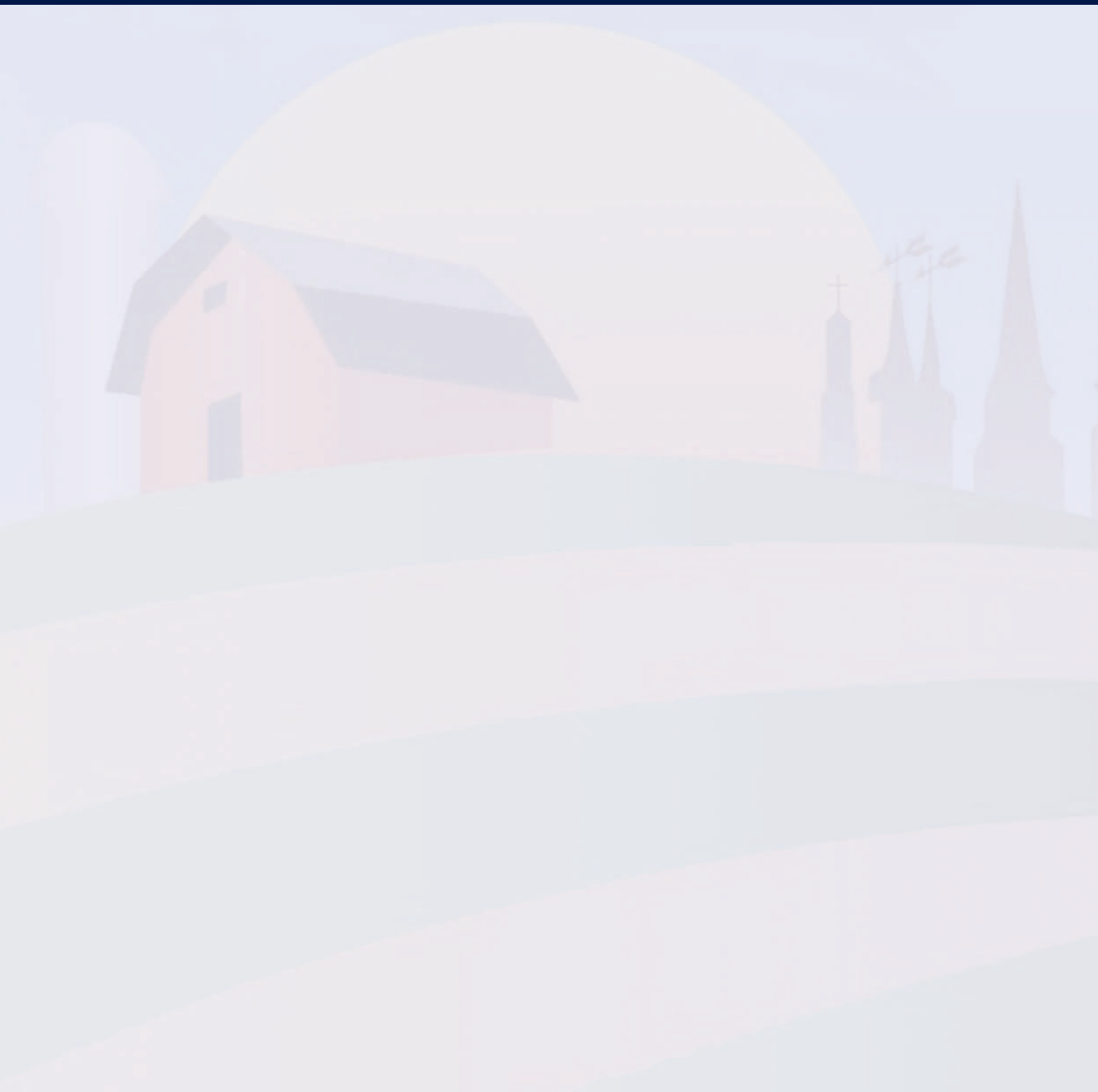


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CHAIR'S CORNER

Chairwoman Deborah Carter

For those of you keeping score, the 2022 filing deadline and primary election are postponed ... again. And that is not an April Fool's prank. Meanwhile, we are forging ahead with plans for the local Party.

Fundraising events are at the top of our to-do list. And remember, every penny stays right here to help get Frederick County Dems elected! You have three ways to donate: as a monthly sustainer, as a Plow-Fish member, and as a Trustee. Here's a little more about each:

Monthly sustainers choose any dollar amount and authorize their bank to contribute every month. In return, they receive a tote bag and discounts on our annual events. I know that many of you are already sustainers, and we thank you. If you're not yet a sustainer, sign up [here](#)

The Monocacy Plowman and Fisherman Club membership costs \$150 (\$140 for monthly sustainers) and entitles members to two tickets to three events. Each event is held in the home of a prominent local Dem and features a high-profile guest speaker from Annapolis or DC. Tickets are transferable, so it's fine to send a friend in your place if you have a conflict. Our first two events this year will host the two candidates for Maryland Attorney General: Katie O'Malley on May 9 at the home of Jim and Tracy Racheff, and Anthony Brown on May 23 at the home of Andrew and Whitney Duck. The [link](#) will be live soon.

Trustees donate \$1000 for the year and receive free tickets to all three Plow-Fish events as well as the annual Gala (on June 6, 2022, at Dutch's Daughter). In addition, trustees are publicly thanked at every event and are invited to a private lunch with one of our Congressmen or Senators. You can become a trustee [here](#)

This year, we are also selling yard signs to help raise funds. You can see the design in the "Democrats Deliver" graphic elsewhere in the Banner. The suggested donation is \$8 if you would like to pick up your sign from our office when they arrive later this month, or \$20 if you would like us to deliver anywhere in Frederick County. Pre-order yours [here](#) (the link to pre-pay is also there).



Of course, some events are just for fun. After a two-year hiatus, we're reinstating our Democratic happy hours!

This month, we are planning two: April 9 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and April 25 from 5:30 to 7:00. Specific venues are still being finalized as I write this, but expect the first two to be in Frederick and Brunswick. Follow our Facebook page or check the calendar on our website in the next few days for updates.

In other news, the Western Maryland Democratic Summit at Rocky Gap is May 13-14, and tickets are selling out fast. We are expecting all of the Democratic candidates for governor. Information and tickets are available [here](#).

With the filing deadline extended again, we are actively seeking new candidates to run for several offices, including the Central Committee. Please consider getting involved in that capacity! I'd be happy to meet with you over coffee and answer any questions you have about the job.

Finally, the Board of Elections still needs about 500 folks to be election judges this year. Judges earn \$175 a day for this crucial role. Get more info and fill out an application. (And if you haven't already done so, be sure to request your mail-in ballot for the primary [here](#).)



COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER KAI HAGEN

There are times when a big and ambitious idea is the right idea at the right time. What once seemed improbable, if not impossible, becomes a clear and practical, common sense approach. For years, I've thought about and discussed the idea of a South Frederick County Rural Reserve.

The proposal is to establish a large swath of the southwestern part of the county as a rural and agricultural reserve that connects to, extends and compliments the remarkable 93,000 acre [Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve](#), which, since it was established 42 years ago, has withstood relentless development pressure in a growing county with more than a million residents.

It's up to Frederick County to decide if that reserve is going to be a rural island in sea of development, or if it will be part of a larger, multi-county wedge of farmland, forests and rural communities that haven't merged into an endless suburb.

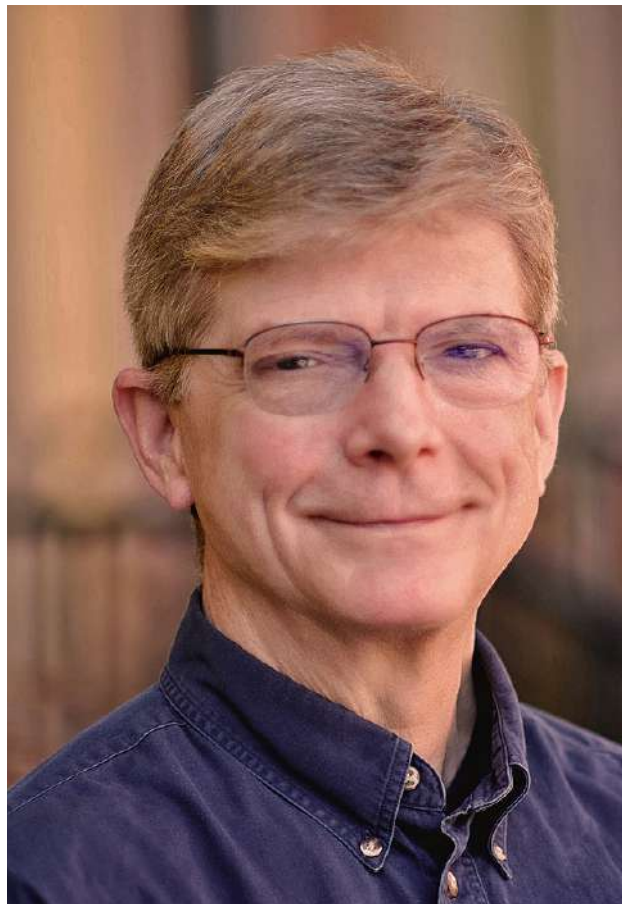
Even without the existence of the Ag Reserve, there's a compelling case for a South Frederick County Rural Reserve, based on what is there today, and because, in the long run, what is not actively preserved will be fragmented or consumed by development.

Let's take a quick look at what's there now: On one end is the Sugarloaf Treasured Landscape Management Area, comprised of 19,719 acres abutting the Agricultural Reserve. It includes Sugarloaf Mountain, the Monocacy Natural Resource Management Area, the Monocacy River and numerous tributaries, part of the Monocacy National Battlefield and an abundance of other forested land.

To the west is the Carrollton Manor Rural Legacy Area, with rich farmland, river systems, scenic byways, and historic communities; the forested Catoctin Mountain ridge; an area of rolling farms and forests, split by the lower reaches of Catoctin Creek (with more than a dozen farms already permanently preserved); and the large Mid-Maryland Frederick County Rural Legacy Area, running west to South Mountain, and the Appalachian Trail.

The area already reflects decades of land use and planning and zoning decisions that have made real progress to preserving the farmland and forest and rural communities of this rich and diverse and beautiful part of Frederick County. Tying all of it together in a South Frederick County Rural Reserve would further and formally establish the preservation of this area as a planning priority.

There isn't space here to get into all of the ways this could⁴



be done. But there's an abundance of tools that could be utilized.

It's important to have a clearly defined boundary and identity for a large and diverse reserve like this. That has been essential to the protection of the Montgomery County Ag Reserve. Their reserve wasn't guaranteed to survive generations of pressure and proposals for development. In no small part, it has managed to resist the erosion of the original vision and the fragmentation of the landscape and/or the altering of its boundaries because it has a real identity — a brand — that county residents know, value and support.

Note there are three incorporated municipalities in close proximity: Brunswick, Rosemont and Middletown. Any process of establishing such a reserve must engage the communities within or close to it, including the incorporated municipalities with their own elected governments, and the ability to annex land beyond their current boundaries. They would want a boundary that would accommodate their plans for growth through annexation.

Based on countless conversations, I know most people in the area treasure their communities and the rural landscape and natural areas around them, and do not want their communities to be at the center of new and sprawling development.

Frederick County will grow. Local government, in partnership with citizens, organizations and businesses, needs to plan responsibly for that growth. But we don't have to sacrifice what we love about Frederick County. That's only possible with proper planning. It won't happen by accident.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the more detailed blog entry, and view a number of maps.





COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER JESSICA FITZWATER

As I am writing this article, the breaking news of the day is that Maryland Judge Lynne Battaglia has ruled the new congressional map approved by the General Assembly unconstitutional. Judge Battaglia sent the map back to the General Assembly and ordered lawmakers to come up with a new plan by March 30th (by the time you are reading this we will certainly know more!). It is not yet clear if Attorney General Brian Frosh will appeal the decision on behalf of the state.

Redistricting has already had a huge impact on this election year. The filing deadline for candidates has been pushed back twice and is currently set for April 15th. The primary election has been moved to July 19th, causing major concerns for Boards of Elections across the state. What impact will this new decision have on the election? Only time will tell.

We can be proud that here in Frederick County we experienced a fair, nonpartisan redistricting process for our County Council districts. The Frederick County Charter requires the County Council to stand up a Redistricting Commission every ten years coinciding with the census. The Redistricting Commission must include three members nominated by each of the central committees of the major political parties and two or three members who are unaffiliated and are to be appointed by the County Council. A huge thank you to the Democratic members of the Commission, Chairperson Jim Racheff, Mark Jafari, and Flor Garay, and all of the Commission members for their service.

The Redistricting Commission brought the Council a fair map with very few changes. Two precincts that were

previously in District 2 (08-001 and 19-001) are now in District 5. This change brings the population of all five Council Districts within 1.5% of each other. Once the Commission made its final recommendation to the Council, we had the option of making changes to the map or accepting it as recommended. I was proud to join my colleagues in a 7-0 vote to accept the map from the Commission. As we have seen play out in jurisdictions large and small across the country, it is exceedingly rare for a legislative body to approve a map with no changes.

My colleague, Council Member Jerry Donald, said it best in a Letter to the Editor in the Frederick News Post earlier this year, “Why is this unanimous vote remarkable? Across the country, redistricting commissions produce fair maps, but those maps are then handed to legislatures that redraw them in order to gain political favor...Frederick County is remarkable because we didn’t do any of this. The Council, in a bipartisan, unanimous vote, accepted a fairly drawn map that will be in place for the next three county election cycles, until a future County Council takes up the matter again after the next census.”

As we continue to deal with repercussions of redistricting across the state, please consider supporting our local Board of Elections and becoming an Election Judge. With the date changes and possible changes to polling places, the need for help is great. Election Judges are paid for their service on Election Day and for training, and high school students can earn Student Service Learning credits. [You can learn more and apply online on the Board of Elections’ website.](#)



SENATOR RON YOUNG



The Maryland General Assembly (MGA) is in the final stretch of the 2022 Session. The following is a selection of bills that passed the Senate and are now waiting for a House of Delegates vote.

In support of Ukraine, the MGA passed and was signed into law, a 30-day suspension of Maryland's gas tax to help ease the financial burden on Marylanders while keeping the pressure on Vladimir Putin and the Russian oligarchs. The Senate also passed a partisan Senate Joint Resolution ([SJ011](#)) confirming the MGA stands in solidarity with the people and government of Ukraine as they resist the unprovoked invasion of their territory by the Russian Federation.

Time To Care Act 2022 ([SB275](#)) establishes a statewide paid family and medical leave program providing up to 24 weeks of paid sick, parental, or care leave through an insurance program based on a 75% employee and 25% employer cost split.

The Climate Solutions Act of 2022 ([SB528](#)) aims to reduce Maryland's emissions of greenhouse gasses by 60% by 2030 and reach net neutral emissions by 2045.

The George "Walter" Taylor Act ([SB273](#)) protects Marylanders by restricting the use and disposal of toxic PFAS chemicals passed the Senate and is awaiting a House hearing.

The Brynleigh's Act ([SB299/HB136](#)) requires the inclusion of a seizure action plan to the current Maryland State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health public standards and guidelines regarding emergency care for students with special health needs.

Great Maryland Outdoors Act ([SB541](#)) looks to change funding for parks, land conservation, and State lakes protection and restoration; parks staff and volunteers;

management of parks and park infrastructure; and new parks/amenities and other considerations.

Grant Program to Reduce and Compost School Waste ([SB124](#)) bill supports county boards of education and public schools to develop and implement programs for reducing food waste and to establish composting of pre- and post-consumer waste.

The Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services ([SB241](#)) bill establishes the 9-8-8 Trust Fund to support the universal telephone number for the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline and implement statewide delivery of behavioral health crisis response services by July 16, 2022, in accordance with the federal National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020.

Threats to Public Officials ([SB956](#)) adds public health officers, election administrators, and public employees responsible for inspecting and enforcing housing and building codes and standards to the list of public officials it is illegal to threaten.

Funding of Regional Resource Centers and Libraries ([SB448](#)) provides for an increase in the per capita funding provided to each regional resource center and county public library system beginning in fiscal 2023.

Frederick County Marriage Ceremony Fee ([SB649](#)) directs \$15 of the fees to support the county's historical organization, Heritage Frederick which is the official repository of Frederick County's marriage records.

Please sign up for my newsletter at www.SenatorRonYoung.org for more weekly updates during Session.





Critical Priorities Passed by the Senate of Maryland



Improving Access to Affordable Child Care
SB 506, 920



Reducing Violence and Enhancing Community Safety
SB 3, 387, 392, 585, 586, 763, 861



Establishing Paid Medical and Family Leave
SB 275



Addressing the Climate Crisis
SB 528



Expanding Access to Mental, Dental, and Other Health Care
SB 150, 241, 636



Ensuring Equity in Juvenile Justice
SB 53, 691



Investing in Our State Parks
SB 541



Providing Housing and Eviction Protections
SB 6, 279, 384, 563, 564, 662



Creating Workforce Development Opportunities
SB 926



Strategic Investments in Maryland Values

Maryland's \$58.5 Billion Budget as Passed by the Senate



\$3.3B in Cash Reserves



\$350M in Tax Relief to Assist Seniors and Working Families



\$7.9B in Funding for Maryland Public Schools



\$800M as a Down Payment for the Blueprint for MD's Future



\$100M for Crime Prevention, Law Enforcement, and Victim Services



\$50M for Workforce Development through Apprenticeships



8% Increase in Funding for most Healthcare Providers



20% Increase in Spending on Higher Education in MD



Competitive Salaries for State Employees



District 3A – Frederick

DELEGATE KAREN LEWIS YOUNG

It is said that budgets should reflect our values. What follows is a summary of the House report on the budget:

More than \$3.3 billion in cash resources are preserved including \$2.1 billion in the Rainy Day Fund (9.3% of general fund revenues) and \$1.2 billion in the General Fund. The level of reserves retained for the future exceeds the goals of the Spending Affordability Committee for a \$200 million general fund balance and a Rainy Day Fund balance equal to 9.0% of general fund revenues.

The budget plan allocates \$800 million of fiscal 2023 revenues to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund to cover the out-year costs of Blueprint implementation.

Cost-of-living adjustments (COLA), employee salary increments, and bonuses are funded for most employees in both fiscal 2022 and 2023 at a cost of \$832 million. Precise salary adjustments vary by bargaining unit, but most State employees will receive a \$1,500 bonus, a 1% COLA, and a salary increment (valued at about 2% of salary) in fiscal 2022 and a 3% COLA and an increment (valued at about 2% of salary) in fiscal 2023.

The budget provides a \$345.3 million (20.1%) increase in State support to Maryland's four-year public colleges and universities while limiting tuition increases for in-state students at the University System of Maryland institutions and St. Mary's College of Maryland to 2.0%. Community college formula aid increases by \$59.4 million (19%), and aid to nonpublic higher education institutions rises by \$29.8 million (34%). Funding for Educational Excellence scholarships increases by \$14.9 million (17%).

Medicaid funding totals \$13.9 billion, allowing the State to provide coverage to over 1.5 million of our residents. The amount includes \$33 million to expand dental coverage to adults.

\$53 million of stabilization grants to child care providers are funded along with enhanced payment rates for therapeutic child care

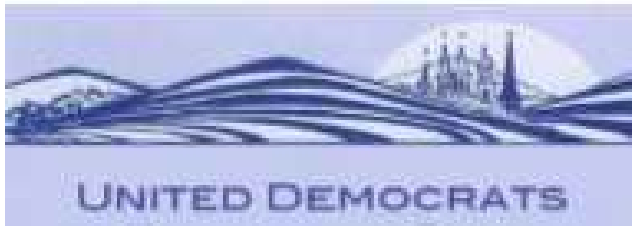
(\$4 million) and additional/affordable child care scholarships for families of limited means (\$12 million).

An 8.0% rate increase is funded for most health care providers including those serving the developmentally disabled and people with behavioral health needs. Rate increases of roughly 10.3% are authorized for group homes serving youth in foster care and the juvenile justice system.

Recipients of Temporary Cash Assistance and Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP) benefits will receive an extra \$65 per month in benefits during fiscal 2023 to mitigate the impact of inflation. The budget also includes \$10 million for food banks, \$4.8 million to expand the Summer Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program from about 4,000 children to more than 50,000, approximately \$2 million to support an increase in the benefit for the Senior Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and \$6.5 million for an early phase-in of ongoing enhancements to the TDAP benefit.

Funding for crime prevention and victim services increases by about \$123 million, including \$22.2 million in earmarked funding to support gun tracing efforts, scholarships for previously incarcerated youth, acquisition of license plate readers, and grants to domestic violence centers, the Greater Baltimore Regional Integrated Crisis System, and other providers.





UNITED DEMOCRATS OF FREDERICK COUNTY

The guest at our March 7th meeting was our great County Executive, Jan Gardner. During her two terms as our first County Executive, Jan has accomplished so much by engaging our citizens and bringing our community to together. Her key priorities have been jobs, seniors, education and the needs of our community. Under her leadership, the county has opened the new downtown technology center; reaffirmed the AAA bond rating by all three rating agencies; strengthened ethics laws; collaborated with Frederick County Public Schools to build new schools and to add programs for students; improved public-safety operations; brought new jobs across diverse sectors; kept her promise to return operational control of Citizens Care and Rehabilitation Center and Montevue Assisted Living to the county and thus best meet the needs of our low income seniors ; built public libraries; and re-energized sustainability programs. We have been so fortunate to have her as our first country executive. She has left some big shoes to fill.

In lieu of our normal monthly meeting in April, we will be co-hosting a forum for the House of Delegates 3A/3B and State Senate 3 candidates on Monday, April 25th. This meeting will be co-sponsored by the UDFC, WDL, YDF, North County Democrats, South County Democrats and Democratic Central Committee. The event will start at 6:30 and be in person at Café 611 with sign language interpreters for those who require it. Please look for more information in the Banner and on social media.

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!



The Frederick Co. Democratic Party is seeking volunteers for a Virtual Phone Bank

Join your fellow Democrats every Wednesday in April for an evening of community outreach to get our County ready to go All Blue in '22. We will all log into Zoom at 6:15 for some camaraderie and then start our virtual calls at 6:30. When we finish at 7:30, we'll socialize again for up to 15 minutes. To view dates and sign up, [click here](#). After you register, you will receive an email confirmation from Zoom with the phone bank access link. Join us this Friday, 1 April at 6:30 for a brief phone bank training. [Click here](#) to register.

The Rest Of the Story

THEIR FIRST YEAR

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



The Rest of the Story – Political Bosses and Frederick County

A political boss has been described as a leader in a political party who controls votes and dictates appointments, often associated with corruption. During the second half of the nineteenth century and into the twentieth century boss rule and political machines existed in the United States, particularly in big cities. Examples included Tammany Hall in New York City under “Boss” Tweed, the Pendergast “machine” in Kansas City and, more recently, Mayor Richard Daley in Chicago. In big cities one of the cogs of the political machines was the newly arriving immigrants who relied on the representatives of the machines to find them jobs and, in return, the immigrants provided the machine their votes. Traditionally, the Post Office was a source of job opportunities dispensed by the political leaders. In addition, there were very few government social programs (food stamps, social security, etc.), and therefore political leaders/bosses provided extra coal to warm houses, food for undernourished families in need, and clothing for the poor.

In the early eighteenth century, Democratic President Andrew Jackson was known for the phrase “to the victor goes the spoils” as he sought to place in government positions persons who supported him. In the later eighteenth century civil service reform, primarily advocated by Republican reformers, sought to make as many government jobs as possible dependent on objective measurement for hiring and to provide for a more permanent government work force. A part of the Progressive movement, at the turn of the

twentieth century, which involved both Democrats and Republicans, was opposition to big city bosses. The corruption sometimes associated with political machines and bosses was often associated with the granting of government contracts, which often provided for a “kickback” to the boss. Because of the potential of employment and the public’s dependence on political parties to provide information to voters (pre television, radio, and social media), political parties and political leaders were much more important than they are today. The social programs that resulted from the Progressive Era, the New Deal, and LBJ’s Great Society programs provided citizens with government assistance that they heretofore had, in part, depended political on parties to provide for them.

Have we had political bosses in Frederick County in recent memory? When I first moved to Frederick more than fifty five years ago, the undisputed leader/”boss” of the Democratic Party was Alton Y. Bennett. He was universally called “Judge Bennett.” He was called “Judge” Bennett because he was a trial magistrate at one point in his career. His sidekick, and sometimes rival, was Richard E. Zimmerman. Both were prominent lawyers in Frederick County, and both served one term in the Maryland House of Delegates (Bennett from 1923 to 1927 and Zimmerman from 1943 to 1947). Their strength did not come from holding public office although Bennett served for many years on the Frederick County Democratic State Central Committee. Neither was tainted by the kind of corruption associated with big city bosses. Bennett died in 1976 at age 78, and Zimmerman died in 1977 at age 58.

In the late 1960s I spent a lot of time interviewing political leaders in Frederick County for my master's degree thesis on Frederick County politics. I was told many times that, while Bennett and Zimmerman were the current leaders of the party, they were but mere mortals compared to David C. Winebrenner, III. Winebrenner apparently was a tremendous leader and organizer and took control of Frederick County Democratic politics at a young age. Winebrenner, also a lawyer, served in the U.S. Army during World War I. After the war he was private secretary to Maryland U.S. Senator William C. Bruce (1923-1924), was defeated in a bid for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 6th Congressional District in 1924, and then served as Maryland's Secretary of State under his cousin, Governor Albert C. Ritchie (governor from 1925 to 1935). He was only 28 years old when appointed Secretary of State by his cousin the governor. Later he served as Chair of the Democratic State Central Committee for Frederick County. Alas, Winebrenner's time as the Democratic leader of Frederick was short-lived, as he died in 1940 at the age of 42.

What power did Winebrenner, Bennett, and Zimmerman have? It mainly center on appointments. When I was first elected to the Democratic State Central Committee for Frederick County in 1974, I remember fellow member Austin Powell, who had been around for a while, telling me that he remembered that whenever there was a change in party control of the Board of County Commissioners a complete list of all of the employees of the county and their party registration was provided to the new party in power. Jobs were sometimes given or lost as a result of party affiliation. Also, even as late as the 1960s, members of the U.S. House of Representative and Senators had input on who could serve as postmasters in the various localities around the state. Even during my first tenure on the Central Committee from 1974 to 1982, the Committee spent much more time deciding whom to recommend for the various appointments that the Governor of Maryland made in Frederick County (including especially the Frederick County Board of Education) than the current Committee does.

Another aspect of party politics that I witnessed was the role of district and precinct leaders. Back in the 1960 and 1970s, Democratic Party district and precinct leaders had great influence over who got elected. A candidate could go to Buck Houck in Walkersville, Jane Bollinger in Emmitsburg, Louise Fraley in Thurmont, Claude Barrick in Woodsboro, Wanda Nuse in Brunswick, and Ash Webber in Knoxville (among others) and get lots of votes. Each of those leaders knew most of the voters in their area and went out of their way to make sure they voted and made it a point to tell/suggest whom they should vote for. When I first got elected to the Central Committee in 1974, I had the

support of Louise Fraley in Thurmont and finished near the top of the list for Central Committee in Thurmont. After I was elected, Louise wanted to be appointed to some position (I can't remember what it was), and she came to me and asked me to get the Central Committee to support her. I could find no one on the committee to support her. In 1978 I ran again for the Central Committee and finished near the bottom of the list in Thurmont.

Times have changed for the better. We no longer have active precinct and district leaders. Very few voters are dependent on the party for jobs or assistance with their daily lives, and the party is not the major source of information for voters. Political parties no longer seem to be as relevant as they once were. I do not think we have had any political bosses since the Bennett/Zimmerman era. I served for 11 years as chair of the Central Committee, and Bruce Reeder and Myrna Whitworth both served for 8 years as chair. I don't think any of us earned the title of "political boss."



IN MEMORY:

Two loyal Democrats have passed. The Reverend Theodore Haas died at age 93. He and his wife, Norine, often attended Democratic events in Frederick County. Charles "Charlie" Smith died at age 97; his wife of 78 years, Jane, survives him. Charlie was a champion of the 4-H, Brunswick High School football, the Jefferson Ruritan Club, the FFA, the Farm Bureau, the Jefferson Volunteer Fire Department and Carnival, as well as an active member of the Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. A Democrat, he served as Frederick County Commissioner from 1978 to 1990.

CANDIDATE: BRAD YOUNG



I am very happy to announce that I am running for County Council at large in Frederick County. I am a lifelong Frederick County resident who loves Frederick County. I was born in Frederick and attended Governor Thomas Johnson High School. I went on to attend and graduate from Frederick Community College and then to the University of Maryland where I graduated with a degree in Economics. I later graduated from Frostburg State University with a master's degree in business. I began my career in Frederick working for Farmers & Mechanics National Bank in 1987 working in the Trust department. I joined FCNB Bank in 1995 to start their Trust Division. In 2001 I started my own firm in Frederick where I still work which is Maryland Financial Planners. I am a Certified Financial Planner, CFP TM. I have been blessed to live and work in Frederick County where my wife Cheryl and I have raised our 3 daughters and now we have 4 grandchildren. My wife and her family have also been small business owners running businesses for over 35 years and currently own Riverside Liquors in Frederick. I also was elected and served on the Democratic State Central Committee in Frederick County and served as treasurer.

I believe strongly in education and have served on many educational boards. I have been a Board member of Frederick County Public Schools, FCPS for the past 11 years, I served 15 years on the Board of Frederick Community College, FCC, and I was active on the national and state community college Boards where I served as President of both. I also have volunteered in FCPS through Junior Achievement and served on the board of the academy of finance through the Career and technology center, CTC. I also have been an adjunct professor at Mount St. Mary's University for the past 19 years. I teach Corporate Finance, Personal Finance,

and Investments. I am currently a member of Frederick Rotary and serve on the boards of I Believe in Me, Love for Lochlin, and the Frederick Health planned giving committee. I have served on many more local non-profit boards. I have also been active with youth sports coaching for over 25 years with GVAA, Heartbreakers, Maryland Express, Maryland Stars, Walkersville High School & Hood College. I taught Sunday School at Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ for over 10 years.

I am running because I want to continue to give back and serve Frederick County. In upcoming columns, I will write more about the issues that I see and where I stand. I wanted this first column to give you some background on who I am and what I have done. You can email me for information or questions at FreindsofBradYoung@yahoo.com. My website is at Brad-Young.com.



CANDIDATE JAY MASON



Jay Mason is compelled to serve. While his career path has led him into real estate, Mason has dedicated most of his life in service of others, which has led him to run for Maryland State Senate District 3.

Mason has served in leadership roles on the Board of Education, the Rotary Club of Frederick, and Habitat for Humanity, and is a strong advocate for underrepresented populations in Frederick County.

Mason's hashtags "#FrederickFocused" and "ItsTime" highlight his commitment to Frederick and a desire to transform how Frederick is represented in Annapolis. Frederick's diversity in both industry sectors and population has driven most of Jay's initiatives, which include improving access to affordable housing and small business support, especially entrepreneurs. He seeks to address existing gaps in both areas, which he acknowledges disproportionately affect women.

Jay Mason's run for State Senate is deeply rooted in his desire to improve the quality of life for Frederick residents and all Marylanders. As a lifelong resident of Frederick, who has chosen to raise a family here, Jay understands the challenges facing our country. We have had two years of COVID to slow down, assess what is important to us, and what we want for our futures. We must ask ourselves - do we want more of the same?

Maybe #ItsTime to be #FrederickFocused and expect our representatives to do better for the citizens in this county, and that's up to you. A full list of Jay Mason's legislative priorities can be found at www.masonformaryland.com.





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for
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Josh Bokee

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

We would like to invite you to join us at our home for a “[Session is Almost Over Open House](#)” in support of my candidacy to represent District 3 in Annapolis. Our casual event is scheduled for Thursday, April 7th from 5:00pm-6:30pm (1024 Dulaney Mill Drive, Fredrick, MD 21702). Katie (Alderwoman Nash) and I look forward to having you in our home!

We planned a drop-by reception to accommodate more schedules and we'll feature information regarding where we are “so far” in Maryland's General Assembly. This is a great time to discuss how the work in Annapolis is currently and will likely impact Frederick. “Session” is an intense 90 Day experience! I'm looking forward to establishing great communication with residents on state issues.

This is also a great opportunity to get to know or catch up with each other, learn more about me as I seek to serve as a representative in the House of Delegates, and capture questions/ideas for our shared future.

For questions or to RSVP contact Megan at megan@skybp.com or (240) 283-4899. We are asking for a donation to help fund campaign communication materials but as our Democratic volunteers, we are most interested in having you join us and bring your input. If you'd like to donate, the here is the link for the [ActBlue](#).

We need to continue to build our strong team as we approach our County elections in November 2022 - Katie and I look forward to seeing you on April 7th.

Karen Simpson

for
State Delegate



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Meet Voters with Karen
Saturday, April 9, 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
Wednesday, April 13, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM EST
Frederick Coffee Co and Café
100 N East St
Frederick, MD 21701



Lufkin Listens Launch Party

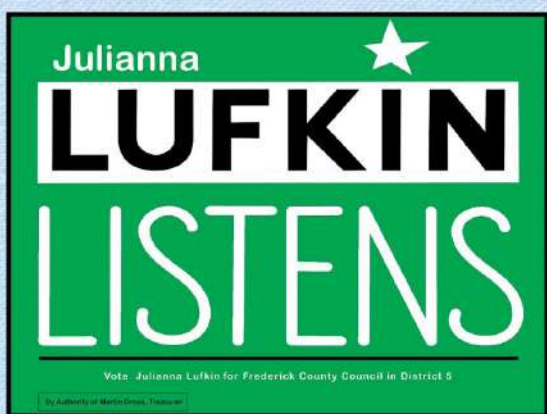
Saturday, April 23, 2022 2-4pm

Harp Park - 12 Harp Place, Myersville MD

Join us for the launch of Julianna's campaign for Frederick County Council, District 5.

- **Chocolate Tastings**, hosted by Veggie Annie, and light refreshments.

Hosted by a growing list of supporters, including: the Honorable Jamie Raskin, Veggie Annie, Dave Lufkin, Lindsay Mickey, Patricia Lufkin, and Kai Hagen.



-Open to the public!
-Donations are appreciated!

Rsvp: Lufkin.Listens@gmail.com

Neighborhood canvassing to help
Nicholas Augustine for
Frederick County Council District 4!

No experience needed! We will ensure you have the tools for success.

Schedule

09:00 AM: Meet at "rally point" before heading out in the community with your group.

1:00 PM: Return to the "rally point" for a volunteer appreciation lunch and even some raffle prizes!

Are you ready?

Register at Nick4Frederick.com/canvass

"Rally point" will be provided upon confirmation
(Ballenger Creek area).



"CHARACTER THAT MATTERS"

By Authority: Friends of Nicholas Augustine, Ryan Crippen, Treasurer



Join Us !

Saturday April 16, 2022

09:00 AM

By Authority: Friends of Nicholas Augustine, Ryan Crippen Treasurer



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AT
The Gardner Home

6102 Fieldcrest Dr., Frederick, MD 21701

FRIDAY, APRIL 8
6:00-8:00 PM

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Jan Gardner

Frederick County Executive

&

John Gardner

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By Authority of the Candidate
Don Butt Jr., Treasurer



Jerry Donald

[DonaldDistrictOne.com](https://donalddistrictone.com)

Authority of Citizens for Jerry Donald
Bevly Donald, Treasurer



\$50 Suggested Contribution to One or Both Candidates

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You Are Cordially Invited to



Before the Ballot

A Forum for Democratic State Senator - Legislative District 3

Confirmed participating candidates:

Jay Mason, Karen Lewis Young

Monday, 25 April 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Cafe 611, 611 N. Market Street, Frederick

In-person Event | Free & Open to the Public

After the first forum ends, join us for

A Forum for Democratic House of Delegate Candidates - Legislative Districts 3A & 3B

Confirmed participating candidates:

Josh Bokee, Kris Fair, Ken Kerr

William "Billy" Reid, Karen Simpson, Tarolyn Thrasher

ASL Interpreter available

Cafe 611 will have a menu available for purchase at patron's expense.

Co-hosted by



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

By authority: FCDDC, Tony Sultero, Treasurer



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As Governor and Lt. Governor, Peter and Monique will take a bold approach to housing justice.

They will introduce a program that offers the State of Maryland as a guarantor of mortgages in target communities, to create parity across race and zip code for new home ownership rates by 2030.

LEARN MORE AT
FRANCHOT.COM/HOUSING

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



We Say
GAY *Rally*

Sunday, April 3

Poster making at 5 p.m.

Rally starts at 6 p.m.

ERUCC - 15 W Church St, Frederick, MD

Join members of the LGBTQ+ community as we speak loud and with one voice that there is no room for hate in Frederick County. We stand with the queer people of Florida and want to send a message around our community that legislation that seeks to discriminate has no home here.

RAIN OR SHINE

The Frederick Center
Embracing
Our LGBTQ+
Community



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.

I'm done guessing what will happen with this election timeline. You've heard from many people this month about the election and filing delays. I will save you from that again here. Are you interested in running in 2022? There's time to file still! 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.

Have you been missing out on Drinking Liberally? Robert Van Rens and I are excited to revive Frederick Drinking Liberally in Frederick- Keep an eye on the [facebook page](#) for new details.

Interested in grabbing a **Democrats Deliver** yard sign?
Let us know [here](#)

GET INVOLVED:

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

GET INFORMED:

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

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

GET BUSY:

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

GET CONNECTED:



DEMOCRATS DELIVER

By Authority of Tony Soltero, Treasurer, FCDCC

APRIL AT A GLANCE:

02 First Saturday

09 North FC Dems Monthly Meet-Up

15 Gubernatorial Candidate Filing Deadline

16 South FC Dems Monthly Meet-Up

18 WDL Monthly Meeting, Virtual

20 Young Democrats Meeting

21 FCDCC Meeting

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.
Every Wednesday from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 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.

Save The Date

Frederick County Democratic
Central Committee
Annual Gala



MONDAY THE SIXTH OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY TWO

DUTCH'S DAUGHTER

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW