnership with residents across the State of Maryland.

By harnessing the energy of volunteers from all counties, backgrounds, and age groups, the Jain campaign has already been able to do with \$100,000 what most campaigns spend millions to accomplish. Along with volunteers, Ashwani Jain personally canvasses door-to-door in a different county every day to talk directly to voters. Sign up with the campaign to [canvass](#) or [phone-bank](#)!

The Jain for Governor campaign has convenient mobile campaign offices in each county of [Maryland](#) and is committed to 100% free campaign events. [Learn more.](#)

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Friends of Karen Simpson Events

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Saturday, Feb 12, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM EST
Frederick Democratic Headquarters
1080 W Patrick St
Frederick, MD 21703, USA

[Community Hour with Karen](#) [Dublin Roasters](#)

Saturday, Feb 26, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM EST
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EDITOR'S CORNER



Violet Williams,
Frederick County Democratic Central
Committee, Secretary

In times of stress and strife, it's easy to overlook the small good things happening around us. I'd like to spend this small section of The Banner celebrating the small good things I see:

- This month we see a handful of new people raising their hands and throwing their name in the hat to serve the people of our county and state.
- Everyone reading this newsletter cares enough about the future of our country
- COVID numbers are trending down
- KN95 masks and tests are more widely available, being offered for free with insurance, and through the county
- **It's almost the end of winter.**

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DID YOU KNOW?



Open enrollment is extended! February 28 is your last chance to enroll in a 2022 health plan. Click the logo for more information.

THINKING ABOUT RUNNING FOR OFFICE?

Have you ever thought about running for office? Next year, all the county races are up for grabs - not just the big ones like County Exec and Sheriff, but probably a few you've never considered (but might be perfectly qualified for)! Check it out, and let us know how we can help.

https://elections.maryland.gov/candidacy/candidate_filing.html?fbclid=IwAR3mpKmS6Ks2JKETfxM33uVLfQbQ3TwRt7W7kISXvY-LYBIB315kMFRNWLTU

GET INVOLVED:

<https://frederickdems.ivolunteer.com/>

GET INFORMED:

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Members/District>

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/frederick-democrats-podcast/id1255766786?mt=2>

GET BUSY:

<https://www.frederickdemocrats.org/events/calendar>

GET CONNECTED:



WDL

Women's Democratic League
Frederick County, Maryland



Monday, February 21 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Join us for our monthly meeting!

“Child Care During COVID-19”

Guest Speaker

Chris Peusch, Executive Director
Maryland State Child Care Association

Visit our website to sign up for your virtual seat!

www.wdlfrederick.org

Questions? Email us at wdlfrederick@gmail.com WDLFrederick on Facebook

KN95 Mask Reuse Do & Don't

KN95 masks are disposable, but can be safely reused. Here are some tips:

DO: store it safely.

- ✓ Store in a **brown paper bag** between use.
- ✓ If possible, rotate masks to allow them to sit in the bag for a few days.

DO: throw away if...

- ✓ your mask becomes **wet** (more than just breath condensation)
- ✓ you've been in a place where **high virus exposure** is expected (like being around someone with COVID-19)
- ✓ your mask is **dirty, damaged, difficult to breathe in**, or no longer provides a secure fit



DON'T: wash or disinfect your disposable mask!



Public Health
Frederick County Health Department

Free KN95 Masks for Frederick County Residents

KN95 masks will be available at Frederick County Public Library Branches* starting Friday, Jan. 28.

- Masks are free!
- Limit one pack (5 masks) per household.
- Visit fcpl.org for library branch hours and locations.

*Note: Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at Point of Rocks, Emmitsburg Branch Library, and Myersville Community Library are NOT open on Fridays, but will begin their mask distribution on Saturday.



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FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE:

07 UDFC Meeting, Virtual

12 North FC Dems Monthly Meet-Up

17 FCDCC Meeting, Virtual

19 South FC Dems Monthly Meet-Up

21 WDL Monthly Meeting

OFFICE HOURS:

The FCDCC Office will be open:

Every Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Every Monday from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Masks are required in our offices at all times

<https://www.frederickdemocrats.org/events/calendar>



FREDERICK COUNTY

2022 Maryland Primary for Central Committee Candidates of the Democratic State Central Committee of Maryland

The Democratic State Central Committee of Maryland elects the **fourteen (14)** members of Frederick County by a countywide vote of their Democratic voters during the Gubernatorial Primary on **June 28, 2022**.

Membership of the committee allows for representation of three (3) gender categories; **Male, Female, & Non-Binary**. When filing for candidacy, candidates will identify their preferred gender identity, which will appear on the official ballot alongside their names. **All candidates will appear under one ballot title.**

Elections of the committee shall allow for gender balance ensuring that **no more than fifty (50) percent of the membership** is represented by one of the three (3) gender categories listed above.

Three Gender Categories:

Each candidacy filing form will show THREE (3) categories **Male, Female, & Non-Binary**. **Non-Binary: "non-binary" is one term people use to describe genders that don't fall into one of these two categories, male or female.**

What does gender balance mean?

Gender balance allows for equal representation between genders. The election process will take into account both vote total and gender representation. Through the election process, the committee will be considered gender balanced as long as there is **no greater than a variance of one (1)** between **Male** and **Female**, as **Non-Binary** will not count as either **Male** nor **Female**.

What DOES this mean:

- No more than a maximum of **seven (7)** members can be **Male, Female, or Non-Binary**.
- Candidates **WILL** have their preferred gender identity listed on the ballot with their names.
- In the case that a **Non-Binary** candidate wins a spot on the committee, the remainder of the committee will be balanced as equally as practicable between **male** and **female** with the remaining candidates on the ballot.
- There are no guaranteed slots to any one gender. Meaning the allocation of members is solely determined by vote total and gender balance allocation.
- There is **NO** advantage or disadvantage to selecting a specific gender category.

Questions:

If you have any questions, please contact the Maryland Democratic Party at 410-269-8818 or info@mddems.org.

Paid for by the Maryland Democratic Party, Robert J. Kresslein, Treasurer

Role of Maryland Democratic State Central Committee Members

Central Committee members are the grass roots-level elected volunteers of the Maryland Democratic Party. They must be dedicated to working to ensure the election of Democrats to public office, while encouraging the participation of activists, volunteers and financial contributors. This calls for many hours of participation, and in some cases a financial commitment themselves.

They should bring to the Central Committee a strong commitment to the Democratic Party and all the things it stands for. Central Committee members should have volunteer experience in various political activities, worked for candidates, or run for office themselves.

Central Committee members are the people elected to work directly in the trenches on behalf of the Democratic Party and to organize an ongoing presence at the local level. They are the people who do the organizing and actual tasks of helping get Democrats elected. Central Committees members are not legislators. They are not managers or members of a board of directors, but worker bees themselves. They help organize and fulfill these tasks:

Fundraise, staff party booths/events, precinct organization, participate in canvassing operations, distribute political literature, perform voter registration, phone bank, and assist hands on in all of the tasks necessary for Democrats to be successful in elections.

Central Committee members have an obligation to attend all committee meetings, support party nominees, and to actively participate in all the activities of the State and Local Central Committee. Central Committee members at no time can openly support a candidate of another political party in a partisan race.

Central Committee members cannot do all that must be done by themselves, they must reach out and recruit volunteers to assist in many of these activities and tasks. Recruitment of volunteers therefore becomes the difference between success and failure. Central Committee members must have good motivational and organizing skills to make use of these volunteer resources.

As a member of the local Central Committee individuals are automatic members of the State Central Committee and are expected to attend Semi-annual meetings, vote on State Party issues and participate in State Party projects.

Central Committee members have the official responsibility to fill vacancies of certain offices due to death or resignation of elected official, and fill any vacancy when there is a failure to have a Democratic Candidate file for nomination. The Central Committee also recommends to the Governor appointment of the members and substitute members for the local County Board of Elections and at times makes recommendations to other state and county boards.

Please Note: Each committee may have more extensive responsibilities. You should contact the chair of your local committee for your local committee by-laws and to learn what is expected of you as a member.



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