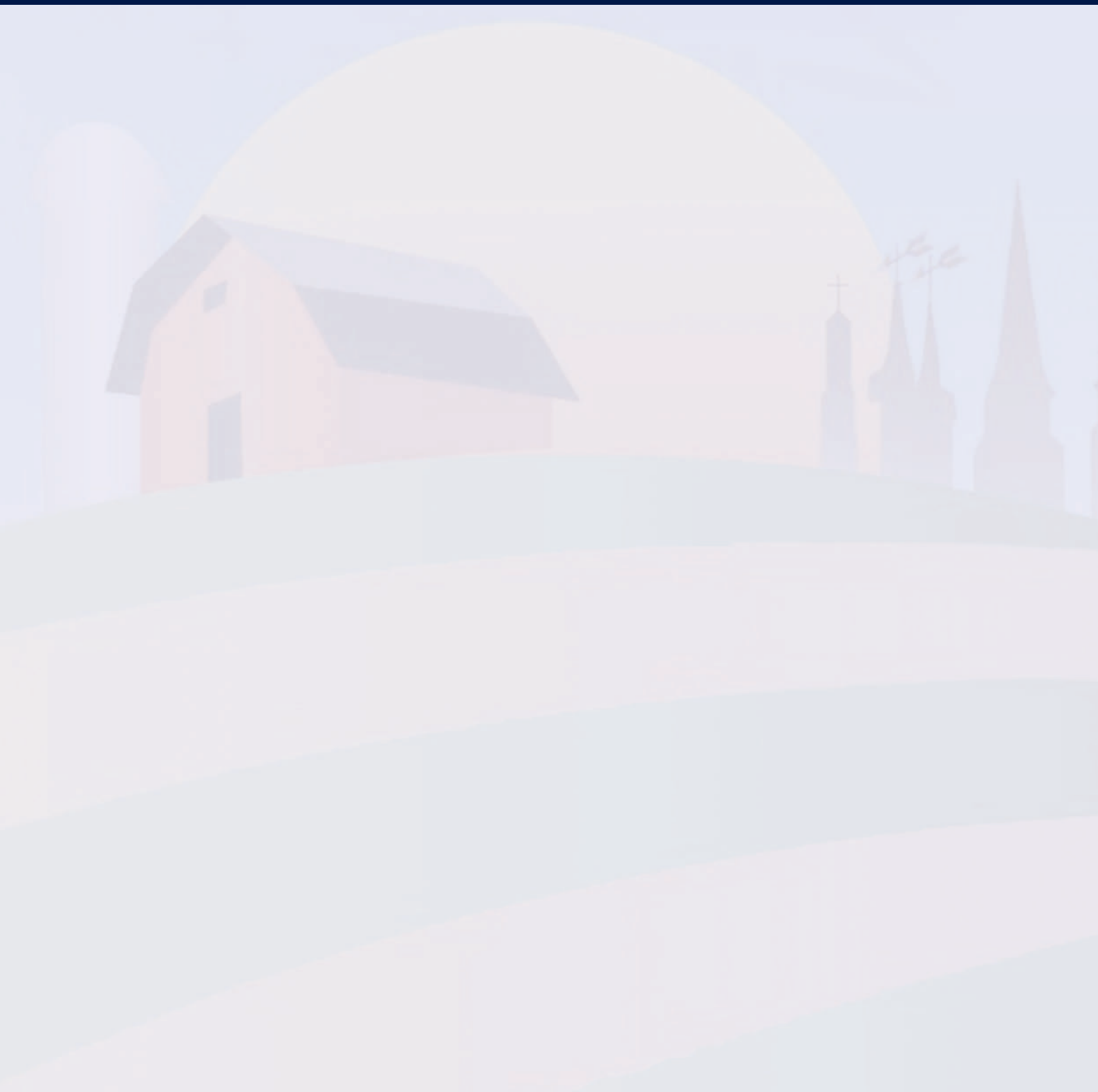


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CHAIR'S CORNER

Chairwoman Deborah Carter

I'd like to start this month with a big thank-you to all the candidates who have already filed to run for office this year, and to all their campaign treasurers, and to all their volunteers. It's a huge commitment, but we're here to help! The new filing deadline is March 22, so there's still time for you to get your name on the ballot if you've been toying with the idea. We're especially eager to assist candidates in some of the still-red areas of the county.

We have held two free Democratic campaign schools via Zoom so far, with a third specifically for current and future treasurers planned for March 6. Central Committee treasurer Tony Soltero will explain this vital campaign role and answer all your questions. Email mari@frederickdemocrats.org to reserve your spot and get the link to the upcoming workshop - or to get the video link of past workshops if you missed them.

If you've been thinking you'd like to get involved on a smaller scale, consider running for a municipal office. Right now, Middletown residents have until March 7 to collect the 40 signatures that will make them eligible as candidates for the town's nonpartisan April election. Or why not apply for a local board or commission - for example, if you live or work in Frederick City, the Public Art Commission is currently seeking interested individuals for multiple openings. Please feel free to reach out to us for more information about these kinds of opportunities.

And of course, we'd love your help on the Central Committee - and yes, we're elected, so you'd have to file to add your name to the ballot. If you've ever attended our events,

donated money to the local party, worked a phone bank, or knocked on doors for a candidate, you're already the kind of active Democrat who belongs by our side.

In other news, we're very excited to be returning to Rocky Gap, May 13-14, for this year's Western Maryland Democratic Summit! We're expecting all of the statewide candidates - gubernatorial, attorney general, and comptroller - as well as our current federal elected officials. Tickets start at \$35 for students and are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-western-maryland-democratic-summit-tickets-87704944851>.



Local clubs and other groups are moving back to in-person meetings in the coming weeks, including the Central Committee (March 17, 6:30 p.m.). You may also want to visit the South County Dems this month, when all of the Democratic candidates for Board of Education are scheduled to speak (March 19, 9:00 a.m.). Please check the calendar on our website or make sure you're following our Facebook page for other meetings as well as the latest updates, contact information, and locations.

Finally, if you know any young people who would like to get involved, applications for Congressman Jamie Raskin's Democracy Summer program will be accepted through March 15. They are very interested in building a team in Frederick County this year; for more information, visit <https://jamieraskin.com/DemocracySummer>.



ALDERPERSON KATIE NASH




Members of the Board of Aldermen are diligently working on the priority projects we presented at a December budget presentation, at the invitation of Mayor O'Connor.

In 2022 we are focusing on items that require advocacy, legislation, and/or coordination with our intergovernmental partners. I am fortunate to join a Democratic team dedicated to working for equity, climate justice, and neighborhood improvements (to name a few priority areas of work!).

As a government nerd (preaching to the choir here), I get really excited about ways to improve policy-making. Multifaceted topics require consistent open avenues of input. Our neighbors must be intentionally invited and encouraged to join the work. Consider policy solutions related to housing, climate, truth and reconciliation, anti-poverty measures, transportation, etc. - we need to constantly bring new voices to the conversation. Today's neighborhood advocate is tomorrow's Democratic leader!

As our 2022 candidates work hard to reach out to our voters, I commit to serving as a strong member of the team who showcases the work Democrats champion. Our

engagement with residents within City government paves the way for activists to see the importance of electing like-minded policy leaders at the county and state levels of government. This is one of the reasons I identified updates to the City's legislative process as a priority. If you'd like to learn more about projects we have on our horizon, reach out to me.

To modify a quote from the great Leslie Knope - **"We care. We care a lot. It's kinda our thing."** 



District 3A – Frederick

DELEGATE KAREN LEWIS YOUNG

Mid-Session Report

As I am writing this summary, we will be approaching the mid-point of our legislative session. I am the lead sponsor of eleven bills. While all of them are relevant to the entire state, Frederick County citizens and/or community leaders inspired seven. These legislative efforts are:

- HB225- State's Attorney required explanation for denial of a sexual assault case
- HB267-Protecting Health Care Workers Against Threats of Violence
- HB293-9-8-8 Suicide Hotline Funding
- HB628-Preventing workplace discrimination against medical cannabis users
- HB1017- Assisted Outplacement Treatment option for chronic mental illness, Frederick pilot
- HB 1019- Increased Transportation Funding for the elderly and handicapped
- HB 1020- Strengthen self-direction choices for the developmentally disabled

On 2/25 the House passed long-awaited cannabis legislation. The two major components are:

- HB1 – Referendum that would allow individuals 21 or older to use and possess cannabis.
- HB 837 – Three main aspects to the bill: Criminal, Health, Regulatory

Criminal

Effective January 1, 2023

- Simple possession of 1.5 ounces or less is a civil offense, fine not exceeding \$100 and up to 2.5 ounces is a civil offense, fine not exceeding \$250
- Expungement (these two provisions will help over 550,000 Marylanders)
 - A person charged with only simple possession may have that charge automatically expunged.
 - A person charged with simple possession and other charges from a single event may file for expungement immediately. (ex. Firearm charge and possession happened at the same time)
 - A person may request expungement for this conviction 3 years

after the sentence is satisfied.

- Possession with intent to distribute becomes a misdemeanor instead of a felony.
- Individuals currently incarcerated for simple possession can request resentencing and end their incarceration
- Effective July 1, 2023
- Possession of up to 1.5 ounces or less becomes legal, possession up to 2.5 ounces is subject to civil citation
- Marijuana cannot be smoked in a public place, it is subject to the Clean Indoor Air Act
- Can grow up to 2 plants in a single household, regardless of number of adults, in a secure location

Health

- Baseline Study so that the General Assembly can compare cannabis stats pre and post-legalization. This includes studying community health effects, use disorder, impaired driving, hospitals, advertising, etc.
- Other Cannabis Studies by the Medical Cannabis Commission to examine home grown for medical patients' personal use, on-site consumption areas, and youth impacts.
- Establish the Cannabis Public Health Fund to support the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council efforts to continue studying the legalization of cannabis.

Regulatory

- Commission a disparity study to ensure Maryland's future licensing structure can pass constitutional scrutiny. The study will be finalized by Nov '22 to ensure the MGA has the results in time for next session.
- Creates a Minority and Women Owned Cannabis Business Assistance Fund to help individuals enter the cannabis industry. Funding will also be provided to support educational programs at HBCUs and business incubators, as well as for outreach to trade associations representing minority businesses.

During April, I will report on the status of my bills as well as the major 5 legislative initiatives of the session.



SENATOR RON YOUNG




As I start the last Session as your State Senator, I want to thank all of you for your years of support, openness with your comments, and suggestions for legislation. It has been my honor to represent you and Frederick county at the Maryland General Assembly.

The first week in March marks the half-way point of the 2022 Session of the Maryland General Assembly. My office is currently focused on getting a favorable vote from the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs (EHE) committee on Brynleigh's Act (SB299/HB136) and the School Lunch and Breakfast Program bill (SB971/HB857) from the Senate Rules Committee. On February 24th the House unanimously passed Brynleigh's Act (HB136) and now both the House and Senate Brynleigh Act bills are in EHE.

Also on February 24th, the Maryland Senate Democrats announced their commitment to pass paid family and medical leave legislation that is affordable for employers, employees, and the State. Marylanders cannot wait any longer for support during their most vulnerable moments. The press conference for SB275 can be viewed virtually on Facebook.

The Governor submitted his nominations to state boards and commissions on February 18th, kicking off what is known as the "Green Bag" appointment process. The first step in the Senate approval of the 131 nominees is a hearing before the Senate Executive Nominations committee. You can watch the hearings for the next couple of weeks on Monday nights at 5pm on Youtube. In State news Maryland's chief medical examiner resigned abruptly Friday February 18th as the office continues to navigate an unprecedented backlog. A years-long staffing crisis in the state medical examiner's office in Baltimore is leading to unprecedented delays in autopsies, an emergency request to federal officials for help, and now a legislative push for more workers.

Bills to Watch

- Zero Emissions Truck Act of 2022 ([SB687/HB829](#)).
- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Funding ([SB838/HB1019](#)).
- Poverty School Grant Program - School Lunch and Breakfast ([SB971/HB857](#)).
- The Maryland Regional Rail Transformation Act ([SB514/HB 778](#)).
- Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Filing Deadline Extension ([SB181](#)).
- The Maryland disability employment tax credit expansion ([SB93](#)).
- Naloxone Medication Data ([SB200](#)). 

Please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns at:

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My greatest honor is serving as your State Senator.



March is Women's History Month

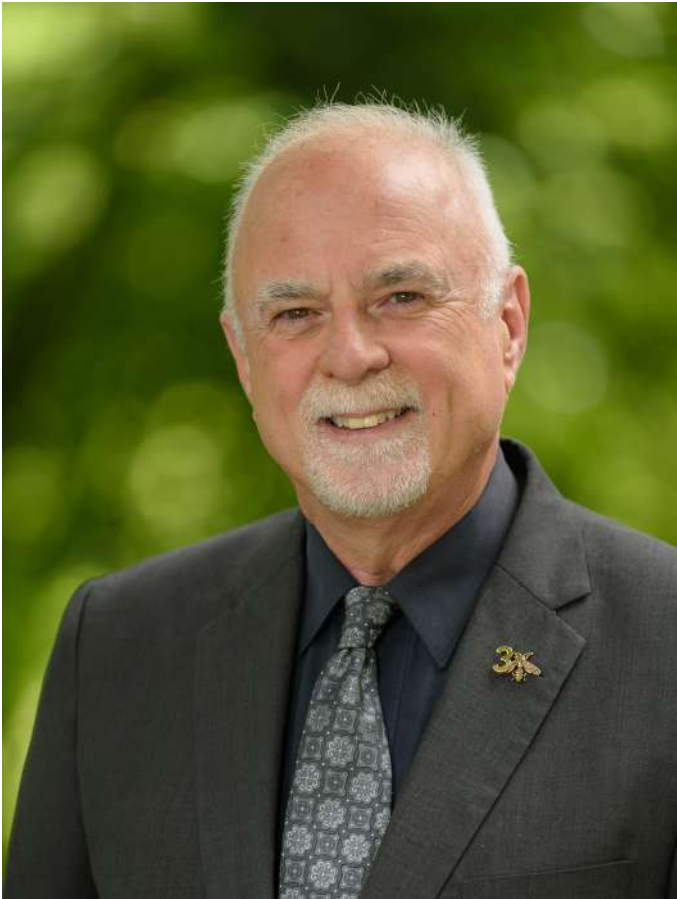
The theme for 2022 is:

Providing Healing; Promoting Hope

Celebrating the ways women have provided healing and hope for humanity over many generations

District 3B

DELEGATE KEN KERR



We are at the half-way point in the 444th Maryland General Assembly. I am pleased to say that two bills brought to me by District 3B constituents have successfully passed the house. The first is Brynleigh's Act—(HB136) a law that requires all school personnel working with students to be trained to recognize the symptoms of a seizure and know how to properly respond. Senator Young's cross-filed bill (SB299) also unanimously passed committee and is moving through that chamber on its way to the governor for his signature. The second is Presumption of Property Abandonment – Revisions (HB305). A constituent had deposited over \$100,000 in retirement savings believing it to be in a safe place until he needed it for retirement. It had no deposits or withdrawals in three years and, according to current law, was turned over to the state as abandoned. The banks' only responsibility is to attempt to contact the account holder a single time by 1st class mail. Assuming it was another marketing mailing from the bank, he ignored the envelope. He was able to get his money back, but, because he was under age 55, he had to pay a \$12,000 early withdrawal penalty. With the passage of this bill, the bank can no longer consider an account as abandoned if the account holder has other active accounts or if the bank has no mail returned as undeliverable. Both of these bills took a lot of work over three years to get all stakeholders to agree.

As Frederick County Delegation Vice Chair, the responsibility of working the Frederick County legislation through the house fell to me this session. We updated liquor laws with HB1234 Frederick County Alcoholic Beverage Act of 2022. Heritage Frederick will get some financial assistance in its maintaining

of historical marriage records as a result of HB452 Marriage Ceremony Fee. HB399 Sports Wagering Facilities – Locations gives Off Track Betting locations in Frederick and Carroll Counties a wider area of protection from competition (10 miles as opposed to 1.5) so that they can confidently make the sizable investments necessary to begin their sports book operations. A bill to permit a Frederick County High School permission to have students set up a coffee shop and a bill to change the way Board of Education vacancies are filled have also had good hearings, but have not yet made it to the floor for a vote.

By the next issue of The Banner, I should have news on my other nine bills--three of which are Cybersecurity related. Finally, the Lowe Office Building is open to the public, so come down and see us before we adjourn on April 11.



The Rest Of the Story

THEIR FIRST YEAR

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



January marked the first-year anniversary of the Biden-Harris administration. Important mid-year elections are coming up, including in Maryland. The Biden-Harris administration started with relatively high approval ratings, but the ratings have slipped, primarily due to the re-emergence of COVID in the form of the Omicron variant, the missteps associated with the withdrawal from Afghanistan, increased inflation, and the inability of the Congress to pass the “Build Back Better” legislation and to do something meaningful about voting rights. Not helpful has been the completely false narrative that President Biden is not up to the challenges we face due to age. We now face a world challenge from Russia’s completely uncalled for invasion of Ukraine. President Biden has been resolute in uniting our allies to oppose this threat to world peace but the outcome of that crisis is yet to be determined.

Democrats should not be dismayed. A serious look at the achievements of the Biden-Harris administration in their first year provides ample evidence of significant success. During the first year of the Biden-Harris administration a historic vaccination program was initiated, which has saved thousands of lives; 6.4 million jobs were added to the American economy; the Congress passed the American Rescue Plan and the bipartisan Infrastructure law; President Biden has provided much needed global leadership; the United States has rejoined the Paris Agreement in regard to the climate crisis; and an historic number of judges, including a large percentage of minority judges, have been appointed and approved by the U.S. Senate.

Some facts and figures to support the achievements during the first year of the Biden-Harris administration:

- The unemployment rate has dropped from 6.2% to 3.9%
- The number of persons receiving unemployment

benefits has dropped from 18 million to 2 million, the biggest single year drop in history

Nearly 5 million Americans have newly gained health insurance coverage

President Biden has the first ever majority non-white Cabinet in history

The United States has made the largest ever investment in the power grid, electric vehicle chargers, and climate resilience

The United States has made the largest investment to get safe and clean drinking water to all Americans

HUD announced that it would interpret the Fair Housing Act to bar discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity consistent with President Biden’s Executive Order 13988

President Biden reversed the discriminatory ban on openly transgender service members serving in the military

\$100 million from the American Rescue Plan went to the EPA for environmental justice priorities

By late January 2022 over 95% of schools were open for in-person learning compared to 46% when the Biden-Harris team was sworn in. \$122 billion from the American Rescue Plan will go to schools to help them stay open and address lost instructional time and students’ needs

Over \$40 billion from the American Rescue Act will go to institutions of higher education including financial aid to millions of students

More than 15 billion dollars in federal student loans were discharged, affecting in excess of 675,000 borrowers

Due to the expanded Child Tax Credit, monthly checks of up to \$300 per child have been sent to roughly 35 million households, which is projected to cut child poverty in half

Over \$500 million from the American Rescue Plan has gone to expand pediatric mental health care access and to assist programs to help children and adolescents with serious mental illness and substance abuse disorders

More than 75% of adults (including 88% of seniors) in the United States have been vaccinated

171 million dollars of stimulus checks of up to \$1,400 were delivered to Americans

The State of Maryland, as a result of the bipartisan Infrastructure law, is expected to receive 4.6 billion dollars over five years for highways and bridges, \$1.8 billion to improve public transportation, \$63 million to support the expansion of EV charging networks, and \$158 million for infrastructure developments for airports. Local governments can expect grants as a result of the infrastructure law to assist with traffic safety, local transportation projects, the purchase of zero and low emission transportation buses and facilities for buses, bridge and culvert repair or replacement, among other programs. In Maryland, as a result of the American Rescue Plan, 46,900 jobs have been created, and 2,791,138 Marylanders have received direct payments of up to \$1,400. The Maryland unemployment rate has dropped from 6.4% when the Biden-Harris administration took office to 6.0% and vaccinations have gone from fewer than 1% to 80.2%. In Maryland, 1,117,000 children have benefited from monthly tax cuts to their families. The average monthly reduction in ACA health premiums for a family of four has been \$259, and \$8,610 is the average annual savings on child care for a Maryland family with two young children as a result of the Biden policies. It is expected that the number of jobs saved or created in Maryland as a result of the infrastructure bill will be 276,280.

Much of the above information comes from the White House Office of Political Strategy and Outreach.

The Republicans will, of course, blame everything they can on the Biden-Harris administration and will stray far from the truth. As Democrats we need to be prepared to advocate for the significant accomplishments of the Biden-Harris administration. The coming election depends on it.



Peter Marudas (1937-2021)

IN MEMORY:

I am sorry to report that Peter Marudas (respected political strategist, faithful aide to Democratic Baltimore City mayors and Senator Paul Sarbanes),

Rev. Thomas Clagett (former Democratic precinct chair in Frederick County),

Tom Smith (former mayor and councilman in Brunswick),

Bernie Fowler (former Maryland State Senator and great friend of the Chesapeake Bay) and

Tina Baker (educator and a good Democrat) have all passed away recently.

CANDIDATE: NICHOLAS AUGUSTINE



NICHOLAS AUGUSTINE
for COUNTY COUNCIL
"Character that Matters"

In February, I announced my candidacy for Frederick County Council representing District 4 and I am excited to have this opportunity to introduce myself.

I live in the Ballenger Run Community after moving from Lake Linganore in 2019. My husband and I married in October 2020, which as a child I never thought I would have the opportunity to marry as a gay man.

Since 1999, I have been a volunteer emergency medical technician (EMT) in both Montgomery and Frederick County. I currently serve as an EMT and board of director with the United Steam Fire Engine Company 3 in downtown Frederick.

In addition to his community service as an EMT, I started my law enforcement career in 2001, graduating from the police academy two days after 9/11. Throughout my 20+ year career, I've been honored to advance through the ranks to now serve as a police commander with the Montgomery County Department of Police.

Besides public safety service, I have been a REALTOR since 2014 and enjoy helping those achieve their real estate dreams. I've had the privilege to be appointed as a commissioner with the Frederick County Parks & Recreation Commission and recently appointed by Governor Hogan to the Maryland Commission on LGBTQ Affairs.

Education and learning have always been a priority for me. I obtained my undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice from University of Maryland, University College and my graduate degree in Criminal Justice from Arizona State University.

With many issues affecting our community from affordable housing, small business confidence, public safety, and equality, I chose to run for County Council to provide my experience to work with stakeholders to

resolve these issues. I look forward to meeting you at community events or just around Frederick!



*State Delegate:
District 3*



CANDIDATE: JOSH BOKEE

I write this very motivated - as this is my announcement to my fellow Democratic activists that I am seeking to serve in the House of Delegates (District 3). A kick-off to the work ahead, I am honored to have this opportunity that has been created by indefatigable volunteers in the spirit of community contribution.

Fellow Democrats, I ask for your input. I have ideas about specific policy solutions I intend to highlight but representation must be sourced from our shared ideas. What do you believe are the most pressing issues for our residents? What are your neighborhood priorities and concerns?

We have resources and the ability to reduce suffering. The past years have been challenging for our community - yet we know our inequities are institutional. Hard work, dedication, and the willingness to strive to go from “good to great” are required - I know many of us share this ethos.

As an optimist at heart, and having been witness to so many incredible works of service in our community, I know that we can get there together.

I will run a strong campaign that contributes to our Countywide success - energizing Democratic voters as we approach the general election. As a former Alderman for the City of Frederick and strong campaigner in the

City, I know what it takes for us to encourage our Democratic voters to show up. I look forward to working alongside so many other good Democrats this year.

Please contact me - I welcome your support and ask for your vote.



Josh Bokee

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*State Congress:
District 6*

CANDIDATE: BEN SMILOWITZ



Greetings!

My name is Ben Smilowitz. I am running for Congress in MD-6 because we need stronger leadership on our most critical issues. As a longtime social justice and accountability advocate, I've spent my entire legal career working to advance the public interest.

I've lived in the district for the last decade and I'm currently Executive Director of Disaster Accountability Project, a nonprofit I founded after Hurricane Katrina to improve accountability in disaster relief. I've advocated for disability rights, public health, and addressing inequities. I understand the importance of localized, culturally competent, accessible, and inclusive leadership.

Previously, I helped direct a national campaign to protect Social Security from privatization and had the incredible opportunity to create and lead the Missouri Governor's Youth Cabinet, our nation's first.

I've served on numerous nonprofit boards, including the National 4-H Board of Trustees, and was a leading national voice advancing youth representation on boards of education. I've traveled to over fifty countries and, recently, our family lived overseas in service to our nation.

When the pandemic hit, I wrote bipartisan federal legislation to update the Defense Production Act to protect front-line workers.

Many of the solutions needed to address critical issues such as climate change, protecting our democracy and civil and human rights, and increasing healthcare access begin with listening to constituents across the district.

I hope to earn your support to serve as your next Representative. Learn more about my grassroots campaign at www.bensmilowitz.com.



Thank you,
Ben Smilowitz
ben@bensmilowitz.com



UNITED DEMOCRATS OF FREDERICK COUNTY

We had our February meeting in conjunction with the Women's Democratic League on February 7th as a Forum on Frederick County Farming Issues. We had a fantastic panel of guests: Sam Roop, President, Frederick County Farm Bureau; Denny Remsburg, First Vice President, Frederick County Farm Bureau; MK Barnett, Owner, Open Book Farm, Middletown and Board Member of the Chesapeake Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture; Dave Burrell, Mid-Atlantic Soybean Board and Frederick County Farm Bureau board of directors. Frederick County is the largest agricultural county in the State of Maryland, leading in the number of farms (1,300) and farmland acres (188,576). We are #1 in organic farms, turkey farms, agritourism farms, and farm breweries. The Democratic Party has a long tradition of standing with working families, including family farmers. Maryland farmers have been ahead the curve on regenerative soil practices and sustainable farming. These are critical to the future our farms and for maintaining our beautiful county for generations to come. Our party fully supports our farmers and recognizes the important role they play in our quality of life. Please show your for our local farmers by buying locally whenever possible.

Our next meeting will on Monday, Mar. 7th at 7pm with a social hour from 6-7pm. Our program is not finalized, but we are planning on meeting in person at Café 611.

Please look for email and social media announcements on the exact program.

We always welcome Democratic candidates for office to attend our meetings and to add to the conversation.

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!



Friends of Karen Simpson Events

Meet Voters with Karen

Saturday, March 5, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM EST
Frederick Democratic Headquarters
1080 W Patrick St
Frederick, MD 21703, USA



Community Hour with Karen Frederick Coffee Co and Cafe

Saturday, March 26, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM EST
Frederick Coffee Co and Café
100 N East St
Frederick, MD 21701



*Frederick County Council:
District 4*

CANDIDATE: BETTY LAW

My name is Elizabeth Law. Please call me “Betty”. I believe that the unique combination of my education and professional experience as both a special education teacher and later as an engineer prepares me for the complicated challenges the county will face. I hold two masters’ degrees; a Master’s of Science in Special Education and a Masters of Engineering in Electric Power from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI).

As a special education teacher at a psychiatric center, I was a mental health professional as well as a teacher. This experience gives me a deep understanding of the issues of mental health and the need to maintain a quality public school system for all students.

I was an engineer at Bechtel Power and later at Con Edison, (the utility for New York City). At Con Ed, I successfully managed multi-million-dollar infrastructure budgets and analyzed the city’s power system to maintain reliability. This required an understanding of highly complex urban

infrastructure. Thus, I can evaluate infrastructure issues before the Council.

At the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), I investigated blackouts and evaluated the performance of major utilities. Enforcing mitigation required me to stand up to powerful managers.

I am a resident of Frederick City. I advocate for smarter growth and responsible development, including protecting residents from known contamination at Ft. Detrick Area B. I seek to preserve the Historic District and am concerned with the cumulative effects of development, traffic and stormwater management.

Throughout my adult life I advocated for the right to clean air, clean water, the preservation of unspoiled land and protection from irresponsible development. Elected officials need to understand the reality of climate change and act to mitigate its effects. I will include consideration of climate change when evaluating any legislation.



*State Delegate:
District 3A*

CANDIDATE: TAROLYN THRASHER

Meeting Them Where They Are

Delegate Candidate Tarolyn Thrasher has always been passionate about her community and meeting community members wherever they are to address needs to move Frederick City forward. Frederick City is working hard to address mental and behavioral health, and she believes we must work together aggressively to help pass state legislation in Annapolis to improve current services and implement new programs around behavioral and mental health awareness and treatment.



On March 4, 2022, Tarolyn Thrasher will host a community pop up with local organizations to connect individuals that are in need of mental and behavioral health services, employment assistance and substance abuse recovery.

The community pop up is scheduled for March 4th from 12pm-2pm on the corner of South Market Street in Frederick City, Maryland.

For more information, please contact Tarolyn Thrasher at tthrasher2022@gmail.com.





FRANCHOT ANDERSON-WALKER

Peter and Monique would like to wish you a **Happy Women's History Month!** As Governor and Lt. Governor, they will empower Maryland's women and minority-owned businesses by improving access to capital and increasing the state's MWBE goals by 50%.

LEARN MORE AT [FRANCHOT.COM/LEVELPLAYINGFIELD](https://franchot.com/levelplayingfield)

By Authority: Franchot Anderson-Walker for Maryland Slate; Thomas C. Brennan, Treasurer



Brooke Lierman Maryland **COMPTROLLER**



Arts Community Virtual Meet & Greet with Brooke

March 8th at 7:00 pm

RSVP at
brookelierman.com/event/arts/

Authorized by Brooke Lierman for Maryland; Candace Dodson-Reed, Treasurer

You Are Cordially Invited to



Before the Ballot

A Forum for Democratic Frederick County Executive Candidates

Confirmed participating candidates:

Daryl Boffman, Jessica Fitzwater, Kai Hagen

Free & Open to the Public

Monday, 21 March 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Virtual: Zoom

ASL Interpreter available

Please register in advance by scanning the QR code or visiting www.WDLFrederick.org if the QR code isn't scannable.



SCAN ME

Co-hosted by



The Frederick County Democratic Central Committee (FCDC) and the local Democratic clubs do not endorse candidates in a contested primary.

By authority: FCDC, Tamy Soltano, Treasurer

Please join us
for a **Reception** in Support of
Tom Perez for Governor of Maryland



SUNDAY, MARCH 6 | 2:00 PM ET
Frederick, MD | Address upon RSVP

HOSTED BY

Tom Slater, Melanie Galloway,
Dr. Syed Haque, and Dr. Shahid Rafiq
*Host Committee in Formation

Host - \$3,000 (Write or Raise)
Co-Host - \$1,500 (Write or Raise)
Sponsor - \$500
Advocate - \$250
Supporter - \$100

For questions or to join the Host Committee please contact Paige Colston at paige@tomperez.com

[TOMPerez.COM/FREDERICK](https://tomperez.com/frederick)

You must be vaccinated to attend this event. The health and safety of attendees is Tom Perez for Maryland's top priority. While we require attendees to be fully vaccinated and follow all applicable government health and safety guidelines, including masking, we rely on attendees to follow these safety protocols. Even Tom Perez for Maryland's best efforts cannot eliminate all risk from COVID-19, and so attendees assume the risk by choosing to attend this event. Final decisions about hosting this event will be made according to CDC Guidance.

To request accommodations, please email paige@tomperez.com no later than February 24th so that we may ensure your safe and inclusive participation.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

*Violet Williams,
Frederick County Democratic Central
Committee, Secretary*



Last month, I said it would be the last time I urged you to run for local office...

That was until the filing deadline was extended through March 22, 2022. So, I urge you again to evaluate where you might fit in the county or state political landscape.

Local politics matter. So often the smallest policy change can make an incredible difference in the lives of our friends and neighbors. For example, recently in Brunswick our Mayor and City Council created a leak insurance policy for those of us on city water.

Readers who are not familiar with the Brunswick City Water issues- this has been a source of crisis for many of our residents. As our billing is done quarterly, one unnoticed leak can drive up a water bill by thousands of dollars.

This one small policy change means that Brunswick residents can rest easier. Can you be the next driver of change in Frederick County?

Check out the listing [here](#), and reach out to us to learn more. Not interested in running? Can you volunteer as a treasurer or knock doors for our candidates? Let us know.

PLEASE JOIN

Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner,
Frederick County Council President MC Keegan-Ayer,
Senator Ron Young, Delegate Karen Lewis Young,
Frederick County Council Member Jessica Fitzwater,
Former Congresswoman Beverly Byron, Former Delegate Sue Hecht,
Geb Byron, John Daniels, Don and Ann deArmon, Kris Fair,
Melanie Galloway, Mark Jafari, Tracy and Jim Racheff, Judy Rice,
Tom and Anne Slater, Ellen West, and Myrna Whitworth

For a Virtual Meet & Greet With



**Katie Curran
O'Malley**

DEMOCRAT FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Wednesday, March 2, 2022
6:00 p.m. | Via ZOOM

Come meet Katie (virtually) as she speaks about her career, her campaign, and her vision for using the Office of the Attorney General to protect Maryland families, to fight for a criminal justice system that is equal and fair for everyone, to protect the civil rights of all Marylanders, to protect the environment, and ensure that everyone has a voice.

Please RSVP at:

katieformd.com/mar2

The ZOOM link to access the event will be provided upon RSVP.

If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Larsen at
clarsen@katieformd.com

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GET INVOLVED:

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

GET INFORMED:

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

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

GET BUSY:

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MARCH AT A GLANCE:

07 UDFC Meeting

15 Burgers and Brews

17 FCDCC Meeting,

19 South FC Dems Monthly Meet-Up

21 WDL Monthly Meeting, Virtual

22 Gubernatorial Candidate Filing Deadline

Many meetings are changing formats and being hosted in-person again.
Please keep an eye on the calendar and social media sites for the most up to date information.
We hope to see you out!

Proof of Vaccination will be required at ALL FCDCC sponsored and hosted events.

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

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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.